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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No. 04R-10-R9

Robert Garcia
The City Project
1055 Willshire Blvd.
Suite 1660
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Re: Referral of Administrative Complaint

Dear Mr. Garcia:

This letter is in response to your administrative complaint received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), on February 25, 2010.¹ On August 3, 2009, The City Project filed an administrative complaint with EPA and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) alleging that the State of California, California State Legislature, and the California Natural Resources Agency have violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (Title VI), 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d *et seq.*, and EPA's nondiscrimination regulations implementing Title VI, found at 40 C.F.R. Part 7. The complaint further alleges violations of environmental laws and regulations.

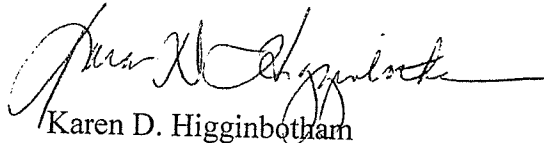
After careful review, OCR has determined that the issues raised in your complaint regard proposals to close public parks, which are within the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI). Therefore, we are referring the complaint to DOI for their review. OCR will not take any further action on the complaint at this time. Enclosed is a copy of the letter forwarding your complaint to DOI.

If you have any questions or need clarification regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Anthony Napoli, OCR External Compliance and Complaints Program via Federal Relay Service 866-377-8642, and provide the relay operator his telephone number 202-233-0651. He may also be reached via electronic mail at Napoli.Anthony@epa.gov, or

¹ On January 20, 2010, the Department of Justice provided email notification to EPA that the complaint would be referred to EPA. The complaint was not received by the Agency until February 25, 2010. Additionally, the complainant avers the initial complaint was filed with DOJ and EPA in August 2009. EPA records, however, do not show receipt of any correspondence from The City Project or Mr. Garcia.

by mail at: U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20460-1000.

Sincerely,



Karen D. Higginbotham
Director

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State of California

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