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February 9, 2011

Mr. Michael Espinosa  
Legislative Assistant  
City of Los Angeles

Subject: **Disincorporation of the City of Vernon**

Dear Mr. Espinosa,

I am writing to you as the president, and principal owner, of Goldberg and Solovy Foods to express my deep concern regarding the possible disincorporation of the City of Vernon.

Goldberg and Solovy Foods is a broad line distributor of food and food related equipment and supplies. The company has been doing business in Vernon since its founding in 1974 and the Goldberg family has had a presence in, and has been doing business in, Vernon since 1952.

The City of Vernon has provided a business friendly environment that has allowed G&S Foods to grow and prosper over the years. The relatively low licensing and energy costs here have enabled the company to remain competitive in these tough economic times and have helped us avoid laying off **any** of our 270 employees.

We believe the disincorporation of Vernon, and the possible annexation by the City of Los Angeles, would have a significantly adverse effect on our ability to maintain the profit margins necessary to continue to do business in the area. The relocation or downsizing of the company that would likely result from disincorporation will mean the loss of jobs for many of our employees.

I'm asking your help in ensuring the continuation of the City of Vernon,

Sincerely,

Earl L. Goldberg  
President