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Council Member Jose Huizar
Los Angeles City Council

Dear Mr. Huizar,

I write to seek your immediate attention to the threat of disincorporation of the City of Vernon.

My name is Jose A. Gaviña, co-owner and Chief Financial Officer of F. Gaviña & Sons, Inc. My parents, siblings and I founded our business in Vernon in 1967 and after 44 years my siblings and I have continued to grow and prosper in the City of Vernon.

A disincorporation of the City of Vernon would have a devastating impact on our business, as well as our employees. Vernon provides us with a unique tax structure and city services, including and not limited to the police and fire department and utility services. The annexation of the City of Vernon would increase costs to do business resulting in over 100,000 employee benefits and job losses, and 1400 businesses negatively affected.

Please contact me if you have any questions (323) 582-0671.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jose A. Gaviña", is written over a large, stylized flourish that extends to the left and underlines the signature.

José A. Gaviña
CFO
F. Gaviña & Sons, Inc.