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Honorable Members of Budget and Finance Committee  
City of Los Angeles  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**REPORT RE:  
OFFICE OF FINANCE RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE  
REFUND CLAIM FILED BY CITY OF SANTA MONICA**

The City of Santa Monica contacted the Office of Finance regarding the fact that the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) was imposing the Utilities Users Tax (UUT) on six water treatment/water infrastructure sites within the City of Los Angeles that are owned and operated by the City of Santa Monica. An audit was conducted to confirm that the City of Santa Monica is exempt from the UUT under Chapter 2, Article 1.1, Section 21.1.2, within the Los Angeles Municipal Code, and to verify that DWP was erroneously billing the City of Santa Monica the UUT on the six accounts.

The Office of Finance recommends payment of the amount of \$119,503.20 plus accumulated interest. In compliance with Section 21.07(d) LAMC, interest shall be paid on the refund amount from the date of filing the claim until the payment issue date. If your Honorable Body concurs, the demand will be drawn from Fund 100, Department 62, Revenue Source 3102 (Electricity Users Tax).

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Shahid Chaudhry, Chief Tax Compliance Officer I of the Billing and Collection Division at (213) 978-1781.

Sincerely,



Claire Bartels  
Director of Finance/City Treasurer

Attachment

**CLAIM FOR REFUND REPORT  
(SECTION 22.12 LAMC)**

**NAME/ADDRESS OF CLAIMANT**

City of Santa Monica  
1685 Main St  
Santa Monica, CA 90401

File No.:	90026
Date Filed:	11/04/2015
Amount Requested:	\$ 119,503.20
Estimated Interest (11/4/2015–10/31/16)	<u>1,418.32</u>
Estimated Amount to be Refunded	<u>\$ 120,921.52</u>

**BASIS OF CLAIM AND SUMMARY**

Business Tax Overpayment

<u>Business Tax</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Overpayment</u>
Section U005	2015	\$ 119,503.20 Credit
	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 119,503.20 Credit</u></b>