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Re: City of Somerton CUP Process Related to Religious Assembly

Dear Mr. Daniels:

I understand that your office has spoken with the City's outside counsel who has been working with the Somerton City Attorney and the United States Department of Justice to address concerns arising out of the enforcement of the City Zoning Code requirement for a conditional use permit for religious assembly uses.

The U.S. Department of Justice had initiated an investigation into the City's application of its Zoning Code requirement for a conditional use permit for religious assembly uses. As of July 28, 2017, the U.S. Department of Justice closed that investigation following the City's initiation of Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment Case #ZOTA01-17 ("**Text Amendment**"), an amendment that deletes the requirement for a conditional use permit for religious assembly uses.

Given the City's notice and hearing requirements, the Text Amendment will not become effective until October 19, 2017. Until that time, this letter is to confirm that the City of Somerton will not enforce the existing conditional use permit requirement for a religious assembly use.

Sincerely,

Bill Lee.
City Manager

cc: Jorge Lozano, City Attorney
William J. Sims, outside counsel