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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA

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Mr. Duran,

The San Francisco Tlingit and Haida Community Council herein provides its recommendation to the Central Council Executive Council for expenditure of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA or Rescue Act) funds for acquisition of real property for use as the T&H California office. As you know, these Rescue Act funds must be used in strict compliance with the use of funds guidelines provided by the Department of Treasury Interim Final Rule, as well as in the statute itself. SFTHCC believes eligible uses for the COVID-19 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for State and Local Fiscal Recover Funds (SLFRF) that pertain to Tribes include Tlingit & Haida purchase of real property with a substantial portion of the Rescue Act funds with the intent to lease this facility as the SFTHCC California office for T&H programs using 105(l) lease rent for operations and maintenance. We believe this initiative would result in sustained benefit to the SFTHC T&H citizens. The opportunity became feasible when the Department of Interior accepted the Central Council 105(l) leasing proposal for its self-governance compact. The 105(l) lease rent would be paid for Central Council staff occupying the purchased facilities during business hours, and SFTHCC using the facilities during non-business hours.

Please find below a discussion of our proposed real property acquisition and use evaluation criteria that are: location; airport access; acquisition costs; online services; sustainability; and facility features.

An initial consideration is the **location** best suited for a facility to best serve SFTHC members, and for Central Council staff to carry out their activities. Two considerations arise in this evaluation. First, the **100 miles radius** for Community Council mandatory enrollment. If a Tlingit & Haida citizen resides within 100 miles of a Community Council Chapter, they must enroll in that Chapter. That the SFTHC real property purchased would be within this radius would demonstrate compliance with the Rescue Act use of funds in the purchase of real property

to support tribal governance. Please find attached a map of the 100 mile radius extending from an approximate mid-point in San Francisco.

A second consideration is **SFTHC population locations**. California is a large state, and SFTHC members are spread throughout the State, however, there are areas of density that would indicate a preference for siting the real property purchase. Please find attached a map of the state of California depicting the number of tribal citizens in each county. The number of SFTHC members within the 100 mile radius is 550.

Please also note two other population densities of tribal citizens. In Northern California are 141 (Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Tehama, Shasta, Siskiyou, Trinity, Glenn, Butte, and Plumas). In Southern California are 480 (San Diego, Riverside, Orange, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Ventura, and Santa Barbara).

While Sacramento County enjoys the second highest T&H citizen population (second to Los Angeles County), the greater Sacramento area is difficult to reach (traffic congestion and limited alternative road routes) from the greater Bay Area counties of Santa Cruz (27), Santa Clara (51), Alameda (92), Contra Costa (41), Solano (40), San Mateo (46), and San Francisco (39) [total of 336].

Access to a **major airport** is also a consideration. The Sacramento International Airport is located approximately 8 miles north of the City of Sacramento.

Property acquisition costs are a key consideration. Property costs in general in the counties of San Francisco and San Mateo are prohibitively expensive. Sacramento, Alameda and Contra Costa counties are relatively less expensive in comparison.

Therefore, based on these broad attributes, we believe a facility in Sacramento County, or alternatively in Alameda County or Contra Costa County, would benefit SFTHC's T&H citizens.

Please refer back to the California County map of T&H citizens by residency. The 480 T&H citizens in the southern California counties and the 141 T&H citizens in the northern California counties. SFTHC Council believes the T&H California office should emphasize virtual outreach to and contacts with T&H citizens to ensure all T&H citizens wherever they reside in California enjoy the same level of access to T&H programs, functions, services, and activities. The T&H California office should be acquired and designed for operation with these **online capabilities** as its priority.

The T&H California Office must also be **sustainable**. We recommend outreach to California tribal and inter-tribal organizations operating programs identical or similar to those intended for the benefit of SFTHC T&H citizens with the intent of discussing the supplementation or extension of program services by T&H program staff for California tribal citizens with appropriate compensation. We believe the additional revenues would ensure the sustainability of the T&H California office. Such potential programs include ICWA, TANF, Tribal Court peacemaking, and others.

Finally, we recommend potential facilities be evaluated for acquisition based on the following property features:

- High speed broadband services – broadband services to conduct business online.
- Electric service – an electrical panel of at least 200 amps to accommodate power demand.
- Road access – reliable and safe road access from major streets and highways.
- Parking – parking at the facility and public parking nearby is a key consideration.
- Security – external locks and area lighting.
- Meeting area – a large area within the facility for a large gathering.
- Kitchen facilities – kitchen facilities for food preparation and storage.

We hope this information is helpful in determining potential locations for acquisition of a real property of interest.

Sincerely,

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