

October 6, 2014

County of Santa Barbara Division of Public Works Ms. Christine Chuang **SENT VIA EMAIL**

RE: Cooks and Son Bid Protest of Civic Construction Associates , Norris and Twitchell Streets Project

Dear Ms. Chuang,

This letter will serve as a response to Cook and Sons "bid Protest" dated on 10/2/2012 and received by Civic construction associates (hereafter referred to as "CCA") on 10/6/2014.

The following are the key points that directly causes CCA to be responsible and responsive and show that Cook and Son is inaccurate in their judgement;

- 1. Julian M. Contreras is a license qualifier that has no ownership or shares in CCA.
- 2. Julian M. Contreras as not been debarred.
- 3. Julian M. Contreras is in good standing and issued a contractors license with no problem.
- 4. Julian M. Contreras "settled" a dispute.
- 5. CCA and Tim Hall were NOT part of any of these disputes, Settlements or proceedings.
- 6. CCA and Tim Hall should not be punished for an a "Settlement" between two parties and issues that are Apparently "NOT ISSUES". And especially have nothing to do with me.

In reply to Mr. Henderson "judgement" that Civic Construction Associate be deemed "not a responsible bidders", Because "their bid......unreasonable and untrustworthy", this protest should be rejected. As far as unreasonable, the only issue there would be, is that Cooks and Son potentially lose a hugh profit while the Taxpayers save over \$40,000 utilizing Civic Construction Associate, which are Responsible and responsive.

In addition, I have always understood a "settlement" to be just that- Two parties have a dispute that have equal merits, counterarguments and defenses which there is no responsibility or liability admitted.

As mentioned, I don't have any involvement with Mr. Henderson's statements, innuendo and lot's of hearsay as far as I am concerned. The only facts I see, is that there is no debarment and Mr. Contreras was able to qualify a license for my entity with no objection from any agencies and just like Thousands of Companies, Cities and individual settle their differences as afforded by and encouraged by all Judicial circuits.

Everyone should live with the motto, "Live and let live". I don't slander or violate anyone's constitutions right to have liberties, right to work, feed his family. It's just not right.

In closing, the above facts should deem CCA the low responsible and responsive bidder.

I thank you for the opportunity to clarify any issues.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 805-551-5211 if you require additional information or please email.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Hall