### Attachment 3



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January 27, 2025

HSP Hotels, LLC DBA Holiday Inn Express

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Attention: Sid Erwin Villegas 9750 Key Point Avenue Hesperia, CA 92345

RE: Notice of Intent to Revoke Business License No. BL-50006 for Failure to Remit Transient Occupancy Taxes for Holiday Inn Express and Suites

Mr. Villegas,

The City of Hesperia (the "City") is issuing you this notice regarding your failure to remit Transient Occupancy Taxes (TOT) as required by Hesperia Municipal Code (HMC) Section 3.10.050.

### **Violation of Municipal Code**

Pursuant to HMC Section 5.04.140(A)(4), a business license may be revoked if a licensee commits an unlawful act while conducting business that causes injury or from which a licensee benefits from the unlawful act. As of the date of this notice, you, as a business licensee, have committed an unlawful act by failing to remit TOT to the City, in violation of HMC Section 3.10.050.

This failure to remit TOT has caused financial injury to the City and its taxpayers while allowing you to financially benefit unlawfully at their expense.

#### Revocation of Business License

The City intends to revoke your business license (BL-50006) for the Holiday Inn Express and Suites, located at 9750 Key Pointe Avenue, due to your non-payment of TOT. Please be advised that under HMC Section 5.04.150(I), any individual whose license is revoked may not reapply to operate any business within the City for one (1) year from the date of the revocation.

01071.0007/1047911.1 Allison Lee, Mayor Cameron Gregg, Mayor Pro Tem Brigit Bennington, Council Member Chris Ochoa, Council Member Josh Pullen, Council Member

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## **Legal Consequences**

In addition to revoking your business license, the City is prepared to pursue all necessary legal actions, including civil litigation, to recover the unpaid TOT, along with applicable penalties and interest, as authorized by HMC Section 5.04.160.

# **Opportunity to Respond**

Should you wish to contest this action or discuss a resolution, you must contact the City immediately and provide additional information and documentation regarding the unpaid TOT. Failure to respond promptly will result in the immediate enforcement of this revocation and the initiation of legal proceedings.

Please contact Bethany Hudson, Community Development Manager, at (760) 947-1414 or <a href="mailto:bhudson@hesperiaca.gov">bhudson@hesperiaca.gov</a> no later than *February 6, 2025*, to address this matter.

We thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely.

Nathan R. Freeman

**Director of Development Services**