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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Proof of Insurance for Publicly Owned Vehicles

The City of Los Angeles is self-insured. Under California law, the City of Los Angeles is not required to carry proof of financial responsibility in this vehicle.

California Vehicle Code Section 16020, Subdivision (a) requires every driver and every owner of a motor vehicle to carry in the vehicle evidence of the form of financial responsibility in effect for that vehicle. Subdivision (b) of Section 16020 sets forth the various ways evidence of financial responsibility may be established. Subsection (b)(4) states that evidence of financial responsibility may include:

A showing that the vehicle is owned or leased by, or under the direction of, the United States or any public entity, as defined in Section 811.2 of the Government Code.

California Government Code Section 811.2, which defines a public entity, reads as follows:

“Public entity” includes the State, the Regents of the University of California, a county, city, district, public authority, public agency, and any other political subdivision or public corporation in the State.”

Therefore, the vehicle registration showing that this vehicle is owned by a public entity is acceptable as proof of financial responsibility under California law.

Very truly yours,

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