Icetown shutting down the business' operations until the State of California allows them to reopen.

- 3. My six fellow Councilmembers for the City of Riverside and I have had weekly meetings over the past several months in which Icetown's closure, among others, has been openly discussed. During those meetings, I urged my fellow Councilmembers to (1) allow Icetown to reopen its business and (2) forgive all rent which has been charged to Icetown during the time that the business has been shut down due to the Covid-19 pandemic and by the Superior Court via an injunction. I have made this request on behalf of Icetown and every other business occupying facilities owned by the City of Riverside who have been forced to close upon City orders.
- 4. My proposals have been rejected and I was the only Councilmember in favor of these actions while the remaining six refused to allow Icetown to reopen, as well as refused to forgive any rent that has been charged to Icetown during the time the business has been shut down.
- 5. It has been acknowledged that in fact, that Icetown is the <u>only</u> business in the City of Riverside which is currently under an injunction from the courts. Furthermore, staff and my fellow Councilmembers acknowledged the fact that there were other businesses in the City of Riverside which were defying the State's orders, however none of those businesses were being legally forced to shut down or having lawsuits filed against them just as Icetown faced.
- 6. Additionally, Icetown is being treated differently than other businesses in the City of Riverside because "they were going to make an example out of Icetown." It is clear to me that Icetown has been unfairly targeted and is not being treated similarly to other businesses in the City of Riverside. The Councilmembers are aware of other businesses in the City of Riverside which are not complying with the State's orders, however refuse to do anything against them and rather continue to single out Icetown.

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