

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ramona Armenia Bridges Enlightened Resource Services Inc  
**Date Submitted:** 02/01/2021 07:32 AM  
**Council File No:** 00-9999  
**Comments for Public Posting:** i would like more information regarding the distribution of proposition hhh funds based on the items that were discussed on 01282021 as well as project home key items for bidding opportunities. herb wesson before he left office suggested using vacant lots owned by the city as well

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**Name:** Jonathan Hawes

**Date Submitted:** 01/31/2021 08:08 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Jonathan Hawes. I served as El Monte City Clerk from 2013 to 2018. Since 2015 I have been a whistleblower on Andre Quintero (who is currently a Los Angeles Deputy City Attorney) and Team El Monte's embezzlement of \$10 million from the El Monte Promise Foundation scholarship fund. I have interviewed dozens of El Monte residents who have privately confirmed that Promise funds were used for fraudulent trips to Vietnam and Haiti, a bogus consultant in Salt Lake City, house repairs, and other criminal activities. I have myself been interviewed by the FBI about two dozen times. Documents proving the embezzlement have been submitted to the FBI and the District Attorney's Office and are now available to the public online ([https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mH4CC1BCQtj4Lwa7ne9uR33Jf\\_yZIVrH/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mH4CC1BCQtj4Lwa7ne9uR33Jf_yZIVrH/view?usp=sharing)). I am asking the Los Angeles City Council to call out these crimes and protect the vulnerable residents of one of the poorest cities in southern California. El Monte children, who should've been provided with college scholarships, were robbed. Andre Quintero and Team El Monte members must go to prison. If you have any questions, please call or text me at (626) 863-2149. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carla Lopez-Valdes

**Date Submitted:** 02/01/2021 12:43 PM

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