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The Honorable Ann H. Kobayashi, Chair
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Dear Chair Kobayashi and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Resolution 14-21 – Policy Relating to Real Property Tax Compromises

We are opposed to amending the current standing Resolution 11-257 for real property tax compromises to include for-profit group child care centers. This proposal will lead to more requests for real property tax compromises by other for-profit entities, and continue to erode the City's real property tax revenues.

Resolution 11-259 sets the current policy for real property tax compromises for non-profit charitable organizations under ROH Section 8-10.10. Such organizations provide vital social services and assistance to our community that government is unable or cannot afford to provide.

Although we empathize with the many examples of hardship faced by taxpayers, the administration's policy is to not grant any compromises for hardship for for-profit entities.

Sincerely,

Nelson H. Koyanagi Jr., Director
Budget and Fiscal Services

Attachment

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