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September 23, 2019

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**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INDIAN CENTER FISCAL COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT  
(DESK REVIEW)**

**REVIEW OF REPORT**

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Contracts Administration Division (CAD) conducted a Fiscal Compliance Assessment (Desk Review) of Southern California Indian Center, (The Contractor) in April and May 2019. This Contractor provides Partnerships for Families Program services, and is headquartered in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

**Key Outcomes**

NUMBER OF PRIORITY FINDINGS
PRIORITY 1 1
PRIORITY 2 0
PRIORITY 3 0

CAD conducted a Fiscal Compliance Assessment (Desk Review) of the Contractor's financial records to determine their compliance with the Partnerships for Families Contract, Financial Overview (financial records, bank statements).

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CAD identified one potential internal control weakness in the area of: Financial Overview, related to an operating loss of \$42,998 noted in the Audited Financial Statements for the period ending June 30, 2018.

On June 5, 2019, DCFS CAD Financial Specialist IV held an exit conference with the Contractor's Director of Accounting. The Contractor's representative agreed with the review finding and recommendation; was receptive to implementing systemic changes to improve compliance with regulatory standards; and agreed to address the noted potential internal control weakness in a Fiscal Corrective Action Plan (FCAP).

The Contractor provided the attached approved FCAP addressing the recommendation noted in this report.

If you have any questions, your staff may contact me or Aldo Marin, Board Relations Manager, at (213) 351-5530.

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#### Attachments

c: Sachi A. Hamai, Chief Executive Officer  
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Gabriel Pimentel, Executive Director, Southern California Indian Center Inc.  
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*50 years of service to the Native Community! Our vision is: There is Future in Tradition!*

Gabriel Pimentel, Apache  
Executive Director

June 24, 2019

## Southern California Indian Center Corrective Action Plan DCFS Fiscal Desk Review 4/1/19 to 6/5/19

### Finding - FCAT Section I - Fiscal Overview

Contractor had an operating loss of \$42,998 for the audit period ending June 30, 2018.

SCIC had a site visit from the Department of Labor in May 2016 for the fiscal period 7/1/14 to 6/30/16. After a lengthy process of passing information and documentation back and forth with the Department of Labor we received their final finding in May 2018. This finding stated that we must return \$52,192.35 of disallowed expenses. This amount was returned and is the direct cause of the \$42,998 loss for our fiscal period ending 6/30/18.

Our loss from 6/2018 was not due to SCIC's operating expenses exceeding revenues for the same period.

SCIC reviews its financial status monthly, quarterly and annually. SCIC also prepares projections multiple times a year to determine the profit/loss for the coming year. SCIC makes every effort to maintain a positive or breakeven income status.

Gabriel Pimentel, Executive Director and Cindy Parks, Director of Accounting are responsible for the changes being made and that that process is adhered to.

Thank you,

Gabriel Pimentel  
Executive Director

Cindy L. Parks  
Director of Accounting

*2018 NINAETC/477 Alice Big Pond Rock Participant Award  
2016, 2017 & 2018 National Indian and Native American Employment and Training Committee  
"2013 Warrior Award" from the American Indian Chamber of Commerce, California  
"2012 Outstanding Indian Grantee" - Department of Labor - Division of Indian and Native Programs  
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