



GOLDEN STATE TIGERS CLUB



June 8, 2017

San Pablo City Manager

13831 San Pablo Avenue Bldg#1

San Pablo, CA 94806

Dear Matt Rodriguez, San Pablo City Manager

I am respectfully submitting an appeal to the Grant Review Committee's decision to deny our funding request for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 to the San Pablo City Council.

The Grant Review Committee denied our funding request as an Incomplete Application or Non-Eligible per City Council Policy. I am of the belief the denial was based on the fact our newly formed non-profit organization is considered a foreign corporation operating in the state of California as not being state registered. The reason for incorporating outside of California was based solely on the high cost of incorporation here, and the prohibitive cost to register in the State of California and pay the corporate annual \$800. Filing fee. We simply cannot afford to absorb that cost at this time.

At this point in our journey, we are without adequate resources to obtain a consultant to help us get an IRS 501 (C) (3) tax exempt status. Our intention is to become a desirable Qualified Amateur Sports Organization stipulated as such. At that point in time we are recognized by the IRS with a Tax Identification Number with our Non-Profit Org. One of our most pressing courses of action is to obtain an California IRS 501 (C) (3) tax exempt status.

It is my understanding your City Council may under its discretion may waive, under certain conditions, some requirements and approve a non-profit organization's grant application for the next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018. I'm quoting language from the City Council's **APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR FY 2017-18 GRANT REQUESTS**. "... For organizations that are "recognized non-profits within the community, but have never formally filed with the State, the City Council at its discretion may consider their application." Our request is to receive funding of \$5,000 be awarded to us for this baseball year, which began on May 15, 2017.

Our newly formed baseball organization was only created two months ago and hasn't had the where with all to solicit funds to provide sufficient donations to sponsor uniforms, equipment, pay the umpires, the baseball diamond use fees, and more. Considering the issues I mentioned before are the major reasons why I applied for grant funds to help support our San Pablo baseball teams and High School Baseball Players. Our players are anticipating your valued support. Your funds will be highly appreciated to help sharpen their baseball skills, health and give our ball players a real sense of purpose of being a teammate and working in groups. If we are not funded by you, our young players will most likely be spending their summer time doing things that are detrimental to themselves and to their neighborhoods.

Best Regards,

Samari Johnson

Golden State Tigers

Thank You For Your Consideration & Helping Keep The Youth Active, Healthy, And Positive

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