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Clerk of the Board
Room 204, City Hall
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Dear Board of Estimates and Procurement Office

I am writing to formally protest the handling of the bid process for the Mowing & Debris Removal for Vacant Lots & Abandoned Properties contract. It has become apparent that the correct procedure was not followed, leading to an unfair and unjust outcome.

As you are aware, our company, P2 Maintenance Services, submitted a bid for the aforementioned project in accordance with the prescribed guidelines and requirements outlined in the bid solicitation documents. However, during the public opening of bids, it was revealed that our bid was rejected due to an error on the part of the city, specifically the omission of the price total.

This oversight on the part of the city is deeply concerning and has resulted in an unjust outcome for our company. Despite our bid being properly submitted and meeting all necessary criteria, we were unfairly disqualified from consideration due to a procedural error beyond our control. Then we were considered as a responsive bidder and the bid was again read publicly. We would like to draw attention to the fact that the bids were opened, and after several weeks, ours was included. This prolonged timeline compromised the transparency of the entire process.

Furthermore, it has come to our attention that the bid was subsequently awarded to two other vendors, despite the irregularity in the bid opening process. This further compounds the injustice and calls into question the fairness and transparency of the entire bidding process.





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In light of these discrepancies and the failure to adhere to proper procedure, we formally request that the bid for the Mowing & Debris Removal project be canceled and re-bid in order to ensure a clear and fair process for all parties involved.

It is imperative that the integrity of the procurement process be upheld and that all bidders be afforded an equal opportunity to compete for city contracts. Anything less undermines public trust and confidence in the city's procurement practices.

We trust that you will give due consideration to this protest and take prompt action to address the concerns raised herein. We look forward to a swift resolution that upholds the principles of fairness and transparency in the procurement process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Carla Luis'.

Carla Luis
President

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