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Federal Aviation Administration
Jacqueline R. Jackson
Air Traffic Manager
Unmanned Aircraft Tactical Operations,
AJV-115
490 L'Enfant Plaza SW Suite 7105
Washington, DC 20024

RE: Status Certification - Unmanned Aircraft System for City of Long Beach Police Department

Dear Ms. Jackson:

This letter concerns the Long Beach Police Department's status, by and through the authority of the City of Long Beach, to qualify for use of an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) pursuant to Title 49 U.S.C §§ 40102 and 40125.

For the purposes of 49 U.S.C. § 40102 (a)(41)(C), which includes an "aircraft owned and operated by the government of a State ... or a political subdivision" of the State in the definition of "public aircraft," the City of Long Beach is recognized as a political subdivision of the government of the State of California as a charter city organized and operating under the authority of Article XI, Section 3 of the California Constitution and the Long Beach City Charter.

Additionally, the Long Beach Police Department is not authorized to fly an aircraft for "commercial purposes," such as for compensation or hire, and will, therefore, operate its UAS in accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 40125(b).

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Please provide acknowledgement of receipt of this correspondence at your earliest convenience confirming that the Long Beach Police Department, City of Long Beach, qualifies for the appropriate status under 49 U.S.C. §§ 40102 and 40125.

Thank you and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

CHARLES PARKIN, City Attorney

By:

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