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City of Lemoore
Attention: Mr. Jeff Briltz
119 Fox Street
Lemoore, CA 93245

Dear Mr. Briltz:

Since 2010 Kings Community Action Organization (KCAO) has embarked on helping the low-income residents of Lemoore to file their Federal and State income taxes at no cost and receive tax credits. Our efforts not only help the residents directly, but provide an opportunity to increase commerce and provide additional tax revenue at the local level. KCAO created a project in 2010 called You've Earned It, You Keep It to help Lemoore residents file their Federal and State income taxes at no cost using a software program called I-CAN.

The project has been extremely successful and we are looking for another successful campaign in 2012. To surpass our achievements from this past year we are approaching each of the four municipalities in Kings County as well as the Kings County Administration Office to seek financial support for 2012. Our goal is to secure $25,000 from all interested parties and we have already received a pledge from Citibank for $10,000. The individual amount being requested takes into account the population of the municipality and the level of participation that we have received from Lemoore residents over the past two years. To help reach our goal we are respectfully requesting from the City of Lemoore $2,400 to support our 2012 tax assistance program.

In 2011 alone KCAO assisted in the filing of 707 tax returns and brought back a total of $1,347,951 in Federal and State tax credits. Of the $1,347,951 that was brought back into Kings County, $39,352 was returned through our Lemoore location (West Hills College). We are currently looking for a new location that will yield higher results. During the 2011 project year we had other tax assistance sites located in Hanford, Home Garden, Corcoran, Avenal, and Kettleman City.

I would greatly appreciate an opportunity to meet with you to further discuss this possible partnership. If you would like to schedule a meeting please contact my office at 559-415-7202 or jgarner@kcao.org.

Sincerely,

Jeff Garner
Executive Director

Child Care Assistance
- Alternative Payment Program
- CalWORKs Stages I, II, III
- Preschool Programs
- Resource & Referral
- Respite Care
- Toy Lending Library

Emergency Services
- Food Bank
- USDA Commodities
- Utility Assistance

Energy & Housing
- Housing Assistance
- Weatherization

Head Start
- Child Care Food Program
- Early Head Start
- Healthy Marriage Program
- Migrant & Seasonal
- Regional

Intervention, Prevention & Supportive Services
- Domestic Violence Shelter
- Homeless Women's Shelter
- Homelessness Prevention
- Legal Advocacy
- Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)
- Teen-Parent Services
- Victim Services Center

KCAO MISSION

To advocate, educate, and provide a wide range of quality services that empower, promote self-sufficiency, preserve dignity, and improve the quality of life for the individuals and communities of Kings County.

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