



The Immigration Enforcement Review Board
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Chairman

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Re: Initial Decision on Complaint 2016-01

Dear Ms. Hinton:

On behalf of Mr. Ben Vinson, Chairman of the Immigration Enforcement Review Board ("Board"), I respectfully submit this letter to memorialize the Initial Decision made by the Board regarding Case No. 2016-01 against the City of Atlanta. On April 11, 2017, the Board met to conduct the Initial Hearing on Case No. 2016-01. At the conclusion of that hearing, the Board voted unanimously 5-0 to find a violation of an eligibility status provision, O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1, pertaining to Systemic Alien Verification of Entitlement ("SAVE") authorization to administer public benefits. More specifically, the Board found a violation in that the City of Atlanta has not requested or obtained SAVE verification from the Atlanta Historical Society, Inc. regarding its nonprofit business license renewed annually and originally issued prior to enactment of the relevant eligibility status provision in 2011.

As discussed at the initial hearing, the Board requests that the City of Atlanta take remedial action to correct the above mentioned violation, including, but not limited to, obtaining SAVE documentation from the Atlanta Historical Society, Inc. and thus treating it in similar fashion as other nonprofit entities originally licensed after enactment of the relevant eligibility status provision of 2011. Per our rules, **please respond to the Board by Friday, May 19, 2017**, or 30 days from service of this initial decision, whichever is later, explaining why sanctions should not be imposed and what remedial action has been or will be undertaken. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Vinson at 404-527-4173. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Carol G. Schwinne
Department of Audits and Accounts

cc: Benjamin J. Vinson, Chairman, Immigration Enforcement Review Board
D.A. King