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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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Ms. Versie Mae Richardson
The Alkebu-lan Cultural Center
1435 North Raymond Avenue
Pasadena, California 91103

Dear Ms. Richardson:

This is in response to your letter requesting a 99-year lease from the City of Pasadena for the Alkebu-lan Cultural Center at 1435 North Raymond Avenue.

The existing lease, which began January 1, 1994, is for a term of 10 years with a 5-year option. Exercise of the option will carry the lease through February of 2009.

Under the Municipal Code, the lease of City property for a period greater than 15 years requires that the property be declared "surplus real property" by the City Council. This process is quite lengthy and requires that all City departments, public agencies, and educational institutions in the area, are informed of the availability of the property and that after going through the process it be offered on an open competitive basis.

The City is not in the position to go through that process at this time. However, the City will consider extending the option to 10 years, which would carry the lease through February 2114.

If you wish to pursue the possibility of the option extension, please contact Manuel Negrete, the City's Real Property Manager at (626) 744-4660.

Sincerely,

CYNTHIA J. KURTZ
City Manager

xc: Richard Bruckner, Director of Housing and Economic Development
Manuel Negrete, Housing and Economic Development Department