


BOARD REPORT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: July 7, 2023
To: Board of Transportation Commissioners
From: Connie Llanos, Interim General Manager 

SUBJECT: **SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION TO ASSESS A MONETARY PENALTY AND PERMANENT REVOCATION OF SKORI, INC. DBA WEST COAST AMBULANCE (ID #2482)**

This is a supplemental report to the June 8, 2023 staff report which documented the history and the number of violations of West Coast and outlined staff recommendations on a monetary penalty and revocation. At the June 8th meeting, West Coast's legal representative, Mr. Steve Chiu, requested additional time. The Board granted West Coast until July 3, 2023 to finish submitting their documents and continued the case until the July 7, 2023 meeting.

The Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 71.09.2(a) grants the Department the option of assessing monetary penalties on a per incident or per day basis. The June 8, 2023 staff report recommended a monetary penalty based on a per incident basis. This report outlines an alternative method of a penalty based on a per day basis.

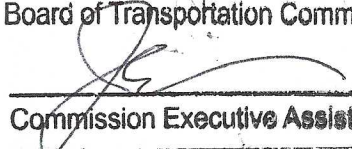
STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board consider the following alternative proposed disciplinary options:

1. **Assess** a monetary penalty on a "per day" basis of \$182,000.00 to be paid within 30 calendar days of the Board's decision.
2. **Place** West Coast on a two-year probationary period in which any confirmed violation that occurs within the probationary period will result in the immediate and permanent revocation of the company.
3. Require West Coast to submit a Performance Bond to the Department, in a form acceptable to the Department in the amount of \$45,500 (25 percent of \$182,000.00), exclusive of any accrued penalties and interest to be held by the Department for the two-year probationary period in the event of any confirmed violation.
4. **Assess** late fees and penalties as required if not paid within the 30-days.
5. **Direct** staff that no new application under any name iteration or ownership of West Coast shall be accepted for a period of two years from the date of the Board's decision. And no applications will be accepted until the new company has proven to the satisfaction of the Department that they are in compliance with all conditions of this report.

6. **Require** the new company to provide sufficient proof, to the satisfaction of the Department that no member of the current operational staff, CEO, owners, principals, stakeholders, shareholders and/or family member(s) of anyone holding a decision making position in the company, or any other employee holding a decision making position within West Coast during the time of this investigation, has any decision making position or operational power within the new company.
7. **Provide** proof to the Department that the assessed monetary penalty has been paid in full.
8. **Upon** approval of the new company, the company fulfilling all requirements of the Department including placement of all vehicles into service, insurance, and permitting of all drivers and attendants.
9. **The** company agrees to submit any and all operational reports or other requested information to the Department for auditing or investigative purposes by the date(s) indicated by the Department.
10. **Upon** approval, the new company shall be placed on a two-year probationary period in which no violations of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, §71.00 et al, any City Board Order, rule or regulation shall occur. Any confirmed violation within the two-year probationary period shall result in the immediate forfeiture of the Performance Bond and permanent revocation of the new company without further action from the Board.

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Approved: <u>7/7/2023</u>
Board of Transportation Commissioners

Commission Executive Assistant