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Dear North Tustin Resident,

As we continue to wait for federal approval of a new zip code for North Tustin, I want to provide you with an update, along with resources to help you navigate the unfair application of the Santa Ana sales tax to our community in the meantime.

First, if you believe you are being incorrectly charged the Santa Ana sales tax rate despite being a resident of North Tustin, you may use the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration's mapping tool to show vendors the correct tax rate for North Tustin residents:

<https://maps.cdtfa.ca.gov/>

Second, my office partnered with Congresswoman Young Kim to introduce federal legislation to fix the taxation problem by creating a new zip code. The bill passed the House last July. However, similar issues have since been raised by several other communities across the country that were not included in the original bill. These communities are now seeking to be added to the Senate version, and U.S. Senators are currently considering potential amendments. Any Senate changes would require the House to take additional action afterward.

Unfortunately, the federal legislative process can be slow. While that continues to move forward, my office is actively working with North Tustin residents to reduce the burden of taxation without representation.

Finally, as to the proper sales tax rate for the unincorporated parts of North Tustin, Cowan Heights, and Lemon Heights, retailers should currently charge on the sales price of merchandise delivered to residents in these areas at the rate of 7.75 percent.

As a North Tustin resident myself, I understand how frustrating this situation can be. My office is here to assist you with any questions or issues you may encounter. Please feel free to contact us at (714) 834-3330 or email Donald.Wagner@bos3.oc.gov.

Best regards,

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