



May 31, 2016

Honorable Mayor Rusty Bailey & Members of the Riverside City Council  
CITY OF RIVERSIDE  
3900 Main Street - 7th Floor  
Riverside, CA 92522

Re: Budget Reduction Request FY 2016-17 and 2017-18

Dear Mayor Bailey and Council Members:

Attached is a letter I recently sent to John Russo regarding Raincross Hospitality Corporation's support of the City's efforts to balance its budget. Immediately after sending it, I left town for Will's commissioning in Annapolis, returning only this past weekend. Now that I am back in the office, I wanted to reach out to you to provide information regarding RHC's efforts to achieve the requested 4% reductions.

As you know, RHC was asked by the city manager to cutback 4%, or a total of \$85,000 for FY 2016-2017 and 2017 and 2018 from each of its three divisions: The Riverside Sports Commission, the Riverside Convention & Visitors Bureau, and the Riverside Convention Center.

The Riverside Sports Commission was able to meet the request to reduce its budget by \$10,000 by 1) reducing the amount of event sponsorships committed to local organizing committees, and 2) through other cost saving measures. The Commission felt that it could reduce sponsorships to local organizing committees in FY 2016-17 due to a lesser need for additional support for the production of events during that period. However, due to the type of events being hosted in FY 2017-2018 that will require more support to the local clubs assisting with the production of these high profile events, the Commission will likely forego attendance at a 2018 national aquatics trade show in order to meet the City manager's request for 4% savings.

The RCVB has committed to reducing its budget by \$25,000 for the next two years. RHC does not anticipate that FY 2016-2017 operations (that is to say, sales) will be negatively impacted by this reduction, due largely to savings that have been - and will continue to be - realized through vendor re-negotiations and other cost saving measures that began during the RCVB's mid-year budget review and continue today. For FY 2017-2018, the

RCVB will work to find additional savings to meet that year's reduction commitment without impacting its critical sales efforts.

While the Riverside Convention Center is not participating in 4% cuts per se, it does expect to contribute to the city's effort to balance its budget by generating profits above FY 2015-2016 budget. In fact, the Center expects to exceed its FY 2015-2016 budget profit by *at least* 4%. In addition, RHC is aggressively seeking cost savings that will positively impact the Center's bottom line in both FY 2016-2017 and FY 2017-2018.

On behalf of the entire RHC team, thank you for your continued support of our efforts to positively impact the City's economy. Feeling that "we are all in this together," we are glad to be able to support the City's request to help achieve a balanced budget - without negatively impacting our ability to continue to generate activity that is so vital to a healthy general fund.

Regards,  
RAINCROSS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted Weggeland", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ted Weggeland  
President/CEO

TW/dg  
Encl.



May 20, 2016

John Russo - City Manager  
CITY OF RIVERSIDE  
3900 Main Street - 7th Floor  
Riverside, CA 92522

Dear John:

Thank you for your time on the phone on Wednesday. I am glad that we were able to reach an agreement that assists the City in its effort to reduce general fund spending while not materially impacting Raincross Hospitality Corporation's ability to continue to positively impact Riverside's economy.

To summarize our agreement, over the next two fiscal years (2016-2017 and 2017-2018):

- The Riverside Sports Commission will reduce its city funding by \$10,000 per year.
- The Riverside Convention & Visitors Bureau will reduce its funding by \$25,000.
- City of Riverside Parks & Recreation funding of \$80,000 in support of the Riverside Aquatics Complex will be fully restored.

Finally, while we did not discuss this in particular, contracted CPI increases will not be impacted.

As a Riverside resident and taxpayer, and as a fiscal conservative, I wish you the best as you continue the tough job finding cost savings to deal with the City's current and prospective budget deficits.

Regards,  
RAINCROSS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION

Ted Weggeland  
President

EMW:dg

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 6:00 AM

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Cc: Garcia, Sandy <[SGarcia@riversideca.gov](mailto:SGarcia@riversideca.gov)>

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City Official: Ward 7 - John Burnard

Comments: Dear Sir:

I am concerned about possible financial cuts to the Riverside Library and I wish to stress the importance of the Riverside Library's services to our community. Libraries provide the resources and the opportunities that can level the playing field for everyone. Not everyone has a computer at home, not everyone can afford to buy books at Barnes and Noble and not everyone has a quiet place to do their homework. Cutbacks to the library will greatly affect the positive impact that libraries have on our community.

Public libraries are a credit to the community because libraries open the door to education and opportunity and those two things are invaluable for enriching one's life!

Education does not have to cost thousands of dollars; learning can be done for free. The concept of letting anyone, regardless of their financial situation, gain knowledge is the basis behind social institutions such as libraries. Public libraries are a credit to the communities that they serve and anyone who likes to read and learn should have a library card. Parents who homeschool should be especially adamant about getting their children used to using the library from the time that the children are young. Making the library a part of childhood makes it more likely that people will continue to use the library even once they are adults. Public libraries give people the option to rent and read books for free.

But there is another side to public libraries in America: they are dynamic, versatile community centers. They welcomed more than 1.59 billion visitors in 2009 and lent books 2.4 billion times - more than 8 times for each citizen. More than half of young adults and seniors living in poverty in the United States used public libraries to access the Internet. They used this access, among other purposes to "find work, apply to college, secure government benefits, and learn about critical medical treatments" For all this, public libraries cost just \$42 per citizen each year to maintain.

Sincerely,  
Angela Walker

2-2-16

FOR: RIVERSIDE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUPERVISORS

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FEB 05 2016

FROM: ED B. WEBSTER

RIVERSIDE RESIDENT SINCE 1963

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MX/PEACEKEEPER MISSILE WEAPON SYSTEMS (1959-1992)

City of Riverside  
City Clerk's Office

SUBJECT: MAN-MADE "CLIMATE CHANGE" SCAM

AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF SEEING MASSIVE WASTEFUL EXPENDITURES OF OUR TAXES DUE TO ACCEPTING THE MYTH THAT "GREEN-HOUSE" GASES, i.e.,  $\text{CO}_2$ , CAUSE GLOBAL WARMING (LATER RE-NAMED "CLIMATE CHANGE"), I SUBMIT TO YOU SOME BASIC FACTS (ATTACHED) FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION TO SUPPORT MY CONCLUSIONS THAT:

- 1) THE AMOUNT OF THE SUN'S HEAT ENERGY ABSORBED BY OCEANS IS THE CONTROLLING FACTOR OF THE EARTH'S TEMPERATURES AND CLIMATE VARIATIONS
- 2)  $\text{CO}_2$  CONSTITUTES LESS THAN 0.004% OF THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE WHICH MAKES IT INSIGNIFICANT IN AFFECTING THE EARTH'S CLIMATE.

HOPFULLY, AFTER REVIEWING THESE FACTS, FUTURE ECONOMIC EXPENDITURES WILL FACTOR IN THE CONTENTS OF THE ATTACHMENT.

SINCERELY,



cc: Mayor  
City Council  
City Manager  
City Attorney  
ACMs  
Finance Director

# "CLIMATE CHANGE FACTS"

11/30/15

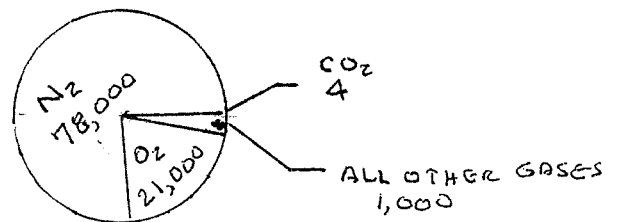
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- ① THE EARTH'S TEMPERATURE IS CONTROLLED BY THE AMOUNT OF THE SUN'S HEAT ENERGY WHICH IS ABSORBED BY THE OCEANS DURING THE DAYTIME HOURS AND THE AMOUNT OF HEAT ENERGY DISSIPATED DURING THE NIGHTTIME HOURS. (A FUNCTION OF THE OCEAN'S THERMAL TIME CONSTANT.)
  - THE SUN IS ABOUT  $10^9$  TIMES THE SIZE OF THE EARTH.
    - CONSIDER A 9 FEET DIAMETER FIRE BALL AND A 1 INCH DIAMETER PING PONG BALL WITH NUCLEAR HEAT GENERATION "24-7".
    - THE OCEANS COMPRISE MORE THAN 70% OF THE EARTH'S SURFACE.
- ② VARIABLES THAT AFFECT THE EARTH'S HEAT ENERGY ABSORPTION.
  - THE SUN'S HEAT ENERGY WHICH IS GENERATED WITH TIME (MORE OR LESS)
  - THE EARTH'S PHYSICAL ORIENTATION AND DISTANCE FROM THE SUN.
    - EARTH'S SPIN AXIS TILT AND ITS WOBBLE POSITIONS.
    - EARTH'S POSITION IN ITS ORBIT AROUND THE SUN.
- ③ ALL LOCAL WEATHER CONDITIONS ARE DERIVATIVES OF THESE FACTORS,

## CO<sub>2</sub> FACTS

- ④ THE ATMOSPHERIC CONCENTRATION OF CO<sub>2</sub> IS ABOUT 4 PARTS IN 100,000.
  - $4 \div 100,000 = 4 \times 10^{-5} = 0.00004 = 0.004\%$

EXAMPLE: 100,000 PARTS



- ⑤ CO<sub>2</sub> IS ESSENTIAL IN SUSTAINING EARTH'S LIFE FORMS.
  - VEGETATION REQUIRES CO<sub>2</sub> FOR SURVIVAL
  - ANIMALS REQUIRE VEGETATION FOR SURVIVAL
  - CO<sub>2</sub> IS NOT TOXIC AND IS NOT A POLLUTANT
    - WE CAN'T SEE IT, WE CAN'T SMELL IT, AND WE CAN'T TASTE IT
    - WE HAVE IT IN OUR BODIES AT ALL TIMES (WE DIE WITHOUT IT)
- ⑥ CO<sub>2</sub> IS A RARE AND ESSENTIAL ELEMENT AND SHOULD BE PROMOTED NOT ELIMINATED.
- ⑦ CO<sub>2</sub> AND LOCAL HEAT GENERATIONS ARE INSIGNIFICANT IN CONTROLLING THE EARTH'S OVERALL CLIMATE ENVIRONMENT.

# GLOBAL WARMING AND CO<sub>2</sub>

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THE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION HERE IS NOT TO SUPPORT OR DISPUTE THE PREMISE OF "MAN-MADE GLOBAL WARMING", BUT IT IS TO EXPLORE THE CHARACTER OF CO<sub>2</sub> IN OUR ATMOSPHERE.

## SCIENTIFIC FACTS

- THE "OZONE LAYER" ACTS LIKE A THERMAL BLANKET; IT PREVENTS US FROM BURNING UP DURING THE DAY AND IT KEEPS US FROM FREEZING AT NIGHT. (MYTH)
- OZONE IS O<sub>3</sub> AND OXYGEN IS O<sub>2</sub>
- OZONE (O<sub>3</sub>) IS CREATED BY ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION (EMR) BOMBARDING OXYGEN (O<sub>2</sub>).
- CO<sub>2</sub> DOES NOT GENERATE EMR AND, THEREFORE, CANNOT CREATE O<sub>3</sub>.
- THE "OZONE LAYER" IS CREATED BY THE SUN'S RAYS.
- THE "OZONE LAYER" 'S TEMPERATURE, THICKNESS, AND DENSITY IS DETERMINED BY THE INTENSITY OF THE SUN'S RAYS AS THE SUN'S THERMONUCLEAR ACTIVITY INCREASES AND DECREASES OVER TIME.
- 99% OF EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE IS COMPOSED OF NITROGEN (N<sub>2</sub>) AND OXYGEN (O<sub>2</sub>). THE REMAINING 1% CONSTITUTES ALL OF THE OTHER GASES OF WHICH 0.004% IS CO<sub>2</sub>.

## CONCLUSIONS

- IT IS INCONCEIVABLE THAT VARIATIONS OF 0.004% CO<sub>2</sub> IN THE ATMOSPHERE CAN INFLUENCE COMPOSITION OF THE "OZONE LAYER" WITH ANY SIGNIFICANCE COMPARED TO THE SUN'S RAYS VARIATIONS.
- CO<sub>2</sub> IS NOT A POLLUTANT SINCE IT IS TASTELESS, YOU CAN'T SMELL IT, AND YOU CAN'T SEE IT.
- CO<sub>2</sub> IS NOT TOXIC. OUR BODIES GENERATE IT, WE DRINK IT IN CARBONATED BEVERAGES, AND IT IS USED IN MEDICAL TREATMENTS.
- CO<sub>2</sub> IS ESSENTIAL TO ALL ANIMAL LIFE IN THAT IT DEPENDS ON VEGETATION FOR SURVIVAL.
- VEGETATION NEEDS WATER AND CO<sub>2</sub>.
- CO<sub>2</sub> IS A PRECIOUS COMMODITY AND IT'S GENERATION SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED AND NOT SUPPRESSED.