



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

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Ted Weggeland
President

EMW:dg

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

From: walker8449@sbcglobal.net [<mailto:walker8449@sbcglobal.net>]

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

To: Burnard, John <JBurnard@riversideca.gov>

Cc: Garcia, Sandy <SGarcia@riversideca.gov>

Subject: [External] City Council Website Feedback

First Name: Angela

Last Name: Walker

Address: 5880 Mountain View Ave., Riverside, CA

Zip: 92054

Phone: 951-688-5792

Email Address: walker8449@sbcglobal.net

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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City of Riverside
City Clerk's Office

FROM: ED B. WEBSTER

RIVERSIDE RESIDENT SINCE 1963

TRW SYSTEM ENGINEER ON MINUTEMAN AND

MX/PEACEKEEPER MISSILE WEAPON SYSTEMS (1959-1992)

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., 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) 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

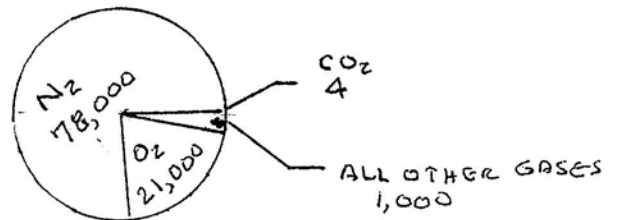
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Riverside, CA 92507

- 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,

CO₂ FACTS

- ④ THE ATMOSPHERIC CONCENTRATION OF CO₂ IS ABOUT 4 PARTS IN 100,000.
 - $4 \div 100,000 = 4 \times 10^{-5} = 0.00004 = 0.004\%$

EXAMPLE: 100,000 PARTS



- ⑤ CO₂ IS ESSENTIAL IN SUSTAINING EARTH'S LIFE FORMS.
 - VEGETATION REQUIRES CO₂ FOR SURVIVAL
 - ANIMALS REQUIRE VEGETATION FOR SURVIVAL
 - CO₂ 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 CO₂ IS A RARE AND ESSENTIAL ELEMENT AND SHOULD BE PROMOTED NOT ELIMINATED.
- ⑦ CO₂ AND LOCAL HEAT GENERATIONS ARE INSIGNIFICANT IN CONTROLLING THE EARTH'S OVERALL CLIMATE ENVIRONMENT.

GLOBAL WARMING AND CO₂

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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 CO₂ 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 O₃ AND OXYGEN IS O₂
- OZONE (O₃) IS CREATED BY ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION (EMR) BOMBARDING OXYGEN (O₂).
- CO₂ DOES NOT GENERATE EMR AND, THEREFORE, CANNOT CREATE O₃.
- 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 (N₂) AND OXYGEN (O₂). THE REMAINING 1% CONSTITUTES ALL OF THE OTHER GASES OF WHICH 0.004% IS CO₂.

CONCLUSIONS

- IT IS INCONCEIVABLE THAT VARIATIONS OF 0.004% CO₂ IN THE ATMOSPHERE CAN INFLUENCE COMPOSITION OF THE "OZONE LAYER" WITH ANY SIGNIFICANCE COMPARED TO THE SUN'S RAYS VARIATIONS.
- CO₂ IS NOT A POLLUTANT SINCE IT IS TASTELESS, YOU CAN'T SMELL IT, AND YOU CAN'T SEE IT.
- CO₂ IS NOT TOXIC. OUR BODIES GENERATE IT, WE DRINK IT IN CARBONATED BEVERAGES, AND IT IS USED IN MEDICAL TREATMENTS.
- CO₂ IS ESSENTIAL TO ALL ANIMAL LIFE IN THAT IT DEPENDS ON VEGETATION FOR SURVIVAL.
- VEGETATION NEEDS WATER AND CO₂.
- CO₂ IS A PRECIOUS COMMODITY AND IT'S GENERATION SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED AND NOT SUPPRESSED.

Budget Letters Redistributed for June 14, 2016

Item No.: 3

CC Date: 4/26/16

Item No.: 2

From: Gurumantra [mailto:gkhalsa@nutritionnews.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2016 11:57 AM
To: Morton, Sherry <SMorton@riversideca.gov>
Cc: Melendrez, Andy <ASMelendrez@riversideca.gov>
Subject: [External] Agenda Item 2 - Budget Workshop

Hi Colleen,

The ecomment link is live, but the comment period is closed.

Since it's before noon, I'll send this along.

No one is aware of what you cut off period is. Can you please advise and I'll post it.

Here are some comments on budget cuts from me.

Threatening to cut services to the neighborhoods is a sure fire way to drum up public comments and hopefully, public support for the departments. After all, we are talking about essential public health and safety services here.

What we don't ever seem to talk about is how those essential services are being delivered. Take the fire department for example. Most of their calls are medical emergencies. Yet they roll the big equipment with full crews to answer calls that could be more appropriately addressed by a two man paramedic crews. Lots of unnecessary wear and tear on very specialized and expensive equipment.

I'm sure the voters don't appreciate the prospect of a cut in services. After all, wasn't it just a year or so ago when we were told that if we didn't pass Measure A, an armageddon of lost public services would result?

The voters passed it and two weeks later, the Parks Department was threatening to reduce hours or close the City's pools at the start of Summer. Fortunately, neighbors showed up and embarrassed the Council and we avoided a long hot, dry Summer.

The Police got an extra boost that year as well. We got to see really fast response times for rousting the homeless from the Blaine Street off ramp. In the meantime, the types of service calls the University Neighborhood has, are now coming from Sycamore Highlands, Canyon Crest, University Knolls, and parts of unincorporated Riverside County as well.

So maybe we should all do ourselves a favor and take a look at the budget proposals for Tuesday's workshop.

Everybody's suddenly talking about fiscal responsibility. I say that starts with us. After all, we own it, don't we?

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Yours in good health,

Gurumantra Khalsa

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Mayor and Council

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Please accept these comments regarding the budget. I suggest the following policies with respect to defining the cuts to make.

Year 1

- Make no reductions that impact current employees, including furlough
- Implement all recommendations, by departments, regarding elimination of funded but unfilled positions
- Reduce fireworks display to one. Then seek outside sponsorships for future years
- Postpone for one year operational audits of those departments scheduled for audit in fy16/17. Discontinue the audit consultant.
- Targeted reduction of deputy or assistant positions using attrition as the tool to accomplish this
- Establish the goal of a 4% reduction, including the "managed savings" component
- Establish a "hiring freeze" for positions above the first line supv. Extraordinary circumstances would be at the discretion of the City Manager, but reported to City Council.
- 100% hiring freeze in the City Attorney office. Again extra ordinary circumstances would be reported to the City Council
- Define how overtime is to be used in lieu of adding an FTE. Overtime hours can be less expensive than straight time since no benefit "burden" is added. This may not apply in cases where the overtime rate exceeds 1.5 and employee burnout leads to safety considerations.

Year 2

- Establish goal of 3% reduction including managed savings.
- Release hiring freeze

These recommendations are made without the benefit of knowing what the revenue projections are and the sensitivity analysis. For example, \$1million increase in electric revenue brings \$180,000 to the general fund (11.5%gft and 6.5%uut). As economic development is successful, it is not unreasonable to see the RPU elec. revenue increase significantly.

Thank You
Tom Evans



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MAY 4 2016

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City Clerk's Office

ITEM 7 Karen Doris Wright Written Comment for
the public record verbally read on May 17 2016

VOTE NO on Measure B

Wrong way to Raise City Council Pay

The City of Riverside's Measure B boosts city council members' salaries by more than half. It also ties their future minimum pay levels to 80 percent of the Mayor's which the Council itself sets.

Riverside
City Council
during public
comment
Item I

Council members are already paid handsomely compared to other cities of similar size in California. They enjoy fixed benefit pensions, health coverage, car allowances and each has one full-time well-paid aide. Unlike some cities, Riverside's councilmembers pay is not reduced if they don't attend meetings without justification.

With four-year elected terms council positions are not stable career paths. Candidates' motivation should be public service, not pay and pensions.

Riverside's economy has not recovered from the severe recession. The City itself is projecting a budget deficit of over \$20 million in the next two years.

Charter provisions for setting council salaries already allow consideration of generous, compounding 5 percent increases every two years. Measure B breaks through that limit with a 60 percent pay hike for the council. Whenever the council raises the mayor's salary, it automatically raises its own salary too, without requiring any explanation to the public.

When the city is struggling to balance its budget, our elected leaders need to set a responsible example. How can we expect city workers to restrain their wage demands if the council is proposing such excessive measures for their own benefit?

We need to vote NO on Measure B. Now is not the time for a city council pay raise. The ethics commission should be activated to tackle the pay issue in public and present its recommendations to the council.

Karen Doris Wright
(951) 204-3252

This is the second
~~2nd~~ 60% increase with
the council voting itself
a 60% increase in 2002

See Reverse for websites

May 3, 2016 Karen Doris Wright opinion **VOTE NO** on both **Measure A** and **Measure B** (Council Salary incr)

Please consider an name del in

VOTE NO on Measure B Riverside City Council wants another 60% Salary Increase

Riverside Council salary as 80% of the Mayor's salary will be **Tied TOGETHER** in the future, if one gets an increase that also **AUTOMATICALLY** gives the OTHER the increase.

Measure B provides "Council Member Salary Measure. Shall Section 403 of the City Charter be amended to increase the City Council member salary to be eighty percent (80 %) of the Mayor's salary?"

http://www.riversideca.gov/city_clerk/june-7-2016-measure-b.asp

VOTE NO on Measure B to STOP Riverside City Council FROM GIVING THEMSELVES OUTRAGEOUS CITY COUNCIL SALARY INCREASES and to support the Citizens Charter Amendment Voters passed in 2004 that LIMITS Riverside City Council Salary INCREASES to a MAXIMUM of 5 percent (5%) during odd numbered years only

1986 in the Fall, citizens of Riverside amended the City Charter to establish a Mayor & Councilmember Salary Commission
<http://aquarius.riversideca.gov/clerkdb/0/doc/26294/Page1.aspx>

2001 Riverside City Council salary **\$23,484**

2002 Riverside City Council salary **\$37,484** a sixty percent (60%) salary increase

- Riverside Council **gave themselves** a **60 percent salary increase in 2002 from the 2002 salary**,
- Did so **AGAINST** the recommendations of the then council-appointed Salary Commission
- See the backup to 11/5/2002 City Council Item 55, which includes the **Charter Salary Commission report recommending NO INCREASE IN Riverside Council salaries** and other recommendations that would need to be considered **BEFORE** making Riverside City Council full time
<http://aquarius.riversideca.gov/clerkdb/0/doc/26294/Page1.aspx>
- See the Minutes of 11/5/2002 meeting to learn exactly what the Council PASSED, dramatically different than what was recommended <http://aquarius.riversideca.gov/clerkdb/DocView.aspx?id=26417>

2004 Riverside City Council salary **\$37,484** stayed the same **BUT . . .**

- **Riverside Voters PASSED** a Charter Amendment in 2004 that **LIMITS Riverside City Council Salary INCREASES to a MAXIMUM of 5 percent (5%) during odd numbered years only**

2007 Riverside City Council salary **\$39,408** a five percent (5%) percent salary increase

2015 Riverside City Council salary **\$41,378** a five percent (5%) percent salary increase

2016 Riverside City Council salary **\$66,211** a sixty percent (60%) percent salary increase
if Measure B passes and becomes effective in 2017, Riverside City Council get a SECOND will receive a SECOND 60% salary increase from \$41,378 to \$66,211.
Since 2002 Council salaries will have increased 180 percent \$23,484 to \$66,211

VOTE NO on Measure B to **BLOCK** a Charter amendment that **ADDs** a baseline salary for Riverside City Council fixed at eighty percent (80%) of the salary of Riverside's Mayor. Please note Riverside Council's Salary is currently fifty percent (50%) OR HALF of the Mayor's Salary but that Ratio apparently is NOT in the Charter..

VOTE NO on Measure B to **stop** the 60% Riverside Council Salary Increase which would result to increase Riverside City Council current salary from 50% of the Mayor's Salary to 80 % the Mayor's.

VOTE NO on Measure B to **KEEP** Riverside City Council annual salary at \$41,378 annually (Plus myriad other BENEFITS HEALTH, PENSIONS which SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES what is paid out in support of EACH Council person , and to **STOP** Riverside Council base salary from increasing from \$41,378 to a \$66,211 annual salary.

Riverside City Council Salary increase from 2002 to 2016 (effective 2017) would be 180 percent if Measure B passes. It's not about full time/part-time. Council's voted for wasteful projects, special interests, with a ~\$20 billion deficit over the next two years, and we are \$2 billion in debt. **Don't reward a fiscally irresponsible Council.**

Date: 5-24-16

FW: [External] Riverside Public Libraries

Item No.: 1

On May 23, 2016, at 6:42 PM, Joan Perez <amijoan1@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Mayor ~

I am concerned about possible financial cuts to the Riverside Library. The libraries and the programs they offer provide resources and opportunities that serve as support mechanisms for everyone of any age. There are many individuals and/ or families who are not able to have a computer at home. This limits their ability to learn, or to find ways to improve their lives. Many cannot afford to buy books even if the cost is low. And, many need a quiet place to do their homework or to study.

Cutbacks to the library will greatly affect the positive impact that libraries have on our community.

Please support the Riverside Libraries!

Sincerely,

Joan Perez

Riverside - 92508

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

FW: [External] Fw: Library Support

----- Forwarded message -----

From: "**Marjorie Barr**" <marjoriebarr@sbcglobal.net>

Date: Tue, May 24, 2016 at 9:22 AM -0700

Subject: [External] Fw: Library Support

To: "Gardner, Mike" <MGardner@riversideca.gov>

Dear Mike:

As an adult Library tutor myself, I am concerned about possible financial cuts to the Riverside Library. 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. Please reconsider cuts to the Riverside Public Library.

Sincerely,

Marjorie A. Barr

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

Date: 5-24-16

FW: [External] [PLEASE READ] Budget Cut Concern

Item No.: 17

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From: "reem.blaik@gmail.com" <reem.blaik@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, May 23, 2016 at 5:29 PM -0700

Subject: [External] [PLEASE READ] Budget Cut Concern

Dear Riverside Representative,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Reem Blaik and I am emailing you now because I am aware that Riverside is facing serious budget cuts and our library system could be adversely affected because of this.

I was born and raised in the Inland Empire and spent many of my younger years as a student of a poor school district. My elementary school was heavily underfunded and held most of my classes in overcrowded classrooms, making learning especially hard. Even with this being said, I recently graduated magna cum laude from UC Riverside and I will be the first-ever female and individual to pursue a JD on either side of the family starting this fall at UC Irvine.

Although my parents deserve much credit for my academic accomplishments -- I attribute a great deal of my success to my passion for reading, which was awakened and sustained through my public library. After this -- my appreciation for libraries only grew, leading me to volunteer hundreds of hours during high school to various programs and now being an Adult Literacy Tutor during my last few months in the Inland Empire.

Please consider my story, and the similar opportunities that libraries offer to so many children, teens, and adults in our region. Thank you!

In Unity,

Reem Blaik

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cc: Mayor
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Date: 5-24-16

FW: [External] Library

Item No.: 17

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From: "Carole Nagengast" <cnagenga@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, May 23, 2016 at 5:22 PM -0700

Subject: [External] Library

To: "Gardner, Mike" <MGardner@riversideca.gov>

23 May 2015

Councilman M. Gardner
3900 Main St
Riverside CA
92522-0002

Dear Councilman,

I am the mother of RPD Officer Claire Connelly, who died in the line of duty several years ago. As you might guess, I have a deep and lasting commitment to the excellence of Riverside and its growing reputation as a city of significance in California.

I take this opportunity to express my views on potential cuts to the Riverside City Library. I am a tutor with the Literary Program, a member of Friends of the Library, and a frequent and long time user of the Riverside Library system. I am deeply concerned about possible financial cuts to the Library. The proposed four percent cut automatically triggers library closures, staff layoffs and pay cuts to existing staff since the Library already underwent massive cutbacks during the recession.

Since I am in the library at least twice a week, I see for myself that our libraries provide the resources and the opportunities that can level the playing field for less advantaged citizens. Many people do not have a computer at home, and many of our citizens cannot afford to buy the books they need for their study or for their leisure reading. The number of students who use our libraries as a quiet place to do homework attests to the importance daily and evening library hours have to our young people.

Further, proposed cuts to staffing and hours will end the Library's ability to participate in First Sunday events, the highly popular free events for families and young children. Thursday evening closure of the Main Library will end its ability to participate in Arts Walk. Hundreds of community members will be impacted by the loss of creative writing workshops and literary and cultural arts programs.

I strongly urge you to do whatever you can to forestall budget cuts to the libraries. Our great city requires a great library.

Sincerely,
Carole Nagengast
cnagenga@gmail.com

cc: Mayor
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City Manager
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Date: 5-24-16

FW: [External] City Budget/Library Funding

Item No.: 17

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

From: James Supik [mailto:jasupik41@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 3:32 PM

To: Bailey, Rusty; Gardner, Mike; Davis, Paul; MacArthur, Chris

Cc: PurvisBarb@aol.com

Subject: [External] City Budget/Library Funding

Sir:

Feasibility of reducing present funding for our Libraries should take into account current relevant factors: (1) Library response to past budget reductions should be considered "ahead of the curve" regarding potential further reductions, recalling that a full and fair budget has not been restored. Present services and programs have been sustained, in part, by Friends of the Library and the Board of Trustees. (2) Some programs i.e.: 1st Sundays Children's Program, are becoming important to families in general, a joy to the kids and helpful to educators by linking an interest in reading and just having fun. (3) Library staff has been "drafted" into serving the less fortunate residents of Riverside, apparently by default, at least since the 1980s. At some point, a public recognition of their consistent willingness to serve all residents, sincerely, and without regard to status becomes not merely fair, but prudent. A "vote of confidence" in their efforts would be an outstanding investment in our city's future.

J. Supik

Friends of Riverside Library

cc: Mayor
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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.

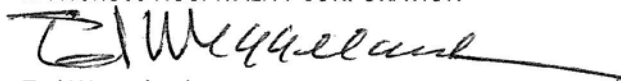
The RCVB has committed to reducing its budget by \$25,000 for the next two years. RHC does not anticipate that FY 2016-2017 operations (that is to say, sales) will be negatively impacted by this reduction, due largely to savings that have been - and will continue to be - realized through vendor re-negotiations 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-----

From: walker8449@sbcglobal.net [mailto:walker8449@sbcglobal.net]

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

To: Burnard, John <JBurnard@riversideca.gov>

Cc: Garcia, Sandy <SGarcia@riversideca.gov>

Subject: [External] City Council Website Feedback

First Name: Angela

Last Name: Walker

Address: 5880 Mountain View Ave., Riverside, CA

Zip: 92054

Phone: 951-688-5792

Email Address: walker8449@sbcglobal.net

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

FOR: RIVERSIDE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUPERVISORS

2-2-16

RECEIVED

FROM: ED B. WEBSTER

FEB 05 2016

RIVERSIDE RESIDENT SINCE 1963

City of Riverside
City Clerk's Office

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MX/PEACEKEEPER MISSILE WEAPON SYSTEMS (1959-1992)

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., 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) CO_2 CONSTITUTES LESS THAN 0.004% OF THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE WHICH MAKES IT INSIGNIFICANT IN AFFECTING THE EARTH'S CLIMATE.

HOPEFULLY, 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

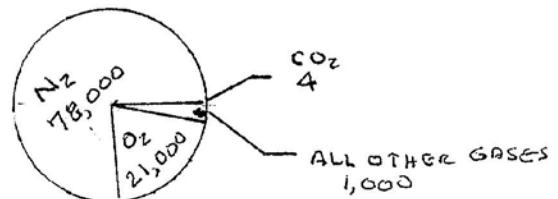
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- ① THE EARTH'S TEMPERATURE IS CONTROLLED BY THE AMOUNT OF THE SUN'S HEAT ENERGY WHICH IS ABSORBED BY THE OCEANS DURING THE DAYTIME HOURS AND THE AMOUNT OF HEAT ENERGY DISSIPATED DURING THE NIGHTTIME HOURS. (A FUNCTION OF THE OCEAN'S THERMAL TIME CONSTANT.)
 - THE SUN IS ABOUT 10^9 TIMES THE SIZE OF THE EARTH.
 - CONSIDER A 9 FEET DIAMETER FIRE BALL AND A 1/4 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 IT'S WOBBLE POSITIONS.
 - EARTH'S POSITION IN IT'S ORBIT AROUND THE SUN.
- ③ ALL LOCAL WEATHER CONDITIONS ARE DERIVATIVES OF THESE FACTORS,

CO₂ FACTS

- ① THE ATMOSPHERIC CONCENTRATION OF CO₂ IS ABOUT 4 PARTS IN 100,000.
 - $4 \div 100,000 = 4 \times 10^{-5} = 0.00004 = 0.004\%$

EXAMPLE: 100,000 PARTS



- ② CO₂ IS ESSENTIAL IN SUSTAINING EARTH'S LIFE FORMS.
 - VEGETATION REQUIRES CO₂ FOR SURVIVAL
 - ANIMALS REQUIRE VEGETATION FOR SURVIVAL
 - CO₂ 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)
- ③ CO₂ IS A RARE AND ESSENTIAL ELEMENT AND SHOULD BE PROMOTED NOT ELIMINATED.
- ④ CO₂ AND LOCAL HEAT GENERATIONS ARE INSIGNIFICANT IN CONTROLLING THE EARTH'S OVERALL CLIMATE ENVIRONMENT.

GLOBAL WARMING AND CO₂

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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 CO₂ 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 O₃ AND OXYGEN IS O₂
- OZONE (O₃) IS CREATED BY ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION (EMR) BOMBARDING OXYGEN (O₂).
- CO₂ DOES NOT GENERATE EMR AND, THEREFORE, CANNOT CREATE O₃.
- 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 (N₂) AND OXYGEN (O₂). THE REMAINING 1% CONSTITUTES ALL OF THE OTHER GASES OF WHICH 0.004% IS CO₂.

CONCLUSIONS

- IT IS INCONCEIVABLE THAT VARIATIONS OF 0.004% CO₂ IN THE ATMOSPHERE CAN INFLUENCE COMPOSITION OF THE "OZONE LAYER" WITH ANY SIGNIFICANCE COMPARED TO THE SUN'S RAYS VARIATIONS.
- CO₂ IS NOT A POLLUTANT SINCE IT IS TASTELESS, YOU CAN'T SMELL IT, AND YOU CAN'T SEE IT.
- CO₂ IS NOT TOXIC. OUR BODIES GENERATE IT, WE DRINK IT IN CARBONATED BEVERAGES, AND IT IS USED IN MEDICAL TREATMENTS.
- CO₂ IS ESSENTIAL TO ALL ANIMAL LIFE IN THAT IT DEPENDS ON VEGETATION FOR SURVIVAL.
- VEGETATION NEEDS WATER AND CO₂.
- CO₂ IS A PRECIOUS COMMODITY AND IT'S GENERATION SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED AND NOT SUPPRESSED.

Date: 5-31-16

FW: [External] PUBLIC Libraries

Item No.: 2

From: "**Marilyn Sequoia**" <redwoodgirl@sbcglobal.net>

Date: Tue, May 24, 2016 at 9:41 PM -0700

Subject: [External] PUBLIC Libraries

To: "2Mayor" <2MAYOR@riversideca.gov>

Cc: "Melendrez, Andy" <ASMelendrez@riversideca.gov>, "Gardner, Mike" <MGardner@riversideca.gov>, "msoubrious@riversideca.gov" <msoubrious@riversideca.gov>, "Davis, Paul" <PDavis@riversideca.gov>, "MacArthur, Chris" <CMacArthur@riversideca.gov>, "Perry, Jim" <JPerry@riversideca.gov>, "Burnard, John" <JBurnard@riversideca.gov>

May 24, 2016

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am concerned about possible financial cuts to Riverside's libraries. 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.

I encourage you to continue to fund and support our local libraries in the interest in the Common Good, and primarily because our precious democracy demands an educated populace. Libraries form the basis of such learning, starting from the Children's Reading Hours to the Library Summertime Book Clubs. Each time I am at the Marcy Branch to do Literacy Tutoring, the whole library is full, including the Children's Section.

The Public is using our libraries and DESERVES that our elected officials support their learning and that of the next generation.

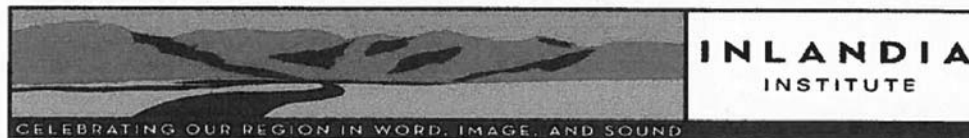
Let us look to the future as we make decisions in the present.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Sequoia,

Library Literacy Tutor and former Educator in RUSD

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



May 30, 2016

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

Benjamin Franklin

Date: 5-31-16

Riverside City Council

Item No.: 2

SUBJECT: RIVERSIDE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council:

The Inlandia Institute enthusiastically supports the Riverside Public Library. The library is a doorway to opportunity, self-enrichment, and access to information in print and digital forms to over one million customers annually. The Library is a community lifeline. It provides critical services such as specially trained staff and Internet connectivity for residents' employment and research needs.

On behalf of the Inlandia board of directors, we respectfully request that you support the Library Trustees' astute recommendation to exempt the Library Dept. from further budget reductions. A four percent reduction is achievable only through closure and staff reductions. This is unacceptable for Riverside. Our community deserves a vibrant library. The library endured massive reductions in staff and funding for programming and materials during the previous recession. The public appreciates the library as evidenced by passage of Measure I in 2011 with 85% community support.

The Inlandia Institute works closely with the library. Our collaboration serves hundreds of Riverside residents every year. Thursday evening closure of the Main Library will end the Library's ability to participate in Arts Walk and end the Library's partnership with the Inlandia Institute to provide free creative writing workshops and high-quality Arts Walk programming. Sunday closure will also end the Library's ability to participate in First Sunday events, the highly popular free event for families and young children.

A decade ago, Marion Mitchell-Wilson, founding executive director and board member emerita led local efforts using the term "Inlandia" to brand its cultural programming through the Riverside Public Library. Heyday Books and the City of Riverside later entered into an MOU in 2007 to establish the Inlandia Institute. Inlandia subsequently incorporated as a community-based, tax-exempt organization.

The Inlandia Institute is a nonprofit center of literary and publishing activity celebrating our Inland region in word, image, and sound. We bring focus to the richness of the literary enterprise that has existed in this region for ages. Under the Inlandia imprint, and in partnership with Heyday Books, we publish books by locally based writers, artists, and scholars - thereby stimulating interest in the area's historical, cultural, literary and natural history heritage.

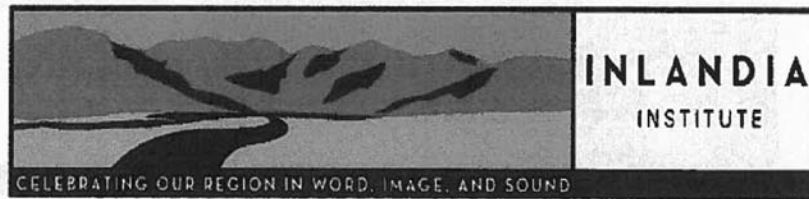
For more details on Inlandia's accomplishments, please refer to the attached information sheet. Please, don't hesitate to contact me by telephone: 951.687.6190; email: francesjvasquez@gmail.com; or, Cati Porter, executive director at 951.790.2458; email: cati.porter@inlandia institute.org. Thank you in advance for your support of our request.

Sincerely,

Frances J. Vasquez
President/CEO
Inlandia Institute

cc: Mayor
City Council
City Manager
City Attorney
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Inlandia Institute Information Sheet

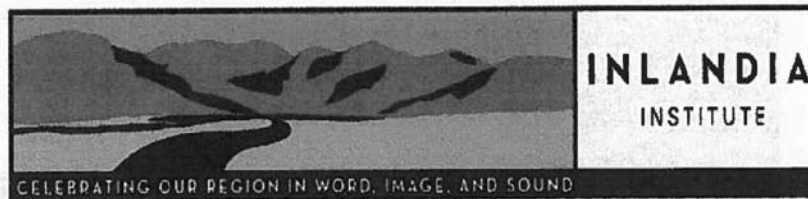
Inlandia Institute has a clearly defined mission: to recognize, support and expand literary activity in all its forms through community programs in Inland Southern California, thereby deepening people's awareness, understanding, and appreciation of this unique, complex, and creatively vibrant area.

Based in Riverside, the Inlandia Institute is a regional non-profit literary center and publishing house serving the Inland region. The institute publishes high-quality regional writing in print and electronic form, including books published in partnership with Heyday books under the Inlandia imprint, the annual Inlandia Creative Writing Anthology, Writing from Inlandia, and the online literary journal, Inlandia: A Literary Journey.

We present free public literary programming featuring authors who live in, work in, and/or write about Inland Southern California. We provide free creative literacy programs for all ages throughout the region.

Major accomplishments:

- *INLANDIA: A Literary Journey through California's Inland Empire*, Edited by Gayle Wattawa with Introduction by Susan Straight; Heyday Books, Berkeley (2006). Publisher Malcolm Margolin envisioned an anthology of famous and emerging writers. Juan Felipe Herrera (current Poet Laureate of the U.S.) named the anthology *Inlandia* and helped collect materials through his creative writing class at UC Riverside. The acclaimed book has been adopted by local colleges and universities.
- Marion Mitchell-Wilson led local efforts using the term "Inlandia" to brand its cultural programming through the Riverside Public Library. Heyday and the City of Riverside entered into an MOU in 2007 to establish the Inlandia Institute. The Inlandia Institute subsequently incorporated as an independent nonprofit, tax-exempt organization.
- Inlandia Institute provides free public literary and cultural events featuring authors who live in, work in, and/or write about the Inland region. Inlandia offers free children's creative literacy programs and free creative writing workshops for teens and adults at Riverside libraries (and throughout the region).
- Inlandia Institute is an inclusive and collaborative enterprise. We broaden our reach and leverage our resources by working with many community partners. With collaborations throughout the Inlandia region, we present more than 50 public literary events each year, and we are continually working to create further outreach programs, internships, research, storytelling, civic discussions, television shows and other activities to promote the dynamic literary arts of our region.
- The Inlandia Institute partners with The Press-Enterprise to publish an *Inlandia Literary Journeys* column on Sundays in the Life Section of the newspaper. Local authors write on diverse subjects that are of interest to readers and writers. The Blog is also available online at <http://www.localauthors.pe.com>.
- Inlandia Literary Laureate - Every two years, Inlandia appoints a distinguished jury panel to name an Inlandia Literary Laureate who serves as an ambassador for our organization to promote literature, creative literacy, and community throughout the entire Inlandia region. Literary Laureates include: Juan Delgado, 2014 - 2016; Gayle Brandeis, 2012 - 2014; and, Susan Straight, 2010 - 2012.



- *No Easy Way: Integrating Riverside Schools - A Victory for Community* by Arthur L. Littleworth, Edited by Dawn Hassett, Foreword by V.P. Franklin, Introduction by Susan Straight Inlandia; an independent Inlandia imprint (2014). A personal reflection by then president of the Riverside Unified School District. This is a local story of national significance - the tumultuous account of the voluntary desegregation of Riverside schools in 1965 (the first district of its size to do so in the nation without a court order). An unknown arsonist burned a Riverside school in a predominantly Mexican American and Black community. Parents and community leaders petitioned the school board for integration. These factors set in motion a crisis that gripped the community just 20 days after the upheaval of the Watts riots. *No Easy Way* tells the story of this turning point in Riverside history. This publication was supported by a Cal Humanities grant, matched by local sponsors and donors. The publication was adopted by local colleges and universities, and the Riverside Unified School District.
- The Community Conversation Series based on *No Easy Way: Integrating Riverside Schools - A Victory for Community* were held January - June 2015 at strategic locations throughout the community. Inlandia convened six distinct panels of distinguished teachers, former students, scholars, and community leaders and moderated by prominent professionals to discuss the implications then and now of the schools desegregation. The series launched at The Culver Center, followed by panel discussions at the Casa Blanca Library; Center for Social Justice and Civil Liberties; University Theater, UCR; Cesar Chavez Community Center; and, culminated at the Grier Pavilion at Riverside City Hall. The Inlandia conversation panels were timely and relevant to the national dialogue regarding racial hostilities and upheaval in Ferguson and other U.S. cities last year.
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Date: 5-31-16

Item No.: 2

FW: [External] FW: City of Riverside 2016-2018 Budget - Response to Proposed UNET Reduction

From: Tom Allen [<mailto:thomasallen1@att.net>]

Sent: Saturday, May 28, 2016 1:19 PM

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Cc: 'chancellor@ucr.edu'

Subject: City of Riverside 2016-2018 Budget - Response to Proposed UNET Reduction

Dear Mayor Bailey and City Council,

I am writing in response to Press Enterprise reports that the proposed 2016-2018 City budget may include a proposed reduction in city officers assigned to the University Neighborhood Enhancement Team (UNET). I am advocating against that proposed reduction.

It is unclear to me from a brief look online at the proposed budget if it is an actual proposal but since it has been reported I assume it is and want to respond.

My perspective is that the UNET is a "cost of doing business" in a city that is host to a major university and that its funding should be maintained.

Riverside is one of 10 cities in the state which have a UC campus in its borders. The town and gown relationship in the city of Riverside has historically been strong. One deposit into that relationship was the formation of the UNET somewhere in the mid 90's (?) in response to the growing student population. The city and the university both championed that growth and recognized the need to provide a more robust and responsive community policing infrastructure. Why? The university's desirable growth caused more undesirable student life issues in commercial and residential area surrounding the university and its growth in student population regrettably attracted more property and personal crime against students. An additional strategic step at that time to address issues accompanying student population growth was intentional university/city cross- departmental problem solving that included but went beyond law enforcement. At the time, that was a new idea. Both strategies have been remarkably effective. Both the creation of UNET and broader university/city collaboration were needful, logical, strategic and ultimately very effective responses to a growing UCR and were deposits into the town and gown relationship and into the university's relationship with its closest neighbors.

The university and the city must work together to provide the necessary resources to accommodate UCR's growth and operation at the places where the city's mission and the university's mission intersect. At least as far as student safety and neighborhood law enforcement is concerned, the city and university have commendably recognized those "seams" or points of intersection and collaborated to strengthen the strains and tensions brought upon those places by UCR's growth. Well done, in my view.

I suggest that your leadership together to promote UCR's growth and its vital place in our city must be accompanied by the will to see that the real costs that do accompany this growth are seen, addressed and mitigated. That is the cost of doing business, even in austere times. The UNET program and cross departmental collaboration remain vital and critical strategies to support the

university's growth at this place where the university's and city's missions and responsibilities intersect. The cost of doing business.

If this "seam" where the city's and university's responsibilities and missions intersect is not adequately supported, it will be stretched, strained and start to tear the fabric of the otherwise strong town, gown, and university neighborhood relationships. Goodwill in these relationships that has been painstakingly built over a long time will dissolve rapidly if the costs of UCR growth start to eclipse the benefits you and others recognize come with UCR's expansion. Beyond this relational tearing, the actual "on the ground" costs of reducing UNET resources will be real. The UNET program is a small but vital "thread" that provides critical strength to the fabric of the city's and university's relationship and a proven and effective law enforcement resource that addresses real and visceral problems.

My wife and I are UCR graduates, have lived in the university neighborhood and care about the city and the university. I recognize you each have in view many considerations in addressing the city's budget situation. Regarding UNET funding, I urge your serious consideration of retaining its funding.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to our community.

Sincerely,

Tom

Tom Allen

Regional Director - Southern California
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
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cc: Mayor
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CC Date: 6-7-16
Item No.: 3

From: Clare Schrum <clarecares@earthlink.net>
Date: June 6, 2016 at 4:51:49 PM PDT
To: "MacArthur, Chris" <CMacArthur@riversideca.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Budget cuts

I totally understand and agree that difficult decisions and cuts must be made; I do not agree that picking the items that most immediately affect the most residents, such as escape from the summer heat and access to books and computers in the libraries, and cutting police on the street and firemen in the stations, is the right way to go. I do believe there are many other places to look for trimming in all the city departments.

For one example: Today I read about the department of Innovation and Technology, which I did not even realize we had. It is a lot of feel-good activity, such as making a map of available wi-fi spots, mixed with a moderate amount of needed activity such as higher security for communications. But, every kid age 10 and above can find a wi-fi spot; every adult with an iPad knows where a Starbucks is. We do not need the city to spend money on a map of these places. We do need places for those kids and adults to go if they do not have a computer, and they should be able to do it any day of the week in each of the few neighborhoods where we have a library.

I do appreciate your responding to me, however!

Clare

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"Clare cares about YOU!"

On 6/6/2016 4:17 PM, MacArthur, Chris wrote:
Thank you Clare for your comments. The Council does not want to make any cuts, but will have to make difficult decisions going forward over the next couple of weeks.

Best wishes,

Chris MacArthur
Councilmember, Ward 5
City of Riverside

CC: Mayor
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On Jun 6, 2016, at 3:51 PM, Clare Schrum <clarecares@earthlink.net> wrote:

Mr. Mac Arthur:

How can the city council members even think of closing down swimming pools and water play areas in the Riverside summer heat, and closing libraries even more, to save money? Do you really think that is how to make your/our budget balance better? Where are the cuts to travel for city employees, new vehicles in the already far-too-extensive fleets, or even (horror of horrors!) cuts to some of the staffs of the city administration offices? Hurting the public by cutting ways to cool off and learn, and by threatening cuts to law enforcement and fire protection always seem to be the first things thought of by the city departments and the council. Let's really audit each department for overtime, for redundant duties and positions, for unwanted services (why does the whole city need to pay for an opera program at the city museum? Why aren't the few people who want that paying for it? It is NOT a widely used or helpful program.) Especially when school is out throughout the city, pools and libraries are very important to large portions of the residents. PLEASE re-think those cuts!

Thank you for your attention.
Clare C. Schrum

-- Clare Schrum

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From: K Wright [mailto:twodogkd@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 5:36 PM
To: Melendrez, Andy <AMelendrez@riversideca.gov>; MacArthur, Chris <CMacArthur@riversideca.gov>; Perry, Jim <JPerry@riversideca.gov>; Burnard, John <JBurnard@riversideca.gov>; O'Donnell, Linda <lodonnell@riversideca.gov>; Gardner, Mike <MGardner@riversideca.gov>; Soubirous, Mike <msoubirous@riversideca.gov>; Davis, Paul <PDavis@riversideca.gov>; Morton, Sherry <SMorton@riversideca.gov>
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Subject: [External] If Ab Brown Sports Complex and Soccer Field are to be saved from sale then Riverside City Council needs to take immediate action to get the Ab Brown Complex out of Riverside Electric Utilities and sell it back to Riverside Water Utilities whe...

To Riverside City Council, Riverside City Clerk and others
From Karen Doris Wright Riverside CA

Subject: June 14, 2016 Riverside City Council Item 3 and Item 14 Riverside two year budget, should include the transfer/sale recommended below of the Ab Brown Sports Complex immediately back into Riverside Water Utility to protect it from being sold if a soon to be filed lawsuit against the Riverside Electric Utility is filed BEFORE the Soccer field is transfered it may mean the forced sale of this property and a loss of this property to the AYSO, and to the Riverside public at large and to the Springbrook Parklands proposal which many groups in Riverside and San Bernardino County.

URGENT NEED to sale/transfer Ab Brown Sports Complex/Soccer Field from Riverside Electric Utility BACK into Riverside Water Utility where there is a reason for it (it has wells and sites on an aquifer and lets water be absorbed into that aquifer including flood waters). I think this matter could be included in the TWO YEAR BUDGET with plans to IMMEDIATELY take action to effect this sale/transfer.

Riverside City Councilmembers need to take immediate action on this but I fear those Councilmembers will want to sell it for the monies to be realized and that they do not care about the Soccer fields, those who have worked on these fields over the years, the youth and families who enjoy these soccer fields and the like. Councilmen seem self interested in themselves, monies to pay the overwhelming debt they and prior Councils have put us in, and generating monies so they may get higher salaries in the future.

But perhaps I am wrong. Perhaps Riverside City Council has the backbone to do the right thing for soccer players, coaches, families, joggers and others who benefit from the field. Perhaps they also realized the importance of the Springbrook Parklands and that myriad groups in Riverside and San

Bernardino Counties are behind the ideas related to the parklands and the Trujillo Adobe. Because those plans weigh heavily also on the Ab Brown Sports Complex remaining as a Sports Complex.

Riverside Council, Gardner Ward 1, Melendrez Ward 2, Soubirous Ward 3, Davis Ward 4, MacArthur Ward 5, Perry Ward 6 and Burnard Ward 7 need to stand up and protect the AB BROWN SPORTS COMPLEX NOW.

I just learned last night that the Sports Complex is in peril and the Council does not have long to effect the change, ie, to sell/transfer the Ab Brown Sports Complex from the Electric Utility to the Water Utility so it will not be sold, as may be required if a pending lawsuit hits the Riverside Electric Utility. If the Sports Complex is STILL part of the Electric Utility when that lawsuit hits it will be TOO LATE to SAVE IT FROM SALE.

I recommend everyone let all soccer folks past and present know so they may contact their Councilman and tell them to include this sale and transfer of the Ab Brown Sports Complex back into the Riverside Water Utility ASAP before it is too late to do so.

Karen Doris Wright An Aunt with neices and nephews who play soccer at Ab Brown Sports Complex. Riverside CA

Background

AYSO Region 47 appreciates the continued support of the City of Riverside and its Public Utilities and Park and Recreation departments for their assistance with Region 47's superb soccer fields.

In the early 1980's, Riverside Mayor Ab Brown championed the development of this 56 acre parcel into youth sports fields. Mayor Brown arranged for grants and in-kind contributions from many local businesses that resulted in the Snack Bar building and the first several soccer fields. Since then, Region 47 has developed many additional soccer fields and improvements and maintained everything, including the irrigation system and turf through our volunteer and fundraising efforts. Over the years, most of the proceeds of the Locomotion Tournament have been reinvested in these soccer fields. Since 1985, the City of Riverside Public Utilities Department has leased the 56 acres of land comprising the Ab Brown Sports Complex for \$1 per year. As one of AYSO's ten largest regions nationally, over 3,000 Riverside children race up and down these soccer fields each year. Region 47 is very proud of these AYSO-managed soccer fields and thanks the City of Riverside for their unwavering support of youth soccer.

The AYSO Mission is to develop and deliver quality youth soccer programs where everyone builds positive character through participation in a fun, fair, safe, family environment based on the AYSO philosophies:

Everyone Plays • Balanced Teams • Positive Coaching • Open Registration • Good Sportsmanship • Player Development

The core values guiding AYSO are:

Fun for all! Education for all! Ethics for all! Accessible to all! The mission is accomplished by our region by providing these essential services:

All Participants in Region 47 AYSO are expected to promote and adhere to these basic philosophies of AYSO, and to have fun! Coaching and referee programs including quality delivery systems quality

administrative and operating systems with a support network strong financial position special network for volunteers, supported by a national staff Program research and development.

AYSO IS AN ALL VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION

Parents, we know you are busy, we're parents too — we get it, the fact remains, we are an all-volunteer organization, no one is paid— and no one has unlimited time. Someone needs to do something about this, and that someone is you! The only way to keep it running is for you, personally, to help. You do not need experience, we will train you and give you the tools and support you need. Be a coach or a referee; invest in this experience for your kids. Ask how to be a coach or referee now.

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From: JTLN@aol.com [<mailto:JTLN@aol.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 12:21 PM

To: Gardner, Mike; Melendrez, Andy; Soubirous, Mike; Davis, Paul; MacArthur, Chris; Perry, Jim; Burnard, John

Subject: [External] Riversdie Library Proposed Budget

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing today to ask you NOT to cut the library's budget by 4% as asked for by the city managers office. As I hope all of you know, the library budget was never brought back to the level it was in 2006 and before. As a result the staff is still very reduced and cutting the budget will reduce it even further. We have more library locations now than in 2006. If these cuts are implemented the results will be devastating. They will trigger library closures, staff layoffs and pay cuts for remaining staff. This will also impact programs and services to all residents. Our libraries in Riverside are used by over 1 million people annually. As a taxpayer, Riverside resident and library supporter I strongly urge you to NOT to cut the library budget.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Julie Boyes

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From: emhc Admin <emhc.cemetery@gmail.com>

Date: June 9, 2016 at 10:23:34 PM PDT

To: <jperry@riversideca.gov>

Subject: [External] Letter from Evergreen Memorial Historic Cemetery - Budget cuts

From: Evergreen Memorial Historic Cemetery
PO Box 20544
Riverside CA 92516

Dear Councilmen Jim Perry,

Budget cuts affect people disproportionately. In the case of the fireworks display on Mt. Rubidoux, what seems like an easy cut will disappoint thousands of Riverside residents who look forward to an annual patriotic display, and will harm a Riverside historic landmark in the process. Riverside's fireworks event adds to the quality of life in Riverside in a substantial way. Taking away pools, libraries and firework displays diminishes our community and the feeling we hold collectively that we live in a great city.

The Board of the Evergreen Memorial Historic Cemetery has worked very hard to continue to improve this important Riverside site. Our biggest and most successful fundraiser is our annual 4th of July "Front Row Fireworks" event, which is now in jeopardy. It isn't hard to remember what the Evergreen Cemetery looked like before our organization fund raised and took on the heavy lifting of maintaining this space. Your decision regarding the fireworks display will dramatically affect our ability to successfully sustain this effort.

We urge you to retain this event. The cost is not huge when considering your overall budget but great when you consider the implications of removing it.

Sincerely,

Judith Auth	Kathy Allavie	Rose Mayes
Rick Clark	Robert Krieger	Chuck Beaty
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From: Leslie Lockwood [<mailto:lhlockwood@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 11:17 AM
To: Gardner, Mike
Subject: [External] Do no make any further cuts to our city libraries!

Dear Councilman Gardner,

Riverside's libraries are already a total embarrassment to anyone from out of town who might visit them due to the paucity of books. Most of the highly qualified librarians have long ago retired or quit in disgust. My mother was a librarian, and she is rolling over in her grave due to the poor library system in my city.

We need more funding for the libraries, so they can have actual recently published books in them, not less funding so they can be even worse than they already are.

Thank you for listening to my opinion.

Your constituent,
Leslie Lockwood

cc: Mayor
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June 13, 2016

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."
Benjamin Franklin

Date: 6-14-16

Riverside City Council

SUBJECT: RIVERSIDE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT PROPOSED BUDGET

Item No.: 3

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council:

The Inlandia Institute supports the Riverside Public Library. The library is a doorway to opportunity, self-enrichment, and access to information in print and digital forms to over one million customers annually. The Library is a community lifeline. It provides critical services such as specially trained staff and Internet connectivity for residents' employment and research needs.

On behalf of the Inlandia board of directors, we respectfully request that you exempt the Library from further budget reductions. Where other departments may achieve a four percent reduction by holding vacation positions open, cutting travel and professional development expenses, etc., a four percent reduction to the Library automatically triggers library closures, staff layoffs, and pay cuts for staff. In 2006, the Library had a staff count of 139 serving five libraries. Today, the Library has a staff count of 69 serving eight libraries.

Under the proposed four percent reduction, Friday service is reduced and Sunday service is eliminated. The reduction proposal closes all libraries twice per month on alternating Friday's and eliminates Sunday service by closing Main and La Sierra libraries every Sunday. Additionally, the Senior Librarian position is eliminated. **The reductions equate to a 10% reduction in pay for library staff.**

Each month Library computers are used for more than 20,000 Internet sessions. The day after the terrorist attacks in Brussels, a family of four awaited the opening of the Casa Blanca Library in order to utilize the public computers in hopes of reconnecting with family members in Brussels. Daily, people wait for our libraries to open so they may connect with the world, complete a job application, learn a new skill, do research or apply for free or low-cost resources. More than a quarter of U.S. households do not have a computer with an internet connection.

Sunday closure will end the Library's ability to participate in First Sunday events, the highly popular free event for families and young children. In June 2016, the Library opened the first public Makerspace at Main Library. The space offers cutting edge technology such as 3D Printers; a sound recording booth that can be used for things such as musical recordings, spoken word, and oral histories; fully loaded i-Mac computers and MacBooks; the space will soon offer a 3D Laser printer. There is nowhere else in the community where all residents may access such items free of charge. City General Funds did not pay for any of the items, but the library needs to be open and staffed in order for the community to have access to these innovative and creative tools.

A decade ago, Marion Mitchell-Wilson, founding Executive Director and Board member Emerita led local efforts using the term "Inlandia" to brand its cultural programming through the Riverside Public Library. Heyday Books and the City of Riverside later entered into an MOU in 2007 to establish the Inlandia Institute. Later, Inlandia incorporated as a community-based, tax-exempt organization to provide creative literary services and programs. For details on Inlandia's key features, please refer to the attached information sheet. Thank you in advance for support of a vibrant library.

Sincerely,

Frances J. Vasquez
President/CEO
Inlandia Institute

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From: Doris Weingart [<mailto:doris-weingart@earthlink.net>]

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 7:17 AM

To: Gardner, Mike

Subject: [External] budget hearing

I am a long time resident (50 years) of Riverside and I am pleading with you to exempt the library from the obscene, cruel 4% budget cut. The library budget was decimated during the tragic Brad Hudson era and has never been fully restored by you and your cohorts. If it suffers the 4% cut it will have no recourse but to furlough employees, cut library hours and eliminate a senior librarian position. Other departments have recourse to various ploys to meet the 4% cut but the library doesn't. Please, please, do not cut the library budget.

Doris Weingart

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From: "Wesling, Anne" <AWesling@riversideca.gov>
Date: June 8, 2016 at 4:25:49 PM PDT
To: "Perry, Jim" <JPerry@riversideca.gov>
Subject: Library furloughs

Dear Councilman Perry,

We at the Arlanza Branch library are grateful for the support you have shown us in the past. It was also gratifying to hear nice things said about the library system at our Staff Appreciation Breakfast yesterday. However, words are just words when our livelihoods are potentially at stake.

It is my understanding that all City departments, with the EXCEPTION of the library, have enjoyed a return to pre-recession funding levels. If that is indeed true, then it seems highly unfair that the library should be subjected to the same level of cuts as those other "richer" departments. We have been living discouraging lean for a long time and yet have been expected to maintain and even expand our services.

Facing a minimum 10% pay cut is frightening to me and every other staff member with whom I have spoken. My husband is currently unemployed, with only a very small retirement pension. We still have a hefty mortgage. The cost of food, utilities, and all other of our bills, except for gasoline, have continued to rise and our savings, unfortunately, are not plentiful. We live a relatively frugal lifestyle, but a loss of income will be a real challenge for us. Others live a lot closer to the edge than we do and I really fear for them.

I'm sure I speak for all my fellow library co-workers when I implore you to stand up for us and plead for compassion towards us when the budget comes to a vote.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Date: 6-14-16

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From: K Wright [mailto:twodogkd@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 11:30 AM

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To: City Clerk, Riverside City Council, City Manager, City Attorney and Assistant City Manager, and RPU and others

From Karen Doris Wright

Subject:

PLEASE ATTEND TODAYS COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR City Council two year budget items ITEM 3 at 3:00 pm and ITEM
11:00 at 6:15 pm and/or submit your comments by EMAIL to Riverside City Clerk

Todays June 14 Riverside City Council Agenda includes

3:00 PM

ITEM 3

3 Proposed Fiscal Year 2016-17 and 2017-18 Two-Year Budget (Finance) (All
Wards)
Report
Resolution
Proposed Reductions
Council Suggested Reductions
IT Additional FTE
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cc: Mayor
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6:15 P.M. INVOCATION - Councilmember Mac Arthur
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

DISCUSSION CALENDAR T

ITEM 11 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, adopting the Two-Year Budget of the City of Riverside for the Fiscal Years beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, for \$990,268,568 and beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, for \$971,380,144 - Waive further reading - Modification of Personnel Detail Section of Proposed Two-Year Budget to reflect additional forty-five full-time equivalent positions in Information and Technology Department

(Finance) (All Wards)

Report

Resolution

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IT Additional FTE [CITY IS ADDING 45 FULL TIME POSITIONS DURING HIRING FREEZE]

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Attachments:

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

Karen Doris Wright includes my prior oral and written comments on cost cutting cost savings, eliminating items from the Budget, and requests Riverside City Council, Riverside City Manager, Riverside City Attorney, RPU City AGAIN to stop wasteful practices by references and does so also for and oral and written comments by other citizens comments on cost cutting cost savings, eliminating items from the Budget, and requests Riverside City Council, Riverside City Manager, Riverside City Attorney, RPU City AGAIN to stop wasteful practices.

I include by reference my oral and written comments made during both public comments and during two year budget items/department items about reducing costs, cutting items out of the budget. Cutting costs is not a laughing matter and includes both large and small efforts to cut costs:

-- STOP the DARK FIBER which uses monies citizens paid in for Utilities but DOES NOT BENEFIT RIVERSIDE CITIZENS one iota. None of the dark fiber is being used to provide better service to households, yet you are using OUR MONEY to pay for this boondoggle to benefit UCR and other insiders. This will not be available to Citizens whose TV movies stop and start or who uses the internet. It will be for Corporations and the city hopes for new tech companies they HOPE will move to Riverside and pay for it later. But why would new TECH COMPANIES move to a particulate matter laden City where some citizens cannot breath and where some citizens move away summers due to the horrible particulate laden air? Those techies can live at Malibu, SF Bay Area, and near the Columbia River. Riverside City Council has committed to let autohaulers drive through the City day and night polluting our neighborhoods because they will not put 5 ton weight limits to keep them out of our neighborhoods and on the freeways where they belong. So are streets are being destroyed, including the newly paved Jurupa, because the autohauler let new Mayor Rusty Bailey AGAIN have his political signs on their property.

-- STOP the

upgrades at Riverside Airport which is being done to benefit CBU who wants to make Riverside Airport a place for folks to learn how to fly over OUR HOMES. We do not need more runways and the like. Riverside Airport does not benefit most Riverside citizens and benefits those with lots of money for a place for their play toys, airplanes. If students want to learn how to fly to to FLABOB where they will not be risking lives and household of Riverside citizens and spewing more particulates over Riverside a City already overwhelmed with particulate matters and Autohauler trucks -- Favored by Riverside's Mayor and perhaps one or more others on Riverside City Council -- that are destroying our roads and spewing particulate matter in neighborhoods and the citizens who live their. The Airport had significant upgrades during the tenure of one or two prior Councilmen who fly, so it does not need more runways and more of anything.

- cutting back on costs such as the outrageous lighting in City Hall covering every square foot of ceilings (and other city buildings as applicable).
- Reduction of unneeded/excess lighting and the ongoing/outrageous use of expensive hard stock cardboard and glossy full color printing (which costs likely more than ten times what it would cost to use black and white and basic paper stock) are small items but savings may be in the tens of thousands if not the hundreds of thousands.
- Stopping the ongoing advertising by RPU including the billboard at Brockton/Central/Magnolia intersection likely can save perhaps in the tens or hundreds of thousands. These SAVINGS though small likely could pay for the LATE NIGHT BUS SERVICE citizens need to get to jobs, RCC and University Classes, medical facility and to Council meetings and downtown and other events.
- Fire those working as street cleaning ticketers as the Mayor's assistant and Assistant City Manager both claimed the city did NOT make money doing this, and as this practice DRAINS MONEY that citizens likely would spend in Riverside and sends it to ticket processors and likely state coffers. Change street cleaning days so citizens may park ACROSS the street on street cleaning days instead of the current practice where entire gigantic areas of the city are no parking zones leaving the public no place to move their cars to.
- Stop the rubber dam the city wants to put upstream in the Santa Ana River. Water runs have not been sufficient to use such a dam and it will be harmful to the Santa Ana Sucker and more.
- Stop the \$10 million you plan to spend on purple pipe this year as it is NOT essential to do, and that money is needed to fix pipes and more to serve citizens who PAID THE MONEY INTO the system by ensuring the pipes are fixed underground for service to those who paid in to the system BEFORE doing extra by processing waste water to send elsewhere and sell cheaper to others.
- DO NOT ADD 45 NEW FULL TIME POSITIONS FOR INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY POSITIONS as Riverside citizens cannot afford this new salary/pension/benefit burden at a time when the City may be laying off staff, and when the City Manager said there was a HIRING FREEZE. Doesn't Riverside City Council know what a hiring freeze is, it means DO NOT HIRE and that includes staff which you had been contracting out for as well.
- Reduce the Mayor's staff. Mayor Rusty Bailey showed ELEVEN staff and I assume PAID interns on his Mayor's TEAM page.
- No Council, Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney or City staff should be sent on trips to any sister city. Also the Electeds were elected to be in RIVERSIDE FOR CITY BUSINESS, and if you want to visit Europe or sister cities do it on YOUR OWN TIME and not on days where we elected you to be conducting business as our Council person eg being AT City Council meetings, Committee meetings and the like. Please cease and desist on fun trips to see trolleys in other Cities as well. Riverside needs to stop the practice and pattern of going everywhere else to decide what the future of Riverside should be. Think about meeting with actual taxpaying citizens and asking what we want.

Riverside City two year budget

- Riverside City's Two Year Budget is on the AGENDA TWICE TODAY, with the second item being set at 6:15 pm when in practice and pattern the City Council normally sets awards and the like.

It is my personal belief that Riverside Council wants to hear the budget item at a time when CITIZENS FROM HOME WILL NOT BE WATCHING, and BEFORE Riverside Citizens who come down and comment on Council actions or inactions == that are not in the best interests of the citizens of Riverside == arrive at Council Chambers.

Riverside's continuing deceptive and disparate treatment of Riverside Citizens while favoring the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce

Disparate Treatment for Citizens (not given equal time to meet with City and ask fees and charges to be reduced), and Favoritism for Riverside Greater Chamber of Commerce continues unending.

- The City of Riverside met in advance two or more times with the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce about Title 19 changes and also about changes to fees and charges and more. The City Council took the DECREASED fees, charges, etc that the CHAMBER WANTED for its builders/developers/etc and INCLUDED those reductions in the ITEM presented to Riverside City Council. One or more of the reductions was a ~\$1,000

But there were NO SUCH MEETINGS for Regular citizens where they citizens were given the full text of those two ITEMS AND meetings set up to discuss changes the CITIZENS WANTED and those reductions included in the ITEM presented to Council.

So those with money and power are favored and the regular taxpayer is burdened with higher charges and taking of NEEDS such as the Arlington Pool and six locations where youth can get wet in water features that take the sting out of Riverside's horrendously hot summers.

Instead I heard that citizens who want to use parks will be asked to pay more if they want to have a family event. Citizens are still being issued tickets on street cleaning days because the CITY OF RIVERSIDE with the approval of RIVERSIDE CITY COUNCIL intentionally set entire areas as no parking zones with no place for citizens who stay at home with children with aged parents to move their cars to (other cities have DIFFERENT street cleaning days on opposite sides of the street so folks will have a chance of moving their cars such as San Francisco).

This is clearly disparate treatment favoring the Chamber with notice months in advance and meetings periodically before it comes to Council with the item presented to Council including the CHANGES desired by the Chamber.

Anyway, I digress.

It is up to citizens to come and comment on what Riverside Council is doing.

The Council is committed to NOT GIVING Citizens any real opportunities to comment, NO REAL meetings where matters can be raised, discussed and citizens have the Council agree to REMOVE items or make changes recommended.

We are only allowed to come to council and witness what they plan to do and which the Council will vote for by rote.

Karen Doris Wright



The Beaty's

To: Mayor Bailey, Council Members, City Manager, and Staff
From: Chuck Beaty, Board Member of Friends of Mt. Rubidoux, Evergreen Memorial Historic Cemetery, and Riverside Downtown Partnership
Date: June 14, 2016
Subject: Traditional Fourth of July Fireworks on Mt. Rubidoux

Forty years ago we purchased a home on the side of Mt. Rubidoux and moved to Riverside. When we discovered the fireworks tradition on Mt. Rubidoux which included the threat of fires and traffic jams we could have easily supported its demise.

Over the years we discovered numerous reasons to continue this Riverside tradition:

- This patriotic celebration of the Fourth of July has brought tens of thousands of people to downtown Riverside. In fact, it has become the city of Riverside's largest family gathering. When you add the crowds across the river in Jurupa Valley, it may be Riverside County's largest assembly of families and friends!
- In a practical sense the elimination of our fireworks tradition would provide an excuse for hundreds of illegal and dangerous fireworks display at home gatherings. Think of the increased calls for police and fire services!
- Viewing venues go far beyond individual residences. Park, church, and school parking lots are jammed with Riversiders. One notable location is Evergreen Cemetery. As a fundraiser, the cemetery draws hundreds of families each year. This revenue helps keep Evergreen the beautiful area it has become.

My plea is not to destroy this wonderful Riverside tradition for so many families. Please eliminate fireworks at Mt. Rubidoux as a budget cut for 2017 and 2018.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Chuck

FY 2016-2018 TWO-YEAR BUDGET: UPDATE TO RECOMMENDED REDUCTIONS

Category	Proposed: FY 2016/17	Proposed: FY 2017/18
Revisions To Balancing Measures (6/14/2016)		
Remove Rolling Closures	\$ (1,787,653)	\$ (1,787,653)
Add MOU Pay Increase Deferral (RCFA)	\$ 787,894	\$ 787,894
Add MOU Pay Increase Deferral (RCFMA)	\$ 52,313	\$ 52,313
Add Training Captain	\$ 226,096	\$ 226,096
Add Arson Captain	\$ 223,929	\$ 223,929
Add Chief Officer	\$ 282,595	\$ 282,595
Add Changes to Cost Plan	\$ 215,000	\$ 215,000
Remove Main and La Sierra Sunday Closures	\$ (107,189)	\$ (107,189)
Remove Two Closures Per Week (All Branches)	\$ (162,768)	\$ (162,768)
Add City Council Travel Reduction	\$ 24,500	\$ 24,500
Add City Council Office Supply	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
Add City Manager Principal Analyst	\$ 125,500	\$ 125,500
Add Citywide Travel Reduction	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Add Police Department Training Reduction	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Add Mayor's Office Professional Services	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Add Mayor's Office Printing	\$ 300	\$ 300
Add Mayor's Office Travel/Training	\$ 500	\$ 500
Add Mayor's Office Personnel	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
Add Mayor's Office Human Relations Commission	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Add Mayor's Office Multicultural Forum	\$ 200	\$ 200
Add Mayor's Office Fit, Fresh and Fun	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Remove Arlington Pool Closure	\$ (35,000)	\$ (35,000)
Add Mobile Phone Reduction	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Add Weekend Prisoner Program	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Add Funding from Parks Cell Tower Revenues	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$ 217	\$ 217

Date: Tuesday June 13, 2016

To: Riverside City Clerk, Council, Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney, RPU

From: Karen Doris Wright Riverside CA

Subject: Karen Doris Wright written comments for the public record at the Tuesday June 13, 2016 Riverside City Council 2:00 **ITEM 1** public comment 3:00 pm meeting **ITEM 3** Proposed Fiscal year 2016-17 and 2017-18 Budget (Finance) and 6:15 meeting **ITEM 11**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, adopting the Two-Year Budget of the City of Riverside for the Fiscal Years beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, for \$990,268,568 and beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, for \$971,380,144 - Waive further reading - Modification of Personnel Detail Section of Proposed Two-Year Budget to reflect additional forty-five full-time equivalent positions in Information and Technology Department (Finance) (All Wards) regarding items that should be cut from Riverside City's Two year and/or five year budget, and small large and small

I also add these comments to **EVENING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM** _____

I hereby incorporate my oral and written comments from prior budget discussion items and public comment items

Discussion

Below are items that should be cut from the two year and or five year budgets:

- The multistory parking garage with a stadium or venue on the top to be built in the Convention Center parking lot. That is an inappropriate place for such a venue, the streets in the area cannot handle the traffic/congestion/public events, it would be disturbing and violate privacy rights of folks living in the housing directly across the streets and nearby and WILL NOT make Riverside Convention Center LARGE ENOUGH (by providing the extra space) to draw any REAL CONVENTIONS to the City of Riverside. It will be ANOTHER MONEY LOSER such as Riverside City Council has been funding with tens of millions or hundreds of millions. REMOVED IT from plans. If a large venue is wanted for stadium like events find ANOTHER appropriate location with near egress to freeways and where it will not bother neighbor residents and clog streets and sidewalks not designed to handle the traffic.

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- URGENT
- Get rid of the subsidized restaurant on the Main Floor of Riverside City Hall.
 - Restore the parking space now dedicated for the food venue on the Main Floor of Riverside City Hall, to RIVERSIDE HANDICAPPED which it likely was before and even if not it is one of the closest parking spaces to City Hall and City Council and should be reserved for HANDICAPPED who needed it and not given out like a prize to a for profit businesses.
 - IMMEDIATELY SELL TRANSFER AB BROWN SOCCER FIELD property to the WATER DEPARTMENT. If this is NOT DONE almost immediately then the AG BROWN SOCCER FIELD which has served youth across Riverside for tens of years and for which there is no replacement, WILL BE AT RISK ALMOST IMMEDIATELY and may be SOLD if and when the City of Riverside ELECTRIC UTILITY IS SUED about its RESERVES and about its determination of amounts to be transferred.

It is my opinion and belief that the current Riverside City Council, Mayor and City Manager and City Attorney are in FAVOR of the SALE of AB BROWN SOCCER FIELDS and therefore will NOT DO THE RIGHT THING and immediately take action to transfer/sell the AB BROWN SPORTS COMPLEX and SOCCER FIELD back to the City of Riverside's WATER UTILITY where it has a related purpose as wells go to the aquifer and water can be absorbed into the aquifer.

I have it on good authority is this sale/transfer putting AB BROWN SPORTS COMPLEX and SOCCER FIELD back into the WATER UTILITY and/or SELLING IT to the City as a PARK (for which there is no money at this time) that AB BROWN SOCCER FIELD WILL BE PUT at GRAVE AND IMMEDIATE RISK of being sold off in a forced sale due to the fact the City Council put it into the ELECTRIC UTILITY that has detailed criteria where it would be sold for its highest and best use which translates into some building/paved over use.

Mayor Rusty Bailey who said he is for youth and sports, Councilman Garnder who was elected on the guise of fighting for citizens, Andy Melendrez who in the past wanted to see a sports stadium their or on the Golf Course, Soubirous who seems to claim to be for citizens, Paul Davis who seems to

claim to be for sports for youth, Chris MacArthur so seems to be for not much of anything but did get a sports park in the Greenbelt, Jim Perry who I don't know and Ward 7 Councilmember, I believe ALL WANT TO SEE THAT PROPERTY SOLD because they and prior Council's have voted to put us in debt and want those who worked hard to develop AB Brown Soccer Field and the youth TO NOT HAVE THAT SOCCER FIELD BUT WISH TO SEE IT SOLD.

If they Council acted URGENTLY it could be saved. But they lack the strength of character to take the positive action. As the Soccer Field goes so will Riverside. If the Soccer Field is sold down the drain and wipe out the only field of its kind in the City of Riverside, so too will Riverside be harmed by the actions or inaction of the CURRENT SITTING Riverside City Council.

- I am against almost all of the CRITICAL CAPITAL PROJECTS that the City listed as ITEM 2 on a City Council agenda some months back, which included, as I recall some of these:
 - Riverside Police Headquarters
 - Discovery Cube (they wanted millions for this private project to gut our Riverside Main Library. I also heard that the Unitarian Church is at risk. Certainly the City would not use eminent domain to destroy this beautiful church
 - ... don't remember them all now, but they were doozies and I hereby link them by reference to the earlier City Council meeting at which Item 1 was about budget 101 and Item 2 was about items such as building a new Police Headquarters.
- Do NOT APPROVE salaries/pensions/benefits for 45 more Internet Technology employees whose employer was letting them go so the City Council voted to hire them in what was and remains a HIRING FREEZE by the Riverside City Manager. It is unconscionable to hire 45 new permanent employees at the same time as it may be require to lay off others. Riverside does not NEED 45 new IT employees. As I undertand it there are only about 10 employees or so at this time, now they want to add FOUR TIMES that many more. NO NO NO.

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- I hereby include past oral and written comments made at prior City two year budget items, and during public comments
- I am against changes in the Retention polices being made on the June 21 budget unless it lengthens time of retention. I am very concerned that the Council will want to REMOVE from RETENTION the Charter Mayor and Council Salary Commission REPORT from 2002 in which they determined the Council was PART TIME and did not require work 24/7. I believe if this document is wiped out it will be with the SOLE INTENT for the Council to FEED ITS GREED with wanting 60 percent salary increases and to be called 24/7 when their position does not require that.

Karen Doris Wright

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If Ab Brown Sports Complex and Soccer Field are to be saved from sale then Riverside City Council needs to take immediate action to get the Ab Brown Complex out of Riverside Electric Utilities and sell it back to Riverside Water Utilities where it has a purpose (eg water wells and water into the aquifer), otherwise when a pending lawsuit hits the Electric Utility it may force the sale of the 56 acres comprising the Soccer fields. That may occur soon so action is needed NOW and perhaps it would be best to include it as an action item in the two year Budget to effect this sale/transfer NOW rather than be sorry later.

Tuesday, June 14, 2016 5:35 PM

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To Riverside City Council, Riverside City Clerk and others

From Karen Doris Wright Riverside CA

Subject: June 14, 2016 Riverside City Council Item 3 and Item 14 Riverside two year budget, should include the transfer/sale recommended below of the Ab Brown Sports Complex immediately back into Riverside Water Utility to protect it from being sold if a soon to be filed lawsuit against the Riverside Electric Utility is filed BEFORE the Soccer field is transferred it may mean the forced sale of this property and a loss of this property to the AYSO, and to the Riverside public at large and to the Springbrook Parklands proposal which many groups in Riverside and San Bernardino County.

URGENT NEED to sale/transfer Ab Brown Sports Complex/Soccer Field from Riverside Electric Utility BACK into Riverside Water Utility where there is a reason for it (it has wells and sites on an aquifer and lets water be absorbed into that

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aquifer including flood waters). I think this matter could be included in the TWO YEAR BUDGET with plans to IMMEDIATELY take action to effect this sale/transfer.

Riverside City Councilmembers need to take immediate action on this but I fear those Councilmembers will want to sell it for the monies to be realized and that they do not care about the Soccer fields, those who have worked on these fields over the years, the youth and families who enjoy these soccer fields and the like. Councilmen seem self interested in themselves, monies to pay the overwhelming debt they and prior Councils have put us in, and generating monies so they may get higher salaries in the future.

But perhaps I am wrong. Perhaps Riverside City Council has the backbone to do the right thing for soccer players, coaches, families, joggers and others who benefit from the field. Perhaps they also realized the importance of the Springbrook Parklands and that myriad groups in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties are behind the ideas related to the parklands and the Trujillo Adobe. Because those plans weigh heavily also on the Ab Brown Sports Complex remaining as a Sports Complex.

Riverside Council, Gardner Ward 1, Melendrez Ward 2, Soubirous Ward 3, Davis Ward 4, MacArthur Ward 5, Perry Ward 6 and Burnard Ward 7 need to stand up and protect the AB BROWN SPORTS COMPLEX NOW.

I just learned last night that the Sports Complex is in peril and the Council does not have long to effect the change, ie, to sell/transfer the Ab Brown Sports Complex from the Electric Utility to the Water Utility so it will not be sold, as may be required if a pending lawsuit hits the Riverside Electric Utility. If the Sports Complex is STILL part of the Electric Utility when that lawsuit hits it will be TOO LATE to SAVE IT FROM SALE.

I recommend everyone let all soccer folks past and present know so they may contact their Councilman and tell them to include this sale and transfer of the Ab Brown Sports Complex back into the Riverside Water Utility ASAP before it is too late to do so.

Karen Doris Wright An Aunt with neices and nephews who play soccer at Ab Brown Sports Complex.
Riverside CA

Background about AYSO Region 47 follows.

AYSO Region 47 appreciates the continued support of the City of Riverside and its Public Utilities and Park and Recreation departments for their assistance with Region 47's superb soccer fields.

In the early 1980's, Riverside Mayor Ab Brown championed the development of this 56 acre parcel into youth sports fields. Mayor Brown arranged for grants and in-kind contributions from many local businesses that resulted in the Snack Bar building and the first several soccer fields. Since then, Region 47 has developed many additional soccer fields and improvements and maintained everything, including the irrigation system and turf through our volunteer and fundraising efforts. Over the years, most of the proceeds of the Locomotion Tournament have been reinvested in these soccer fields. Since 1985, the City of Riverside Public Utilities Department has leased the 56 acres of land comprising the Ab Brown Sports Complex for \$1 per year. As one of AYSO's ten largest regions nationally, over 3,000 Riverside children race up and down these soccer fields each year. Region 47 is very proud of these AYSO-managed soccer fields and thanks the City of Riverside for their unwavering support of youth soccer.

The AYSO Mission is to develop and deliver quality youth soccer programs where everyone builds positive character through participation in a fun, fair, safe, family environment based on the AYSO philosophies:

Everyone Plays • Balanced Teams • Positive Coaching • Open Registration • Good Sportsmanship • Player Development

The core values guiding AYSO are:

Fun for all! Education for all! Ethics for all! Accessible to all! The mission is accomplished by our region by providing these essential services:

All Participants in Region 47 AYSO are expected to promote and adhere to these basic philosophies of AYSO, and to have fun! Coaching and referee programs including quality delivery systems quality administrative and operating systems with a support network strong financial position special network for volunteers, supported by a national staff Program research and development.

AYSO IS AN ALL VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION

Parents, we know you are busy, we're parents too — we get it, the fact remains, we are an all-volunteer organization, no one is paid— and no one has unlimited time. Someone needs to do something about this, and that someone is you! The only way

to keep it running is for you, personally, to help. You do not need experience, we will train you and give you the tools and support you need. Be a coach or a referee; invest in this experience for your kids. Ask how to be a coach or referee now.

SENT TO: REGION 47 VOLUNTEER MEMBERS

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Item 3 and Item 11

FY 2016-2018 TWO-YEAR BUDGET: UPDATE TO RECOMMENDED REDUCTIONS

Category	Proposed: FY 2016/17	Proposed: FY 2017/18
Revisions To Balancing Measures (6/14/2016)		
Remove Rolling Closures	\$ (1,787,653)	\$ (1,787,653)
Add MOU Pay Increase Deferral (RCFA)	\$ 787,894	\$ 787,894
Add MOU Pay Increase Deferral (RCFMA)	\$ 52,313	\$ 52,313
Add Training Captain	\$ 226,096	\$ 226,096
Add Arson Captain	\$ 223,929	\$ 223,929
Add Chief Officer	\$ 282,595	\$ 282,595
Add Changes to Cost Plan	\$ 215,000	\$ 215,000
<i>There is a hiring freeze. It would contradict NO NEW Captain/Chief Off.</i>		
Remove Main and La Sierra Sunday Closures	\$ (107,189)	\$ (107,189)
Remove Two Closures Per Week (All Branches)	\$ (162,768)	\$ (162,768)
Add City Council Travel Reduction	\$ 24,500	\$ 24,500
Add City Council Office Supply	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
Add City Manager Principal Analyst	\$ 125,500	\$ 125,500
Add Citywide Travel Reduction	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Add Police Department Training Reduction	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Add Mayor's Office Professional Services	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Add Mayor's Office Printing	\$ 300	\$ 300
Add Mayor's Office Travel/Training	\$ 500	\$ 500
Add Mayor's Office Personnel	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
Add Mayor's Office Human Relations Commission	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Add Mayor's Office Multicultural Forum	\$ 200	\$ 200
Add Mayor's Office Fit, Fresh and Fun	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
<i>Unclear. All these travel be should be stopped.</i>		
Remove Arlington Pool Closure	\$ (35,000)	\$ (35,000)
Add Mobile Phone Reduction	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Add Weekend Prisoner Program	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Add Funding from Parks Cell Tower Revenues	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$ 217	\$ 217

Hiring ~~Freeze~~ Freeze. Do Not add any City Manager Principal Analyst.

Karen Doris Wright at Riv CC June 14 Item 3, Item 11

agree with prior speakers.

Keep lid open

Date: Tuesday June 13, 2016

Remove item 11 from agenda

ITEM 1, ITEM 3, ITEM 11, ITEM 15

To: Riverside City Clerk, Council, Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney, RPU

From: Karen Doris Wright Riverside CA

Subject: Karen Doris Wright written comments for the public record at the Tuesday June 13, 2016 Riverside City Council 2:00 **ITEM 1** public comment 3:00 pm meeting **ITEM 3** Proposed Fiscal year 2016-17 and 2017-18 Budget (Finance) and 6:15 meeting **ITEM 11**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, adopting the Two-Year Budget of the City of Riverside for the Fiscal Years beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, for \$990,268,568 and beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, for \$971,380,144 - Waive further reading - Modification of Personnel Detail Section of Proposed Two-Year Budget to reflect additional forty-five full-time equivalent positions in Information and Technology Department (Finance) (All Wards) regarding items that should be cut from Riverside City's Two year and/or five year budget, and small large and small

I also add these comments to **EVENING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM 15**

I hereby incorporate my oral and written comments from prior budget discussion items and public comment items

Discussion

Below are items that should be cut from the two year and or five year budgets:

- The multistory parking garage with a stadium or venue on the top to be built in the Convention Center parking lot. That is an inappropriate place for such a venue, the streets in the area cannot handle the traffic/congestion/public events, it would be disturbing and violate privacy rights of folks living in the housing directly across the streets and nearby and WILL NOT make Riverside Convention Center LARGE ENOUGH (by providing the extra space) to draw any REAL CONVENTIONS to the City of Riverside. It will be ANOTHER MONEY LOSER such as Riverside City Council has been funding with tens of millions or hundreds of millions. REMOVED IT from plans. If a large venue is wanted for stadium like events find ANOTHER appropriate location with near egress to freeways and where it will not bother neighbor residents and clog streets and sidewalks not designed to handle the traffic.

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- Get ride of the subsidized restaurant on the Main Floor of Riverside City Hall.
- Restore the parking space now dedicated for the food venue on the Main Floor of Riverside City Hall, to RIVERSIDE HANDICAPPED which it likely was before and even if not it is one of the closest parking spaces to City Hall and City Council and should be reserved for HANDICAPPED who needed it and not given out like a prize to a for profit businesses.
- IMMEDIATELY SELL TRANSFER AB BROWN SOCCER FIELD property to the WATER DEPARTMENT. If this is NOT DONE almost immediately then the AG BROWN SOCCER FIELD which has served youth across Riverside for tens of years and for which there is no replacement, WILL BE AT RISK ALMOST IMMEDIATELY and may be SOLD if and when the City of Riverside ELECTRIC UTILITY IS SUED about its RESERVES and about its determination of amounts to be transferred.

It is my opinion and belief that the current Riverside City Council, Mayor and City Manager and City Attorney are in FAVOR of the SALE of AB BROWN SOCCER FIELDS and therefore will NOT DO THE RIGHT THING and immediately take action to transfer/sell the AB BROWN SPORTS COMPLEX and SOCCER FIELD back to the City of Riverside's WATER UTILITY where it has a related purpose as wells go to the aquifer and water can be absorbed into the aquifer.

I have it on good authority is this sale/transfer putting AB BROWN SPORTS COMPLEX and SOCCER FIELD back into the WATER UTILITY and/or SELLING IT to the City as a PARK (for which there is no money at this time) that AB BROWN SOCCER FIELD WILL BE PUT at GRAVE AND IMMEDIATE RISK of being sold off in a forced sale due to the fact the City Council put it into the ELECTRIC UTILITY that has detailed criteria where it would be sold for its highest and best use which translates into some building/paved over use.

Mayor Rusty Bailey who said he is for youth and sports, Councilman Garnder who was elected on the guise of fighting for citizens, Andy Melendrez who in the past wanted to see a sports stadium their or on the Golf Course, Soubirous who seems to claim to be for citizens, Paul Davis who seems to

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claim to be for sports for youth, Chris MacArthur so seems to be for not much of anything but did get a sports park in the Greenbelt, Jim Perry who I don't know and Ward 7 Councilmember, I believe ALL WANT TO SEE THAT PROPERTY SOLD because they and prior Council's have voted to put us in debt and want those who worked hard to develop AB Brown Soccer Field and the youth TO NOT HAVE THAT SOCCER FIELD BUT WISH TO SEE IT SOLD.

If they Council acted URGENTLY it could be saved. But they lack the strength of character to take the positive action. As the Soccer Field goes so will Riverside. If the Soccer Field is sold down the drain and wipe out the only field of its kind in the City of Riverside, so too will Riverside be harmed by the actions or inaction of the CURRENT SITTING Riverside City Council.

- I am against almost all of the CRITICAL CAPITAL PROJECTS that the City listed as ITEM 2 on a City Council agenda some months back, which included, as I recall some of these:
 - Riverside Police Headquarters
 - Discovery Cube (they wanted millions for this private project to gut our Riverside Main Library. I also heard that the Unitarian Church is at risk. Certainly the City would not use eminent domain to destroy this beautiful church
 - . . . don't remember them all now, but they were doozies and I hereby link them by reference to the earlier City Council meeting at which Item 1 was about budget 101 and Item 2 was about items such as building a new Police Headquarters.
- Do NOT APPROVE salaries/pensions/benefits for 45 more Internet Technology employees whose employer was letting them go so the City Council voted to hire them in what was and remains a HIRING FREEZE by the Riverside City Manager. It is unconscionable to hire 45 new permanent employees at the same time as it may be require to lay off others. Riverside does not NEED 45 new IT employees. As I undertand it there are only about 10 employees or so at this time, now they want to add FOUR TIMES that many more. NO NO NO.

- I hereby include past oral and written comments made at prior City two year budget items, and during public comments
- I am against changes in the Retention policies being made on the June 21 budget unless it lengthens time of retention. I am very concerned that the Council will want to REMOVE from RETENTION the Charter Mayor and Council Salary Commission REPORT from 2002 in which they determined the Council was PART TIME and did not require work 24/7. I believe if this document is wiped out it will be with the SOLE INTENT for the Council to FEED ITS GREED with wanting 60 percent salary increases and to be called 24/7 when their position does not require that.

Karen Doris Wright

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Friday Morning Club welcomes back our esteemed Co-Chair Aurora Chavez. Welcome back Aurora

Election Results in Brief

PRES Republican 869/869 100.00%

	Vote Count	Percent
DONALD TRUMP	82,814	82.02%
BEN CARSON	2,914	2.89%
TED CRUZ	7,232	7.16%
JOHN R. KASICH	7,502	7.43%
JIM GILMORE	501	0.50%
Total	100,963	100.00%

DEM - 869/869 100.00%

	Vote Count	Percent
KEITH JUDD	216	0.18%
MICHAEL STEINBERG	319	0.26%
BERNIE SANDERS	47,988	38.97%
WILLIE WILSON	435	0.35%
ROQUE DE LA FUENTE	255	0.21%
HILLARY CLINTON	73,724	59.87%
HENRY HEWES	205	0.17%
Total	123,142	100.00%

Riverside Mayor: Rusty was re-elected with 64+%. In order after that in order of votes obtained: Davis, Melendrez, Moreno, Small and Martinez

Measure A the prosecutor measure **lost** with 62.17% voting **NO**

Measure B the Riverside Council Salary increase **lost** with **82.05%** voting **NO**

To see results online for any race go here <http://www.voteinfo.net/>
Ag Park/DTSC/Working Group meeting held at Norte Vista, told work to start at AG Park June 6.

Recommended reading, 6/10 PE **Robbing Peter to Pay Paul**, Letter to Editor by Jim Davis

Monday, June 13 ~6:30 start at 7 pm Residents for Responsible Representation (RRR) Magnolia Policing Station.

TWO IMPORTANT ALLIANCE MEETINGS THIS MONTH: RE: THE NORTHSIDE SPECIFIC PLAN NORTHSIDE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Monday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Ruth Lewis Community Center at Reid Park, 701 North Orange Street between Columbia & Garner

Free parking next to the center--enter lot from Orange or Garner

Auxiliary free parking on Orange

For more information contact Erin Snyder, President, at epolcene@juno.com

Or check out their Facebook page

SPRINGBROOK HERITAGE ALLIANCE

Thursday, June 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Ruth Lewis Community Center at Reid Park, 701 North Orange Street between Columbia & Garner

Free parking next to the center--enter lot from Orange or Garner

Auxiliary free parking on Orange

For more information contact SHA at springbrookheritagealliance@yahoo.com

Or check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SpringbrookHeritageAlliance>

FMC CoChair Aurora Chavez will be the Moderator for Summer Session. FMC Co Chair Karen Doris Wright to resume in October. Send your email to twodogkd@yahoo.com for online flyers.

This means a budgetary savings of a half dollar per million.

Savings can be used for Library

Issues/Politics **Thirty Miles of Corruption** City of Riverside issues and \$\$\$ including AG PARK <http://thirtymilesOfcorruption.com>
Alicia R. http://twitter.com/arobinson_pe Nicole <https://twitter.com/#!/RivCityClerk/> FBM <http://rivercitycopwatch.blogspot.com>
Riding in Riverside bus transit including RTA, Greyhound, Metrolink, Omnitransit Bicycling <http://ridinginriverside.blogspot.com>
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) <http://www.aclu.org> Criminal Ban the Box Ordinance" <http://www.startingoverinc.net>
Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCA EJ) serving Riv. S.B. Counties <http://ccaej.org> Office 360-8451 Toxic Penny Newman. Waste & Pollution/Air Pollution&impacts/Stringfellow Acid Pits <http://blog.epa.gov/ej/2013/11/pollution-by-design/>
South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) <http://www.aqmd.gov/> Current Air Quality (2am), CEQA, FAQ
2014 BEAT MEASURE L to stop excessive overbuilding in La Sierra <http://protectriverside.com> CITIZENS DEFEATED MEASURE L, with 57 percent no votes! **BACK IN 2015**
Multiple Related Issues <http://facebook.com/SpringBrookHeritageAlliance> Save and Protect (1) Springbrook Arroyo; (2) Ab Brown Sports Complex; (3) Old Riverside Golf Course and stopping (4) the Smart Code Specific Plan, (5) the Program Environmental Impact Report; and (6) stopping Northside Neighborhood Vision and Master Planning in the Northside
History: Riversider <http://riversider.org> "Ordinary People. Extraordinary Lives. The Untold Story". Black History of Riv. back to 1800s.
City of Riverside: <http://riversideca.gov> Find Council Agenda & comment link, video of recent Council meetings and comment on agenda items (Tues up to noon or 1 pm prior to meeting) online <https://riversideca.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>
Watch Council on TV AT&T Channel 99; Charter Channel 3, Verizon FIOS Channel 21, rebroadcast Wed 4 pm and Saturday 9 pm.
Riverside City Clerk city_clerk@riversideca.gov 826-5557 **City Clerk twitter** <https://twitter.com/#!/RivCityClerk/>
CONTACTS: BY PHONE: City Council & Mayor 826-5991 **BY LETTER:** City Council/Mayor/City Clerk, Riverside City Hall, 3900 Main St., Riv., CA 92522 **BY EMAIL:**
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Ward 3 msoubirous@riversideca.gov 515-1663 Ward 4 pdavis@riversideca.gov Ward 5 cmacarthur@riversideca.gov
Ward 6 jperry@riversideca.gov Ward 7 jburnard@riversideca.gov Mayor rbailey@riversideca.gov
Riverside Commission on Disabilities (COD) 1st Mon 5:30-7:00 pm City Hall 5th floor Large Conf Rm <http://www.riversideca.gov/cod/>
Community Police Review Commission (CPRC) 4th Wed two meetings (1) Case Review 4:00 pm (not open to public) and Wed 5:30 pm (open to public EXCEPT no meeting Feb 26) <http://www.riversideca.gov/CPRC/> 826.5509 cprc@riversideca.gov
Riverside Public Utilities website <http://riversidepublicutilities.com/> Customer Service Call Center (951) 782-0330
Riverside Board of Public Utilities <http://www.riversideca.gov/utilities/admin-board.asp> meets at 8:30 a.m. on the 1st & 3rd Fri each mo. in the Riverside Council Chambers on Main at 10th St. Riv. Board meetings are open to the public.
Riverside City Boards and Commissions http://www.riversideca.gov/city_clerk/commissions-rpu.asp
City of Riv. on Twitter <http://twitter.com/riversidecagov> <http://twitter.com/rivcaparkandrec> <http://twitter.com/RiversidePolice>
<http://twitter.com/RPUNews> <http://twitter.com/SmartRiversid> <http://twitter.com/FoxFoundation>
Organizations **Fair Housing Council** <http://fairhousing.net/> 951.682.6581 3933 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, CA 92501
Blindness Support Services Inc., 3696 Beatty Dr., Riv., CA 92506, 341-9244 <http://www.blindnesssupport.com> info@blindnesssupport.com
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Blindness-Support-Services-Inc/344066479005280> <https://twitter.com/BlindSupport>
Community Settlement Asso. "Helping Families Succeed" 4366 Bermuda Ave., Riv. 92507 Ofc 686.6266 <http://www.csarivca.org>
Neighborhood & other citizens groups See Riv.'s 26 neighborhoods <http://www.riversideca.gov/athomeinriverside/neighborhoods.asp>
Black History Month Committee <http://www.blackhistorycommittee.org/> **Black History** Month Committee of **Riverside**
Casa Blanca Community Action Group, meets at Ysmael Villegas Community Center, Villegas Park, 7260 Marquerita Ave., Riv
DANA 7-8:30 pm Issac Walton Bldg, Fairmount Park <http://danaoutreach.ning.com/> <http://www.facebook.com/danariverside>
Eastside Forum 5:30 pm Cesar Chavez Community Center 2060 University Avenue, First Thursday of each Month
Friday Morning Group meets weekly Fridays 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. at Janet Goeske Senior Center, Room D, 5257 Sierra St. (at corner of Streeter), Riv., CA. Citizens discuss Riverside City Council/Housing/Successor Agency agenda items and/or other matters of concern including County, State, and Federal matters or elections, and ask questions of the GUEST SPEAKER. ALL ARE WELCOME. FREE to attend. FREE parking. Attendees receive (1) Riverside City Agendas, (2) FMC handouts (about the speaker, issues, events, meetings, websites) as available RTA Bus Route #12 stops on Streeter at Sierra <https://foursquare.com/v/rta-route-12-stop-streeter-ave-sierra-st/51af3d18498e9d76ab871021> . INFO Karen Doris Wright -Chair 204-3252 twodogkd@yahoo.com
Greater Riv. Transportation-NOW (T-NOW) meets 2nd Thur 3:00 p.m. <http://riversidetransit.com/tnow> eustation@riversidetransit.com 565-5650
LANA La Sierra/Arlanza Neighborhood Alliance meets 1st Thur each mo. 7:15 p.m. La Sierra Senior Center/Park. <http://lanariverside.com/>
National Association of Colored People Riverside Branch (NAACP Riverside Branch) <http://www.naacp-riverside.org>
MANA Magnolia Area Neighborhood Asso meets 2nd Wed 7:00 pm Goeske Sr Ctr. info@manariverside.com **Riverside African American Historical Society (RAAHS), Eij Leadership Academy in Riverside CA** <http://www.faqs.org/tax-exempt/CA/Riverside-African-American-Historical-Inc-Eij-Leadership-Academy.html> preserve Inland Empire's African-American Culture and Heritage. events & accomplishments: **Eleanor Grier Leadership Academy**, Evergreen Cemetery Monument; **Civil Rights Institute** & scholarships for student athletes (supported by Golf Tournament fundrai video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wmAeTr9FksY>)
Riverside Braille Club (Blind/Visually Imp.) meets Tues 10am-2pm at Goeske Sr. Ctr riversidebrailleclub@gmail.com Jan (Yohn DeZoete) 909.424.0392
Riverside Latino Network <http://www.riversidelatinonetwork.org> Meets 1st Wed. each mo. from 7:30-8:30 am at Nati Fuentes Centro de Ninos, 2010 Martin Luther King Bl., Riv., CA 92507 295-6903 Mailing: P.O. Box 20615, Riv., CA 92516
Email: info@riversidelatinonetwork.org <http://www.facebook.com/riversidelatinonetwork>
Residents for Responsible Representation (RRR) Meets 2nd Mon 6:30 pm at Magnolia Ave Police Stn. West end of Ward 6 smateja@earthlink.net
Spanish Town Heritage Foundation <http://riversidetamalefestival.weebly.com> <http://facebook/RiversideTamaleFestival>
Springbrook Arroyo Heritage Alliance <https://www.facebook.com/SpringbrookHeritageAlliance> . <http://twitter.com/RivTamaleFest>
The Group is a forum for discussing and responding to community issues that affect Riverside, especially the African-American, and meets the 1st & 3rd Thur. from 7 to 8:30 am of each month between Sept & June at UDW Home Care Providers Union, 3600 Lime Street #421, Riv Riv (located in Bldg 4 upstairs, stairs by pond, elevator beyond Jennifer Vaughn-Blakely, Chair (951-780-7730) Rose Mayes, Vice-Chair (951- 682-6581) Lolita Barnard, Secretary (951-715-2656) Ola Faye Stephens, Treasurer (951-684-1072) Katie Greene, Issues and Action Chair (951-509-2990)