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C: Council
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Sara Mando Ki
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March 23, 2005

Tony Dodero, Editor
Daily Pilot
1375 Sunflower Ave.
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Text of letter:

Thanks to the voters of Costa Mesa we finally have a city council that will abolish the job Center. Let's call the job center what it really is, a **slave market**. The only commodity is cheap labor. The labor contractors have no obligation to the worker beyond the cheapest wage. The worker, often a penniless non-citizen, has no legal bargaining power. There is no responsible oversight of the terms and conditions of employment. Our harboring these workers engenders a disrespect for our immigration laws and in fact encourages continuing illegal immigration.

The new city council gives hope that Costa Mesa will break away from its goat hill image and become a model, modern city.


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March 22, 2005

Mayor Allan Mansoor
Costa Mesa City Council
77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Dear Allan:

As a Costa Mesa business owner for over 25 years, I am saddened by the Council's decision to close the job center. I have patronized the Job Center since it's formation, hiring two to four workers a month as needed to accomplish tasks that I am no longer able to do because of medical conditions and procedures. It has been a welcome alternative to picking up unorganized workers off the streets, which I found to be a little creepy prior to the Job Center opening.

I've always appreciated the organization and accountability the Job Center offers both the employee and employer. I pay them well, feed them and treat them with dignity... and have always been satisfied with the work preformed. If money were the only issue, it would seem reasonable to have the employer pay a five or ten dollar surcharge per employee to the Job Center at the time of pick up to offset your cost of operations. Certainly worth it to me. I'm hoping you reconsider your actions before you put the workers out on the streets.

Cordially,



Herb Lee

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FOLCIK, JULIE

From: SHULTZ, ANN
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2005 2:10 PM
To: FOLCIK, JULIE
Subject: FW: Job Center

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

From: Taylor [mailto:taylor200@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, March 26, 2005 6:18 AM
To: op2council@ci.costa-mesa.ca.us
Subject: Job Center

As a Westside resident, I oppose the closing the of the job center. Thanks to new council members Linda Dixon and Katrina Foley for opposing the closure as well. The job center is in an industrial area of the city, away from neighborhoods. I drive past it all the time and feel comfort that people who need a job may get one--if even for only a day. It is well-kept and the men looking for jobs don't create any disturbance. Prior to the opening of the job center workers would stand on street corners all over the Westside of the city, and this was a problem. The work center has been a good solution for neighbors, workers and people looking to hire workers. Westside homeowners appreciate the city's efforts in improving conditions on the Westside, it has been neglected for way too long, but the work center is part of the solution, not part of the problem.

FOLCIK, JULIE

From: SHULTZ, ANN
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2005 2:11 PM
To: FOLCIK, JULIE
Subject: FW: Closing of Job Center

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

From: Don Elmore [mailto:donelmore@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, March 25, 2005 8:28 PM
To: op2council@ci.costamesa.ca.us
Subject: Closing of Job Center

Once the Job Center is closed, the day laborers can go to the below listed address and sign up with the California Employment Development Department.

Employment Development Dept
(714) 241-4900

1675 Scenic Ave # 100
Costa Mesa, CA [Map](#)

The Department will help find work.

Don Elmore
Costa Mesa CA
(949) 646 8769

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FOLCIK, JULIE

From: SHULTZ, ANN
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2005 2:09 PM
To: FOLCIK, JULIE
Subject: FW: Gary Monahan - A SoCal Hero for his Stand against Day Labor Centers for Illegal Aliens

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

From: Garret Grajek [mailto:Garret@tricipher.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 27, 2005 7:18 PM
To: ycabrera@ocregister.com
Cc: CMCouncil@ci.costa-mesa.ca.us; johndken@johndkenshow.com; jhardy@surfcity-hb.org; dsullivan@surfcity-hb.org; kbohr@surfcity-hb.org; gcoerper@surfcity-hb.org; hbdac@hotmail.com; cgreen@surfcity-hb.org; dhansen@surfcity-hb.org; local@ocregister.com; letters@ocregister.com
Subject: Gary Monahan - A SoCal Hero for his Stand against Day Labor Centers for Illegal Aliens

Yvette:

Your column which slighted Gary Monahan's responsible actions towards the closing of the Costa Mesa day labor center, was disappointing but expected.

Your standard race-baiting stance was unfortunately typical of those who oppose any responsible action against the overwhelming flood of illegal aliens in southern California. Your standard knee-jerk slanderous remarks on a responsible representative of the community reflected upon your simplistic stance on a pressing problem.

The fact that we have a single councilman and single city council in Southern California willing to act where state and federal authorities have forfeited their duties, should be applauded not slighted. Do I need to go into the amazing cost that these illegal entrants put on the social system (\$9,000 per child in school x 4 children per family, Medical Services at emergency clinics, prisons, welfare, food stamps, highways, sanitation)

Yvette, your extremely sophomoric attempts to create what is a national problem into a tear jerking column was an indictment of your own journalistic abilities and reflects your ignorance of the enormous economic and social cost of the hundred of thousands of illegal aliens that come to California every year. Maybe you should do some research and write a column about how state and federal politicians have refused to uphold their constitutional mandates to defend the border.

And before you lump me in your racist mind as being anti-immigrant, I should note that I spent a splendid Easter Sunday with my in-laws who despite their limited English, have opened 5 businesses in southern California. And, I should add, where legally granted citizenship after 10 years of following the legal procedures of the country you have citizenship with. These are the heroes you should be writing about.

All the best, and may you someday learn to value the citizenship the way my extended family has. But maybe you never can – because you, and those whom you choose to write about, have never earned it.

Garret Grajek, CISSP

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FOLCIK, JULIE

From: SHULTZ, ANN
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2005 4:34 PM
To: BEVER, ERIC; DIXON, LINDA; FOLEY, KATRINA; MANSOOR, ALLAN; MONAHAN, GARY
Cc: MANDOKI, STEVE; FOLCIK, JULIE
Subject: FW: Costa Mesa Job Center

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

From: cambria Lorentzen [mailto:cambriajean@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2005 4:21 PM
To: CMCouncil@ci.costamesa.ca.us
Subject: Costa Mesa Job Center

To all Council Members:

I would like to formally express my opinion on the closing of the Costa Mesa Job Center. I am in favor of it's closing. I believe that by closing this center we will begin the long awaited process of revitalizing Costa Mesa. Although I don't believe that closing the Job Center is the sole contributor of improving Costa Mesa I believe it's a step in the right direction. I would also urge that we encourage the Police to continue to monitor this area to ensure that there are not any negative impacts to this decision. This is the right time to begin making a real impact on this city and it's reputation and you all have the opportunity to do the right thing.

Thank you for your time,
Cambria Briggs

FOLCIK, JULIE

From: SHULTZ, ANN
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2005 2:07 PM
To: FOLCIK, JULIE
Subject: FW: Cost Mesa Job Center

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

From: Art McIntosh [mailto:art@burnsstainless.com]
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2005 9:31 AM
To: op2council@ci.costa-mesa.ca.us
Subject: Cost Mesa Job Center

I received information indicating that closure of the Costa Mesa Job Center is under consideration. I can't imagine that the benefit to the community and to the workers and their families would even allow such to be even suggested. I am not aware of any major down-side, but the benefit is self-evident. As a senior-citizen, I am comforted by the realization help is ever-ready at the Job Center. And the willing workers can provide the needed resources for their families. It is difficult to comprehend why closure would be a benefit to anyone; certainly not to the community nor to the workers. Sincerely, Art McIntosh.

FOLCIK, JULIE

From: SHULTZ, ANN
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2005 2:09 PM
To: FOLCIK, JULIE
Subject: FW: Closing of The Job Center

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

From: Paul Kelly [mailto:paulannekelly@thegrid.net]
Sent: Sunday, March 27, 2005 9:22 PM
To: CMCouncil@ci.costamesa.ca.us
Subject: Closing of The Job Center

Dear City Council Members;

I have lived in Costa Mesa since 1973. When I moved to the West Coast with my family, I intentionally chose to live in Costa Mesa because its diversity in its housing, in its shops and in its people. I didn't want to live in a planned, controlled community such as Irvine. I feel that there are certain people in our community who want to turn this community into a "Newport Beach East" or an "Irvine almost by the Ocean".

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FOLCIK, JULIE

Subject: FW: Closing of The Job Center

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

From: Paul Kelly [mailto:paulannekelly@thegrid.net]**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2005 3:47 PM**To:** CMCouncil@ci.costamesa.ca.us**Subject:** Closing of The Job Center**Subject:** Closing of The Job Center

Dear City Council Members;

I have lived in Costa Mesa since 1973. When I moved to the West Coast with my family, I intentionally chose to live in Costa Mesa because its diversity in its housing, in its shops and in its people. I didn't want to live in a planned, controlled community such as Irvine. I feel that there are certain people in our community who want to turn this community into a "Newport Beach East" or an "Irvine almost by the Ocean". These same people seem to desire to drive away any poor people who still can afford to live in Costa Mesa. The latest in their efforts to rid our town of "undesirables" is to close the Job Center which has been serving a needs of the city, some employers and some of our citizens ever since it was started. Maybe the city council members who voted so quickly to close it without seeking other solutions to some perceived problems with it aren't old enough or haven't been residents long enough to recall what Lyons Park was like before the Job Center opened. Did these city council members ask the old-time residents who live around Lyons Park what they thought of the decision to close the Job Center? If not why not? Did they ask the Police Department about the increased policing cost associated with closing the Job Center? Again, if not why not? It appears that the decision to close the center was made before the city council even started discussing the subject. Therefore, I respectfully ask you all to reconsider the subject of closing the Job Center and open up further discussions with all the parties who will be affected by this decision at a future council meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by Paul D. Kelly
2736 Mendoza Dr., Costa Mesa, CA 92626

3/29/2005

FOLCIK, JULIE

From: PROCTOR, CAROL
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2005 6:51 AM
To: BEVER, ERIC; FOLEY, KATRINA; Linda Dixon (E-mail); MANSOOR, ALLAN; MONAHAN, GARY
Cc: FOLCIK, JULIE
Subject: FW: Job Center

Council Members: FYI

Carol

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

From: Bill Bingham [mailto:binghamwb@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2005 9:12 PM
To: cmcouncil@ci.costamesa.ca.us
Subject: Job Center

I'm not a resident of Costa Mesa, but am suggesting you might re-consider the closure of the Job Center for the following reasons:

If a person is working he is usually not drawing entitlements. If a person is working, he is far less inclined to "mischief" or worse. If a person is working, he is buying goods and services, thus returning money to the economy (though a portion does go south). Ultimately, the person who is working is usually supporting others, such as children. The opposite is also true. If a person is not working he has much idle time on his hands, and if he can't make ends meet, is inclined to take desperate measures to survive.

It's not as though this center is just now moving into an established neighborhood. It's been there for 16 years - longer than many Orange County neighborhoods.

That the contractors don't pay workers' comp for these laborers is one reason those laborers have jobs. The high workers' comp in California has cost many jobs as employers have cut back expenses. A reasonable fee should be charged to the day laborers or the contractors for upkeep of the center, but ultimately, I believe, the benefits outweigh the costs, and I hope the Council re-considers the closure of the job center.

Thank you.

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FOLCIK, JULIE

From: PROCTOR, CAROL
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2005 6:50 AM
To: BEVER, ERIC; FOLEY, KATRINA; Linda Dixon (E-mail); MANSOOR, ALLAN; MONAHAN, GARY
Cc: FOLCIK, JULIE
Subject: FW: Closing of The Job Center

Council Members: FYI

Carol

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

From: SJD [mailto:SDzida@dcslaw.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2005 6:07 PM
To: CMCouncil@ci.costamesa.ca.us
Subject: Closing of The Job Center

Members of the City Council:

Those of you who voted to close the Job Center should be ashamed of yourselves! For more than 15 years the Job Center has performed an important public service for our entire community, yet you decided to close it with virtually no independent investigation or solicitation of meaningful input from us, your constituents. A cynical person might rush to the conclusion that you took this action hoping nobody would notice!

We have been proud residents of Costa Mesa for nearly 20 years. We could have lived in Newport Beach or Irvine had we chosen to do so, but we CHOSE Costa Mesa for what we perceived the City to stand for. Closing the Job Center is NOT it! Our City has been a leader in Orange County in trying to do the right thing, trying to take care of our own business without forcing it to somebody else's back yard. We all can be rightfully proud that we in Costa Mesa do more than our part. Closing the Job Center is NOT who we are. Closing the Job Center targets those least capable of taking care of themselves AND HURTS THE REST OF US IN THE PROCESS. Closing the Job Center is NOT Costa Mesa.

We ask you to reconsider your ill-timed and ill-advised action and instead confirm the Job Center's operation for the foreseeable future. We need to go forward, not backward. Keeping the Job Center open is a step FORWARD. We ask you to take it without delay.

Steve and Maria Dzida
1846 Kinglet Court
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

3/30/2005

354 Broadway
Costa Mesa, CA. 92627
March 27, 2005

Katrina Foley
City Council
City of Costa Mesa
77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA. 92626

Dear Councilwoman Foley,

I read the Cabrera article in today's Register with considerable interest. I have also been aware of the Council's decision to terminate support of the Job Center. I write to register my disappointment in this decision, but since it currently appears irreversible, may I suggest that you or the City Manager contact the administration at Coastline Community College which, so I believe, has been in the "job center" business for a number of years. I happen to believe that community colleges are in a position to provide the kind of service which your job center has been providing.

Sincerely ,

S/S

Letteris Lavrakas, Phd

Copy: Allan Roeder ✓