

COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA 92626
APPLICATION FOR APPEAL OR REHEARING

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Applicant Name Council Member Katrina Foley

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Decision upon which appeal or rehearing is requested: (Give number of rezone, zone exception, ordinance, etc., if applicable, and the date of the decision, if known.) Job Center - March 15, 2005

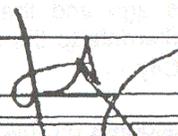
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I believe the City Council's action to close the Job Center merits a rehearing on the following:

1. There was no notice provided to any of the parties that utilize the Job Center. By notice, I believe laborers & employers who utilize the Center as well as the general public should have had notice that (a) the item was on the agenda and (b) that the City Council was considering closure of the facility. There was no posting of the site; no legal notice; no contact with the Chamber of Commerce and no notice to the surrounding property owners.

This City Council and its predecessors have always considered public notification and participation essential to good government. Even members of the current City Council who supported closure of the Job Center have insisted on broad public notice on a variety of other issues. Whether a pending action involved potential impacts on homeowners or local businesses, the City Council has been consistent in demanding that those members of the community most affected by the action be noticed.

2. The manner in which the subject of the Job Center appeared on the City Council Agenda was misleading to members of the City Council and the public. To simply place "Costa Mesa Job Center" with a recommendation of "Provide direction to staff" is overly general and does not provide sufficient detail on the subject matter under consideration.

To illustrate this point, I would ask members of the City Council to consider the following example:

Costa Mesa General Plan

Recommendation: Provide direction to staff

I submit that neither members of the City Council nor many members of the community would find this acceptable because it fails to specify the subject matter and the recommended action is so general as to be useless. Yet this is exactly what occurred with the Job Center.

3. The City Council, in acting on this item, assumed facts not in evidence. There were numerous comments about the private firm Labor Ready as an alternative to the Job Center. However, the only thing the City knew about Labor Ready at the time of the City Council's action was that it was still in operation. Prior contact with Labor Ready was well over 2 years ago and there is nothing current regarding their operation, suitability as an alternate to the Job Center or interest in having any kind of "relationship" with the City.

Based on the preceding and the level of public discourse on this matter since the City Council's action of March 15, 2005, I believe this matter needs to be set for a formal Public Hearing.

Attachments: [Communications from the public \(set 1\)](#)
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