



# CITY OF COSTA MESA

ATTACHMENT 2

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

BY FACSIMILE: (714) 665-2168

November 21, 2006

John Casoria, Robert Fopma  
Trinity Broadcast Network  
3150 Bear Street  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

**RE: DENIAL OF FOUR (4) FILM PERMIT APPLICATIONS**  
(1) Mary, Mary; (2) Michael Sweet; (3) Moya Brennan; & (4) Vern Jackson Christmas  
Specials

Dear Mr. Casoria and Mr. Fopma:

This correspondence is confirmation of the prior verbal advisement provided regarding the above.

Your recent request for the above film permits at Trinity Broadcast Network (TBN), 3150 Bear Street, Costa Mesa on 11/20-21; 11/27-28; 12/7-8; and 12/10-11 has been reviewed by City staff. Unfortunately, your request has been denied for filming at the TBN site on the basis of the City Council's findings under ZA-02-75. As you'll recall, this was an appeal of TBN's Minor Conditional Use Permit to conduct a portion of religious church services and television programming outside of the TBN building on the TBN property. In the City Council's deliberations on this matter, it adopted findings that concluded that outdoor performances created an unreasonable incompatibility with the adjacent residential use. Although the pending requests are for Film Permits, the underlying impacts are no different than those addressed by the City Council in its earlier findings. Therefore, City staff will not contravene the prior findings of the City Council by approving these permit requests.

I spoke with Vanessa Viehe about this on November 17, 2006, and left you a voice message as well on that date. As I mentioned to Ms. Viehe, apparently, the City did grant approval for the filming of one special last year (Charles Billingsley Christmas Special on November 28). That approval was granted in error, based on the feedback from the Planning Division. On behalf of the City, I apologize for any inconvenience and misunderstanding this may have created.

In discussing this situation with our City Manager, he has suggested that TBN submit a written request directly to the City Council for clarification and direction to City staff on this matter. The

City Manager has suggested that this matter be revisited with the City Council so that clear direction can be obtained on the matter of perhaps a limited number of Film Permits for TBN. If such a request can be filed with the City by no later than 10 am on Monday, November 27, 2006, this item can appear on the regular City Council agenda of December 5, 2006. Subject to City Council action, this could allow for permits to be issued for the scheduled dates of 12/7-8 and 12/10-11.

Sincerely,



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Management Analyst  
City Manager's Office

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c: Film Permit Review Committee  
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