

On Mar 23, 2015, at 9:09 PM, Robin Johnson <cometkatt@yahoo.com> wrote:

Good Evening

I am not exactly how this works so please excuse me if I am going about this incorrectly. When would it be appropriate to read/(have it read) the each of the following letters to the council to have it placed in public records as a citizens concern and opinion on the subjects. Due to transportation issues I rarely can actually attend but I hope to remain at least partially active in the city's issues. Do I send it to you & ask you read them for the record? or is there someone else who would be a better choice to do this?

1st

Re: the fireworks issue - please add my voice to the Please Ban them side of the debate. I have many reasons but it boils down to the fact they are well documented to be dangerous to users & compound the fact we are in severe drought they only exacerbate the fire dangers. With the various city displays available fir the holiday they are not needed.

2nd

Re: funding/housing of the Chamber of Commerce.

I am wondering what does the chamber actually do?? I am STILL trying to figure out ANYTHING they have done for the city & to be frank, I am Still not seeing it. Not a thing; not in the paper, not in the news, nada. In fact in the last 6mo or more the ONLY reference i have seen of them is when they gave some of their own people awards.

In general principles I profoundly believe that the city, should absolutely Never give out free rent again, To ANYONE! To do so smacks of favoritism for a particular entity & that shouldn't happen. If the city is to be Fair & even handed it must treat every organization the same. Our city is creating a fresh new profile & treatment of others and giving any entity a free ride smacks of the same old "politics as usual" old way of running the city. Isnt that the very image, we as a city, are trying to shed?

As for the chamber of commerce, itself.. I haven't been able to find anything about what they Do with the money given them by the city. When are they going to show what they have actually done to EARN that money. How do they justify that they Should get any of it.

Personally i believe that the city Must say to them: no hard and fast proof of how its used to Benefit the city, then NO more considering the very idea of giving them any money. If they are able to prove their functions benefit.. then negotiations might be reasonable but most certainly NOT for the amount they have received in the past..

I would suggest that NO entity should be give the free ride the Chamber has enjoyed for the last few years.. the gravy train is done. if they want the offices, they pay the rent like everyone else. they need money they apply for grants or fund raise like EVERYONE else..

Thank you for your service to our city.

signed a long term full time resident of Cathedral City

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