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Subject: League of California Cities - Committee Appointments
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 3:43 PM
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Mayor Garcia.

I'm glad to note that you are such a staunch supporter of discussions and would never deny anyone the right to have one.

I would like to have one.

How is it that you and Mayor Pro Tem Murdock are both appointed to the League of California Cities' Policy Committee on Housing, Community and Economic Development?

Does this mean the City of Brea will always have to pay for you both to travel to Sacramento, attend the same meetings and give the same reports? Is this redundancy truly necessary?

Having reviewed the March 13, 2013 updated LCC's roster, it appears that Brea is the only city with two voting members. Do other cities not find this to be inequitable?

Looking forward to a rousing discussion.

Regards.

Rick Clark

From: Ron Garcia <RonG@ci.brea.ca.us>
Subject: RE: League of California Cities - Committee Appointments
Date: April 2, 2013 1:49:09 PM PDT
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Mr. Clark,

We've each been appointed by separate entities of which the City is a members.

These types of committees are educational and have a major legislative impact on local governance.

The City of Brea has a long history of representation on these policy committees. Having more representation is better for the citizens of Brea.

Please feel free to contact my office if you would like to meet on this or any other issues.

Regards,

Ron Garcia

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Mayor Garcia...

I appreciate your calling last night to apologize for the delay in your response and to inform me of your intent to do so today.

To further my inquiry, what are the separate entities making the appointments and why would they place two members from Brea and not make similar redundant appointments for other cities?

Would we not accomplish as much with a single representative while saving half of the travel costs?

What, precisely, is the benefit of membership on the League of California Cities' Policy Committee on Housing, Community and Economic Development for the citizen's of Brea?

Thanks for your willingness to have this frank and open discussion. I look forward to your response.

Regards,

Rick Clark

From: Rick Clark [mailto:drdeadline@earthlink.net]
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Mayor Garcia...

It would seem that my last email (04/02), not unlike my first one, somehow fell between the cracks.

I thought it prudent to forward my continued inquiry to you again. Eagerly anticipating a timely response.

Rick Clark

From: Ron Garcia <RonG@ci.brea.ca.us>
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Date: April 9, 2013 3:37:39 PM PDT
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Mr. Clark,

Again, Thank you for your e mail.

Among the duties of a Councilmember is representing the Citizens of Brea in the organizations in which we hold membership.

The City Council budgets for attendance at these meetings and events, the educational and networking opportunities have made the City of Brea the community it is.

If you would like to visit regarding this or any other issues, please feel to contact my office.

Regards,

Ron Garcia

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Ron...

Let me be plain spoken. Your repeated vacuous non-answers are unacceptable.

I asked simple questions, questions being posed to me by other Breans. Simple, truthful answers would have been appropriate. Extending the invitation to visit your office, the best way to avoid any written record of the discussion, is obviously sarcasm and, frankly, is insulting.

Your repeated deletion of the other Council Members from the Cc: list, effectively excluding them from witnessing and/or wading in on the discussion, cannot be whitewashed with the boilerplate Brown Act caveat.

You've left me no alternative but to carry this to a public forum, as I fully intend to have answers to my questions.

Shame on you for squandering an opportunity to really be the open and ethical elected official you repeatedly profess to be.

Regards,

Rick Clark