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Carson Connected, Inc.

An Organization of Volunteers Devoted to Nurturing Our Communities!



Keeping Our Community Connected and Providing Assistance with Issues that Matter to Us!

The upcoming March 3, 2015 election is approaching very quickly and we need to let the residents of Carson know exactly whom we are electing to office.

We need to keep our whole community connected and informed. We have a large contact database but we need you to forward this email to your contacts that we may not have or you can print out copies and pass them out.

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You can do a word search to pull up articles about a particular subject.

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 City Council Meeting

There are many things on the January 20, 2015 City Council Agenda that cause concern. But first I would like to address an issue from the December 16, 2014 City Council Agenda Closed Session Item No. 2. Conference with legal council - existing litigation.

Jonathan Chaney vs City of Carson, Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. BC560923

Below are some shocking excerpts taken from the case:

Plaintiff began working at the center on or about February 17, 2014. On or about February 19, 2014, Plaintiff was accosted by a Center patron, Louis Rivera ("Rivera"). **Rivera used offensive racial slurs against Plaintiff ("nigger" and "little boy"), and physically assaulted Plaintiff (the "Assault").** Plaintiff immediately reported the racial harassment, Assault and unsafe/hostile work environment to supervisory personnel Michael Whittiker ("Whittiker"), CARSON's Veteran's Park Site Manager and the head of CARSON's Department of Parks & Recreation.

On or about April 30, 2014, Defendant CARSON subjected Plaintiff to an illegal and retaliatory meeting (the "Meeting"). The Meeting was attended by CARSON Councilman Elito Santaring; City Attorney Bill Winder; Superintendent of Parks & Recreation, Cedric Hicks ("Mr. Hicks"); Mr. Whittiker, and others. Defendant CARSON did not even pretend to investigate Plaintiff's complaints. Instead,

Councilman Santarina began the Meeting by announcing that he was there "on behalf of Mr.

Rivera" and revealed that he had know Rivera since they were "little boys"

At the end of the Meeting, Plaintiff was terminated. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that he was terminated in retaliation for his complaint of racial harassment, racial discrimination, the Assault, and an unsafe and hostile work environment.

[Link to Superior Court of the State of California Case Documents Filed on October 17, 2014](#)

This brings us to January 20, 2015 City Council Agenda to Item No. 31.

Consideration of Ordinance NO. 15-1548, Repealing Carson Municipal Code Article II, Chapter 1, Section 2110 related to city administrative orders and directives to staff

As it stands city council must instruct the city manager and the city manager address the appropriate employee. With what has been going on with regards to the employees; the hiring of an unqualified city manager, the firing of employees reported to be selected by Councilman Elito Santarina, and the secretive way the reorganization has been developed. To allow city council to interact with city employees would eliminate the safety guards put into place to prevent anything like the case described above Jonathan Chaney vs City of Carson from happening.

If this item passes it will open the flood gates of employees being mistreated and misdirected by our elected officials?

Agenda item No. 32

Consider a resolution prohibiting the use of city funds to advertise in or subscribe to the Daily Breeze and to encourage Carson residents and businesses to consider not advertising in or subscribing to the Daily Breeze.

In the attached letter the city sent to the Daily Breeze in September 2014 regarding the Daily Breeze article **Torrance man, 23, dies in solo crash on 405.**
The City of Carson's complaint is it is outside the boundaries of the city.

[Link to Daily Breeze article](#)

[Link to letter from the City of Carson to the Daily Breeze](#)

December 2014 Daily Breeze article **Carson man admits to drowning fellow transient**

In a letter from the city referencing this article the cities complaint is the article states the man is a Carson resident even though he has no permanent address.

[Link to Daily Breeze article](#)

[Link to letter from the City of Carson to the Daily Breeze](#)

City of Carson Boundary Issues

The city also has problems keeping up with the boundaries of Carson, the mayor keeps saying Price Transfer is in Carson, yet Price Transfer states they are in Rancho Dominguez. On October 29, 2014 at the State of the City Address Jim Dear talks about an event at Price Transfer in the city of Carson, on the attached flyer for that event it also states the event will be held at Price Transfer (Automobilia) is located at 2790 East Del Amo Blvd., Carson, CA 90810. Both the California Secretary of State and Price Transfer shows that address to be in Rancho Dominguez.

Entity Name:	PRICE TRANSFER, INC.
Entity Number:	C0718676
Date Filed:	07/18/1974
Status:	ACTIVE
Jurisdiction:	CALIFORNIA
Entity Address:	2790 E DEL AMO BLVD
Entity City, State, Zip:	RANCHO DOMINGUEZ CA 90221
Agent for Service of Process:	STEPHAN P STRAUB
Agent Address:	2790 E DEL AMO BLVD
Agent City, State, Zip:	RANCHO DOMINGUEZ CA 90221

**Price Transfer
Corporate Offices**
2790 E. Del Amo Blvd.
Rancho Dominguez, CA 90221
800.39.PRICE
fax: 310.933.1424



[Link to video clip: Jim Dear's statement regarding Price Transfer](#)

[Link to flyer: Jim Dear's 10th Anniversary](#)

Jim Dear also stats Little Brothers Bakery, LLC is in Carson when they claim to be in Gardena. On page one of the attached staff report their address is shown to be at 320 W. Alondra Boulevard in the City of Carson. However, on the last page of the attached resolution the address is listed to be 320 West Alondra Boulevard, Gardena, CA 90248. Both the California Secretary of State and Little Brother's Bakery, LLC shows that address to be in Gardena.

Entity Name:	LITTLE BROTHERS BAKERY, LLC
Entity Number:	199920910088
Date Filed:	07/26/1999
Status:	ACTIVE
Jurisdiction:	CALIFORNIA
Entity Address:	320 W ALONDRA BLVD
Entity City, State, Zip:	GARDENA CA 90248
Agent for Service of Process:	PAUL G GIULIANO
Agent Address:	320 W ALONDRA BLVD
Agent City, State, Zip:	GARDENA CA 90248





[Link to Jim Dear's statement regarding Little Brothers Bakery](#)

[Link to staff Report](#)

[Link to resolution](#)

Could it be the Daily Breeze will not follow the unethical lead of city hall? A perfect example is when city hall reported the Joint Planning and Environmental Commission's Public Hearing for the OXY Draft Environmental Impact Report as a fence issue. When residents asked the media if they were covering the Oxy issue they said they were only called out for the fence issue, as such only the fence issue was reported.



[Feb 11 Oxy Hearing news broadcast as chain link](#)

On the other hand, could it be they are trying to prevent Carson residents from getting the facts of what is going on here in Carson? Like the story: [Tesoro seeks to bring Carson, Wilmington refineries together](#) Where our own Associate Planner Saied Naaseh expressed concerns on the plans Jim Dear and the oil industry have for Carson.

Excerpts taken from article:

In an October letter to AQMD officials, Carson Associate Planner Saied Naaseh said that rather

than improve emissions, the project will more likely increase them, and that the agency's study should also address how community aesthetics and nearby residential areas could be harmed, among other concerns.

"The proposed project is intensifying the existing operations by proposing new equipment, tanks, pipes, etc., and is proposed to generate additional emissions despite eliminating an FCCU unit," Naaseh wrote. "The project should strive to reduce emissions, not increase them."

The letter also argues that the city of Carson - not the AQMD - should be the lead agency of the environmental review, and that Tesoro will need to obtain city permits before beginning construction.

The city withdrew its request to be the lead agency in December, but City Manager Nelson Hernandez refused to comment on the matter. Community members have submitted two letters to the AQMD expressing concern about proposed increased deliveries of highly flammable liquid petroleum gas to the refinery.

[Link to Daily Breeze article](#)

[Link to Communities for a Better Environment letter regarding Tesoro Tank Replacement and Modification Project](#)

[Link to CBE Fact Sheet P66 and Tesoro BP Dirty Crude Projects Jan 2015 Update FINAL](#)

What about the article **Carson Mayor Jim Dear credits himself with transforming city in State of the City address**, which included the following excerpts:

Carson Mayor Jim Dear argued during his annual State of the City address that he has transformed the city in the past decade from a crime-ridden community that outsiders avoided to a bustling center of commerce and new housing.

"We've spent money in the right ways," Dear said. "The image of our city is so important. Like politics, it has nothing to do with the truth. It has to do with perceptions."

[Link to Daily Breeze article:](#)



Like politics, it has nothing to do with the truth

Or could it be to stop us from seeing this article **Political drama erupts already in Carson with election two months away** where it is revealed **Jim Dear does not have teaching credentials he is only a certified substitute teacher**. Or that it is alleged he **illegally included a quote endorsing him from former City Clerk Helen Kawagoe**. This article also included the mayor will be listed on the ballot as an election clerk based on volunteering at an election polling site. Maybe he didn't want us to know the **city received a letter from his attorneys, the Sutton Law Firm in San Francisco, threatening to sue if his terms were not accepted**.

[Link to Daily Breeze article:](#)

There are many other items on tonight's agenda that we did not get to cover so I am including a link.

[Link to Agenda](#)

FIRST AMENDMENT

The First Amendment to the United States Constitution prohibits the making of any law respecting an establishment of religion, impeding the free exercise of religion, abridging the freedom of speech, infringing on the freedom of the press, interfering with the right to peaceably assemble or prohibiting the petitioning for a governmental redress of grievances. It was adopted on December 15, 1791, as one of the ten amendments that constitute the Bill of Rights.

VOTER EDUCATION/REGISTRATION PROJECT

"Our vote is our most powerful instrument,
most powerful nonviolent tool in this a democratic society"
-- John Lewis



In the City of Carson we have over 50,000 registered voters, but in our city elections only 9 to 12,000 vote. Two effective tools of bringing about meaningful change are the ballot and the bullet. We strongly recommend in our city we use the ballot. Therefore it is our indispensable responsibility each of us grandparent, parent, uncle and aunt to insist, assist and inspire each of our family members to register and to vote.

Your Vote Matters!!

Please join Carson Connected Community Voters Education & Registration Project

Saturday, January 24th

Time: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: South Bay Pavilion



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Call Now!! 888-828-3332

Let's Beat The Deadline!! Let's Get Enrolled!!
Open Enrollment Ends February 15th

NEED HEALTH INSURANCE?
Please join us for a City Wide Enrollment Event & Health Fair at The
South Bay Pavilion (Carson Mall),
20700 Avalon Blvd Carson, CA 90746
Have Questions About the Tax Penalties?
There will be a Professional Tax Preparer Onsite



What To Bring to Enroll for Health Care

- Driver's License or CA ID FOR EACH FAMILY MEMBER

APPLYING, bring:

- Proof of Current income (2013 Tax Return or Paycheck stubs)
- U.S. passport, legal resident card, certificate of citizenship or naturalization, if applicable
- Birth dates
- Social Security Number
- Home Zip Code

blue of california **Health Net**

LA Care **Anthem**

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20700 Avalon Blvd Carson, Ca 90746
For More Information Call 888-828-3332

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If you need voter registration forms, forms to change your registration to vote by mail or have a question about voting contact David Noflin at 310 885-5860 or by email dnoflin@carsoncaconnected.org

March 3, 2015 Election Registration Deadline

In California, the deadline to register to vote for any election is 15 days before Election Day, so please register early!

You can register to vote online
[Link to Register to Vote](#)

ITEMS TO BE COVERED IN FUTURE ISSUES

In the Spotlight

We hope to start profiling candidates for our March 3, 2015 Municipal Election. If you are a candidate for an elected office here in the City of Carson and would like to be featured in In the Spotlight you can submit your promotional material and photo to lnoflin@carsoncaconnected.org. If you would like more information please contact David Noflin at 310 885-5860 or by email dnoflin@carsoncaconnect.org.

No New Drilling in Carson

We will be presenting videos of Carson residents, community activists and local experts speaking against the Oxy Project. If you would like to submit a video stating why you are against Oil Drilling in Carson you can contact Lori Noflin at

310 885-5860 or by email lnoflin@carsoncaconnected.org.

NO Drilling in Populated Areas

Petition to Regulate the Oil Industry

We the undersigned, call for immediate action by the Obama Administration, U.S. Congress, California State Legislature, and local government officials to put into effect the following regulations for the oil industry to protect the people, communities and America.

- All new activity must be developed and maintained in unpopulated areas.
- All existing permits in populated areas when expire will not be renewed.
- The oil companies must maintain a bond in the event of an emergency to correct ALL damages to Americans and America.

[Link to NO Drilling in Populated Areas PRINTABLE Petition](#)

[Link to NO Drilling in Populated Areas ONLINE Petition](#)

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