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Phone/Fax: 702-877-2438

Date: June 1, 2010

TO ReDevelopment Agency Members, Chair GOODMAN, ViceChair REESE, WOLFSON,
TARKANIAN, ROSS, BARLOW, ANTHONY.

FROM: CNP

RE: selected items of the June 2, 2010 Agenda.

- #4. a. **What is the dollar amount and/or value of the ReDevelopment budget?**
b. **Of what does it consist?**
c. **Where can your constituents find and read the full budget for the City of Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency?**

#5. RA-8-2010 – We have several questions to clarify our understanding of this resolution.

a. Agency desires—p.1 lists two of these and p. 2 lists one.

In what way/manner were constituents involved with determining these desires?

b. Governing Body of the Agency—p.2. **At whose pleasure does this body govern?**

c. Executive Director of the Agency—p.3. **What is the name of this director?**

LICENSE AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT Las Vegas Incubator---looking at Exhibit D on p. 20 of this agreement, we request that a copy of this exhibit disclosing each company operating under this License and Management Agreement as "the information is set forth above.....", to be faxed to either 877-2438 or 259-3094 as you receive this information. **What is your response to this request?**

#7. The "SUBJECT" of this item lists a plethora of "projects" with general headings for "Report and possible action...":

- a. currently under contract,
- b. currently under negotiation,
- c. proposed,
- d. under construction,
- e. within the Redevelopment Area,
- f. near the Redevelopment Area,

as well as: "to provide an overview of":

g. programs,

h. initiatives— these 8 #7 categories seem, to us, to be in "Wards 1,3, and 5 (Tarkanian, Reese and Barlow)". **Why are those "Wards" listed?**

What title do Tarkanian and Barlow have during these Redevelopment Agency meetings?

Please, will you provide us with a list of items in each of the 8 categories and which were acted upon as well as the kind of action?

We appreciate your patience.
President Ingram and Board

Wonderful 365 Happy Father's Day Wishes to Each Male!

June Ingram
CNP President

Submitted at Redevelopment Agency

Date 6/2/10 Item CP

By: Juanita Clark

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Ronald Reagan



The Hodges Family
2814 Anaheim St
Escondido, Ca. 92025

Dear Hodges Family:

Johnnie Crean urgently needs your vote and the vote of every Republican in your area to win his campaign for Congress.

The extensive business background which he developed in building a successful manufacturing firm will be an asset in Congress. This experience has given him the understanding of how jobs are created and, much to his credit, his firm has produced many jobs.

The choice for Republicans is clear. I don't think you agree with the old politics of big spending, higher taxes and more government interference in our lives. Johnnie believes as I do in the need to trim the waste in government, beef up our national defense and reduce income taxes for all Americans.

Johnnie will do an outstanding job as your Congressman. He will be a hard working, effective and dedicated representative for you and all of California and the 43rd Congressional District.

Your vote is very important in this election. Please use it to send Johnnie Crean to Washington to help me.

Sincerely,


Ronald Reagan

Submitted at Redevelopment Agency

Date 6/2/10 Item CP
By Anthony Hodges

file Copy

Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States
White House
Washington 25, D.C.

14 May 1964

Dear Mr. President:

There are many things which are endangering our great nation, most of which we could not list on one page. There are a few which I feel we need to consider more than others. Men in influential offices should more seriously consider the following as being highly dangerous to our national security:

1. Communism
2. Crime
3. Juvenile delinquency
4. Divorce rates
5. Racial conflicts
6. Organizations that attempt to run government
7. Mentally ill

8. LIKE OF EDUCATION

These are the things that endanger the security of 135 million Americans. If we don't want to see a repeat of the bombings in Alabama, or another "Kennedy", or tremendous rioting throughout the nation that endangers us all, we must stop fooling around with ourselves and get down to seriousness. Government officials should not make promises which can't be kept; they should not promote programs which can not in reality be fulfilled. I often think on these things as I lie awake at night. I fear that some morning we will all wake up to realize another national disaster has occurred, affecting all of us. These are the things which often make us wonder if freedom free?

IS FREEDOM FREE?

Every day man is alive, he is not free from the near existence of God and Man.

No, you can't buy freedom for long.

No, you can't buy a piece of mind.

No, you can't buy the love of others.

No, you can't buy eternal life for any price - before birth and after death.

No, you can't buy time, when your time is up.

No, you can't buy Forever and Always.

No, you can't buy the right to live outside of Judgement.

No, you can't buy the soul of another, without selling your own.

No, you can't buy Joy, Happiness, and Good Health. If so, a million could live forever.

No, you can't buy the right to ask time to stand still for you alone.

If so, some of us could not have been born.

And you ask: "Is freedom free for you and me?"

Yes, some 8/10ths, some 3/4th, some 1/2 and others never heard of the word "Freedom."

You are never out of debt of men, for your soul belongs to God. And you have to pay the full price.

There are many areas of freedom to be bought. *YOU HAVE YOURS, I HAVE ~~THE~~ MIND.*

President Johnson, this is my second time to write you at the Whitehouse on matters concerning Negroes and Government, and you have denied me the privilege of an answer. It leaves me no other choice than to assume that you are discriminating against the Negro in a polite sort of way. If I do not receive a letter in reply to this one, I can only assume you are using the Negro for political purposes. I am, for one, first to know.

Sincerely,
Mr. Anthony L. Hodges

Anthony L. Hodges

Barack Obama

January 12, 2008

Anthony L. Hodges
123 Sir David Way
Las Vegas, NV 89110

Dear Anthony,

This is just a quick letter to thank you for your interest in my campaign. If we're going to succeed in changing this country for the better, we'll need people like you to maintain this energy over the long haul.

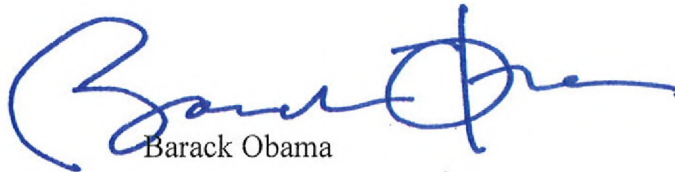
Many in Washington are skeptical that we can move past the cynical, divisive politics that have plagued our country in recent years. But I believe that in the face of impossible odds, people who love their country can change it. And that's not just the rhetoric of a campaign – it's been the cause of my life.

On the South Side of Chicago, where neighborhoods were struggling to rebuild after the closing of nearby steel plants, I learned that when ordinary people come together, they can achieve extraordinary things. At first, no one thought those neighborhoods had a chance. But we banded together, and we organized, and we taught people to stand up to their government when it wasn't standing up for them.

With your help, the same work that we did in Chicago can be done throughout this great nation. I am confident in my ability to lead, but I know I can't do it alone. Our campaign has to be about your hopes, and your dreams, and what you will do. I hope people like you will continue to take ownership of our movement to transform America.

Thank you again for your interest. We're building a terrific campaign all across the country thanks to folks like you.

Sincerely,



Barack Obama



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A. PAWNSHOPS FOSTER CRIMINALITY

To: CLV Mayor + Council

From: CNP

Date: June 2, 2010

Item #54

1. Pawnshops are markets for stolen property.

Patrick Colquhoun, in *A Treatise on the Police of the Metropolis* (1796), stated "... '[] if there were no Receivers there would be no thieves.' — Deprive a thief of a safe and ready market for his goods, and he is undone."

A paper written by Thomas J. Miles of The University of Chicago Law School entitled "MARKETS FOR STOLEN PROPERTY: PAWNSHOPS AND CRIME" supports Colquhoun's position.

(Source: <http://www.law.umich.edu/centersandprograms/lawandeconomics/workshops/Documents/Winter2008/miles.pdf>)

Miles found that, generally, pawnshops serve the credit needs of low-income individuals and are consequently located in higher crime communities. Miles observed that:

- Thieves rarely retain for themselves the items that they steal.
- Instead, they typically trade their booty for cash in markets for stolen goods.
- Evidence suggests that these markets are extensive.

As outlets for stolen property, Miles also found that pawnshops

- May stimulate criminal activity,
- Are predicted to increase crimes in which offenders obtain types of property that may be converted into cash at pawnshops (jewelry, watches, electronics, and handguns), and
- Aids in thwarting law enforcement from apprehending criminals.

The goal of most thieves is to get cash for the stolen property. Apprehension by the authorities while the goods are in one's possession increases the odds of conviction. The risk of possession of stolen property is reduced for criminals operating in the vicinity of a pawnshop and the consequent increase in expected rewards encourages criminal activity in locations with pawnshops.

Miles concluded that increases in the number of pawnshops raise the rate of those crimes in which pawnable property is stolen — such as burglary, robbery, and larceny — and estimates indicated that a 10% increase in the rate of pawnshops raises the rate of robberies, burglaries, and larcenies in urban counties by between 0.8 and 1.1 percentage points.

2. Organized retail crime is on the rise, and using pawnshops to fence their stolen goods

(source: Wisconsin Crime Prevention Practitioners Association and Retail Industry Leaders Association, <http://www.wicrimeprevention.com/?p=369>)

In 1996, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the value of all goods stolen during the commission of robberies, burglaries, and larcenies in 1996 exceeded \$6 billion.

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By: *[Signature]*

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In 2010, the FBI estimated that \$30 billion worth of merchandise is stolen each year.

According to the January 2010 **Retail Industry Leaders Association's (RILA) Current Crime Trends Survey**:

- 78% of retailers report seeing an increase in amateur and opportunistic shoplifting
- 65% of retailers report seeing an increase in organized retail crime
- 74% of retailers report seeing an increase of stolen items being found in online market places

Retailers reported that there were no decreases in stolen items being found in on-line marketplaces, pawn shops, flea markets and traditional fencing operations. Seventy-five percent (75%) of retailers saw an increase of stolen items being found in online marketplaces, 47% in flea markets, 47% in traditional fencing operations and 16% in pawn shops.

3. Pawnshops also Create a Market for Thieves

In a Washington Post article dated July 23, 2009, and entitled **Chief Setting Up Task Force to Investigate Pawnshops for Links to Thefts**, the authorities found that pawnshops will signal to thieves items the thieves should steal and sell by displaying price tags that describe an item but have no item attached.

4. A Desperate Economy and Easy Access to Pawnshops – the perfect storm

A March 10, 2009 article in the Boston Globe, entitled "Economy fuels rise in crime, police say Larceny, domestic violence, break-ins climb statewide," indicates a correlation between a bad economy and a rise in Crime rates. The article states that "as more people lose their jobs and savings to the swooning economy, police officers across the state are grappling with sharp rises in burglaries, larcenies, and car break-ins, which many of them believe are tied to the financial gloom."

Consumer desperation, anger, and frustration are cited as a likely root cause of several other trends, police say: ... a greater willingness to buy wares such as iPods and GPS devices from pawn shops instead of retail stores - a choice that helps drive the underground economy.

In Lawrence, [Massachusetts,] police saw the number of home burglaries jump 52 percent, to 514, in 2008.

In Lowell, [Massachusetts,] larcenies and thefts went up 21 percent to 2,290 last year.

[...]

The connection between crime and the economy has always come with caveats. Although most police officials and criminologists agree that a recession usually leads to a rise in property crimes, many say that

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every crime is triggered by a variety of societal and personal pressures that cannot be explained by any single factor.

In Boston, major crimes are down citywide, but some sections have seen jumps in auto thefts, burglaries, and robberies. Commissioner Edward F. Davis said the economy is a likely cause, though the drug trade and chronic poverty also play key roles.

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B. PAWNSHOPS: CRIMINALS BITE THE HAND THAT FEEDS THEM

Pawnshops paint the target on households for being robbed, and they also become a target for the very criminals that supply their stock. If you do a Google search on Pawnshops + Crimes, dozens of stories pop up. A few of the headlines found in our searches include the following:

1. **Granite Falls, North Carolina: Police identify person of interest in pawn shop shooting ...** Dec 30, 2009 ... Granite Falls police have released a sketch of a person of interest in the shooting death of a pawn shop clerk. (source: <http://www.wcnc.com/home/Pawn-shop-clerk-found-shot-to-death-80263677.html>)
2. **Dubuque, Iowa: UPDATE: No charges filed in Dubuque pawnshop shooting ...** Mar 2, 2010 ... (source: www.kwwl.com/Global/story.asp?S=12071716)
3. **PORTLAND, Oregon: Arrest Made In Pawn Shop Shooting, Robbery ...** Apr 19, 2010 ... - Police said two shots were fired during an armed robbery at a northeast Portland gun shop Friday evening. (source: www.kptv.com/news/23179198/detail.html)
4. **Chattanooga, Tennessee: Chattanooga Police Property Crimes Investigators are seeking clues in a theft that occurred at a local pawn shop two weeks ago ...** Apr 21, 2010 (source: www.chattanooga.com/articles/article_173999.asp)

There is nothing to recommend allowing a pawnshop to be permitted to open its doors at the proposed location. Pawnshops create a market for crime outside their doors and then are victimized in their own space in return.

June Ingram, President and BOARD

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