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Libi Uremovic

## Records Request - 3rd Request - Do It Over & Over Until You Do It Right

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City of Beaumont

April 10, 2013

RE: Request of Public Records - 3rd Request

Dear Sir:

I am requesting the following items from the City of Beaumont:

Invoices for the following Diners' Club Cards Checks that were issued by the City of Beaumont.

This Records Request was originally filed on March 18, 2013. The records were paid for, but all that was received was a copy of the checks. Payment of the Diners Club Card is not in question.

Specifically requested is a Printed Copy of Each Page of the Invoices for the Diners' Club Card Listed Below:

Check Number	Date	Amount
076353	07/15/11	\$6,032.98
076644	08/08/11	\$5,001.50
077201	09/30/11	\$6,516.36
077493	10/28/11	\$10,509.99
078027	12/09/11	\$7,477.27
078241	01/06/12	\$3,495.71
078380	01/20/12	\$3,149.41
078795	02/24/12	\$2,732.08
079195	04/05/12	\$8,349.57
079462	05/04/12	\$21,698.00
079693	05/25/12	\$7,958.81
080087	07/06/12	\$2,415.00
080249	07/27/12	\$4,676.68

The Records should also show the allocation of each expense to the Individual Employee and Department.

This information was requested and paid for weeks ago and the Citizenry should expect it to be released immediately.

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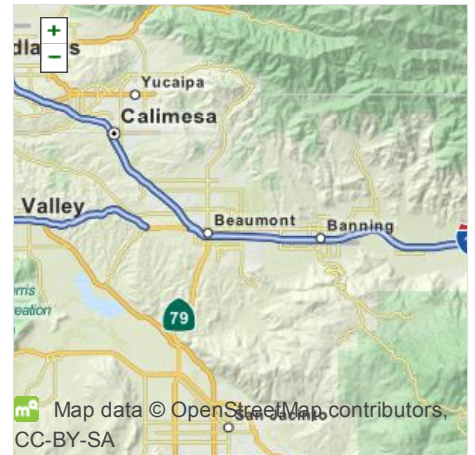
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**Libi Uremovic**

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3:04 pm on Wednesday, April 10, 2013

\$90,000 charged in the last year.....every penny is taxpayer dollar and must be accounted for... and where's the 2012 gaap audit...?

Reply

**Washy**

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3:59 pm on Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mayor Berg why is the police dept using outside detail company to the tune of 48k a year when they are assigned inmate workers? Banning and the Sheriff both use the inmates to detail cars and just today the cars in Beaumont were being washed by the inmates.....I think the officers who are responsible for the cars should CLEAN THEM OUT....They eat drink and be merry in those cars...they take them home...

Reply

**Ken**

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6:07 pm on Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Good point Washy...I've often wondered. It appears they have carte blanche to the Highland Springs car wash, the buses have their own bus wash company and it looks like possibly one that does "city cars"

Reply

**Washy**

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5:18 am on Thursday, April 11, 2013

And if they are using Highland Springs why are they paying 48k a year for a private detailer?

**Ben**

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9:12 pm on Wednesday, April 10, 2013

I wouldn't want inmates inside police cars "detailing" them. Lots of fun stuff to play with.

Reply

**Washy**

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5:17 am on Thursday, April 11, 2013

Ben the inmates wash the outside and the back seats already...so for the time the cop spends in HIS car (its not like the old days where they share) he should clean HIS mess out!

**Ben**

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9:15 pm on Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Hey Ken- see the zombie headline in the PE today? Guy crashed a semi claiming he was running from zombies. See, its starting.

Reply

**Libi Uremovic**

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5:35 am on Thursday, April 11, 2013

the entries for s.a. mobile car wash run from \$48 - \$270..the bill on 10/18/12 totaled \$1,148 and is listed in the police dept general ledger as:

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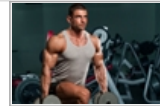
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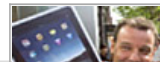


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all of the s.a. mobile car was charges seem to be in the police dept - but that doesn't necessarily mean that only police vehicles are being cleaned...

'...he should clean HIS mess out!...'

it's my understanding that 'things happen' in the back seat of squad cars....we can't expect a cop to clean up a prisoners vomit and urine - but it should be cheaper to pay someone else to do it ...but looking at the bills - it might be cheaper to hire someone than to pay an outside contractor...

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**Washy**

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5:20 pm on Thursday, April 11, 2013

The back seats/of the cop cars are all plastic they take them to the back of the PD and hose them out when that happens...I am talking about the "detailing" of the front. In the back there isn't an under the seat, no between the seat it is all hard plastic

**Libi Uremovic**

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7:06 pm on Sunday, April 14, 2013

\$270 - isn't that a lot of money to clean a vehicle?

for that amount i assumed it was for the entire vehicle - inside and out...

**Libi Uremovic**

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5:47 am on Thursday, April 11, 2013

the city had originally charged a higher price for this past records' request, but then gave judy a refund - so i'm guessing they had included the diners' club invoices, then took them out....

let's face it - city officials justify everything they do, so it's not likely they're hiding anything that was used in the course of running the city...

so what's on the diners' club cards that the city doesn't want anyone to see...??

a very common use of company credit cards is to entertain their mistresses so their wives don't out...

Reply

**Washy**

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5:56 pm on Sunday, April 14, 2013

It is the stupid slanderous comments like the last line there that shoots your credibility as being a professional right out the window. It is a sexist remark too!

**kim murphy**

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6:23 pm on Sunday, April 14, 2013

How the heck is that slanderous?

**Libi Uremovic**

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7:02 pm on Sunday, April 14, 2013

i've audited a lot of books...it's reality washy... all things considered; a little personal waste is nothing, so it's got to be something embarrassing ...

the big shocker for me so far is the health care scam - coming and going - ...i've never seen that before, but i guess it's a sign of the times....

**Washy**

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7:05 pm on Sunday, April 14, 2013

Kim it is slanderous because there is no evidence anything of the sort is going on. Libi why is it hard for you to stick to one topic? Again why did the Grand Jury say your case had no merit?

**kim murphy**

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9:41 pm on Sunday, April 14, 2013

"a very common use of company credit cards is to entertain their mistresses so their wives don't out..".  
A statement about a common use of a credit card does not make it sexist or slanderous!~

**Washy**

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5:32 am on Monday, April 15, 2013

Kim read the first sentence then the second...It is sexist because she is only accusing the men of our city, it is slanderous because she is implying this of the men of our city. (perhaps you Kim get a dictionary before you try to debate with me what the legal definition of words are.)

so what's on the diners' club cards that the city doesn't want anyone to see...??

a very common use of company credit cards is to entertain their mistresses so their wives don't out...

**kim murphy**

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10:25 pm on Sunday, April 14, 2013

Washy you have read all of the audits Libi has posted. You have replied on many of them with your thoughts and opinions. It was a statement she made and I thought about the whole picture before she posted her response to you. This is not her first rodeo so She has knowledge of some crazy things.. Whom actually gets to have a diners club card?

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**Libi Uremovic**

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3:25 am on Monday, April 15, 2013

'...Whom actually gets to have a diners club card?...'

the transactions are in every department, but we'll have to look at the bills to see exactly who uses the cards and for what use...

**Washy**

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5:34 am on Monday, April 15, 2013

PS Kim I have researched her yes not her first rodeo, she has attacked many cities and NOT ONE investigation has been found to have merit. The Riverside Grand Jury has tossed her case out as having no merit. She herself has admitted it and said "I am going to audit them and see what they are doing"

**Libi Uremovic**

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3:22 am on Monday, April 15, 2013

'...Again why did the Grand Jury say your case had no merit?...'

the grand jury hasn't said that to me or anyone else that i know ....where did you get your information...?

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**Libi Uremovic**

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6:26 am on Monday, April 15, 2013

'....It is sexist because she is only accusing the men of our city....'

beaumont is run only by men ....shelby harvey is the only female with the ability to grab money, but she's only an underling of your city manager...beaumont is controlled by men, but they buy themselves all the toys they want, have massive salaries, and pad every buddy's pocket in the public's face - so it's got to be something else they're hiding...

the city of la hambra heights is a completely different story - everyone in the office is female so the books are a completely different dynamic....

la hambra heights has only 2 small old bond debts - they are beggars ...aside from taxes; they get their funding from grants and other government subsidies instead of going into debt themselves...

it might sound sexist, but women tend to be beggars and are more 'squirrel like' in their theft ...they steal alone, smaller amounts, & at a consistent rate for personal reasons like gambling or for their kids ...

men have a 'deviance club' mentality - they get their hands dirty together ...

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**Jeremiah Price**

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8:05 am on Monday, April 15, 2013

Washy is right on this one and I completely agree with him - that was a completely uncalled for statement from someone who tries to project herself as a "professional" when she has no idea what professional means. Libi is doing more harm than good to the cause of getting Beaumont government back on track with her outbursts. Washy claimed not one of her "audits" has resulted in a prosecution - Libi didn't answer that question, you will notice. It is because she would be a prosecutor's nightmare on the stand with all these statements on record. If she would stick with statistics and facts she does a good job. But then she ruins it by trying to create a devil under every bush and making wild and slanderous statements that are going to come back and bite her one day. Does she really think these guys are stupid and going to just roll over while she potshots at them? My only question is how long will it be before she gets a "cease and desist" letter from a lawyer and then when she doesn't has a lawsuit filed against her for libel and/or slander. She has ruined all the value her work could have been with her egotistical desire to be seen as a hero saving us all. I started out backing her but she changed all that herself. I'm sick of seeing a really good newspaper being used by her for her own aggrandizement. All she is doing is showing Beaumont what they need to do a better job of hiding and muddying the water for any real investigation and prosecution. IMHO.

Jeremiah

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**Jessica**

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1:22 pm on Monday, April 15, 2013

Very well say Jeremiah...I agree 100%.

Did I miss something that may have been written in the past however "why did she select Beaumont to Audit?"

The evidence shows that "our city" is not on the up & up... I am not against anyone who wants that job however "Libi, what is your agenda? Why the unprofessional digs? Your work posted speaks for itself; your opinions are not relevant and actually hurt your credibility.

You seem like a jilted lover.

**Libi Uremovic**

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2:02 pm on Monday, April 15, 2013

your city \$300 million in debt and all you focus on is me...that's why your city is so openly corrupt ...

a democratic government is controlled by the people - you people need to get off your holier than thou thrones and accept some personal responsibility and shame that you've allowed your city to become this corrupt...

yes, someone from out of town had to come in to clean your filthy house because you refuse to clean up after yourself....that's something to be shamed of...

the city still has not released the records - have any of you called the city and demanded the release of the records..??

**Jeremiah Price**

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4:30 pm on Monday, April 15, 2013

Libi - did you ever consider that you bring it on yourself? As I've always said your work is well done, but real accountants present results and figures, not wild opinions and stories about the "Kingfisher" and how grown men tremble when you walk in the room, etc, etc..... You slap anyone who dares to offer you an opinion or help you in the face and then question why they won't get involved and help you. And now you want to shame the people you yourself have driven away. Many people supported you and tried to help you when you started this project - now they don't - doesn't that give you a clue?

I think we are all still behind you on this - I know I am - but we are grown people who are interested in the facts, not name calling and unproveable accusations which many times border on slander and libel. We also like to feel like part of a team and not be ridiculed and characterized as idiots when we offer advice from personal experience. Where it goes from here with people will depend on you and whether you are honestly trying to right a wrong - or using a wrong as a vehicle to hold on to your self-worth and make yourself seem important. No one is against you and what you are attempting as a layman to do - they are against all the grandstanding and postulating and accusing.

Thank you for the actual work you have done - no one can fault that - and I hope you will consider the rest and modify how you treat people. A little respect will gain you respect.

Jeremiah

**Libi Uremovic**

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4:40 pm on Monday, April 15, 2013

'...A little respect will gain you respect....'

you're a bunch of thieving sissy pants little boys and i don't have any respect for you...nor do i need or care about your respect since you don't have enough respect for yourselves to stop stealing from your own community and country....

Reply

**Libi Uremovic**

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4:49 pm on Monday, April 15, 2013

...but i do have a \$988,826.35 payment to the riverside country auditor controller on 07/11/12 ...ran through fund 37, taken out of the general fund banking account through electronic transfer, but not listed on the check warrants...

...the penalty payment was made 10 days after the 2011 GAAP Audit was signed.....

**Washy**

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5:11 pm on Monday, April 15, 2013

Thank you for proving my point one more time.

**Jeremiah Price**

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6:55 pm on Monday, April 15, 2013

Well aren't you wonderful!!! Whatever did the world and all of us do without you? You are your own worst enemy but you are too ignorant to see it. Grow up so people will take you seriously and you will go far and do a lot of good. Until that happens you are a waste of good air and water! I can't even get angry at you anymore - you are that pathetic. I wish you well.

Jeremiah

**Jessica**

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10:35 am on Tuesday, April 16, 2013

I bet those at City Hall love it when you attack the citizens you are trying to inform. The city people dont need to do a thing; you sink yourself and all they need to do is wait it all out....awful.

**Jeremiah Price**

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9:19 pm on Monday, April 15, 2013

Libi - hey, I will go by and ask why they only released part of the requested records - that is a smoking gun. Makes me wonder as well what they are hiding. You have any names at city hall I should contact? Remember, I don't live in Beaumont so they probably will tell me to take a long walk on a short road but I will try because a personal visit carries much more weight than a phone call. If enough people take a few minutes and go by city hall and ask why then they will take it much more seriously.

Jeremiah

Reply

**Libi Uremovic**

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6:24 am on Tuesday, April 16, 2013

'...I don't live in Beaumont so they probably will tell me to take a long walk on a short road...'

a big problem in this country is that people don't understand how the democratic process is set up...

any individual or business can go to any government agency and request to view or copy the public records...and it is your duty to control your own government ...

we have massive demographic in this country that can't seem to grasp that we are headed to economic ruin ...we are in far greater debt than we were at the beginning of the depression in 1929, everyone refuses to stop pillaging the taxpayer, and you have the nerve to criticize those that do have the common sense to see what's coming

....you're ruining the country and i think you freaks should be executed for treason.....and that's something you can take upon yourself....

Reply

**Jeremiah Price**

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7:30 am on Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Yep, you're the only one that cares and the only real patriot left. I'm sorry, I don't have time to trade barbs with you this morning. You didn't answer my question as to who you have spoken to at city hall so you obviously aren't as interested in receiving help as what you try to make everyone believe. Whether they will talk to me or not is a question - you haven't done so well at having them pay attention to your rights and give you the information, so what you say about the democratic process isn't working well for you, is it? Maybe it's because you think bad guys live by the same rules the rest of us do and haven't figured out yet that they don't and you cannot even depend on the justice system to enforce that. You have a hard collision coming with reality at some point in your life. I will report back on what they say to me concerning your request. Did you quote chapter and verse of the Freedom of Information Act and specify what it is you want? Because it sounds to me like the request was vague and they gave you the minimum they could get away with. It would have been nice to know these things before I go, but you are too absorbed in downing others so you can feel good to help others help you. I get it, though - it's all supposed to revolve around you.

Jeremiah

Reply

**Judy Bingham**

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8:02 am on Tuesday, April 16, 2013

I made the request for the 3rd time Jeremiah. Stop blaming Libi for the sins of the City of Beaumont! Direct the blame where the blame belongs. A City Council that cannot think for themselves any more and the evil Alan Kapanicas, a City Manager that is involved in town politics and enabling the severely dysfunctional five councilmembers to his own benefit. \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

Reply

**Jeremiah Price**

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8:16 am on Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Judy, I am not blaming Libi for the sins of the city of Beaumont - please clarify where you get that. I am going today to ask why the records have not been released - It would have been nice to have a basis to work from, and that is what I was asking for. I was not suggesting in any way that she submitted a bad request - I simply wanted to know exactly what was asked for so I could pin them down and not have it bite me. Unlike Libi, I make sure I have my ducks in a row before I open my mouth - she could have equipped me to

ask deeper and more pointed questions, however she chose to continue to try to down others and make them look small so she can feel bigger. I'm not playing that game with her anymore and I am not going to roll over and be disrespected by someone with an absolutely nasty personality who has no idea of the meaning of the word.

Jeremiah

**Judy Bingham**

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8:33 am on Tuesday, April 16, 2013

When you get a copy Jeremiah, please let me know so I can go down and get mine that was requested March 18, 2013 and paid for and then they sent me money back. How much money did you put out for your request?

Reply

**Libi Uremovic**

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8:34 am on Tuesday, April 16, 2013

'...You didn't answer my question as to who you have spoken to at city hall ...'

i haven't spoken to anyone - they're all too afraid to come to the phone.....

judy just called for the records... there is no one available in city hall and the council meeting has been canceled....

go down to city hall yourself and see if someone will talk to you or release the records ...it's the invoices for the diners' club card for the fiscal year 2011-2012 and the 2012 gaap audit that should have been available by the end of 2012...

Reply

**Jeremiah Price**

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9:52 am on Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Thanks and I will do it. I know you are far away and someone needs to go by and put them on the spot. Government plays this game too much. Judy - I have made no request - I am simply asking why the requests made by you and Libi are being ignored and avoided. I want to see what kind of a crap answer they give. Then hopefully a few more people who actually live in Beaumont will personally ask the question also.

Jeremiah

**Danny Boy**

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10:06 am on Tuesday, April 16, 2013

And ask for proof of payment on Castaldo's loan that diminished by over \$30,000 between two audits, without any payments recorded?

Reply

**Danny Boy**

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10:45 am on Tuesday, April 16, 2013

The RDA audits state that the "Agency" entered into a settlement agreement to reduce purchase price from original note \$61,200 to \$46,000. Forgiving \$15,200 on the loan and untold amount of interest. So, comment by Mr. Castaldo that "the city did not pay one penny to clean up my property" is technically correct, he just neglects to mention that instead they reduced his loan. Nice trick, huh?

**Claire Frémont**

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12:29 pm on Tuesday, April 16, 2013

That arrangement would then retroactively reduce the interest also. I have never heard of reducing the original purchase price of a loan that dates back over 10 years, thus saving the individual quite a lot of money. Said individual got elected that same year, is that correct? Even if the City has the legal right to perform such actions, it still raises eyebrows. It's lucky for Beaumont that they seem to have a limited pool of people interested in running for their council. In other places the races are hotly contested, and this loan nonsense would have made a rival a very happy person.

Reply



**Judy Bingham**[Flag as inappropriate](#)

2:04 pm on Tuesday, April 16, 2013

This loan forgiveness never went before City Council or had an airing before the public in a public hearing posted on any agenda that I have seen.

**Jeremiah Price**[Flag as inappropriate](#)

12:30 pm on Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Danny Boy -

This additional request is concerning an issue that is better dealt with by Libi, who has the financial records in hand. I am not knowledgeable enough about this particular loan to know what I am asking for or even the right questions to ask to get the information. It does appear pretty hinky, doesn't it?! If I remember right, anytime a windfall is received like this the IRS wants capital gains taxes on it - I wonder if Mr. Kapanicas paid those? Many times crooks who are up on using every loophole in the law fall into problems with the IRS. This stuff of mixing personal finances with city finances gives these people benefits the average citizen doesn't enjoy and sets the stage for corruption. I'm sure it is here - it only needs to be dug out and prosecuted. Libi is doing the first, but as far as I can tell there is no group of citizens with a team of lawyers actually bringing suit - which is what needs to be done because municipalities often control the very agencies which are being asked to prosecute. And cities pay the state - so as long as they are doing so, where is the impetus for the AG to act? They are worthless anyway in my experience.

Jeremiah

[Reply](#)**Jeremiah Price**[Flag as inappropriate](#)

3:47 pm on Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Okay, here is the deal. I met with Alan Kapanicas and a secretary whose name I did not get. They were very open and helpful and opened their logs and record books on all the freedom of information act requests submitted by Libi and Judy. This is actually a 2nd request for information on the diner's club invoices - the first was for checks and it was amended to request both sides of the checks, which if I understand properly were also supplied. The problem was with the wording and that was why money was refunded, because Judy and Libi did not get what they really wanted. I saw the wording and it did ask for checks rather than invoices. The second request was received 4/10/13 and they have 10 days to respond as to when and where the information will be provided. That response is prepared and will be mailed tonight or tomorrow, well within the 10 days. They have the copies of the invoices ready for when the minimal fee is paid at the counter. I saw them, so there is no attempt to keep this from Judy or Libi at all. (1 of 2)

Jeremiah

[Reply](#)**Washy**[Flag as inappropriate](#)

3:58 pm on Tuesday, April 16, 2013

So basically they are crying wolf when they are filling out paperwork wrong? So here is where we can accuse Judy and Libi of being ignorant and not knowing what they are doing or accuse them of doing this on purpose. Based on Libi's accusation of the city those are the only two reasons....

**Jeremiah Price**[Flag as inappropriate](#)

5:22 pm on Tuesday, April 16, 2013

I don't know if it is crying wolf or not - it could be simply a misunderstanding of words and what they thought they were asking for. Or not. What I am saying is the city shows no sign of trying to hide anything on this issue and they actually have the documents requested. I didn't really think they would, but I saw them and I have to back up on my earlier comments of them trying to hide something - it appears they are not. As to whether the expense was proper or not - I reserve judgement on that until we actually see what the expenses were for and get an explanation in answer to the accusations Judy and Libi have made. There is an issue here of the instigating party (not Libi) having a personal beef with the city which I was made aware of - whether that has anything to do with this 4 months of accusations I don't know. I would like to think it is a separate issue but time will tell. These people have never talked to Libi and look at her as a paid shill who is maybe herself misled. I think not - as much as I dislike Libi's attitude and her way

of doing things, she has revealed some things that cause me to question. At this point we need to show more than irregularities and suspicions - there needs to be shown an instance of outright criminality and intent. Then it becomes put up or shut up.

Jeremiah

**Jeremiah Price**

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3:58 pm on Tuesday, April 16, 2013

I also asked how the city council would feel about a special meeting with all interested parties concerning the allegations of corruption. It was told to me that this would be amenable if concerns were reduced to a finite list and it didn't become a free-for-all of accusations. He also said that there is an informal meeting called a BCAT meeting held the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6pm that every person is welcome to attend specifically in order to deal with public issues in a forum apart from the council meetings. It is an informal meeting and not time restricted - has anyone attended any of these or know anything about them? (2 of 2)

Jeremiah

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**Washy**

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4:02 pm on Tuesday, April 16, 2013

I am down with a finite list if that list can include three reporters from the local newspapers Otherwise it becomes we heard they said situation. And why hide it from the community as a whole?

**kim murphy**

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4:33 pm on Tuesday, April 16, 2013

I attended my first BCAT meeting this month it was held after the meet and greet so I just stayed for both!!! Yes it is informal!!! The majority of people that attend are from your HOA's ie Sundance, Three Rings etc..

**Jeremiah Price**

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4:56 pm on Tuesday, April 16, 2013

So, Kim, would you say they are worth attending or was I fed a bill of goods?

Jeremiah

**kim murphy**

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5:59 pm on Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Yes by all means they are worth attending! Like I said this was my first one so I am at least learning what some of the concerns are! This particular meeting was about certain trees being trimmed and a street here in Beaumont that recently had a bad accident!!!

**Jeremiah Price**

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4:10 pm on Tuesday, April 16, 2013

The special meeting idea is separate from the BCAT meetings which I had not heard of either. I suggested the special meeting and it was accepted as a good idea with the idea of a finite list to prevent mud slinging and deal with issues. Your idea of having reporters present is really good. Maybe you guys can work this out and make it happen. I doubt Libi or Judy will like it however.

Jeremiah

Reply

**Libi Uremovic**

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5:31 pm on Tuesday, April 16, 2013

the original records request was for 'all attachments'....the city originally charged judy for the invoices, but took them out and handed her a refund....

...now they are trying to make her start over again ...pay, then wait longer for the paperwork....

but jeremiah has assured everyone that the invoices are ready for judy to pick up....so we'll have

them tomorrow...

Reply

**Jeremiah Price**

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5:15 am on Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Careful now - don't spin what I said. I said I was shown the documents and TOLD the request for payment would be sent on Wednesday and the documents made available upon payment. I neither said it would happen nor not happen - I simply reported what was told to me and the words I saw on the original papers. Now it either will or it won't and that will speak for itself. That was my purpose in going. Beyond that leave me out of it - you asked for someone to go by the city and ask and I did that. You're welcome!

Jeremiah

**margaret bragg**

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7:37 pm on Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Wait a moment. Since Mrs. Bingham has been making record requests for MANY years now, do ya' all really think she doesn't know how to make one? If these ladies can't make a legitimate record request, how did Libi get all the info she already has? This is too funny. Once before, when Judy requested certain documents, one was purposely left out. Yeah, it was all a big misunderstanding. According to these guys, it has all been a big misunderstanding, they are as legitimate as saints, and Mrs. Bingham has a grudge. If you believe that, I have a nice bridge to sell...

I can't speak for these ladies, I've met Mrs. Bingham, I have never met Libi, but for Pete's sake, personalities aside, they are trying to do the citizen's of Beaumont a favor, and the best you can do is "kill the messenger"? I have posted my own findings on the Patch before, and was accused of "hating Beaumont." If you have issues with Libi's personality, why do you all keep poking at her? Why would anybody who is not "on the take" in Beaumont not want to know the truth? The worst Libi's investigation can do is reveal -- either way, it is a good thing.

Reply

**Washy**

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7:44 pm on Tuesday, April 16, 2013

If you want I will type slower for you with each request Libi claims to not get them all. She says I specifically asks for the invoices and all I got were the checks.....then she says today I asked for the checks and all the attachments. FTR attachments to checks are NOT invoices. I think it is quite possible someone has an axe to grind and wants others to think worse of our city and in doing that she muddies up the crap they are finding out because her credibility is an issue now (well Judy's has been for quite some time in my eyes)

**Libi Uremovic**

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8:27 pm on Tuesday, April 16, 2013

i requested copies of the checks and all attachments for the health care and diners' club....they gave me the correct invoices for the health care checks and started to give me the correct invoices for the diners' club - but they retracted them....the city had already gave judy a price for the invoices then gave her a refund .....

they're not stupid - they know everyone wants to see the invoices ...and they certainly could have turned of the invoices last week or today....

repeatedly requesting the same information doesn't doesn't give the city another 10 days....

**Washy**

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10:47 pm on Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Libi you cannot say .....started to give me the correct invoices for the diners' club - but they retracted them

YOU have never been down there so you don't know what they started to give Judy. I don't know in what world attachments are invoices. If you were to request that of my company I would give you checks and statements....that is all. So if you have the healthcare invoices why do we pay cigna?

Reply

**Libi Uremovic**

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4:56 am on Wednesday, April 17, 2013

'attachments' are invoices, receipts, or any other verification of the expense.....

the city charged a per page fee ... then the city reduced the fee significantly....the only papers missing from the record request were the diners' club invoices....

the city would have an easier time pretending they 'didn't understand' if they hadn't originally charged for the diners' club invoices...or if they had filled the records' request the 2nd time ...or even the 3rd time....

....and if it's all just a big misunderstanding then why am i still waiting for the diners' club invoices...??

**Washy**

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6:48 am on Wednesday, April 17, 2013

'attachments' are invoices, receipts, or any other verification of the expense.....

In your words that what it means. In my eyes (and those of the legal subpoena that could mean ANYTHING I WANT IT TO (I being the one served) as it is non specific) You would be better writing your request to say specifically what you want

**Judy Bingham**

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6:53 am on Wednesday, April 17, 2013

To Washy and Jeremiah: I made the records request on March 18. I paid for them on March 29, \$88.75. When I went to pick up the public records, a letter dated April 5, said the city is processing a refund in the amount of \$14.25. I mailed the records they provided to Libi who discovered that the Diners Club backup was not included. She called me and I took the above request in to the City on April 10. I put my phone # on the request. I also called Tuesday morning. They said there was nothing there for me. It is now April 17. I should have had those records 10 working days after I asked for them on March 18. You two have played right into Alan Kapanicas' little game haven't you? Why would anyone trust Alan Kapanicas on public records? I have been doing them since 2005 and in 2007, I discovered that Alan Kapanicas had withheld one of Urban Logic's contracts.

He is an accomplished liar and violated the Public Records Act. Don't think for one moment there was a misunderstanding! They will do anything to delay the inevitable. Don't forget they wanted me to pay over \$2000.00 to write a "new" computer program, to fulfill a request as basic as the general ledger ! Go back to November and refresh your memories of how long they stalled that request. How many years have citizens been looking at the warrants and thinking that was complete, only to find out about all the hidden payments and accounts. These people are highly dishonest, but hey, don't let the FACTS get in your way.

Reply

**Jeremiah Price**

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7:00 am on Wednesday, April 17, 2013

As far as the GAAP audit for 2012 Alan Kapanicas said it has not been completed and they don't have it. I am reporting his words - not what I think concerning the matter. Not much of a way to force this issue unless you can show in fact that this is not the case. Insinuations or deductions don't trump "we don't have it" unless you can prove factually that they do. Maybe a statement from the people who do the GAAP audit as to whether it is done or not would resolve this issue?

Jeremiah

Reply

**Jeremiah Price**

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7:18 am on Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Judy - slow down a minute here. I am not questioning that you have done an excellent job of obtaining records or saying that you are wrong. I am not saying they are right. My purpose in going there and asking was to get their words on record with a third party. Now if they don't produce it is obvious to everyone who is gaming who. They can no longer stall - it is now put up or shut up for them. Their own words are the standard upon which they will be judged, not by yours and Libi's comments. The purpose was to get the records, not sling mud. Hopefully this will accomplish that - if it doesn't I will take further steps. You both made light of my experience at this before but I do know how to get things done with government agencies.

Jeremiah

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**Judy Bingham**

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8:18 am on Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Well, Jeremiah, I just called the city and the records are not there for me to pick up , nor can they tell me how much I need to pay.

Why don't you run down to City Hall and pay for them and pick them up for me. Give me a call at 909 322-9898 and I will pick them up from you directly in the parking lot!

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**Jeremiah Price**

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8:38 am on Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Who did you speak to? I would need to know that. What they said was that they had the letter indicating they had the records requested and specifying the cost and when you could pick them up ready to mail out today. Then the city manager had the secretary pull a folder and show me the supposed invoices you requested so now they better be there or we know whose mouth speaks lies, don't we? I don't have a lot of money to spare and I live in another city but I will make another trip there and see if they will release them to me as someone other than the requesting party. I'm betting that they won't, especially if there is an attempt at a coverup here. Will you be at your place of business? If I get them I can bring them by there. You of course would have to reimburse me - I am medically unemployed and barely scraping by until they find what is wrong.

Jeremiah

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**Jeremiah Price**

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8:43 am on Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Do you have any idea what the cost is supposed to be? Thanks!

Jeremiah

[Reply](#)

**Judy Bingham**

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8:43 am on Wednesday, April 17, 2013

I spoke with Roxanne yesterday morning right after 8:00 and this morning at 8:15. Sure, please call me when you get them and I will meet you at my retail nursery, 1440 East St. and of course I will reimburse you.

Good luck !

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**Judy Bingham**

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8:45 am on Wednesday, April 17, 2013

The refund was \$14.25.

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**Jeremiah Price**

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8:53 am on Wednesday, April 17, 2013

I'm pretty sure they said something yesterday about \$4.50. Yes, I know where your nursery is - I used to be a customer of yours when I was trying to set up my business in Beaumont. Nice place!

Jeremiah

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**Jeremiah Price**

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9:43 am on Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Okay, I will go by right after lunch as I did yesterday. If they refuse to give them to me then it shows that they have them to give. And if they don't have them then they lied and manipulated yesterday when they indicated they did. I let them know I was going to post their words so now it is crunch time - they are in a cross and they either have to release them or admit that they are purposefully stalling. Not saying they are or aren't - that will be proved today by them. They have a chance to show they are operating in good faith according to the law or show they are stalling and hiding incriminating evidence.

Jeremiah

Reply

**Jeremiah Price**

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1:11 pm on Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Judy and Libi

I just went by the city center and spoke with David Castaldo and a lady named Sherri or Sherry or however she spells it. The letter requesting payment was to be sent today and the documents made ready as soon as payment was received. David Castaldo personally paid the \$15 due in order to expedite the process. The documents requested are being made ready by Sherri at this point. Confidentiality constraints require that they be examined and personal information redacted. She said they would be ready for you to pick up no later than the first of next week. Have a good day!

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**kim murphy**

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1:49 pm on Wednesday, April 17, 2013

David Castaldo is on the city council. Mayor pro Tem

**Jeremiah Price**

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4:01 pm on Wednesday, April 17, 2013

I didn't know that, Kim - thanks for the info!

Jeremiah

**Libi Uremovic**

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1:31 pm on Wednesday, April 17, 2013

'...Confidentiality constraints require that they be examined and personal information redacted. ...'

there is no personal information when the tax payer dollar is used....if i get a blacked out credit card statement they will just have to do it again ....

Reply

**Marie**

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2:28 pm on Wednesday, April 17, 2013

I agree, one of the points of asking for invoices is to see who is using the credit cards, in order to see if someone seems to be doing a questionable amount of charges that should be spread out among different people. And, of course, to see where the charges are being made and how much, in order to see if the City unfairly favors any particular place, if there is any conflict of interest for it to use any particular business, and to see exactly how much money is spend on non- essentials. There is no reason for the City to redact information. It is all public information.

**Jeremiah Price**

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3:33 pm on Wednesday, April 17, 2013

I guess by that line of thinking I should be able to use the Freedom of Information Act to request your driver's license info from the state or your Social Security information from the Federal Government and they have to release it to me? What a crock!!! I invite any lawyer who reads this site to set these people straight - this is getting beyond ludicrous!

Jeremiah

**Jeremiah Price**

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3:36 pm on Wednesday, April 17, 2013

That is completely incorrect, Libi. Even governments cannot reveal personal information without the approval of the person involved. Show us what they redact and let us decide if it was legitimate before you open your mouth about things you appear to know nothing

about. I wouldn't want my personal financial info released without my approval and I don't believe you or anyone else here would either. You are paid to do an audit and that doesn't include all the extemporaneous comments. When you find something actually criminal then post it with chapter and verse of the particular code and prior judgements showing the court agrees with your interpretation. If you yourself don't have an agenda or something to hide. Tell us all.again - how did you get involved with this and discover all this " corruption"? Was it on your own or did someone pay you to take it up? Is it your own fight or someone elses? People are starting to see you for what you are and your credibility is dropping like a rock if you don't produce something actually prosecutable after all these months. Otherwise Judy is wasting her money.

Jeremiah

**Jeremiah Price**

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3:52 pm on Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Here is a link to the California Attorney General's explanation of the California version of the Federal Freedom of Information Act. The wording about confidentiality and required redaction is on the first page.

[http://ag.ca.gov/publications/summary\\_public\\_records\\_act.pdf](http://ag.ca.gov/publications/summary_public_records_act.pdf)

Like I said - before making statements about how wrong it is to redact let us see exactly what they redact - then if you are not happy you are allowed to go to court and have the redaction removed if the court agrees. The court even has a fast-track method for this. Whether I or anyone else likes it or not they have a legal responsibility to do this. you are claiming criminal behaviour and corruption here - now you are advocating illegality.

Jeremiah

**Libi Uremovic**

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2:23 pm on Wednesday, April 17, 2013

thank you councilman castaldo for stepping to the plate ....the city can stop the records request parade at any time....

cali state law mandates that government agencies comply with records requests within 10 days - that's the max...they can fill the request on the spot...they have the option of doing their job immediately instead of dragging out every request...

at this point they just need to do their job and release the records....every penny of tax payer dollar is accountable and i expect to see the full invoice and every receipt to justify the transactions.....

Reply

**Jeremiah Price**

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4:11 pm on Wednesday, April 17, 2013

I'd say they pretty much have released their records to you unless there is stuff I don't know about. They have a folder of fulfilled requests well over 2" thick!!! You guys are definitely keeping them busy and costing them money!

Jeremiah

**Ken**

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4:36 pm on Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Where did you get your law degree? I freely admit I dont have one. However I see nothing in your link, that reads as the following:

"... There are two recurring interests that justify most of the exemptions from disclosure.

First, several CPRA exemptions are based on a recognition of the individual's right to privacy (e.g., privacy in certain personnel, medical or similar records).

Second, a number of disclosure exemptions are based on the government's need to perform its assigned functions in a reasonably efficient manner (e.g., maintaining confidentiality of investigative records, official information, records related to pending litigation, and preliminary notes or memoranda..."

... that would justify redacting who the expenses are generated by.

Furthermore continued reading indicates that

"...B. Disclosure Would Constitute An Unwarranted Invasion Of Privacy

If information is intimate or personal in nature and has not been provided to a government agency as part of an attempt to acquire a benefit, disclosure of the information probably would

constitute a violation of the individual's privacy."

The key part here is acquiring benefits at taxpayers expense. I see absolutely no reason to not show what Dept is related to what expense and for what purpose and who is responsible. Put it this way, if one of the users was getting cash advances from the Diners Club card, I bet you would be singing a different tune.

Reply

**Jeremiah Price**

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5:19 pm on Wednesday, April 17, 2013

I'm not understanding your question here. What is indicated is the responsibility of government agencies to examine documents to prevent certain types of information from being released such as credit card numbers along with authorized users names and signatures. The document may come with no redactions at all or it may have credit card numbers blacked out. Certainly unnecessary redaction of information which doesn't fall under the exemptions would be against the law. But the point is the document has not been received and no one knows if or what is going to be redacted - so why all the insinuations of wrongdoing when an agency is complying with the law and examining the documents for private info before release? I am not on either side here - I am trying to stop all the mudslinging and drama and get a woman who is doing a pretty good job of identifying discrepancies to stop with premature accusations that make her a liability in court and prevent any proper prosecution of intentional criminality. Every single unproveable accusation lessens the value and credibility of her audit.

Jeremiah

**Libi Uremovic**

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5:21 pm on Wednesday, April 17, 2013

there is no personal information on a government credit card ....stop whining and making excuses for yourselves and turn over the records...

Reply

**Jeremiah Price**

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5:45 pm on Wednesday, April 17, 2013

But there are credit card numbers on invoices as well as names - everything the wrong sort of person could use to charge on the card. I'm really interested in this and what they redact and I am waiting to see if they try to hold back info that will stop you from categorizing expenses or identifying what was purchased and how often. I know what their mouths have said - now we get to see how truthful that was. Serves no purpose to accuse of wrongdoing before you even know they withheld it, though. As far as whether they complied with the original request within a timely manner - I saw the request and it specified checks (both sides) and accompanying documents and was not specific as to invoices. What you were requesting was open to interpretation and you of all people should know that you can't do that with governments. Once specified, I can see no sign that they have delayed or obfuscated on getting them to you - but I don't know what happened before I stepped in and confronted them so I can't judge that.

Jeremiah

**Libi Uremovic**

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5:28 pm on Wednesday, April 17, 2013

'...so why all the insinuations of wrongdoing when an agency is complying with the law...'

they're not complying with the law...if they were complying with the law they would have released the information within 10 days of receiving the records request...

Reply

**Washy**

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9:00 pm on Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Again you didn't request the INVOICES you requested ATTACHMENTS....Like I said it seems like you trip yourself up to make them look worse...



**Washy**

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9:04 pm on Wednesday, April 17, 2013

And remember you aren't going to say they are breaking the law unless you can site the law they are breaking...sounds too hysterical

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