From The Desk Of: Karen Lebens

President/CEO- Chatsworth/Porter Ranch Chamber of Commerce

March 29, 2017:

It has been brought to my attention that there has been dissention amongst several community individuals regarding an E-blast that was sent out through the Chamber electronically. Let me elaborate to clear up any false accusations posed towards the Chamber’s and sender’s conduct.

One of our members, Vickie Briskman, contacted our office to request 2 e-blasts be sent out for her at her expense of $100. This is a service we provide to all our members. I did not personally see the content of her E-mail until our Membership Director, Nikki Basi informed me that it was of Political nature.

I asked a former Chamber President if this type of E-mail could be sent out through our system. She noted that paid E-blasts could be sent as long as the content was not of an immoral nature..which it was not.

Ms Briskman NEVER coerced us into sending her e-mail nor did we endorse it. We DO NOT endorse any E-blasts that run through our system. We simply supply a service to our members.

We claim no wrong-doings for our conduct on this matter. If you are a member, we will supply this service for you as well when requested.

Sincerely,
Karen Lebens

President/CEO Chatsworth/Porter Ranch Chamber of Commerce

(818) 341-2428
March 29, 2017

To whom it may concern,

There has been discussion about the recent e-blast (paid for by Vicki Briskman) that was sent out by the Chamber. We received an e-mail, with the flyer, asking us to send out a paid e-blast. This is customary for our members. My boss, Karen, asked me to send it out as it had been requested. I asked if it was a conflict of interest, and she said that according to our bylaws (which a past CEO/President confirmed) that we can send out any flyer promoting any member’s business or community association as long as it’s not of immoral content. This service is open to all members of the Chatsworth/Porter Ranch Chamber of Commerce. It is one of the most valuable perks that our Chamber offers to our members.

The document must be created by the business or individual. We only upload it and send it out to anyone who has subscribed to our e-mail service.

The subject line always indicates the nature of the e-blast content, as it did with this one. It was by no means an endorsement of this person and/or her business, as none of our e-mails are. Our name was on the bottom of the e-mail because it was sent out directly from our system.

The administrative staff at the Chamber was not coerced by Vicki Briskman to promote her. We had no direct contact with her about the matter. The e-mail was simply forwarded to me. I sent it out.

We claim no wrong-doings.

Thank you for your time,

Nikki Basi
Communications & Membership Director
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Chatsworth Neighborhood Council (CNC) Board Election

VOTE

Vicki Briskman on March 18!

Dear Neighbors,

On March 18th, the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council is having their Board election from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Chatsworth Train Depot, located at 10038 Old Depot Plaza Road. There are 10 open seats, and I am running for one of them, and I am asking you to vote for me, Vicki Briskman.

I have served on the CNC for a total of 8 years, and I have been the Treasurer for 6 of those years. Serving on the CNC gives me the opportunity to give back to the community, along with giving me the resources to help solve problems that arise in our community.

Please take 30 minutes and VOTE on March 18th