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 Sent: Monday, July 27, 2009 9:30 AM
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 Subject: Alert! The Handbill Ordinance is on tonight's City Council Agenda

--- On Mon, 7/27/09, humanchange@sbcglobal.net <humanchange@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Your public comment to dismiss the Handbill Ordinance as unnecessary and unconstitutional is very much needed tonight at the Council Meeting. Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. The city did not communicate ten years ago, to the residents, that the ordinance the Council passed was banned as unconstitutional by a federal court judge. The Constitution and the first amendment are more important than people's private dislike of coupons and soliciting.

It's important that official government literature NOT be the only legal written communication. Small businesses need to be able to advertise by fliers and little notices, as does the residential community, and political candidates, and others who value the first amendment right to free speech whether written or oral.

The Handbill Ordinance is appalling and needs to be removed from the agenda once and for all or you will see the end to America as you know it and other constitutional freedoms will be also quickly eroded. Apartment residents are people too and yet the Handbill Ordinance puts renters into a second-class citizenship with a growing gap between the rich, the property owners, and the poor renters. If we are disallowed to distribute and receive first amendment communication then what's next? Loss of voting rights? Should only the landlords be able to vote? Want to return to the dark ages folks?

Do you really just want to receive "official" government propaganda as legal? Do you really just want official government-sponsored events as legal? Do you really want socialism or facism? Apathy toward the Constitution of the United States of America is causing loss of our American freedoms and it reminds me of the story of the frogs. The way to cook a frog alive is to put it into a pot of cold water and very slowly turn up the heat to tepid which is quite comfortable. Then

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to warm, and the frogs will stay in the water, because they get used to it. Then the water heats to hot and the frogs feel complacent. By the time the water is a raging boil and cooking the frogs to death it is too late. But those same frogs if tossed into a pot of boiling water would jump out immediately and save their lives. So the Handbill Ordinance is hot water indeed and will you complacently stay at home or turn out for your public comment in opposition to the heat? Ten or thirty years from now will it really matter that only official government literature is considered legal or that renters have no constitutional rights? Read the book **A WRINKLE IN TIME** to see what a world of yellow pencils will be like for your children and grandchildren. I dare you to arise from your mindset that calls apathy good and speaking up bad.

You've got a voice. Use it or lose it. And be careful how you use it. Think of the consequences down the road for the next generation and not just your own selfish need for safety. What good is safety if it is without liberty and justice for all? You can be quite safe in prison. You can be quite safe in a neighborhood that disallows strangers from other neighborhoods to come give you little discount coupons. But your lack of hospitality and human kindness might cause your neighborhood to miss out on entertaining angels unawares. Heaven and earth are watching to see what's really the motive in the human heart and if freedom is so unimportant to the American public as to allow your power of free speech to be taken away, then enslavement shortly follows. Take a good look at human history and what made America great and think twice before you concede to something already declared unconstitutional by a federal court judge.

The wake up call has already sounded. What will you do about it? Will you be considerate of those who need to use handbills to stay in business during these tough economic times? Or will you be hard hearted. The eyes of the world are upon Pasadenans. The Handbill Ordinance is petty and there is a bigger picture to consider. I urge you to think bigger than your own petty secondary gain and to consider the land of the free and the home of the brave and what the ultimate loss of Constitutional first amendment means down the road. Is such a petty trumped up litter law really necessary? What is being gained compared to the bigger thing that is being lost?

--Nancy Nelson

-----Original Message-----

From: Stewart, Jana
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2009 8:59 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Cc: Flores, Silvia
Subject: for distro before tonight's meeting

Hi Mark,

Mayor Bogaard asked if you would kindly arrange for distribution of this message prior to the meeting tonight. Thanks.

Jana

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From: CityWeb-Server@cityofpasadena.net [mailto:CityWeb-Server@cityofpasadena.net]
Sent: Sun 7/26/2009 7:10 PM
To: Bogaard, Bill
Subject: WWW PUBLIC COMMENT

Subject: Throwing away advertising
Name: John W. Hazlet, Jr.
Address:
City: Pasadena
State: CA
Zip: 91104
Email:

Comments: Over the past several months, there seems to have been a considerable increase in throwaway advertising material. This stuff used to be attached to front doorknobs with rubber bands(which was bothersome), but now is usually dropped close to the street on driveways, sidewalks, parkways, and -- some of the time -- in gutters. It usually appears after midmorning on Sunday, sometimes two different packages. In this week's edition the main advertiser was Sears; there is no identification as to publisher. Since a substantial amount of these items wind up in the street, is there a way the litter laws could be invoked, or something else done to stop this annoying source of trash?

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