

2nd Draft Mali Bakhtar letter:

Sept. 18, 2008

Mali Bakhtar
Vice-President,
Lake View Terrace Improvement Association

Dear Mali,

On behalf of the Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council (FTDNC), I would like to apologize for any rude or unwelcoming treatment you received while attending the FERPT Neighborhood Watch block party and carnival on August 24, 2008, which was sponsored in part by the FTDNC as an Area 2 outreach event.

Upon receipt of your email, I had a meeting between the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – the city agency which oversees Neighborhood Councils – and the Board members involved. With the FERPT party, there was a difference of interpretation with the promotional materials that led to the response you received, although this in no way excuses uncivil behavior. As a result of this meeting, FTDNC is re-evaluating not only how we fund our events, but also what procedures need to be in place to make clear to neighborhood groups that, with FTDNC funding, comes a standard of accountability and responsible behavior. FTDNC will also be working on policies and procedures to clarify promotional materials.

The spirit of FTDNC's mission is to represent all stakeholders in our neighborhoods and to promote inclusion and diversity. I hope that as a community leader and activist, you will feel that the FTDNC is *your* neighborhood council, responsive to your community's needs and reflective of its values.

Again, our apologies for any inconvenience you experienced.

Sincerely,

Bart Paul
President,
Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council