

From: Lance Johannsen [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 15, 2022 10:35 AM
To: John McCann <jmccann@chulavistaca.gov>; Mary Salas <MSalas@chulavistaca.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@chulavistaca.gov>
Subject: Two things noted from outside of Chula Vista

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As a resident of Carlsbad, I have shopped in Chula Vista a few times, but not lately. However, the town has many things to recommend it. However, the kerfuffle about the word "gringo" was one of the worst uses of public funds, I have ever heard of. \$60K+ to investigate and decide that the word's context and use, did not rise to the level of a legal issue? As a "gringo", I smile every time I hear the word, whether it is applied to me or not. All I hear, is a funny word, that is a substitute for Caucasian, that is not a slur. Do either of you wish that CV, had that money back in the city treasury? I think so!

My other subject to discuss, is how the Council has gone out on a limb, for what should be a neutral issue to the Council, especially if there is not enough justification for a strike, like the one with Republic. Here is the reason why:

I am offering in this opinion, as a perspective on comparable drivers' wages, in our county, most of whom, have higher degrees of safety responsibility, than collecting and hauling trash. The typical modern San Diego trash truck, has one driver, who operates a mechanical arm to grab and dump each bin, into the holding bay of the truck. i.e. there is little or no physical exertion as there was before, when curbside trash bins were physically handled. Truck drivers have to be careful everywhere they drive, but so do public transit bus driver with people aboard. Below, are the hard numbers regarding comparable wages:

The Republic union drivers of Chula Vista, are striking to increase their wages by \$2 an hour, from \$24.60 to \$26.60 per hour. The average MTS

bus driver, currently earns \$19.51 per hour, while a North County Transit bus driver typically earns just \$18.29 per hour.

In light of these numbers, and considering the small amount of physical exertion, needed to operate a trash truck, is the across-the-board Republic employee wage increase, justified? I conclude that the *current wage* is still justified, and the union is just flexing its muscles in our already inflationary economy. The unfortunate thing, is that the union has gotten the City of Chula Vista Council, to sympathize with the strikers, who likely now come home from a day's work without getting their hands or clothes dirty, and having tossed zero bins of trash, into their trucks.

Sincerely submitted for public information purposes, Gerald Lance
Johannsen, Carlsbad, CA

From: Craig Costello <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, January 15, 2022 4:36 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@chulavistaca.gov>
Subject: Trash emergency

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Madame Salas,

We are into the fourth week of gut wrenching tragedy and this is ridiculous inhumane, it's so sad to see our city — this is a very nice community and we need for you to lead us and get our community back towards it was and needs to be. Please change our situation as now it needs action now. Please fire the company and know we need a reliable trash pick up. And the city has a responsibility to make sure it happens.

The government has a responsibility to protect its residents. We have been a long term supportive for you but I'm not sure how much longer I can say that. Please do what you were elected to do for us: Act and do the job we expect from you.

Respectfully,
The Costello family

Name - Wyn Jamieson

Date 1/14/2022 3:45:52 PM

Position – Neutral

Hello!

I live in Rancho del Rey. None of the homes in our portion of the community have had any trash pick-up at all this week. I reached out to Republic Services for a timeline and the representative was unable to provide any detailed information. Since we were told to place all of our trash/recycling/green waste out for pick-up on Tuesday, our streets are cluttered with our containers. Trash is now piling up throughout the neighborhood, and because folks' trash containers are so full, there is quite a bit of escaped trash blowing here and there. I am disgusted that Republic Services cannot find a way to treat their workers with the respect they deserve and disappointed that our community is bearing the burden of this negotiating failure. Additionally, I am appalled that our recycling and green waste are all being routed to the dump due to potential contamination. What a travesty.

Thanks for your attention. Hope this is all behind us soon.

Name - Richard A Roy

Date 1/14/2022 12:49:57 PM

Position – Support

One solution would be using the 1.4 million dollars that they have in their bond pay the drivers there \$2 until they can reach an Agreement with a 1 -2 month end date it would be a good faith gesture from the City. It would make Republic look even worse if they turned it down or held it up. It's a short term fix. But it could get the drivers back in there trucks a early as Sunday The citizens Chula Vista deserve this, and we would respect our leaders more. It's a win win situation.

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The senior and disabled
How about re word the comments to
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Chula Vista residents

Thank you in advance

Regards
John Acosta Gerontologist

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

From: Dennis Schwartz <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, January 15, 2022 6:42 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@chulavistaca.gov>
Subject: Council comments

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With the Mayor being AWOL is there any higher authority we can reach out to help resolve this?