Please see attached PDF file.

Thank you.

Mike Robbins
Subject: Written public communications for October 15, 2013, 7:00 P.M. Regular City Council meeting

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Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2013

October 15, 2013

Re: Written Public Communications – 7:00 PM.

To: El Segundo City Council, City Clerk, Deputy City Clerk.

From: Michael D. Robbins, long time El Segundo resident.

Here is my written public communications for the October 15, 2013, 7:00 P.M. Regular El Segundo City Council meeting.

Please distribute it to the entire City Council and the City Clerk, City Manager, and City Attorney, and post it on the official City web site at ElSegundo.org on the City Council Agendas web page, http://www.ElSegundo.org/depts/elected/agendas.asp, as is customary.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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This written public communication for the October 15, 2013 7:00 P.M. Regular El Segundo City Council meeting addresses Consent Item E6, and expresses my opposition to those agenda items.
Consent Item E-5:

Sobriety Checkpoint Grant Program for 2013-2014.

DUI Check Points:

I have concerns about this agenda item, civil liberties, and its effectiveness compared to regular police patrols.

Consent Item E-6:

Change penalties for violations of Title 6 of the El Segundo Municipal Code relating to Animal Control from misdemeanors to infractions to be processed similar to parking tickets.

This update to the El Segundo Municipal Code, together with the similar an earlier update to the ESMC that gives too much power to city government and the police department, creates a presumption of guilt until proven innocent in a hearing where there is a financial conflict of interest for those conducting the hearing, lacks sufficient safeguards against the misuse of city government power, and appears to be motivated at least as much to generate revenue for the city as to enforce the Municipal Code. ESMC violations will be handled like parking tickets, only with significantly higher fines, where each violation can be punished with a new fine each day, even if the person is away on vacation and unable to remedy the problem.

This and the previous ESMC amendment need to be corrected to provide proper safeguards against abuse of power by government bureaucrats.

In addition, the ordinance has at least one wording error and needs to be corrected. Section 3, Savings Clause, contains incorrect wording in the last sentence:

“Any such repealed part will remain in full force and effect for sustaining action or prosecuting violations occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance.”

should read:

“Any such repealed part will remain in full force and effect for sustaining action or prosecuting violations occurring before the effective date of the repealing Ordinance.”
New Business Item F-12:

Attachment 8-California Green Building Standards Code (CGBSC)

Do any provisions of the California Green Building Standards Code increase the cost of construction in order to reduce alleged man-made Global Warming, which is an unscientific hoax and a fraud? And are their provisions in the CGBSC where the cost far exceeds any demonstrable benefits to the property owners? If so, can the city exclude those provisions or choose to not adopt the California Green Building Standards Code at all?

Reports – City Council Members – Item K-13:

Amendment to the El Segundo Municipal Code to ban retail sales of dogs and cats.

This proposal to ban retail dog and cat sales violates freedom of commerce, presumes everyone is guilty without due process, and sets a bad precedent for over-reaching government.

It is not the proper exercise of the city’s power and authority to ban retail dog and cat sales. If dogs and cats are being bred and raised in cruel conditions, then that can be addressed with legislation prohibiting truly cruel treatment of animals in the jurisdictions where they are being bred and raised.

There is the potential for expensive litigation against the city now, or in the future by businesses that are not yet in the city.

If there is a real problem with animal cruelty in El Segundo, then consider a law against that real animal cruelty that actually takes place in the city.

Products made in China and sold in El Segundo may be made by slave labor including Christian political prisoners in China whose only crime is practicing Christianity. However, there is no way of knowing which products made in China are made by slave labor. Would it make sense to enact a law banning all products made in China in order to ban the ones made by slave labor? This seems to be the approach taken by the proposed ban on the retail sales of dogs and cats in El Segundo.

As another example, would it be a proper use of city government power to ban meat that is not Kosher because it is not slaughtered as humanely as animals used to produce Kosher meat? Of course not.
Please vote “NO” on this ban of retail sales of dogs and cats, and instead, if you feel it is an important issue in El Segundo, work as a private citizen to improve or discourage this practice.

That concludes my public communications for the October 15, 2013, 7:00 P.M. El Segundo City Council meeting.