



CITY OF CALIENTE

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January 5, 2009

Dear President Richards,

Currently the City of Caliente allows the College of Southern Nevada to use space in their City Hall Building at no cost. This was set up through a Historical Landmark Grant Renovation Project which the City of Caliente undertook in 1994. The college has become an important asset to both the City of Caliente and Lincoln County.

It has come to my attention that the Lincoln County Center is slated for closure by June 30, 2009 due to budget cuts from the state. I wanted to let you know that the City would be very sorry to see this center closed.

I also want to make you aware that the current value of the rent, including utilities, which the City of Caliente waves for the College of Southern Nevada, is \$185.92 per month for the office space, and \$370.18 for the computer lab. The total rent provided comes to \$556.10 per month, or \$6,673.20 per year. If the Lincoln County Center were to be closed, and sometime in the future when things are a bit better economically you wanted to reopen in Lincoln County the college would be welcomed back provided there was space available. At that time they would also be asked to pay rent and utilities as the terms of the grant would no longer be in effect.

This is by no means meant as a threat to the College. The City is very grateful to have the College in Lincoln County and we fully support the education of our citizens. The College has allowed many local residents, as well as high school students the opportunity to extend their education. Many of our City Council members have had high school students who have greatly benefitted from the College programs that are offered in Lincoln County.

The main purpose in writing this letter was to make you aware of the situation here. As with the rest of the state, we too are subject to tightening of our budget, so I wanted to make sure you were aware of the position we are in.

I hope that the College will reconsider closing their office in Lincoln County.

Sincerely yours,

Mayor Kevin Phillips



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January 14, 2009

Mayor Kevin Phillips
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Dear Mayor Phillips,

I am in receipt of your letter of January 5, 2009, and appreciate the dilemma that Caliente City and so many other Nevada municipalities face in these difficult economic times. It is the CSN Lincoln County Center and eleven others that provide access to education for thousands of Nevada students. Access is a key element in the CSN mission that will be impacted if the Governor's budget reductions are enacted by the Legislature.

About every other day, I receive an enrollment report for the College, including its learning centers. I've noted that Lincoln County, at this point in time, has nine students enrolled in one English course at the high school and about 36 enrolled in distance education courses, according to zip code analysis. It will be difficult to advocate for continued operation of the Lincoln County center with low enrollments that demonstrate student demand and community need.

Last June, because of employee notice requirements, CSN announced that five of CSN's Learning Centers—such as Lincoln County—may close if the Governor's cuts were implemented. Regrettably, that remains our position, although we're hopeful that the Legislature will continue funding our access mission. The next several months will determine our direction and budget for the next two fiscal years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Richards", written over a horizontal line.

Michael D. Richards, Ph.D.
President

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