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Subject: Please Help Us This Saturday Oct. 4th "Get Out The Vote" (Local Elections Matter)

Dear Area Residents,

As you can see from the thread below, local elections do matter. Mande Wilkes' recent article in the Sun News set off a firestorm at City Hall that has caused some ongoing issues to re-emerge. We have 8 great candidates running for election for Myrtle Beach City Council this November 3, 2015.

PROBLEM: Very few vote in off year local elections.

SOLUTION: We Need You For Just Two Hours, especially those who live outside the city limits and those who live in the county.

WHAT: To volunteer 2 hours this Saturday, October 4th at 10 a.m.

WHERE: Meet us in the Parking Lot behind the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber located at 1200 N Oak St, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

**TO: Hand out "GET OUT THE VOTE" literature to 20 homes. Each person will be assigned an area, given material, and asked to visit 20 homes only
(You can vastly improve your city just by volunteering 2 Hours in 2015)**

We Especially Want People Who Do Not Live In The City, but are affected by what happens here to Volunteer.

When we have low voter turnout, those elected can feel more obligated to serve corporate campaign contributors than local citizens.

**Let's take back our city and hold elected officials accountable. SEE THE
THREAD BELOW FOR EXAMPLES:**

From: David Hucks [[<mailto:david@myrtle-beach.com>](mailto:david@myrtle-beach.com)]

Sent: Sunday, September 27, 2015 5:13 PM

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Pedersen; Jim Hyman; Marleny Hucks

Subject: Re: In Defense of Mande Wilkes (Free Public Discourse)

FYI - We meet next Saturday at 10 a.m.

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On Sun, Sep 27, 2015 at 5:04 PM, David Hucks <david@myrtle-beach.com <<mailto:david@myrtle-beach.com>>> wrote:

This letter is a reply to Mark Kruea (City Spokesperson's) in response to his letter to the editor to Sun News columnist's Mande Wilkes' remarks concerning the current Myrtle Beach Business Climate, Chinese Investors, Chinese Tourism, and the overall treatment of local business owners by the city.

Dear Mark,

I have just read your reply on behalf of the city to columnist Mande Wilkes' article of the Sun News. It would appear from your remarks that the multiple trips taken by Brad Dean (Myrtle Beach Area Chamber President) and Mayor John Rhodes were, in fact, largely to attract a new audience of Myrtle Beach tourists to our area.

The facts tell another story entirely, however. While the Mayor and Brad Dean were able to encourage several Chinese Nationals to purchase a bevy of failing Myrtle Beach golf courses previously owned by the Myrtle Beach National Company and Burroughs and Chapin, the citizens of Myrtle Beach have yet to see any large influx of new Chinese tourists and it is doubtful we ever will.

What we did see were some behind the scenes financial transactions promoted by the Mayor and Mr. Dean. These activities lacked any true form of transparency. The Mayor, working with the most powerful non elected official in our city, (Brad Dean), was able to help his largest campaign contributors,

{as well as city council's largest campaign contributors}, unload multiple failing golf courses to non citizen Chinese investors. While these non U.S. citizens are in fact Chinese Nationals, our own **non elected** official, Brad Dean, was publicly quoted in the news last May that {when it comes to local government, local laws, boards, chamber boards} ***these investors will certainly have a "place at the table."*** I ask you, "Is that what Myrtle Beach needs?" Chinese Nationals - Non U.S. citizens writing our local laws and serving on our local boards?

Mark, as we now have an election coming up in just over 4 weeks, with no public debates scheduled, it is imperative that we openly discuss the way you have personally treated local businesses. We can start with mine. On March 8, 2011 <<http://www.myrtle-beach.com/2013/06/18/nbc-slants-myrtle-beach-story/>>, you publicly went on WMBFnews, stating on video that my local business was sent a "cease and desist" letter by the city requesting our local company to stop impersonating the city. Within hours we contacted both you, WMBF, Heather Bianca (the news anchor), Ted Fortenberry (Chamber Board President and WMBF News Manager) and city attorney Tom Ellenburgh asking each of you to produce such a letter. We heard crickets from each of you. No such letter has ever been produced.

Last June 10th, Mark you boldly went on the air at Myrtle Beach Area Chamber Board member's WPDE- ABC station ([Managed by Billy Huggins <http://www.myrtle-beach.com/2015/08/04/media-character-assassination/>](http://www.myrtle-beach.com/2015/08/04/media-character-assassination/)) stating that last year [Myrtle Beach witnessed a remarkable 17.2 million tourists <http://wpde.com/news/videos/myrtle-beach-tourism-hits-all-time-high?id=1215634>](http://wpde.com/news/videos/myrtle-beach-tourism-hits-all-time-high?id=1215634). While the Sun News had accurately reported a mixed season the previous August <<http://skift.com/.../vacation-rentals-outpaced-hotels-in-.../>>, once again, within hours, we confronted both you, the Chamber of Commerce, it's reporting agency, and the city with your own county numbers asking you to substantiate these new numbers. We rightly showed, using the Chamber's own \$255 per tourist spent number that 2 million new members would equal \$510 million in new revenues that should have been taxed. We showed you graphically the Horry County records showing no such additional revenues were recorded and we asked you, the city, the Chamber of Commerce's reporting agency and Brad Dean to respond. Once again, we heard