



City of Carson

Report to Mayor and City Council

April 16, 2013
New Business Discussion

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO RESCIND THE MOTION APPOINTING KOUROSH HANGAFARIN AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER

Submitted by David C. Biggs
City Manager

Approved by David C. Biggs
City Manager

I. SUMMARY

This matter is on the agenda at the request of Councilmember Gipson.

On April 2, 2013, the City Council ratified the appointment made by the Mayor of Kourosh Hangafarin as an Economic Development Commissioner. Councilmember Mike Gipson, who voted for the appointment, has submitted a written request (Exhibit 1) for the Council to consider rescinding that appointment.

A motion to rescind first requires the City Council to consider a motion to take-up a request to rescind and if approved by a majority of the City Council, then the Council can consider a motion to rescind.

II. RECOMMENDATION

1. CONSIDER a motion to take-up the request to rescind; and, if approved:
2. CONSIDER a motion to RESCIND the appointment of Kourosh Hangafarin to the Economic Development Commission.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action as determined by the City Council.

IV. BACKGROUND

The City Council voted 5:0 on April 2, 2013, to ratify the appointment by Mayor Dear of Kourosh Hangafarin. Managing Director of American Logistics, as a member of the Economic Development Commission. On April 4, 2013, Councilmember Mike Gipson provided a written request to the Mayor and City Council that the appointment be rescinded (Exhibit 1). In addition, Councilmember Gipson requests that the Council consider additional information regarding American Logistics as set forth in the attached letter (Exhibit 2) dated March 28, 2013, to American Logistics in which Councilmember Gipson identifies concerns regarding American Logistics.

In taking up a request to rescind, the request must be presented by a Councilmember who voted with the prevailing side at the subsequent City Council meeting. In considering the matter, the City Council must first determine whether

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to take up the request. Should the City Council approve taking up the matter, then the City Council can consider the requested rescission.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

None.

VI. EXHIBITS

1. April 4, 2013, Memorandum from Councilmember Gipson (pgs. 3-5)
2. Councilmember Gipson Letter to American Logistics dated March 29, 2013 (pgs. 6-7)

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Prepared by: David Biggs, City Manager

TO: Rev09-04-2012

Reviewed by:

City Clerk	City Treasurer
Administrative Services	Public Works
Community Development	Community Services

Action taken by City Council

Date _____ Action _____



CITY OF CARSON
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: JIM DEAR, MAYOR
ELITO SANTARINA, MAYOR PRO TEM
LULA DAVIS-HOLMES, COUNCILWOMAN
ALBERT ROBLES, COUNCILMEMBER
DONESIA GAUSE, CITY CLERK
DAVID C. BIGGS, CITY MANAGER
WILLIAM W. WYNDER

FROM: MIKE A. GIPSON, COUNCILMAN

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO RESCIND THE MOTION APPOINTING KOUROSH
HANGAFARIN AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER

DATE: APRIL 4, 2013

On April 2, 2013, the Mayor appointed Mr. Kourosh Hangafarin, Managing Director of American Logistics to the Economic Development Commission. I request that this appointment be rescinded and that a different applicant be appointed. A copy of Mr. Hangafarin's appointment application is attached along with a copy of the \$1,000.00 check he donated to the City to assist in costs related to the City's Legislative Reception.

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EXHIBIT NO. 1

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CITY OF CARSON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
APPOINTMENT APPLICATION



APPOINTMENT REQUIREMENTS:

Resident Member – Must be a resident of Carson.

Business Member – Must have a place of employment or business in Carson.

APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO NOTIFY THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE IMMEDIATELY OF ANY CHANGES, IF APPOINTED.

APPLICANT NAME <u>KOUROSH HANGAFARIN</u>	ADDRESS-Number, Street, Zip <u>530 E. DEL AMO BLVD.</u> <u>CARSON, CA, 90746</u>	TELEPHONE NUMBER Home: <u>(619) 988-1000</u> Business: <u>(323) 999-8686</u> Emergency: <u>(949) 212-2124</u>
POSITION APPLYING FOR: <input type="checkbox"/> Resident Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business Representative		E-MAIL <u>HANGAFARIN@GMAIL.COM</u>
BACKGROUND INFORMATION 1. Are you now serving on a city commission, committee, or board? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, which commission, committee, or board? _____ Have you previously served on a city commission, committee, or board? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, which commission, committee, or board? <u>SAN DIEGO PORT COMMISSION / SAN DIEGO PLANNING COMMISSION</u> 2. Are you a paid employee of the City of Carson? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, give your position and work location _____		
To ensure equal opportunity for all applicants, the City requests the following information: RACE (Ethnic Background): <u>MIDDLE EASTERN / PERSIAN-AMERICAN</u>		
EDUCATION Circle the Highest Grade Completed: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 <u>(12)</u> Degrees: <u>BA FROM CSUDH.</u>		
CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: <input type="checkbox"/> RETIRED (check box, if applicable) Employer's Name: <u>AMERICAN LOGIC INNOVATIONS</u> Address and Phone Number: <u>530 E. DEL AMO BLVD. CARSON, CA, 90746</u> Title: <u>MANAGING DIRECTOR</u>		
PLEASE INDICATE YOUR REASONS FOR WANTING TO SERVE: <u>I WOULD LIKE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY AND I THINK MY EXPERIENCE & KNOWLEDGE COULD BE HELPFUL</u>		
QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE RELEVANT TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: <u>I HAVE TRAVEL AROUND THE WORLD, DOING BUSINESS AND HAVE SERVED ON MANY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS THAT HAS GIVEN ME THE KNOWLEDGE TO BE USEFUL AS A CONTRIBUTING MEMBER</u>		
<small>The following may be required prior to appointment: (1) Background Investigation (2) Conflict of Interest Statement* (3) References *Pursuant to Resolution No. 13-008, adopted on January 15, 2013, and section 2 of the Conflict of Interest Code, the following designated officials shall file a Statement of Economic Interests: Citywide Advisory/Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts/Planning Commissioners, Mobilehome Park Rental Review Board, and Relocation Appeals Board. After appointment, the City of Carson Code of Ethics Statement of Affirmation must be completed and filed with the City Clerk, pursuant to Ordinance No. 08-1409, adopted on July 8, 2008.</small>		
I declare under penalty of perjury that the information furnished is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div style="width: 40%;"><u>Kourosh Hangafarin</u> Applicant Signature</div><div style="width: 40%; text-align: right;"><u>MARCH-19-2013</u> Date</div></div>		

TO: Carson City
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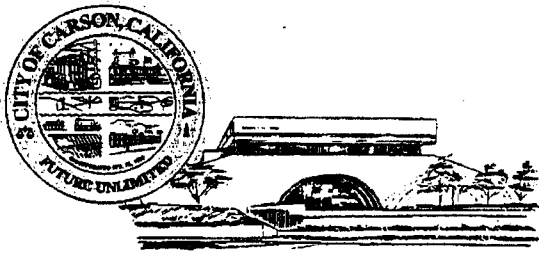
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FROM THE OFFICE OF
COUNCILMAN MIKE A. GIPSON



CITY OF CARSON

March 28, 2013

Mr. Alireza Mahdavi
American Logistics International
24700 Main Street
Carson, CA 90745

Re: My support for driver organizing

Dear Mr. Mahdavi:

I am writing to you with a matter of mutual concern. As a Carson Councilmember, I wish to see our city have safe and healthy workers, a clean environment, safe streets, and businesses that are thriving, successful and responsible. I ask you to join me in partnership to achieve this vision.

Recently I met with drivers who work for American Logistics, and they raised a number of issues that I find extremely concerning. They told me that they have recently joined together to exercise their rights to form a union and bargain collectively. Drivers seek to improve their conditions at the workplace, and to make your company – their company – a better and more successful place for all stakeholders, workers and management alike. I stand in support of these drivers as they organize with the Teamsters.

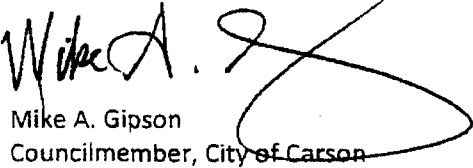
I am disturbed by the account that I heard of safety problems at American Logistics. Unsafe equipment and improper safety practices threaten not only the health and welfare of port truck drivers, but also all citizens of Carson. Drivers at your company should also achieve the same working standards as other unionized drivers at the port have secured. Any retaliatory actions taken against drivers for reporting safety problems – or for exercising their protected rights to engage in collective action – are wholly unacceptable. When management opposes workers' rights, labor disputes often follow. Such disputes are not in the interest of the company, of workers, or of our city. I wish to see fair and harmonious labor relations, and I am sure that you do as well.

I call upon you to establish a fair process along with your workers for expeditiously resolving this situation. I further call upon you to remain neutral as your drivers organize. Please avoid contentious and divisive practices such as procedural delays, the hiring of outside "labor relations experts," or retaliation against workers.

I appreciate the relationship that your company has recently established with the City of Carson. I truly wish to see American Logistics grow, thrive and succeed. I believe such success is possible for the company, its workers, its management and its investors. I believe that such success will require the company to partner with its workers, rather than oppose them.

Please act promptly to resolve this situation. Let me know if I can be helpful in any way. I look forward to following up with you, and I look forward to many years of success for American Logistics, its workers, and the City of Carson, all acting in good faith and in partnership.

Sincerely,



Mike A. Gipson
Councilmember, City of Carson

cc: Mayor Jim Dear, City of Carson
Mayor Pro Tem Elito M. Santarina, City of Carson
Councilmember Lula Davis-Holmes, City of Carson
Councilmember Albert Robles, City of Carson
Maria Elena Durazo, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO