November 5, 2013

On October 24\(^{th}\), Mayor Mark Lewis resigned his office, which he had held for 15 years. In his letter of resignation, the Mayor acknowledged the concerns that some of his earlier remarks had caused within our community. In a previous communication, the Mayor had apologized for these remarks.

These remarks made by the Mayor were clearly inappropriate and wrong and are not supported in any manner by either one of us, or by any other member of the City Council, nor by anyone else associated with the City of El Cajon. The City Council as a whole, as well as our entire city organization, has been fully supportive and sensitive to all the members of our City, including our growing Chaldean community. This support will continue into the future.

El Cajon has long been a diverse community and is proud of it. This coming June, we will once again be recognizing this diversity in a very public and positive manner with our America On Main Street event, which celebrates the many diverse cultures not only within El Cajon, but within our entire region, as well. Well beyond this annual event, however, is the more important day-to-day work of continuing to bring together all the people within our community in communication and understanding to do all that we can to create and sustain a truly great City of El Cajon. We call on all within our community to join us in that effort.

Sincerely,

Bob McClellan
El Cajon Councilmember

Tony Ambrose
El Cajon Councilmember