

IP MISSISSIPPI CHARITIES

March 27, 2007

To: Honorable A.J. Holloway  
Mayor  
City of Biloxi, Mississippi

Dear Mayor Holloway:

As you will recall, in the first part of September, 2005, you, Jeff Cooper and I discussed the terrible devastation and loss that the City of Biloxi and its' citizens sustained as a result of Hurricane Katrina.

At that time, you advised us that the city had lost many of its vehicles including police cars, fire trucks, pick ups and other vehicles. On behalf of IP Mississippi Charities and the IP Casino, Resort & Spa, Jeff and I offered to assist the city in its replacement of many of its vehicles.

You then indicated to us that you hoped that FEMA would provide to the city the replacement of the damaged vehicles and we stated that we would wait until it was determined just exactly what type of help FEMA would provide.

Recently you told us that FEMA's proposed assistance to the city would not provide sufficient funds to fully replace all of the damaged vehicles and that there would be a monetary shortfall that the city would have to bear.

Since the storm the IP has consistently tried to be a responsible corporate citizen, realizing that its success in Biloxi derives in no small part not only from the citizens of the city but also from the city leadership provided by you, the city council and city staff employees.

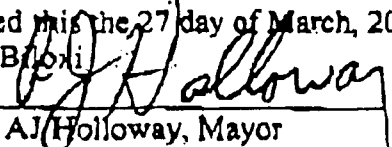
It seems only fitting that we should show our appreciation by way of some action on our part. Accordingly we hereby present the city with a gift in the amount of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) to assist the city in its vehicle replacement program. As we look back at the dark days after the storm and our conversations at that time we are now saying to the City of Biloxi and its citizens, "A PROMISE MADE IS NOW A PROMISE KEPT."

For purposes of complying with all appropriate IRS and other rules and regulations, we ask that on behalf of the city you acknowledge acceptance of this gift for the above stated purposes and such other worthwhile municipal and community purposes as you and the members of the city council shall wisely determine.

Accepted this the 27 day of March, 2007


City of Biloxi

By:

  
AJ Holloway, Mayor

Very Truly Yours,

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W. Owen Nitz

  
Jeff Cooper