

email 1-9-02

Dear Council Members:

Our upcoming meeting on Monday January 14th at 7:00 p.m. at "The Lexington" on 5440 Ralston Street is an important one. I hope each one of you will be there. Our organization depends on your participation.

We will begin to define work for this spring, perhaps planning that gathering of sustainability groups we have talked about, or any other of the many worthwhile projects we have considered.

Also, we need to decide again how many Indicators Report Summaries to distribute and to whom. I have stopped the process of preparing this mailing because of questions Jerry as Treasurer has raised about its methods and costs.

I have been directing Ruth Hibbard to assemble a mailing list of groups and people linked to the Indicators Project. This is now complete and contains the addresses of over 600 individuals. (I list the categories of potential recipients of the Summary document below.)

I thought I was instructed to do this. I assume that this Project-specific list --(with many adaptable uses), containing the numerous constituencies that we agreed should receive the 2-page folded document (not the big full Report itself),-- would be the source of mailing labels for the mailing. Apparently not. Jerry believes that we've agreed to use Mailing Club labels, which he apparently asked Ruth to secure. He therefore accuses me of usurping authority by having Ruth prepare the labels herself and purchasing Microsoft XP to do so (it costs \$400.00; I did not direct her to purchase this.)

In a recent conversation with Jerry, he believes further that we agreed to mail only 50 to 100 brochures. He has informed me as Treasurer of his disapproval of the numbers I am preparing to mail, his belief that I am acting without authority, and his concerns about costs.

If I have proceeded in this effort mistakenly and without authority I need to be directed to do as the Council wishes.

Sincerely, Bob Chianese

Categories in our Indicators Summary mailing list, with the number in each:

1. Attendees at our meetings (A mixed group, including planners): 390
2. Government electeds and staff : city councils, city clerks, city managers and Assembly persons and a State Senator: 80
3. Oxnard neighborhood councils: 45
4. Nonprofit organizations: 40
5. The Faulkner Farm group: 13
6. Chambers of Commerce: 15
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8. Gov't Boards and Committees: 11
9. Press: 10?
10. Educators: (?).