

OFFICE OF CITY MANAGER

June 7, 2013

Please accept this letter as a response to recent email correspondence regarding the City of Gatlinburg.

Specifically, thank you for your consideration in bringing this matter to our attention. We always appreciate received comments and insight from concerned observers and visitors to Gatlinburg. Comments are reviewed by the City Administration and City Commission. As you might suspect, we refuse to give credence to anonymous communication such as the email you received which we believe to be filled with untruths and implausible notions. Rest assured that the City of Gatlinburg, the Gatlinburg Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Chamber of Commerce are in no way being influenced or controlled by outside interests. We pride ourselves on the close involvement of our citizens in the business community in the workings of day-to-day life as well as the decisions which affect our town.

We submit that there are no conspiracies and no factions which have influence over the policies of Gatlinburg. We do have a thriving town and vigorous business community which is diverse in makeup, but sense no movement toward gaining heavy control of any sector.

Again, thank you for your comments. We value you as a Gatlinburg visitor, and hope that you will continue to look to our City whenever your leisure plans allow.

Sincerely,

Cindy Cameron Ogle

City Manager

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