

CORRECTION

City Councilor Richard Esterman requested retraction of a story that ran in the March 29 edition of *The Nugget* titled "Council denies permit fee waiver." *The Nugget* stands by the story with the following correction:

Esterman is an event promoter. As the story noted, he made a permit fee waiver request to the City Council in March, acting as a private citizen.

The story stated that "In the past, and again this year, Esterman has billed his events as fundraisers for nonprofit organizations, and therefore, under the organizations' nonprofit tax identification numbers, filing for the event permits as nonprofits, which cost less. (Esterman's business) Central Oregon Shows is a for-profit business."

The statement that

Esterman has applied for permits as a nonprofit in the past is incorrect. While Esterman has consistently included charity fundraisers as part of his shows, this year was the first time that Esterman requested that the City waive an event permit fee and treat one of his shows as a charity benefit. The request involved his Sisters Wild West Show

set for August 19-20. The request came after the City of Sisters raised its permit fee to \$390. The council denied the request, citing concern over precedent.

According to City records, Esterman has applied for event permits listing Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Sisters School District as co-applicants. In both cases,

the entity made clear to the City that they were not co-applicants for the events in question.

In a statement to *The Nugget*, Esterman said that "Central Oregon Shows has always applied for event permits as a for-profit enterprise, although a profit is rarely made. This is the first year Councilor Esterman applied

using a charity's non-profit status because the funds generated during the event benefit that particular charity. The application was rejected, but Councilor Esterman simply reapplied and paid all fees due for a profit event."

The full text of Esterman's statement may be found on page 2 in the Letters to the Editor column.

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Michigan. He holds a Masters of Public Administration degree from Northern Michigan University.

Martha Meeker was most recently the city manager of McMinnville, Oregon, where she served for two years. Prior to her tenure in McMinnville, Meeker built a distinguished career in the United States Air Force, where she rose to the rank of brigadier general and held significant management positions. She holds multiple masters degrees, including in operational art and science from the USAF Air and Command Staff College.

David Miller currently serves as the public works and community development director for the City of Folsom, California. Miller has 15 years of upper-level city management experience, including as development services manager for the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, and community development director for La Grande, Oregon. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Architecture from the University of Washington.

Bruce St. Denis currently serves as district manager for Development, Financing, and Planning Group, a private municipal service management firm in Tampa, Florida. Previously, St. Denis served as town manager for the Town of Longboat Key, Florida for 15 years. He holds a Master of Management degree from the University of South Florida.

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