Letter to Boise City re: attorneys' fees

Keep the Commandments Coalition
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July 15, 2005

Scott B. Muir
City Attorney's Office
P.O. Box 500
Boise, Idaho 83701

Dear Mr. Muir,

Enclosed you will find a cashier's check in the full amount the city of Boise is demanding to satisfy an award of attorney's fees against us for our efforts to protect Boise's cultural heritage and the public acknowledgement of God in Julia Davis Park.

We are disappointed that you refused to meet with us face-to-face to discuss resolution of this matter, after insisting that we contact you, and we are grateful that through the generosity of many citizens we have been able to meet the city's July 15 deadline and have been able to protect our homes and personal property from foreclosure.

We are grateful to the many citizens who stood with us from the beginning of this controversy, who prayed with us in the cold of winter, who collected signatures with us in the heat of summer, and who waited patiently until the Idaho Supreme Court overruled the city's effort to block our right to vote.

These citizens have donated generously to make it possible for us, who serve small non-profit organizations, to meet the city's demand. We thank them again for standing with us.

We are saddened that the city found it necessary to go after two of its own private citizens, who were simply exercising their constitutionally guaranteed rights to freedom of speech and

religion and to petition the government for the redress of grievances, to force them to pay city attorneys to do the job they are already being paid by taxpayers to do.

The city waited 4 years to inform us that liens had been placed against our real and personal property. We trust that we will not have to wait another 4 years to be informed that the city has removed these liens now that the judgment has been satisfied.

Sincerely,

Bryan Fischer

Brandi Swindell