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October31, 2013

The Honorable Dave Weaver
Mayor of the City of Glendale, California

RE: Further Request for Revision of the Official City of Glendale Website

Dear Mayor Weaver:

We are in receipt of your latest letter and noted your personal feeling for the City of Higashiosaka.

We also understood from what you expressed in your letter that our city of Higashiosaka would not be required to share any cost for the statues, including the so-called "Comfort Woman" statue installed this time, and other monuments or memorials to be installed in the future.

However, what the city of Higashiosaka is requesting is the deletion or revision of misleading and inaccurate statements on the official city of Glendale website to the effect that the sister cities including our Higashiosaka expressed an interest in developing a monument or memorial within their city park area and that all the related maintenance costs would be entirely covered by all sister cities. This has not been motivated by the information transmitted by the US media as explained by Mayor Weaver.

As the article in question is still appearing on your official city website, we have been flooded by letters of protest against us not only from citizens of Higashiosaka but also from people all over Japan as well as from people living in the United States. Under the circumstances, we sincerely request your deletion or revision of the misleading and inaccurate statements on your official city website taking into account the great impact of information transmission through an internet.

While the affiliation among the sister cities is an issue of concern now, in Higashiosaka we are studying how it should be redefined. However, as you stated in your letter "I hope that this critical wound can heal itself in time", we feel that a certain time would be necessary.

Just for your reference, the description in question is on the following URL with the date of July 9, 2013.


http://www.ci.glendale.ca.us/government/council_packets/Reports_070913/CC_SpMtg_Item1_070913.pdf

And the relevant portion is:

"Each of our six sister cities has expressed an interest in developing a monument or memorial within the sister city park space in the near future."

"A maintenance fund will be established to cover the cost of any general maintenance and any vandalism or graffiti removal. This fund will ensure that all maintenance costs related to sister cities monuments/ memorials are covered by our sister city partners."

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Yoshikazu Noda". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Yoshikazu Noda

Mayor of Higashiosaka City

Osaka, Japan