



FRANK J. PACETTI  
City Administrator

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Ryan D. Jayne, Esq.  
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Dear Mr. Jayne:

I am in receipt of your letter dated May 6, 2016 and your follow-up letters dated June 29, 2016 and October 4, 2016 regarding the Mayor's Youth Commission award of a \$500 grant to St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church for a youth program aimed at helping teens improve their lives and better serve their community. Your letter written on behalf of a "concerned local taxpayer" accuses the City of committing a constitutional violation of the Establishment Clause by using taxpayer funds in awarding the \$500 grant. Having concluded that a constitutional violation was committed, you request a written response detailing the steps taken to remedy this constitutional violation so that you may notify your local complainant.

In response to your letter, I wish to advise you that taxpayer funds were not used in awarding the \$500 grant. The source of the grant funds was private donations from the sale of memorial bricks at a local park. Accordingly, the City does not believe that any constitutional violation has occurred.

The City of Kenosha has been, and will continue to be vigilant, in the conduct of its affairs, including the affairs of the Mayor's Youth Commission, to protect the constitutional rights of all of its citizens.

Sincerely,  
CITY OF KENOSHA

Frank J. Pacetti  
City Administrator