

1246 Brookside Drive  
Clearwater, Florida 33516  
January 30, 1976

Mr. Jim Palmer  
Executive Secretary  
Clearwater Downtown Development Board  
121 N. Osceola Avenue  
Clearwater, Florida

Re: CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY and United Churches of Florida

Dear Mr. Palmer:

As a resident of Clearwater and a homeowner who has made this our home and plan to live here, work here, raise our children here and worship here, we feel that we must take this opportunity to strongly urge you people of the Clearwater Downtown Development Board to give Mayor Cazares your full support in his goal of getting to the bottom of the mystery surrounding the connection the Church of Scientology has in fronting the United Churches of Florida and their purpose in coming to Clearwater.

If you on the Development Board have read the St. Petersburg Times' articles on this subject by reporters Ardith Hilliard and Jeanne Pugh you should realize that these people do not in the least talk or act in the manner one associates with Christian or religious people. Who are these people and who do they think they are to come in to Clearwater from California and Miami and to start making threats to the people of our City as was done by Rev. Arthur Maren when he stated that he "may strike back through an investigation into the whole area of real estate in Clearwater".

Mayor Cazares was right to ask the downtown property owners to refrain from selling any further holdings to anyone connected with these people

as they seem to be an unwholesome element that would do nothing but harm our beautiful and peaceful city. People who are honorable and straightforward do not come into a city from some other place and start right off by showing contempt for the city by misrepresenting themselves as they did to our area ministers and then to show even further contempt when caught in the act of lying by threatening to check up on the Mayor and to check into the way our real estate businesses are run.

Believe me this is not the way a Christian or religious person would handle the situation and I am of the opinion that what we have seen thus far may be just "the tip of the iceberg".

These people have acted like bullies and dishonest bullies at that and when we have a strong man who is mayor like Mr. Cazares who is not going to be scared off by these tactics and who is willing to fight for us in an effort to keep Clearwater clean then I shout from the rooftops that we should all get behind him and give him all the support he asks for in this time of turmoil. We are quick to kick our public officials when they fall from our good graces because of some dishonest act they may do, but are we just as quick to give them our support and help when they ask for it in an effort to fight to keep our cities clean places in which to live and raise our families? I hope you people will make it tough for these "underworld" types of people to stay here and to carry on their dishonest activities.

Believe me, a church organization that is on the up and up is not going to keep the area residents from coming and going into the hotel as it used to be, on the contrary they would welcome the community in an effort to establish good relations and to explain their mission here, but when you see people acting the way they have done you can bet your bottom

dollar that they are not going to be operating in the best interest of the City of Clearwater nor its residents.

Please see to it that all of your board members hear this letter in an effort to let them know how we the residents of Clearwater, <sup>FEE!</sup> and it is up to you people in the business community to help the Mayor in this instance. We individuals can do little to help, but you all are in a position to help the mayor and to help your whole city by making it tough for these characters to come in here and mess up our City.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. D. E. Snodgrass*

Mr. & Mrs. D. E. Snodgrass