

August 21, 2017

Warren White
ADA Coordinator
City of Chandler
215 East Buffalo Street
Chandler, AZ 85225

Re: "Extreme Midget Wrestling" at the City of Chandler's Rockin' Taco Street Fest to be held on 09/16/17

Dear Mr. White:

This letter is in reference to a Facebook advertisement for the "Rockin' Taco Street Fest" being held in the City of Chandler (see attached). As Officers of the Little People of America organization at Local, District, and National levels, we condemn the use of the "M word" as it is denigrating, dehumanizing and humiliating to Little People everywhere. What is particularly troubling is that this word is being associated with the City of Chandler's name - a covered Title II entity under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Little People of America, Inc. (LPA) is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with dwarfism, while celebrating with great pride Little People's contribution to social diversity. LPA strives to bring solutions & global awareness to the prominent issues affecting individuals of short stature and their families. We are committed to stop the use of the "M word" wherever possible, and to raise awareness to prevent events that objectify, humiliate and denigrate Little People.

The Local Chapters of LPA spanning the entire state of Arizona - the Phoenix LPA Valley of the Sun Chapter, and the Tucson LPA Roadrunners Chapter - condemn the use of the "M word" and the wrestling events that occur in Arizona. Dwarf wrestling is a disgusting spectacle that subjects people with dwarfism to ridicule, physical harm and abuse. While dwarf wrestling is an extreme risk to the individuals participating, it also objectifies and denigrates the entire dwarf community. Dwarf wrestling treats people of short stature as showcase freaks and encourages the general attitude that people with dwarfism are objects to be treated with no respect. Such activities and similar ones like dwarf tossing affect Little People not connected with these events. In 2012, a stranger tossed a Little Person after seeing such an event, and it resulted in irreparable physical and emotional damage to the short-statured individual.

Dwarf wrestling and similar events should never occur in any location in the United States, or around the world. No Little Person, or their friends, family and peers should ever be subjected to the barbarity and denigration of a dwarf wrestling event; and no Little Person should ever again be put at risk because of dwarf wrestling and similar events such as dwarf tossing.

The City of Chandler's ADA website's Policy of Non-Discrimination clearly states: "The City of Chandler does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities." Little People work tirelessly to rise above negative stereotypes and prove that they are equals in society. We are doctors, lawyers, engineers, teachers, etc., and should be treated with the utmost respect - just as everyone else - no more, no less.

We are demanding that the City of Chandler cancel the wrestling event or in the very least delete the word **Midget** from all advertising. This wrestling event and the advertising associated with the City of Chandler is simply abhorrent. If you need to contact me - my number is 480-331-7247.

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NT Phoenix New Times is with Rockin' Taco Street Fest.
August 17 at 8:30am · Paid · 🌐

Bring out the family for a day of mariachi, tacos, low riders and cultural celebration at the Rockin' Taco Street Fest happening on September 16th: <https://goo.gl/7Vs6D2>



Extreme Midget Wrestling, Low Rider Car Show, Salsa Competition, Mariachi and More!

Rockin' Taco Street Fest will feature creative tacos including fish, shrimp, chicken, carnitas, carne asada, veggie and more from two dozen local restaurants. Other...

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Event Details

Mark your calendar for the 6th annual Rockin' Taco Street Fest on Saturday, September 16, 2017.

A food, music and cultural celebration, Rockin Taco Street Fest will feature creative tacos including fish, shrimp, chicken, carnitas, carne asada, veggie and more from a dozen local restaurants. Wash it all down with fresh fruit fresca, Mexican cerveza, tequila tasting, margaritas and more. Plus, save room for elote, churros, Mexican candies and palettas!

Other event highlights include live entertainment, **extreme midget wrestling**, taco eating competitions, a salsa competition, low rider car show, margarita hut with flair bartending, mariachi bands, ballet folklorico dancing, niños play zone and a piñata party.

The special event is designed to generate new awareness while benefiting the fundraising efforts for the Downtown Chandler Community Partnership.

Doors open at noon, general admission to the Rockin Taco Street Fest is \$8 online during presale and \$12 day of. Children 12 years old and under will be admitted for free with a paid adult.

A limited number of VIP admission tickets are available online ONLY, while supplies last. VIP Admission is \$75 and includes six alcoholic beverages, unlimited soft drinks and water, catered food from El Palacio Restaurant & Cantina of Chandler, private restrooms, front stage access/view, private seating. VIP is a 21 and over entry only.

A percentage of the proceeds from the Rockin' Taco Street Fest will **benefit the Downtown Chandler Community Partnership (DCCP), a 501(c) 6 nonprofit corporation** whose mission is to mobilize leadership and resources to advance the development of downtown Chandler as a regional destination for shopping, dining, living, culture, and the arts. It works on behalf of the Enhanced Municipal Services District, created in 2006, to provide enhanced marketing and promotion, safety and beautification of the downtown area beyond what is done by the City of Chandler. For more information, visit www.downtownchandler.org.

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The District is bordered on the north by Chandler Blvd; the south by Frye Road; the east by Delaware St.; and the west through Dakota, California and Oregon Streets.

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