



TRUTH UPDATE #2

In their paid advertising supplement from Sunday, July 26, 2009, Granite Construction stated that the Murrieta Library had to be reduced in size due to increased costs of construction materials. That frightening thought turns out to **be not at all true!**

Following is a letter that was published in the Californian newspaper on August 5th, 2009, written by Murrieta Councilman Rick Gibbs with the REAL story. He certainly should know what is true and we thought you should know too.

"Granite Quarry Fact Check"

"In the July 26 edition of The Californian, a 12-page paid advertising supplement by Granite Construction drew a correlation between increased costs for local projects and aggregate shortages. The piece incorrectly stated, "The Murrieta Library was forced to eliminate an entire room from the original blueprints because of escalating costs of construction materials."

"The reference is to the Heritage Room, which the city did not have enough money to complete. In a great demonstration of civic pride, money was raised by private contributions and that room was completed at the same time as the rest of the library."

"However, our funding issues had little, if anything, to do with the availability of aggregate in just Riverside County."

"The escalation in construction costs stemmed from two causes ---- Hurricane Katrina, and the Chinese government's push for urbanization and industrialization, which also included initial Chinese preparation of facilities for the Olympics. During that time, there was a worldwide shortage of construction materials due to the order book priorities that New Orleans and Beijing commanded."

*Rick Gibbs
Councilman
Murrieta"*

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