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Yavapai College Governing Board

Dear Governing Board:

I would like to bring to your attention to a matter relating to the Sedona Film School.


I have worked in the field of commercial real estate in this area for over 35 years. In October, 2013 I arranged for Yavapai College to lease a 12,000 sq. ft. industrial warehouse at 238 Justin Drive in Cottonwood for a two month period for students enrolled in the Sedona Film School to be able to build props and film their latest movie creations. The landlord reduced the rent from \$7,200.00 per month to \$1,000.00 per month (plus 3% tax) to assist the college and the students in this program.

In January, 2014 I arranged for Yavapai College to lease the same space for a two and a half month period at the same monthly rate. This time, however, the students were required to pay the rent personally, with no financial assistance from the college. Fortunately they succeeded in raising the money. I wanted to point out this situation to the Board in case you happen to be unaware of it.

These dedicated students were determined not to let finances stand in the way of their film education. They all plan to leave the area to continue their film education at other institutions when Yavapai College formally eliminates the program. They hope to return if the program is reinstated.

I have known the people involved in creating and operating the film school since its inception. All are hoping the college will not eliminate this rare and prestigious program.

Respectfully submitted,


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