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**From:** Biemeret, Claudette  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 25, 2014 08:15 AM  
**To:** Hogan, Ann-Marie  
**Subject:** Incident on Center Street

Hi, Ann-Marie.

This morning someone from the Downtown Berkeley Association (the people in the green jackets and shirts) and someone in a brown uniform – likely private security – were trying to remove a homeless man from the alcove in front of the private parking garage on Center Street. I saw the uniformed person grabbing the homeless man by the neck and I'm certain he shouted at the homeless man, "I will choke you." I called BPD and reported it but I don't know whether someone was able to arrive in time to help. While I'm sure the homeless person was being difficult, the situation clearly required someone with experience in dealing with the mentally ill. I do not think that the two people I saw handling the situation were trained to do so. The incident was clearly distressing to everyone. Many people on Center Street were watching and disturbed by what they witnessed. Is there someone with Downtown Berkeley that you can contact to report this incident and find out who the person was in the brown uniform?

Thanks.

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**Date :** 6/25/2014 10:20:29 AM  
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**Cc :** "Meehan, Michael" MMeehan@ci.berkeley.ca.us, "Biemeret, Claudette" CBiemeret@ci.berkeley.ca.us, "Lance Gorée" lgoree@downtownberkeley.com  
**Subject :** Re: Incident on Center Street

Anne-Marrie:

Thanks for making me aware of this situation. I have spoken to Lance Gorée, our Operation Manager (the man in the brown shirt) and there is quite a back story before Claudette happened upon this situation. Lance is writing up explanation that we will get to you shortly. We appreciate additional feedback once you have been fully apprised of the situation.

Thanks, John

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**From:** Ann-Marie Hogan <[AHogan@ci.berkeley.ca.us](mailto:AHogan@ci.berkeley.ca.us)>  
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**Subject:** RE: Incident on Center Street

Thanks Christine. I'm back in the office now and just talked to Claudette who said that the incident happened at about 7:15 and that several additional Ambassadors showed up but all appeared to be following the lead of the brown-uniformed individual (Claudette saw one ambassador take the pillow out from under the individual's head and throw it in the transport vehicle, etc. I stopped by Center Street garage and noted that security there wears dark blue, not brown, and the security guard confirmed this and said that they don't come on till 8. Claudette is very willing to talk to someone about what happened.

Ann-Marie Hogan, City Auditor  
510-981-6750

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**From:** Hogan, Ann-Marie  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 25, 2014 8:51 AM  
**To:** Daniel, Christine  
**Subject:** Fw: Incident on Center Street

**RE: Incident on Center Street**

Lance

**Sent:** Thursday, June 26, 2014 11:53 AM**To:** Polizziani, Stephanie

I would LOVE IT.

I have a lot of new people so the timing would be great.

Also, it will appease many people.

Wednesdays starting at 1:30PM are always best for us, but we will make it happen no matter what.

Just let me know! Thank You So Much.

Lance Gorée

Operations Manager

Downtown Berkeley Association

On June 26, 2014 at 11:45 AM "Polizziani, Stephanie"  
wrote:

Hey what do you think about us doing another training for your staff? Jeff Shannon and I can do a refresher for your staff about dealing with our homeless folks since I know you guys are being inundated and stressed with these new Albany Bulb folks. I can include the bike officers too. Let me know.

Steph ☺

**From:** Lance  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 26, 2014 9:03 AM  
**To:** Polizziani, Stephanie; Scott, Christopher; Lucero, Jamie  
**Subject:** Incident on Center Street

Just an FYI

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Lance <lg...@downtownberkeley.com>  
**To:** John Caner <...@...>  
**Cc:** "Daniel, Christine" <...@...>  
"Meehan, Michael" <...@...>  
**Date:** June 25, 2014 at 10:40 AM  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Incident on Center Street

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from public disclosure by  
California Government Code  
6254 (f), (k).

To All,

I am fully aware of the incident, because I was directly involved. I was the person in brown. I understand and appreciate Ms. Biemeret's concern regarding the incident. The reason that I was out there was due to this individual's aggressive behavior