

Dear Jamie,

I am the Mayor of Huntington, WV.

It has been brought to my attention that you are seeking assistance to cast a television show in my city.

I mean no offense, and certainly do not intend to be rude. I, however, do take offense at your characterization of my city and the residents of our community that you made in your Email

We were not rude to Jamie Oliver and did not send him out of town in tears. Your characterization that you make..."The fact that he was basically run out of the town in tears, because the great folks of Huntington wanted nothing to do with being told to eat healthier..." is not a fact, is indeed insulting to the sensibilities of our residents, and is a total mischaracterization of the culture of our community.

We don't want you to come to our city and seek to sensationalize a very sensitive subject.

Professionally, we have expectations of how to conduct business in our city.

If your initial communication is any indication of how you would likely conduct business in our community, I am certain you would find it difficult to successfully film a single episode here.

I am offended by your Email and do not seek to do business with someone who offends our community in a simple letter of introduction.

Respectfully,

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From: "Jamie Parks" <jamie.parks@loudtelevision.com>

Date: Jul 7, 2015 10:41 AM

Subject: TV Show Casting Large & Proud folks of Huntington, WV!

To:

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Hi There!

My name is Jamie Parks and I am the development producer over at Loud Television, a Leftfield Entertainment Corporation and a major production company behind shows like Pawn Stars for History Channel, Tiny House Nation on FYI as well as series on Food Network, Animal Planet, Travel Channel, Discovery, and HGTV, amongst many others. I'm reaching out because I'm hoping you may be able to help me out-- I'm looking to develop a TV show that profiles American towns full of folks that **celebrate** being on the bigger side. This country is sometimes overwhelmingly neurotic about being "healthy", "skinny", and "fit", to the point where it belittles and judges those who are not—and personally, I think that's an even bigger issue than the obesity itself. Not everyone wants to be skinny. Not everyone wants to be healthy. Our body, our choice—and I've noticed that the town of Huntington, WV chooses to embrace their plus-size attitude... this was definitely confirmed when Celebrity Chef Jamie Oliver visited the town to "healthify" it, and brought his camera crew along with him to document the transition. The fact that he was basically run out of the town in tears, because the great folks of Huntington wanted nothing to do with being told to eat healthier is pretty awesome. I think it's great that many residents of the town are far too concerned with enjoying their food and enjoying their life, to be bothered with an outsider coming in and trying to change their ways.

Please see my casting flier attached. I hope you understand that our intentions are certainly not to exploit the community, or poke fun at it, and that I am not trying to offend anyone! If you wouldn't mind spreading the word around town either via your station's programs, or through social media, word of mouth, and email-- I would be beyond appreciative. I am simply looking to have some conversations with anyone who is interested in participating in a fun, upbeat television show right in your town!

Thanks in advance and have an awesome day! Please feel free to reach out to me via email or phone at anytime, or pass along my contact info to anyone willing to chat and explore further possibilities!

Take care,

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A MAJOR TV Network is seeking to speak with folks of the Huntington, WV community who are **BIG** and **PROUD**! This show aims not to poke fun at the larger population, but rather celebrate the plus-size lifestyle, and promote that happiness is far more important than body size. Being **BIG** does not necessarily define you, or your outlook on life---and this show's goal is to prove this.

If you know anyone in Huntington who is fun, fat, and proud with an awesome and open-minded personality who chooses to celebrate their bigger lifestyle, and who can offer a fun, outgoing perspective... *We want to hear from you!*

Please email the following info to jamie.parks@loudtelevision.com

Your Name

Tell us about you!

Contact Info

How do you celebrate being LARGE & PROUD?

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