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Re: Chris Allsop

To whom it may concern:

Congratulations. You have the opportunity to be interviewing one of the best freelance writers who has contributed to *Orange Coast* magazine in the past few years.

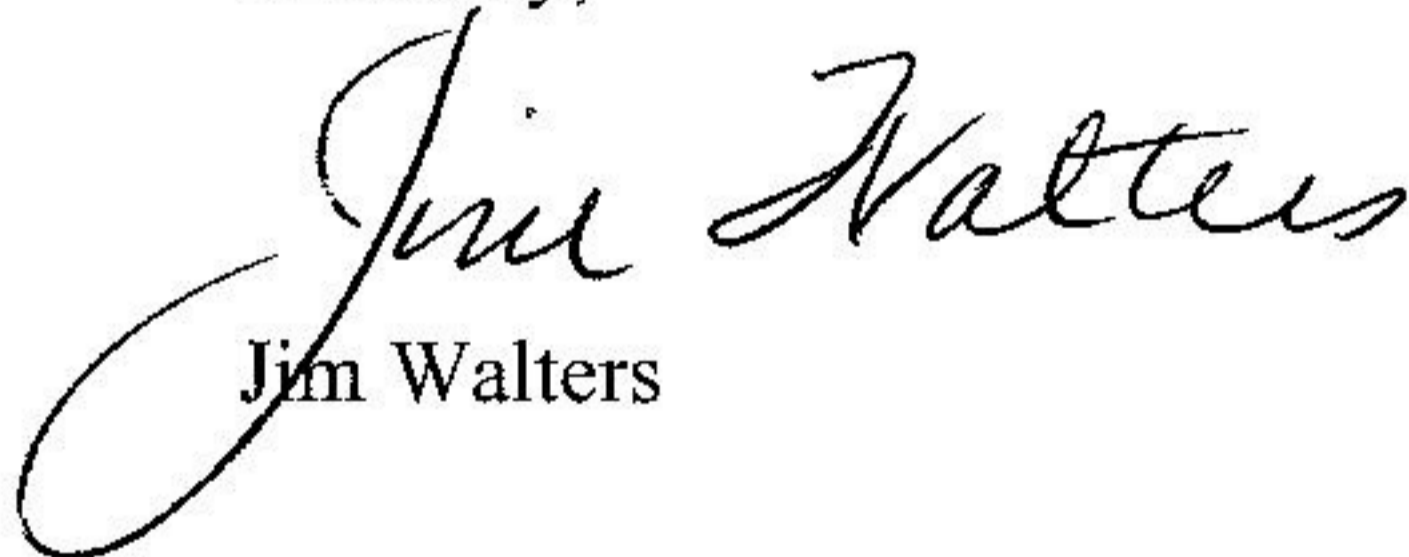
Time and again Chris has gone beyond the obvious to deliver articles that are accurate, balanced, informative, and entertaining:

- He pitched us the story of a surfer/meteorologist who produces online surf reports.
- He profiled a woman who brought the gangs of her neighborhood to heel with an after-school tutoring program in her garage that caught the eye of CBS' "60 Minutes" and "Oprah." Rose Espinoza is now a city councilwoman.
- And we assigned him a story on the hip duo behind Eyeconik Eyewear, a swank eyewear shop in Huntington Beach.

He completed these pieces—and others for us—on time and in a professional manner. He never objected to editors' questions or requests for more information. A day or two later, he'd be back with the information. He proved to be someone that the entire editorial staff could count on.

I hope this information is helpful. I know you'll enjoy working with Chris. We sure have at *Orange Coast*.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Walters