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Letters

RCSC prevents membership meetings and recalls

Call to Action: RCSC Board meeting, 7 p.m., today, at the Mountain View Auditorium, 9749 N. 107th Ave., at Mountain View Rd.

The board plans to change the quorum requirements for quarterly membership meetings and recall elections to 3,500.

That means the board majority turns the 35,000 mandatory assessment payers into their "deep-pocket slaves."

This upcoming motion is an outrageous abuse of board bylaw-creation authority. It removes all membership power the articles of incorporation promise when it states that in a conflict with the board the action of the members shall prevail. Membership meetings and recall elections are where members act.

With a 3,500 votes-cast requirement for board elections, none of the board members would be serving at all. And none of them can

claim a mandate from the 35,000 mandatory-assessment payers.

In December 2006, 1,787 votes were cast; President Warren Hoffman got 1,263 votes and Denny Nichols got 1,349.

In December 2008, 860 ballots were cast which was lower than the 2,742 votes cast in 2007. Gene Westemeier got 669 votes, Diane Worth got 597, and Tom Loegering got 578.

With miniscule support, the board should be treading lightly; but they are not.

The board meeting is being held at night for the first time. And the board has a history of delaying votes until people leave in a huff, tired and defeated. However, if you show up with your pillow, blanket, and folding chair; refreshments; entertainment, i.e., radio headsets, needlepoint or games; and squeeze into the Mountain View auditorium, spilling out onto the street and parking lot, ready to stay all night, if necessary, the board might table this motion, never to be revisited.

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