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RCSC

Misinformation being sent to residents

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Jan Ek (with permission from the Board of Directors, I suppose) used the RCSC corporate email blast to circulate misinformation regarding House Bill 2374, which was created by RCSC for the purpose of removing them from the Planned Communities Act.

In the email, she throws everything against the wall to see if something sticks in order to scare the homeowners into writing to the Legislature in support, even though it is against their best interests to do so.

One of the claims that seems to be sticking is the fear that having RCSC under the Planned Communities Act might jeopardize the age overlay. This claim is false. Just look at Sun City West that abides by the act and maintains its age overlay. There are many 55-plus planned communities that abide by the act without jeopardy.

If one claim is false, all claims are suspect from this source. Ms. Ek has steered the board into not obeying the Planned Communities Act for years, falsely claiming RCSC is not included. She's the "expert", after all. That claim forced the homeowners to take the issue to court, wasting money all around. To her chagrin, the judge correctly found that RCSC is an association under the act. But she is still going around criticizing the judge saying he is wrong. Odd, since RCSC takes the common area tax breaks given to associations that meet the same definition as the Planned Communities Act.

The misinformation is especially serious since Ms. Ek and the BOD influenced our State Representative Kevin Payne to sponsor the bill convincing him (wrongly) that we should not be under the act to the point he believes it. He believes in them so much he conducted no stakeholder meetings before pushing this egregious bill down the throats of Sun City homeowners.

Rep. Payne is a company man, siding with the board against the homeowners' interests. He has no clue that the Planned Communities Act benefits homeowners, not the board. There is a difference.

Removing RCSC from the Planned Communities Act will allow the BOD to continue not holding open workshop meetings where the deals are made; not allowing recall petitions with a thousand signatures; not having standing to sue the board to force compliance, and way more. If HB2374 passes, the homeowners are at the board's mercy, with unlimited taxing ability; and the lawsuit we are pursuing to compel the board's compliance could possibly be killed.

I don't like being flimflammed. I hope there are others who don't like it, either. The lawsuit is in the discovery phase. The evidence will be presented on all of the other alleged illegal acts the board has done.

What do they have to hide?