

Curtis vs PCM, GRF, & United

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I understand from a watchdog attending the United Board meeting on October 14th that Milt has named himself and some of his own PCM employees as ex-officio officers of United. What ??? For-profit corporations must stay arms length from non-profit corporations. Why would the Board approve such (ex-officio officers) unless they have no understanding of the distinction. Mr Johns is employed by the residents and as such is not welcome functioning as an ex-officio Board member. Time for Corporate 101. I would guess this also means we pay them for their time attending our board meetings.

JM United Mutual

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Groans surely echoed through the offices of Professional Community Management when Mike Curtis won election to a governing board at Laguna Woods Village on Oct. 8.

Two years ago, Curtis - an outspoken critic of how PCM manages the senior community -filed a **defamation lawsuit** against PCM, **United Mutual** (the homeowners association on which he now sits) and the **Golden Rain Foundation** (LVW's uber-homeowners association) after PCM went to jaw-dropping lengths to get him fired from his job as an engineer at **Raytheon**, according to court documents.

One year ago, they reached a settlement. Confidential. The official word is that it was to the satisfaction of all parties.

But the details of the lawsuit make it clear why Curtis - the new United director who won more votes than any other candidate running in that election - must make inquiries through a single, pre-approved point of contact at PCM, and why it's going to be a very interesting three years with him on the board.

Hooray! Hooray! We now have the option of working with Boards (both Third and United) not dominated by old world thinking. Experience is useful but only when it is open to other perspectives. One Board member at Tuesdays' United meeting proudly announced that when she doesn't know the answer to a question she just says, "NO!"

ALN Third Mutual

What is the logic in removing existing trees and garden area on the east side of Moulton near Clubhouse 2 in order to add sidewalk and bicycle lanes? This work, it seems, could be accomplished on the west side near Clubhouse 7 without destroying the amount of existing landscape.

CM United Mutual

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Curtis, a 30-year project engineer for **Raytheon** (this becomes important), moved to LWV in 2002, after serving as treasurer for his San Dimas homeowners associations for years. It didn't take him long to plug into the civic brouhaha at LWV, and he was unimpressed with how things were being run. Curtis went to meetings, spoke his mind, and didn't make any friends at PCM.