

is a voice crying out in the wilderness, alone, standing up while they revile him publicly, demean him and his motives, make false and misleading statements about him. PCM managers even tried to get him fired from his high security job. Why do they do this? They are in the majority, an overwhelming majority and feel entitled to kick and excoriate Mike. But in actuality they are abusing all of us. We elected Mike to stand up and make a difference and the United thugs abuse all of us who supported and voted for Mike. Mike is the face, we are their victims.

Now let us consider the biggest smash and grab of all—GRF. Elected by bloated plutocratic directors (who often vote for candidates simply to remove directors that are even too crass to remain on the housing mutual boards) they feel immune and omnipotent, free from oversight and regulation. Check out the latest plan hatched (pun intended) to extort up to \$5,000 from anyone who sells a manor. Thwarted by legislation notably Civil Code Section 1368(c), these directors sought the advice of counsel to find ways to weasel (pun intended) around the law. When advised that any weaseling would end up defeated and at huge cost to the community, GRF is now proposing another wonderful line of attack against what they consider a “bad law” according to Robert Hatch. Milt Johns, at a recent GRF meeting stated that they would (did?) hire a consultant (Richard Kingston of California Political Consultant Group) to determine the feasibility of getting support of other HOAs and lobbying to have the law changed. Can you

imagine the cost of a lobbying effort to change a law that protects the rights of those of us who sell property? The victims? Not just those who chose to move on, but those who must sell to go to sheltered care, those who sell because they can no longer afford the continually escalating assessments, those who have lost loved ones and must sell to liquidate their estates. But that’s all right. Seniors are the ultimate faceless victims. No rights, no voice, no protection. Smash and grab all you can and we are the victims. It is not about personalities, it is about real issues. The noise and brutality of a smash and grab are simply to distract the innocent while the crime is committed.

What can we do when we are told by the President that he doesn’t like our voice, when he tells us to shut up, when he closes a meeting without allowing member comments (a right supposedly guaranteed by law?) I don’t know what others will do, but I will lend my support and vote to the recall. Let’s face it, if we replace four (United) directors the replacements cannot possibly be worse than those currently on the board. Let’s go through (remove) them again and until we find a set that will honor the wishes of the membership and shoulder their fiduciary duties. Let’s recall them without fondness.

**“YES” on RECALL.**