

Opinion

Why Did We Move Here?

Just about every survey that has been taken, places "Security" as one of the top priorities when purchasing a manor. As we look at the people who live in LWV it does not take long to determine that aged widows and widowers make up a major part of our population.

After security, there is a long list of amenities that entice purchasers to satisfy their various needs and desires. We have physical activity, entertainment and education as potential options for our residents.

The demographics of our population in LWV finds a high number of widows and widowers who are looking for something more than "running with the crowd." They are not be interested or capable of taking part in basketball, volleyball, tennis, or badminton for their physical exercise and usually end up looking for a mental "exercise &/or entertainment" to fill their "retirement" time. Saddleback Community College (SBC) provides this service for our community and it is unequalled by any similar facility in the U.S. and possibly in the world.

One provision of SBC are the "Emeritus" classes that SBC makes available to all California residents. The symbiosis arrangement that has evolved by the state Community College funding allows SBC to work with various facilities by providing certified instructors and administrative costs for an array of classes located off campus in facilities provided by various organizations, i.e., Laguna Woods Village. As taxpayers, we fund the college system, and in return the college funds the administrative and instructor fees, along with some equipment and

supplies. LWV allows the use of our facilities to both resident and non-resident students to make the classes available.

There is a growing segment of LWV that would like to eliminate the costs of maintaining our equipment for non-resident use by eliminating the Emeritus Classes. The shortsightedness of these individuals who espouse this option do not realize the costs that would be incurred by PCM to hire additional employees to provide a similar function would FAR EXCEED any maintenance costs that we have today.

An initial step to "save money" is planned on being implemented by charging non-resident students a \$20 per semester "parking fee." This would supposedly bring in \$60,000 a year. When all of the administrative costs to implement this are added up, it is a guarantee that we will spend more than \$60,000 on this plan.

This is PCM/GRF Economics and will increase costs and be reflected in higher assessments. Can you imagine the lines in the Admin Building when the 1000 students begin classes and need their parking permit and this does not include the monitoring of vehicles for parking permits. SHORTSIGHTEDNESS!

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