

Opinion

Sleeping With The Rapist

Is it any wonder that we find ourselves in the predicaments we get into when we understand what position our residents and boards of directors take on various areas of our governance.

For example; The Third Mutual found enough undisclosed and questionable money management (bordering on fraud) on the part of our Managing Agent that they filed a lawsuit to get the money returned. How can you support the stand of many residents and directors to close their eyes to the situation and ignore what the Managing Agent had done and support the consequences of these actions.

During the elections last year, there were a number of Directors who ran for office promising their constituents that, if elected, they would try to stop the lawsuit that had been filed by the then existing board. The information concerning the lawsuit was confidential so they had no knowledge of the details of the lawsuit, BUT, they still shouted to all that would hear, ***"We will stop this lawsuit if we are elected."***

Not having any confidential information available to them didn't seem to affect their decision. They were sure that the Board was wrong and the Managing Agent was right. This is the typical approach that directors take when they are unwilling to stand up for what is right for our resident/owners.

It is common for people to take the easy way out and even when they are shown to be wrong, they continue down the path to "business as usual."

These individuals continued their voiced opposition to the lawsuit after the prior managing agent specifically stated in his cross complaint, ***"In January 2010, Johns sent an email to D. Disbro indicating that Johns believed that the Incentive Plan created by R. Disbro in or around 1996 and applied to United Laguna Hills Mutual, GRF, Third, and Mutual 50 might have violated state law and urged D. Disbro to have the company's attorney double check the Incentive Plan."***

The newly elected Third Board members also pressed hard, and took credit for, resolving the suit in mediation. What does that mean? The decisions of the court will be sealed and not become public knowledge. Residents Voice believes this was a fatal error and the Third Mutual owners were owed public acknowledgement of PCM's responsibility and liability in this case.

Instead, "We are back in bed with the one who potentially raped us!"

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