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Hello All,

My name is Silence Do-good and I am a property(s) owner in the HLR community. Some of you may know me by name. Especially those of you of age to have had the privilege to study United States History and had erasers thrown at them for nodding off during their United States Civic classes in high school. Try that today and the school gets burnt to the ground. So sad.

It is also unfortunate those subjects are no longer taught in our public schools. Most kids today cannot explain the flag of the United States or the history behind the Star-Spangled Banner. Other than both are symbols of racism and oppression. My oh my. Those that have been chosen to lead have surely been given the inch and aggressively taken the mile.

That's what brings me to write my observations today. The bureaucratic red tape effortlessly continues to grow in Washington DC. If there was ever a truly bipartisan effort in our Capital, it is the creation of red tape. Our president has proposed amending section 4.3 of our current bylaws. He states it is to offer clarification to the section by separating the recall and the vacancy. Now I must ask, why does our lowly POA board feel we cannot determine what is intended in section 4.3? What purpose is served to rewrite 4.3? Too what purpose does our board feel it is their responsibility to pick and choose which rules and procedures to follow and which to rewrite? Maybe we should ask, whom does it serve? The short answer, not the property owner. Picking and choosing or rewriting rules does not allow for the property owner to live the way they envisioned living when they first purchased property in HLR unless you are eliminating most of these rules. Yet, our lowly board wishes to elevate itself to a place that must convince us we cannot function as a community without their direct input and guidance. Is this to be called vanity, arrogance, tyranny, or they just like bullying others? It should be remembered; we are all private property owners, we are not the military, and this is not Washington DC. Maybe it is time we, the POA, remind this board they are but elected and/or appointed volunteers and not wannabe professional politicians. Drop the constant badgering over parliamentary procedures and just let people speak.

This board knows too well it cannot change the CCR's, Articles or Bylaws without 75% of the property votes. With that we have no fear they can just arbitrarily start changing things. By placing an agenda item to change a Bylaw, this board is seeking to create additional bureaucracy. Is this merely a ploy to gain power through bureaucratic legislation or initiate a change that looks so harmless on the surface that most property owners will sleepwalk through the vote? It is in my opinion; this board is demonstrating that the interest of the property owners is not truly their interest. It is but a move to create additional bureaucracy to grant more authority that allows the board more power to oversee the property owners. Past boards have sought nothing more than the power to sue the residents that even dared to misuse a rule.

If this board were to truly hold the interest of the property owners at their center for purpose, then this board would announce the position of president, vice-president and member at large are being eliminated. The three-member quorum would then be created with the treasurer, secretary, and the sitting chairperson of the road committee. Why the chair of the road committee? All we need from our board is to maintain our roads to such a satisfactory condition that 4-wheel drive is not required to safely navigate our roads.

Rewriting 4.3 is but only one of the agenda items offered on the read ahead. The treasurer has also created agenda items. Board members can do that at will, create agenda items. You as a property owner must jump through hoops. You must explain the problem, a proposed solution and how it must be approached to complete. You must provide all the financial costs and reasons it makes sense to do this project as well as provide where the money originates and how the work

is to be completed. Yet, the board members create agenda items at a moment's notice with only a simple reason of, it is not concise or requires clarification or it would be good to do. I thought this board of elected volunteers was to represent the POA, yet they continuously remind us we are not allowed much participation. We are but observers.

Treasurer agenda item: he wants to have a performance review. A what? Yes, a performance review. I do not remember hiring the treasurer or that the treasurer position was a compensated position that requires a review to determine the return of investment dedicated to the position or any position on this board for that matter. With the controversy that is created by the board at each board meeting, you would think they just might know that answer.

The treasurer is also presenting an agenda item seeking board approval to begin tracking the materials and items purchased. Has this board, or a past board, not been fulfilling this task? Was there no document passed forward from a previous treasurer? Is this not a defined responsibility of the treasurer? Isn't the treasurer responsible for tracking all monies of the POA? Is it not just common sense to already have some method? Why does the treasurer need board approval allowing them to create a document to show what money was spent, where it was spent, how much material was purchased, how much was consumed, how much remains, and where, if any, remaining material is to be stored? Is it not just common sense to already have some method?

We also need to consider the treasurer now wishes to increase the assessments. Why? It seems this monsoon season has forced a continuing upkeep to our roads and has depleted the available emergency cash. Yet, not so long ago, the treasurer was asking for suggestions for how to handle a surplus of money that came from our current assessments and a lack of active monsoons the past two seasons causing little to no damage to the roads. It was suggested that a robust monsoon season would return, and any surplus should be appropriated to the roads. The president of the board boldly stated there was substantial emergency funds to handle a monsoon season. Now we need to increase assessments because we did not have funds available to handle this monsoon season. What is the true reason to increase the assessments?

I fear I have become long winded. There is so much to say, and I want to thank you all in advance for taking time to the reading of this letter. Unfortunately, it seems there will be more to follow. So sad. I only wish for each property owner to live exactly the way they envisioned living when they purchased their property(s). Rewriting rules and creating new arguments or controversy for rewriting the rules or to live under the fear of financial ruin due to a board suit, does not make for a pleasant atmosphere for all to live within the vision we each had. It would be so advantageous if our current board would stop trying to dictate how we live and allow us too simply live.

May God bless each of you and keep you safe,

Sincerely,

Silence Do-good

