

Dear Neighbor,

As President of the Villages' Master Board, I believe it's necessary for me to respond to the claims and accusations that have been leveled towards me during a Zoom Meeting that took place on July 18, 2020.

Fortunately, a tape recording, screen shots of all written comments and a list of all participants have been provided to me. No real surprises. I believe I know who was just interested and those who want blood. It's election time, I've been through this before.

Since 2014, 19 people have placed their names on a Master ballot and only 9 have won seats. Think about that, 19 people out of 398 homes (and four of the 9 were husband and wife). In other words, a lot of people let a few do all the work.

The thing is, serving on the Board means enforcing the rules and unfortunately, this sometimes creates animosity. That was clearly evident by the comments made about me from a couple who's home has been in pre-foreclosure twice and have incurred many thousands in delinquencies, fines, and liens. Yet, somehow it's the HOA's fault they can't pay their bills and expects the rest of us to carry their share?

And then there's the woman who's boyfriend's car has been towed about a half dozen times. Darn HOA and their stupid fire-lane rules. And of course there's the guy who rents his home to a person the HOA was close to seeking a restraining order against, as this renter's disgustingly violent outburst was caught on video. Both the HOA and the property owner wasted thousands in legal fees resolving that battle.

Yes, I can see why those people want to attack me under the guise of rumors, gossip and conspiracy theories. It's enlightening to know such righteous and Christian people walk among us.

But it's the hypocrites that really amaze me. And I will address them the way they addressed me on that Zoom call.

For those on the call who asked about the charges that appear for JetBlue, Westin and "limo" charges (actually a shuttle bus service), let's start there. When the Board was preparing to escalate the Builder's Defect complaint to an actual lawsuit, the Board travelled to Lake Las Vegas to meet with the law firm that represented us. Yes, they have an office here, but with Las Vegas being the capital of builder defect cases, the lawyers we needed to prepare us had offices there. In the end, the three HOA's netted \$1.3 million dollars so if you don't agree with the trip, that's your right and I don't really care.

But what does bother me was that while on this Zoom call and while people inquired about those charges, [REDACTED] sat there quietly and "innocently" and didn't bother to explain the charges or that she and her husband and son all attended. Again, I feel this trip was justified and that the outcome far outweighed the expense, but why be such a coward? And let's not even go into the 14 new houses built a couple of years ago that **Patty & I** begged to get her an "exclusive" listing of? But my conscious is clean because even though she was paid a reduced aggregate commission of around **\$100,000**, **Patty & I** never even received a Happy Meal for our "friendly suggestions" to **Brad**, to hire [REDACTED]

And how about my long time friend [REDACTED]. You know [REDACTED] was one of the first to dedicate his time and equipment to our social events. From Day One [REDACTED] was there for our Block Parties, Yard Sales, Holiday Events, Halloween Parties, Movie Night's at the Pool and Dodger Days. So when [REDACTED] wrote the comment "\$731 at Tequila Jacks?"...why didn't [REDACTED] chime in that he and his wife [REDACTED] were at that dinner (as were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED])? Now I whole heartedly feel that [REDACTED] deserved to be treated to that dinner recognizing about 15 social committee volunteers, given the contribution of all his time, but why not clarify that with the others of this Zoom group? Why post "I'll do anything to get this community in good standing" but not admit the HOA paid for your meals and drinks that night? [REDACTED], could S & P be your karma? Be a man and man up if you want to play the righteous card?!

And then there's the leader of the pack, [REDACTED], the "employee" at New Life Community Church of LA and former Interim Lead Pastor (according to LinkedIn). This is the person who cruelly criticized the

members of the social committee last year just before Halloween for enjoying Happy Hour appetizers and drinks at Geezers while planning everyone's free events. Those "volunteers" dedicate countless hours event after event, year after year, yet ██████ claimed that those people were stealing funds from the community. So they quit and a vastly reduced Halloween party was held...on the basketball court.

Well I've been waiting two years to share with you about ██████ dinner with the Board, hosted by the Builder Defect law firm at the Dal Rae in December 2018, about a month and a half after he was elected to the Board. We were meeting to discuss a potential settlement offer and even though ██████ obviously had no part in the long, hard fought case, there was **Mr. Ethical**, chomping on a \$55.00 steak and 8" tall shrimp appetizers. **What's the saying..."do as I say, not as I do"?** By the way, the ██████ were there as well. I guess a free meal is a free meal but not for those who actually do the volunteer work, like the Social Committee?

I'll finish where I began, 19 people have ran and 9 have been elected to the Board. That leaves 379 potential homeowners out there that I'm sure are just dying to serve as a volunteer on the Board? Just remember that you'll be **hated by those who break the rules**, will be **lied about with no proof offered (slander)**, will be **held in contempt if you are shown any appreciation** from others, and will just plain be **resented for doing a job most know they're incapable of doing**.

Derek Lee and I will be on the ballot again this October and I am confident we'll win again because people want results. People are welcome to disagree with choices made in the past, **but all the ██████ sell is the past while Derek and I plan for the future...** and have proven it time after time!

Let's face it, ██████ and his wife ██████ have shown you nothing except for the ability to criticize the hard work of others. They've apparently lived here for over a decade yet never showed their faces until 2018 when they launched their crusade to "save the Villages" from years of improvements, huge property value gains and stunning financial stability. They've contributed nothing to the growth and progress of the community. Over the last two Board meetings, they both voted **NO** 5 out of 6 times. They think they're making a statement; I say they're just making themselves look useless.

Neighbors, I am inviting you to meet me on **Saturday, August 8th at 9am by the pool** to discuss WHATEVER YOU WANT. I look forward to facing ██████ who claimed during the Zoom meeting that I served 90 days in jail, and to prove it... and for ██████ (my Kryptonite..more like a pimple on my ASS) to prove I plead felonies down to a misdemeanors. Let's hear ██████ proof that **Gerald** ran the construction at my restaurant so that we can all see just how amazingly ignorant ██████ statement was- "can we take ownership of his restaurant if it's proven...". This is what the ██████ have reduced this community to...a Village of neighbors hating thy neighbor. **Good Christians** indeed, all casting stones. I have no problem stating that I believe religious hypocrites have a special place in hell waiting for them.

We'll also talk about all your favorite talking points like the HOA office and the storage building. Feel free to bring up my daughter and wife. You can't hurt my feelings. We'll also talk about the long list of improvements made since I've been President of the Board, about our low dues and about our healthy Reserves. We'll talk about all our successful audits. We can even talk about all that the Jasmine HOA has accomplished with their Builder's Defect settlement while ██████ and his bunch only make excuses with your money?

This meeting will take place by the pool because I'm not afraid to face my accusers. We will place multiple tents and chairs around the pool to promote social distancing. The seating area will be large and spread out. I will use a PA system to be heard. And of course I encourage the wearing of masks.

See you on Saturday!

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