

TO: VILLAGES AT MT. HOOD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ATTN: NANCY DOUGHERTY; CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

AFTER MUCH REFLECTION, I FEEL COMPELLED TO COMMENT IN WRITING (FOR THE RECORD) ABOUT THE "VILLAGES OF MT. HOOD" ISSUE TO BE DISCUSSED AT A WORK SESSION ON TUESDAY; APRIL 9, 2008.

I HAVE BEEN IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE "VILLAGES AT MT. HOOD BOARD OF DIRECTORS" SINCE ITS INCEPTION APPROX. 2 YEARS AGO AND FEEL THERE HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS MADE IN THE PAST YEAR.

I ADAMANTLY FEEL THE "VILLAGES AT MT. HOOD" CAN AND SHOULD PROVIDE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY A STRONG VOICE WITH THE BOARD OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY (BCC). HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO DO SO WE MUST INSIST THAT OUR BOARD CONTINUE TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN ITS AUTONOMY, AND NOT BECOME MERELY PUPPETS OF THE BBC WHEN DEALING WITH ISSUES THAT SO PROFOUNDLY AFFECT OUR COMMUNITY!

THE "VILLAGES AT MT. HOOD BOARD OF DIRECTORS" MUST FOCUS ON WAYS TO UNITE OUR COMMUNITY AND NOT PROVIDE FURTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO BE DIVIDED. I BECOME INCREASINGLY FRUSTRATED WHEN CERTAIN BOARD MEMBERS CHOOSE TO EXERCISE AN ABSTENTION VOTE WHEN THE SOLE PURPOSE OF EACH ELECTED MEMBER OF OUR BOARD IS TO REPRESENT THE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY BY MAKING HARD AND SOMETIMES DIFFICULT DECISIONS THAT WILL AFFECT OUR COMMUNITY'S BEST INTEREST. THE ONLY REASON AN ABSTENTION VOTE SHOULD BE CAST IS IF THERE IS ANY POSSIBILITY OF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST BY ANY BOARD MEMBER AS DEFINED UNDER OREGON PUBLIC MEETING LAW, AND FOR NO OTHER REASON.

IF THE "VILLAGES OF MT. HOOD" ARE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE OPERATING INDEPENDENTLY WITHOUT COMPLETE OVERSIGHT FROM OUR "ELECTED" MEMBERS OF THE "VILLAGES AT MT. HOOD BOARD", IT WILL NOT ONLY CONTINUE TO ALLOW OUR COMMUNITY TO BE DIVIDED, BUT IT WILL CONTINUE CONFUSING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND ALSO PROVIDE A GREAT DISSERVICE TO THE "VILLAGES AT MT. HOOD BOARD" AND OUR COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE BY WILLINGLY GIVING UP ANY AUTONOMY THAT WOULD BE GAINED.

I CLEARLY UNDERSTAND WHY THE "VILLAGES OF MT. HOOD BOARD" ARE SO RELUCTANT TO BECOME INTEGRATED WITH THE "VILLAGES AT MT. HOOD BOARD". I KNOW ALL OF THE PLAYERS AND HOW THEY WOULD BE AFFECTED. I AM IN TOTAL AGREEMENT THAT MUCH WORK HAS BEEN DONE ON BEHALF OF THE "VILLAGES OF MT. HOOD BOARD". HOWEVER, I AM NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH HOW THAT BOARD HAS DISTRIBUTED COUNTY FUNDS DUE TO NO OVERSIGHT. ONE EXAMPLE WOULD BE SOURCING AN OUTSIDE AGENCY IN PORTLAND TO DESIGN A LOGO FOR THEIR BOARD AT A COST OF APPROX. \$6000.00! WE HAVE GRAPHIC DESIGNERS WORKING WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY WHO WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE THAN HAPPY TO CREATE A LOGO THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN AS IMPRESSIVE FOR A FRACTION OF THAT COST. THEIR FOCUS SHOULD HAVE BEEN TO KEEP THOSE FUNDS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY, THEREBY ENHANCING OUR LOCAL ECONOMY AND IMPROVING COMMUNITY RELATIONS. DUE TO NO OVERSIGHT, I STRONGLY FEEL THIS TO BE AN ERROR IN JUDGMENT ON BEHALF OF THE "VILLAGES OF MT. HOOD BOARD OF DIRECTORS".

AGAIN, EACH "ELECTED" MEMBER OF THE "VILLAGES AT MT. HOOD BOARD" MUST MAKE THE DECISION AND CAST THEIR VOTE SUCH THAT IT WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR COMMUNITY! A VOTE TO THE CONTRARY WOULD NOT ONLY BE UNACCEPTABLE, BUT IT WOULD BE A SINCERE DETRIMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY! EVERY VOTE MUST BE TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE MAJORITY OF OUR RESIDENCE AND NOT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FEW!

I AM ASKING EACH BOARD MEMBER OF THE "VILLAGES AT MT. HOOD" TO CAREFULLY CONSIDER HOW THEIR VOTE WILL AFFECT OUR COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE WHEN DELIBERATING AND VOTING ON ISSUE(S) PERTAINING TO THE "VILLAGES OF MT. HOOD!"

IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE FOR THE "VILLAGES AT MT. HOOD BOARD" TO CONTINUE CONVINCING RELUCTANT MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY THAT THEY ARE A VALID BOARD COMPRISED OF MEMBERS WHO ARE WILLING AND CAPABLE OF UNITING OUR COMMUNITY BY ADDRESSING DIFFICULT ISSUES AND MAKING SMART DECISIONS.

**PLEASE DO NOT GIVE UP OUR AUTONOMY!** IF THE "VILLAGES AT MT. HOOD BOARD" CHOOSES TO DO SO, THEY WILL VOLUNTARILY PROVIDE A COURSE TO LOST CREDIBILITY AND DIMINISHED SUBSTANCE BY RENDERING THIS BOARD MEANINGLESS IN THE FUTURE.

OUR COMMUNITY IS IN DIRE NEED OF A BOOST, AND I SEE IT COMING FROM THE "VILLAGES AT MT. HOOD BOARD OF DIRECTORS". I AND MANY OTHER COMMUNITY RESIDENTS RELY ON THIS BOARD TO MAKE SOUND DECISIONS THAT WILL BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITY NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

SINCERELY,

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