

Comment Letter O4

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 Subject: ECCHO Concerns

Mayor, Sam Abed and Council Members John Masson, Ed Gallo, Olga Diaz and Mike Morasco -

Remember when Michael Schlesinger dumped chicken manure at the backyards of Country Club homeowners? Well, \$100,000 fine levied against him by the APCD didn't teach him much of a lesson. His latest tricks are not quite so ham-handed but they are just as devious.

First, he threatened our attorney of long-standing, Ken Lounsbury, then New Urban West Inc. claimed that Ken was conflicted because another member of his firm had once represented New Urban West Inc. Of course, Ken never had anything to do with New Urban West or any of its legal dealings and he explained the legal process for resolving the alleged conflict. Unfortunately, we simply couldn't afford to fund such a defense so were forced to switch attorneys.

Second, Mr. Schlesinger and his chosen developer of a project in Poway hired John Hoy, the same political consultant who successfully guided ECCHO through the infamous Prop H campaign. The Poway project has to go to a vote of the people. As long as John is working for Mr. Schlesinger in Poway, he won't be able to help ECCHO, his original client. ECCHO was forced to find another consultant recommended by John Hoy. She was Erica Holloway, who's very effective.

Third, and most devious, Mr. Schlesinger has now targeted Erica Holloway. First, Anastasia, an employee of New Urban West, called Erica and suggested she stop working for ECCHO or she may be sued. Do you remember Jason Roe? He is the guy Mr. Schlesinger hired to handle his failed Prop H campaign. As Erica began to prove her worth for ECCHO, Mr. Schlesinger learned on Jason Roe and had him call Erica. Roe's report was that she could be sued if she continued working for us. Then, Michael Schlesinger learned on State Senator Dennis Hollingsworth. The Senator called Erica and said that if you continue to work for ECCHO you may never get any more consultant work in San Diego County again. Erica has lawyered up and, so far, hasn't backed down.

Apparently he has threatened to see John Masson defeated in the November, 2018 election. John has the full support of the ECCHO community.

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Response to Comment Letter O4

Escondido Country Club Homeowners' Association
 (ECCHO)
 Mike Slater
 August 9, 2017

O4-1 The City of Escondido (City) acknowledges the comment as an introduction to comments that follow.

The City notes that the comment provides legal citations regarding the premise of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as well as background information, and does not raise an environmental issue within the meaning of CEQA. The City will include the comment as part of the Final Environmental Impact Report for review and consideration by the decision makers prior to a final decision on the Project. No further response is required because the comment does not raise an environmental issue.

The City agrees with the comment that there has been extensive history regarding the Project site and that multiple parties are interested. As such, the City granted the Escondido Country Club Homeowners' Association's request that the comment period be extended from the statutory requirement of 45 days by an additional 7 days (52 days in total).

Mr. Schlesinger/New Urban West Inc.'s political operative now is a gentleman named Darren Pudgil. Mr. Pudgil is obviously scared of Erica Holloway's effectiveness. In fact she's identified some improper campaign practices that can be laid at his doorstep. We believe he is behind the so-called grass-roots group called ROCC. Of course, it's anything but grass roots. Its few members have been romanced with free beer, wine and pizza at campaign rallies paid for by the developers. Here's an interesting fact. The ROCC website domain name was traced to a P.O. box in Kirkland, Washington. When it became known that we were tracing the origin of the "grass-roots" campaign the website domain name became unregistered. Misrepresentation of a grass-roots group of volunteers is illegal. If reporting requirements were followed, the truth would be known.

Anyone who thinks New Urban West Inc. is in charge of the Country Club development is delusional. New Urban West is nothing more than Mr. Schlesinger's puppet and Mr. Schlesinger is no more reliable now than he was when 61% of the Escondido voters threw out the plan that is virtually identical to what New Urban West is proposing now. Is this what the City bargained for when it settled the lawsuit with Mr. Schlesinger? If it's okay for Michael Schlesinger to continue with this sleight of hand, then the City got snookered.

Sincerely,

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