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President's Message by Craig Whited

Happy New Year from your Mediterrania Board of Directors! Fresh from our very successful Wine & Cheese get together a few months ago, we all believed that we were on the cusp of emerging from the pandemic and having our Annual Meeting and Dinner at Marymount. Everything was scheduled with Marymount for February 6th, and we were ready to order the food at our meeting on January 12th, before the Omicron variant turned everything on its head.

Instead, at our January 12th meeting, we determined it simply was not possible to have a get-together at Marymount that was both safe and inviting and decided to postpone the Annual Meeting and Dinner for at least six weeks. We will assess in a month and, worst case scenario, if we are unable to gather indoors at Marymount by late March or early April, the tentative plan is to hold the Annual Meeting outdoors during our Cinco de Mayo block party on May 7th. We are determined to have our Annual Meeting and elect new Board Members by May; we just want to be able to have everyone in the neighborhood attend and also keep everyone as safe as possible from potential breakthrough infections.

As we will not be having our meeting in February, we need to invite everyone to consider supporting the "Our Neighborhood Voices" initiative and signing the petition. Please see the article in this Newsletter. This initiative is supported by the City of RPV and most of the cities in the state and needs thousands of signatures in order to qualify for the 2022 November Ballot. Sacramento has taken away all single-family zoning and this initiative will restore to local control of zoning.

We are looking forward to 2022 for a number of reasons. First, we are one of the few HOA's with a main entrance fully covered by Flock security cameras. Second, we have completed work on our front entrance along Palos Verdes Drive East and implemented a regular maintenance plan.

Third, we are working with the City to secure a recycling matching funds grant to redo the Ganado corridor from the entrance to Floweridge. And, if we work together, we can do a lot more. The current Board Members have remained in their current positions for over two years (many have been on the Board for over 5 years) and we feel we are now at a point where it is time to pass the baton and elect a substantial number of new Board Members. We strongly encourage you to join the Board, take a position, and bring new thoughts and ideas to your HOA. Like Uncle Sam says - We Need You!

Despite the delay in the Annual Meeting, it is more important than ever for every household in Mediterrania to pay their annual dues, as late this summer, we will have to pay a full \$4,000 for another year's lease payment for the FLOCK cameras (double what we paid last year unless the City provides matching funds for which we are lobbying). While it is hard to precisely quantify the degree of protection the FLOCK cameras gives us, we are pleased to report that we have not had a single reported neighborhood burglary since the cameras were installed and also have been able to answer a number of questions regarding vehicle issues at our entrance. Certainly, these benefits to our security alone support our \$50 annual dues. So, whether you partake of any of the other activities and projects that the MHOA offers or not, we hope to have everyone join the HOA this upcoming year.

While the last two years were ones that most of us would like to forget, I want to thank my fellow Board members for what they were able to accomplish, and I want to thank all our current HOA Members for supporting us during this challenging period and for looking out for each other. Your many compliments and kind words to Patty Ott, our MHOA Secretary, and Don Ott, who put up the fall harvest theme and holiday greetings lights, were greatly appreciated. The whole Board appreciates ongoing emails and thank you notes regarding the appearance of our entrance and how it has enhanced home values.

Thanks to everyone for giving us something to look forward to in 2022 and for doing their share.

Dear Residents:

We want to inform you about the RPV “Housing Element,” which is a State mandated program for every municipality in California to adopt plans and regulations for development of additional housing. The last few years our California Legislature has passed many housing bills which has taken away our local control. It is now “one size fits all.” We no longer have single family zoning in California. The City must provide a plan to rezone for more dense housing and meet state mandated housing targets that provide housing for all income groups.

The number of units that must be built are set by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). RPV has received a Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) number of 647 units, which is for October 2021 - October 2029. We must comply by submitting a plan to the State showing where we will add additional housing. Our city faces a variety of sanctions and financial penalties, loss of land use control, loss of infrastructure improvements grants, etc. and related lawsuits if we do not comply.

The City hired a consultant who selected the proposed 647 sites within the city. The sites are all over the City. The addition of these new housing units will change our city and community forever.

The new housing site that will affect Mediterrania in the draft Housing Element plan, is a plot of land along PVD East on the Marymount property located directly across the street from Casilina Dr. at the entrance to the Mira Catalina HOA. The allotted number of units in the Draft Housing Element is 44. Mediterrania HOA met with the RPV City Manager and the Director of Community Development to discuss our concerns. Based on our input, City staff has agreed to amend the allocation from 44 down to only 20 units. These units will be in the above Moderate/Market price range. However, Marymount in 2019 had submitted a plan to build 12-15 homes at the same general location. That project is on hold until Marymount completes its merger with St. Leo University. City staff has assured us that either one of these projects would fulfill the allotment for this property.

There is one “bright light” to end all these mandates from the State and regain local control for RPV. If we gather the required number of signatures, there will be an Initiative on the 2022 Ballot. The initiative doesn’t repeal any particular Bill but it will return Local Control to the cities and counties and will give them the right to override the housing bills that have been passed and regain local control of zoning and land use for now and into the future.

We will be gathering signatures for the Initiative at the annual meeting. For more information go to:

<https://ourneighborhoodvoices.com/>

**Our
Neighborhood
Voices**

**SIGN THE INITIATIVE SATURDAY & SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 5TH & 6TH BETWEEN 11 AM & 3 PM at:**

31115 Ganado Dr. – look for the “Our Neighborhood Voices Banner.” We are collecting signatures to place the “Our Neighborhood Voices” Initiative on the November 2022 Ballot. In 2021, Sacramento passed two bills – SB 9 & 10 – which has taken away all single-family home zoning in California. Now four or more dwellings can be built on the lot right next door to yours with the city and you having no say! Support our City Council and help regain LOCAL CONTROL of our land use and zoning. Politicians gave their developer donors a way to make millions and we, the taxpayers, will have to pay the bill for additional infrastructure, schools, police, fire and all things that density brings. This Initiative provides a process to regain Local Control. Please stop by and take only a few minutes to **SIGN THE INITIATIVE TO SAVE OUR WAY OF LIFE AND THIS BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY.**

Memorial Fund for Fallen Firefighter

As many of you know, a Los Angeles County Firefighter lost his life in a house blaze on Tarapaca Rd, Rancho Palos Verdes, on Thursday, January 6, 2022. Jonathan Flagler was 47 years old and he leaves behind a wife and two teenage boys. He was appointed to Fire Station 83 in Miraleste. The community is devastated and we’ve had many ask what they can do. There is a memorial fund set up by the L.A.County Fire Union. This was established to help his widow and his two boys. If you would like to donate, please send a check to :

FLAGLER MEMORIAL FUND at F & A FCU
2625 Corporate Place
Monterey Park, CA 91754

ATTENTION: Aymee Yanesa

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One of our Beautiful Sunsets!

Mediterrania Homeowners Association

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND PROXY FOR 2022

(Please cut out and return in full with your Dues payment)

Name(s): _____

Check One: _____ Homeowner/Member _____ Renter/Associate Member

Address: _____

Phone(s): (Primary) _____ Other: _____

E-mail(s): (1) _____ (2) _____

Opt-Out (check): _____ I do not wish to receive the newsletter and notifications via email.

Please Designate a Proxy: In order to conduct business at our Annual Meeting, a majority of Members must be present in person or via proxy. If there is a possibility you will not attend the Annual Meeting, please provide a proxy.

Designated Proxy: _____ (Optional)

Make your **2022** annual dues (\$50.00) payable to “Mediterrania HOA” and mail/deliver to:

Craig Whited, Pres/Treas.
31145 Palos Verdes Drive East
RPV, CA 90275

Thank you for supporting your Mediterrania Homeowners Association!

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