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Dear Commissioners:

I have agreed to transmit this communication on behalf of the signatories to it. This transmittal email is not intended to reflect their views and is my personal representation.

The individuals that have collected these 116 signatures, have I believe, done so with the best interest of the community in mind. While I can't testify to the accuracy of each and everyone, I believe them to be accurate and represent residents, business owners, real property tax payers (land owners) or SSCSD rate payers of the community.

To the best of my knowledge and review, every business in San Simeon's Community Services District with the exception of two, have participated in supporting this letter. The two are, an individual retail outlet that is closed and the Motel 6 which has a corporate policy of not signing or getting involved locally and it is to be respected.

Having a 50 years of history and business in the District, it is my belief, a small group of individuals, for their own personal agendas, have been using every available public safeguard, agency and public communication to harass: SSCSD Board Members, their attorney, consultants, contractors and other members of the community who support them. This includes Federal, State and County agencies that have been working with the District as well. In addition there has been an attempt to undermine the relationship with the Hearst Corporation who have always been gracious and understanding when working with our District. They are to be respected and thanked!

As a result of these tactics our Board Meetings have become a mockery and numerous nice and qualified Board members have resigned. No one who voluntarily provides services to a small community deserves to have loud mouths outside their residence yelling at them, etc. One only needs to watch a couple of the SSCSD Meeting videos to understand, or avail themselves to the Nextdoor website, that is used to generate misinformation and chaos before each monthly meeting.

While I understand, failures to meet technicalities have occurred, the integrity of the Board and Charles Grace to do the right thing, is evidenced by their continued service to this community and the support of its citizens is beyond question. They have not nor are they now causing harm to our community or its citizens. The reputational and operational harm to our district is coming from the constant assault on the Board, attorney and our contracted operations and maintenance service provider. The effort to threaten every action, attempts by primarily two people to overload the staff with broad FOIA requests and meeting disruptions has been overwhelming and harmful.

The District's efforts to always provide an attorney at each meeting to help comply with these technicalities has been genuine. While it could be said previous Board's selection decisions were too heavily based on cost concerns rather than experience, it is always easier to look back and criticize.

Thank you for taking the time to review these thoughts and accompanying letter, and please remember the representation here is mine, and does not necessarily reflect those of the signatories.

Respectfully

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