

On 8/29/23 6:51 PM, DEAN SCHOOLER wrote:

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The Board of Directors
The Orange Home Homeowners Association
The Committee on Governance

Dear Directors,

I write with profound sadness and urgency.

The process we have underway must immediately be halted and stopped in its tracks, reviewed, widely discussed, and a new consensus and decision-making process started anew.

We must re-envision and re-do this horrendous process that is destroying our neighborhood.

The process we have experienced has already done great damage to our neighborhood's future.

I have over the recent months felt, seen and heard our neighborhood descend in part into division, distrust, and distancing. We have lost much if not all of our "glue" and descended into chaos and discord. No community can survive that and the damage will, if not already, become permanent. In fact, it may be irreversible.. .

Moreover, we are at risk of creating a void between those who govern and those who are governed.

We are not aware that we are changing our neighborhood forever. Perhaps some among us may have already planned for that!

We need to remember how to talk with one another and avoid talking at one another.

How we handle our present will, in part, shape our future as a neighborhood.

We also need to remember that we can be a model for other neighborhoods.

We need to acknowledge that much of our discussion requires a knowledge of the law and those who cite the law ought not to use the law as a weapon but rather as something to be explained and discussed.

Like many of you, I have my own position on the matters before us, but I must understand that others may feel differently. And, in some homes, there may be harmful consequences from two or more owners having only one vote. I am personally aware of that in my own household.

Those who have expertise and experience must remember and value the fact that others may have different expertise and experience.

At this point I fear that our neighborhood is irreversibly headed for division and animosity.

And, finally, everyone must remember that their vote is equal to every other homeowner in the 'hood'.

We are headed in the wrong direction of divisiveness rather than inclusion and the only answer I have is that we real soon must learn how to talk with one another.

Orange Orchard is at a crossing. To the left is harmony and peace and to the right is isolation, distrust and anger. The choice, fortunately, is ours.

With home, heart, and hope,

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