

REC-11
APR 27 2007

April 26, 2007

BY:.....

Storey County Commissioners
Post Office Box 176
Virginia City, NV 89440

Storey County Planning Commissioners
Post Office Box 526
Virginia City, NV 89440

Subject: Scare Tactics being used to get people to sign
Petitions and turn them against the Cordevista
Development Proposal

Dear Commissioners and Planning Commissioners:

On the evening of April 12, 2007, I was returning to my home in Storey County through Lockwood when I saw a man holding a large sign that said "STOP UNCONTROLLED GROWTH, SIGN PETITION." I drove up to the man holding the sign and asked what it was about. He said, "We're trying to slow down the Cordevista Development over those mountains. They're going to raise all of our taxes."

When I expressed my opinion that the broader tax base resulting from the development should result in lower taxes, the man holding the sign said, "We will not be able to ride our vehicles out there anymore." He was presumably talking about all terrain vehicles. I told him that I could read the Nevada License Plate on his older model black Dodge pick-up truck which read "GNHUNTER," and told him that I thought the real reason he was taking up the petition was land use on his part. When I said that there would be plenty of open range in the area, and that this was only one development, he replied, "Blake Smith and his friend Mr. Z will put two or three developments up there." In essence, this individual was attempting to scare people into signing the petition under false pretenses.

I have recently reviewed two issues of the Comstock Chronicle Newspaper (4/13/07 and 4/20/07). I come from a family of newspaper people. My Mother wrote for the New York Daily News and my Step-Father wrote for the New York Herald Tribune, and I am the author of several books, one of which was documentary in nature and forwarded by U.S. Navy SEAL Team Commander B.J. Keepers. In all of my years, I have never seen more biased publishing than the articles in the Comstock Chronicle attempting to frighten people into opposing the Cordevista development with innuendo and, at times, downright false information.

As one example, in both editions there were statements insinuating that Mr. Blake Smith's management of the land has been bad for the wild horses. This assertion could not be further from the truth. I know the horse researcher that works out there. She is there because Mr. Blake Smith cared enough about the horses that he authorized her to be there on a regular basis, and he has approved every project that she has presented to him. She has told me that there are multiple locations near the land for the proposed project where the horses can get water. The pond being filled is a non-issue, and I see plenty of healthy wild horses in the area on a daily basis.

Too bad I don't see any of the positive elements of the project going forward in the Comstock Chronicle such as: Better fire and police protection (there were three wildfires in that area last year); better schools for the children of Storey County; a broader tax base which should result in LOWER TAXES; more convenient shopping and potentially HIGHER PROPERTY VALUES for Storey County residents; and MORE GOOD PAYING JOBS and OPPORTUNITIES for the people of Storey County.

I think a few people in Storey County with their own agenda have used this misinformation campaign to try and turn citizens against this development and this involves their own special interests.

I have had the pleasure of some association with Mr. Blake Smith for a few years now. I have found him to be an honorable man who does what he says he is going to do. Storey County is fortunate to have him interested in making the county better for all of us. Look at what he did at Somerset. I am a registered voter, resident, and licensed business owner in Storey County, and I support the Cordevista development going forward and all of the good things it will bring us.

In addition, I would request that this letter be read into the record at the Storey County Planning Commission meeting scheduled for May 3rd.

Sincerely,



Anthony West
Professional Author's Name

P.S. I can be reached for further comment at 772-4508.

Anthony West
6015-E South Virginia St., #451
Reno, NV 89502