

Central Basin Director Who Resigned Casts Illegal Vote to Remove President

Directors Juan Garza and Martha Camacho voted to add agenda item illegally. Thomas Bekele who resigned in May then voted with them.

By Brian Hews

Once again an appointed-not-elected Director at Central Basin Municipal Water has violated Government Code, wreaking more appointed-Director havoc at the Commerce-based water agency.

At last Monday’s Central Basin regular board meeting, Thomas Bekele Director of Public Works at the city of Signal Hill, who had verbally resigned during the May 20 CB meeting saying to CB Director Leticia Vasquez that “yes this was my last meeting” attended the meeting as a Director

to cast a critical vote that would favor another appointed director, Juan Garza and elected VP Martha Camacho.

Los Cerritos Community News had reported that Bekele had resigned weeks ago after posting the video; Bekele never contacted LCCN to refute his resignation, yet there he was at Monday’s meeting, asserting he was “in transition” and could vote as a Director.

President Art Chacon and Director Vasquez immediately called on Bekele to leave, with Vasquez stating, “We have a board member here who resigned May 20, giving a verbal resignation on that date while submitting a written resignation to you [general counsel] Mr. Ponto.”

Ponto, who is attempting to keep Bekele on the board to save

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L.A. County Will Launch Program to Eliminate Low-Income Residents’ Medical Debt

By Brian Hews

This week, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a proposal by Supervisor Janice Hahn and co-authored by

gram will use \$5 million to eliminate hundreds of millions of dollars of debt.

“No one should be driven into poverty because they got sick. But medical debt remains a huge



THE PILOT PROGRAM authored by Janice Hahn and Holly Mitchell will use \$5 million to eliminate hundreds of millions of dollars of debt.

Supervisor Holly Mitchell which identifies funding to launch a pilot program to eliminate medical debt for some struggling LA County residents. The pilot pro-

problem in this country, and it can be devastating for families and their financial well-being,” said Hahn who has championed

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TROUBLE IN SANTA FE SPRINGS HOA

RESIDENTS of the Villages HOA in Santa Fe Springs have seen dirty election tactics, withholding of beautification funds and a potential \$1 million dollar lawsuit because of current board officers.

HOA Residents Outraged Over Board ‘Harassment and Intimidation’

The HOA officers withheld \$11,000 for painting mailboxes, the lawsuit cost a reported \$64,000.

By Brian Hews

Residents of a home owners association in Santa Fe Springs have approached LCCN and described The Villages HOA as a living hell, pointing to a Facebook page, The Villages at Heritage Springs HOA, as proof.

The administrator, Michael Huerta, writes that he and his wife sold their home in 2020 and “got out of hell” when they saw their community become a hotbed of vicious lies and blatant acts of harassment.

Huerta blames it all on John Park and his wife Jennifer Yoon.

During their tenure, the couple allegedly went door to door in the community spreading gossip and conspiracy theories about

existing HOA residents to win their HOA Board seats.

“Park’s & Yoon’s crusade for control was achieved by them creating a cult-like group within the community that united families at HOA parties mostly with young children”, recalls Huerta. “Many in the community would refer to them as a “cult.”

Huerta said other than social media, Park and Yoon would face no other open opposition. “Because I don’t live in the Villages anymore, I can’t be intimidated.”

Another former resident Vera Mendoza attended one of the early “family park parties” the Yoon’s would throw and claims she overheard adults spreading stories that the former Master HOA President was a pedophile who they claimed was “watching small children on the pool security cameras from the comforts of his home.

The intimidation worked, within a year, both Park and Yoon were elected to the Master HOA Board of Directors with their

sights set on obtaining a 3rd seat and control of the HOA.

During elections, a website was anonymously created, a move usually done by corrupt elected officials, to further slander opponents, some resulting in alleged unwarranted acts of aggression against those who openly opposed Park & Yoon.

One Board Member was allegedly awakened twice within one year by a vehicle ramming through his garage door destroying the door and causing damage to the parked cars. No suspects were identified.

Another stated people were screaming taunts from vehicles in front of former Board Members homes during the early morning hours.

Personal confrontations within the property started occurring with more frequently. When residents called detectives, the investigation was stymied when officials from the HOA claimed

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