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Dear Regional Leaders:

Once again, thank you for your service. We can do so much good when we work together. David

“In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dear Mayor Bass and Council Members:

Please see the attached newsletter (April 18, 2024) that discusses: (1) Local government leaders need to be your advocate (2) Government officials cannot levy whatever fees/charges they want-Sheetz Case (3) Save Motel 6 for affordable housing if anyone really cares (4) Answers still needed about alleged antisemitism at U.C. Berkeley, and (5) Major health and safety risks in Lake Tahoe need regional attention, solutions, and cooperation.

The safety of our communities, our residents, and the protection of our environment must always come first.

Stay healthy and be safe! *If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact me.*

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“Si Podemos”

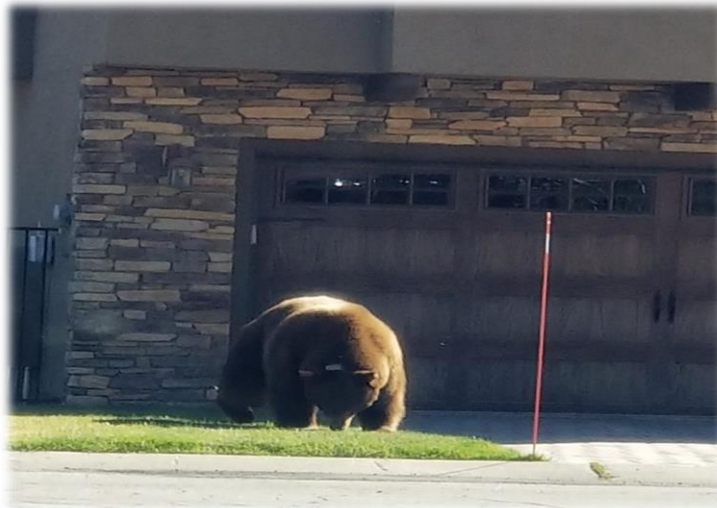
“We can disagree on public policy issues and still be friends”.

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NOT NECESSARILY IN THE NEWS

A Public Policy Newsletter and Commentary April 18, 2024 - Volume 135

Our Founders declared that a legitimate government derives its “just powers from the consent of the governed” and that the purpose of government is to secure the unalienable rights of its citizens.



Our friends are back!

YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO BE YOUR ADVOCATE



First, I want to thank local property owners, residents, the Tahoe Chamber, South Tahoe Lodging Association, South Tahoe Association of Realtors, and South Tahoe Chamber among others for their efforts to oppose the imposition of an improperly named vacancy tax on second homeowners that is unfair, discriminatory, and likely illegal under State and Federal law. This is the kind of

community advocacy that helps to tone down radical change proposals that are based neither on law nor common sense. *Creating affordable housing opportunities for existing working locals and seniors in need is important and there are non-taxing ways to do so that must be examined by local officials on a priority basis.*

I am grateful that “the message” of **no new taxes** is resonating with most of the city council at this time, and they are finally listening that new taxes are not wanted or needed. Growing the local economy, not more taxation, is how we grow local government revenues. Now, not to preach but I offer my insights and 35 years of knowledge in local government to try to relay

some of my experience. Some of the areas where I see our City could improve conditions are: (1) Motel 6 conversion to affordable units (2) a fee paid by State and Federal government in lieu of taxes for vacant lands they own in the city not on the property tax rolls, and (3) use of tax increment tools for needed housing and infrastructure programs. All are within our reach if we try, but first our locally elected and state elected representatives must try too.

REGIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAN NOT ARBITRARILY CHARGE NEW DEVELOPMENT AND PERMITS FEES– *The Sheetz Decision is a good start in leveling the playing field.*

The following comments are derived from a prominent California municipal law firm about the significance of the recently decided Sheetz Case that I recently wrote about to the media. Regional and local government officials need to take notice and take another look at their development impact fees and charges for permits.



“SUPREME COURT HOLDS LEGISLATIVELY ADOPTED DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES ARE NOT EXEMPT FROM CONSTITUTIONAL SCRUTINY

April 15, 2024

On April 12, 2024, the United States Supreme Court issued its unanimous opinion in *Sheetz v. County of El Dorado*, holding that the California Court of Appeal had erred in finding that legislatively adopted, uniformly applicable, traffic impact fees adopted by the County’s Board of Supervisors were exempt from judicial review for a potential “taking” of private property under the 5th and 14th Amendments. The Court ruled that the Constitution makes no distinction between governmental takings by legislative action and those through administrative action and that fees such as the County’s traffic impact fees were indeed subject to judicial review. However, the Court did not decide the constitutional adequacy of the County’s fee or rate schedule, instead remanding the case back to the California courts to make these determinations.

In the case below, Mr. Sheetz had sought a permit to build a prefabricated home on his residentially zoned property. The County conditioned granting of the permit on the payment of a \$23,420 traffic impact fee, as required by the County’s General Plan, which the County assessed through a previously adopted master rate schedule, and not through an individualized inquiry into the cost specifically attributable to the project. Mr. Sheetz paid the fee under protest and then challenged the imposition of the fee in state court, alleging

that the fee was an unlawful “exaction” of money in violation of the “Takings Clause”. The Takings Clause is embodied in the 5th Amendment of the Constitution and states that private property shall not be taken for public use without just compensation. Relying on Supreme Court precedent in the cases of *Nollan v. California Coastal Commission* and *Dolan v. City of Tigard*, Mr. Sheetz argued that the Constitution required the County to make an individualized determination regarding the amount of the fee necessary to offset the traffic congestion attributable to his specific project (the “*Nollan/Dolan* test”). Put differently, Sheetz believed that the application of a uniform traffic impact fee could not account for individual impacts of a project and implied that smaller projects were necessarily subsidizing larger projects.

Both the trial court and the California Court of Appeal rejected Mr. Sheetz’s claim. In its ruling, the Court of Appeal held that the *Nollan/Dolan* test only applies to permit conditions imposed on an individual and *discretionary* basis and does not apply to fees imposed on a broad class of property owners through *legislative* action. The California Supreme Court declined review of the case, but the United States Supreme Court granted review.

The United States Supreme Court held that whether permit conditions such as the payment of fees are imposed through an administrative process or legislative action, such permit conditions must be analyzed under the two-part test articulated in *Nollan* and *Dolan*. Specifically, permit conditions first must have an “essential nexus” to the government’s land-use interests. Second, the permit conditions must have a “rough proportionality” between the impacts of the project and the conditions placed on the project to mitigate those impacts. The branch of government imposing the condition, the Court held, is irrelevant.

The Court specifically declined to rule on the question “whether a permit condition imposed on a class of properties must be tailored with the same degree of specificity as a permit condition that targets a particular development.” This question, along with any other arguments concerning the adequacy of the County’s traffic impact fee, the Court remanded the state courts to decide in the first instance.

Thus, while *Sheetz* leaves unresolved questions regarding what level of particularity local agencies will need to use when establishing the amount of their development impact fees, the case does make clear that even uniformly applicable fees must abide by the “essential nexus” and “rough proportionality” requirements of *Nollan/Dolan*. Undoubtedly, further litigation will follow as the courts seek to answer whether governments must identify the specific impacts of each project before imposing a development impact fee, or whether the widely-used rate schedules applicable to broad categories of development can pass constitutional muster...”

SAVE MOTEL 6! *Don't allow existing affordable housing opportunities to be destroyed.*



We can preserve existing affordable housing at Motel 6 **and** improve our environment. The notions are not mutually exclusive. However, to do so, locally elected, and appointed officials and State Housing officials need to act quickly, or Motel 6 housing for locals in need will be lost.

Demolition of the existing 74 units of housing by the CTC in the name of conservation makes no sense. For months and months

concerned locals have been in contact with locally elected and appointed leaders to express their concerns for the potential loss of these units. In addition, officials at the State Department of Housing and Community Development, who are charged with seeing that affordable housing is preserved, have been contacted and urged to intervene. Finally, advocates of the misnamed vacancy tax who say they want funds to create affordable housing are aware of the situation. None of these so-called concerned people for the affordable housing needs of locals have done a thing to stop the demolition. They have failed to act, and if top officials in the Governor's Office do not act, the units will be destroyed. Of course, if this happens, local officials will say there is nothing they could do. This is nonsense as I have pointed out in the past. It is a fake excuse for laziness, lack of leadership, and inaction.

The following letter written on April 8, 2024, is another attempt to get the attention of State officials to put action to their words favoring affordable housing. We shall see (*Vamos a ver!*). I've also asked our State Senator and State Assembly Member to intervene.

The Honorable Tomiquia Moss, Secretary
Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency
State of California

RE: PRESERVING EXISTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN SOUTH LAKE TAHOE FROM DEMOLITION BY THE CALIFORNIA TAHOE CONSERVANCY

Dear Secretary Moss:

Congratulations on your recent appointment, and best wishes and regards to you for success and good fortune.

I write to you on an urgent matter that is receiving no attention or response from the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) over many months. The issue is why a State agency, California Tahoe Conservancy CTC), is being allowed by the State

HCD to tear down 74 existing housing units in South Lake Tahoe that can be used for new and badly needed affordable housing. Questions continue to be asked of State HCD staff and leadership without gaining their help to preserve this housing in support of the Governor's initiative to develop more affordable housing in our State.

I am including for you a copy of my most recent letter and communication, one of many, asking for HCD help to see that the housing is preserved. I and housing advocates are waiting for a positive response and engagement on the issue that includes conversation with City of South Lake Tahoe Housing staff who I am told have not been consulted on the merits of this proposed demolition and consistency with the City's existing General Plan.

Timing is of the essence as CTC is proceeding with its anti-affordable housing deeds to demolish these units contrary to the letter and spirit of State and local policies.

Please help those of us who care to preserve this affordable housing stock.

Sincerely, David Jinkens

INVESTIGATE FULLY ALLEGED ANTISEMITISM AT U.C. BERKELEY



April 2, 2024

The Honorable Virginia Foxx, Chair
House Education and Workforce
Committee
House of Representatives

**RE: ALLEGED ANTISEMITISM AT U.C.
BERKELEY – YOUR INVESTIGATION**

Dear Chair Foxx:

Thank you for your service to your District and our Nation.

I understand that your committee launched an antisemitism inquiry into the University of California, Berkeley, broadening the scope of its investigations into antisemitism on college campuses.

It is reported that you sent "a letter to UC Berkeley leadership announcing her (your) committee's investigation into the school's "response to antisemitism and its failure to protect Jewish students," adding the committee has "grave concerns regarding the inadequacy of UC Berkeley's response to antisemitism on its campus."

I applaud you for taking this step. You and many of us want answers to these questions. I am forwarding to you copies of letters I sent on February 18, 2024, to the U.C Regents, my letter of January 30, 2024, and my letter of December 21, 2023, to the Chancellor at the Berkeley campus seeking answers and reassurance that a proper investigation of alleged antisemitism and response would be made. I have also asked what foreign governments,

especially adversaries who may be antisemitic to the United States, have made contributions to the University. *To date, I have received no answers.*

I hope that your investigation and review addresses the concerns of those of us who want to see Jewish students and faculty protected at U.C. Berkeley and all U.C. campuses. We can expect and accept no less.

Respectfully, David Jinkens

THREE MAJOR RISKS NEED THE ATTENTION OF REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEADERS

Catastrophic Fire Evacuation Routes- We need help and advocacy for regional and local government leaders to ensure that we have adequate evacuation routes developed in the event of catastrophic fire. We cannot allow people to be burned in place. The environmental review process under Federal and State of California laws must be used to evaluate the risks and provide the remedies. They cannot be ignored any longer.



Microplastics – We need a strategy and action plan by regional authorities like TRPA and LRWQCB to substantially reduce microplastic pollution in our environment, lake, and water supply. The evidence is clear that it is a danger to our environment and health.

RF Radiation from Cell Towers and facilities – We need regional authorities and local government officials to take the new science seriously that RF radiation from cell towers and facilities is dangerous especially for people with immune deficiencies. We must ensure that when needed telecom technology updates are made that they are done in a safe manner for people and our environment.

We all need to come together to support efforts by regional regulatory agencies and local government officials to better protect our region. We can and will make a positive difference if we all work together.

Espero que todos disfruten de buena salud y buena fortuna.

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TRPA Staff,
Please distribute the following comment, now, to all TRPA Governing Board members and Advisory Planning Commissioners.

Please listen to a recent news clip (link provided) about an original Community Enhancement Project (CEP), then called Boulder Bay, which was set to break ground in 2012.

Archived Project Information

At its April 2011 meeting, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Governing Board voted to approve the Boulder Bay Community Enhancement Project. Four years in the planning, the project will replace the aging Tahoe Biltmore Casino in Crystal Bay, NV with an eco-friendly, mixed-use resort that will significantly reduce stormwater pollution and vehicle emissions associated with the site. Environmental redevelopment projects like Boulder Bay are an important part of the public-private effort to restore Lake Tahoe while remaining within the growth caps of the region.

[Media Release – TRPA Board Approves Boulder Bay Project, April 2011](#)
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Fast forward to the now "stalled" Waldorf Astoria

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TRPA is now on the record with these jaw-dropping, in my opinion, statements,

"...we don't want to meet them with strict standards that say oh you have to remove half of the units, you have to reduce your coverage by 50 percent, you have to take a couple of stories off a building," said TRPA Public Information Officer Jeff Cowen.

Those complex projects, they do face hurdles, and obstacles, and challenges sometimes, so we are just going to stay behind them and hope for the best."

Furthermore, Cowen told KTVN "that current blighted properties around the basin, such as the old Biltmore, indicate the area's inability to score development because of too stringent regulations."

"This is really telling of the kind of environmental situation that's been happening in the basin for a long time. Property owners who were locked in by development standards in the past weren't really making any investments, so we were seeing older properties stay, becoming more blighted."



Stalled Waldorf project stokes environmental concerns among Tahoe residents

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Construction of the Waldorf Astoria project in Crystal Bay, which is planned to be built over the old Biltmore L...

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Julian,

Thank you for reminding us of the opportunity for all of us to work together collaboratively to find reasonable solutions to these environmental challenges.

Together we can do so much good!

David Jinkens

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I look forward to opening a creative dialogue.

Good wishes,

Julian Gresser

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I wish you all well. *Many of us want to help and support you in these efforts to make us safe.*

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“SI, PODEMOS”

Scientists make unsettling discovery deep within human bodies: 'Raises the concern of serious respiratory health hazards'

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By Laurelle Stelle April 6, 2024

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Microplastics are an alarming topic. Researchers estimate there are 170 trillion pieces of plastic in the ocean, most of them tiny fragments that end up in drinking water, raindrops, and inside human bodies.

Now, researchers have found that we're not just drinking microplastics — we're also inhaling them,

Live Science reported.

What's happening?

Microplastics are small fragments broken off from larger plastic items, each one less than 0.2 inches across. This form of pollution has been spreading for decades, and researchers have found them in even the most remote parts of the world.

In 2019, a study found that people are inhaling an average of about 16.2 bits of microplastics per hour, according to Live Science. Continuing research has been directed at finding where those microplastics go.

"For the first time, in 2022, studies found microplastics deep in human airways, which raises the concern of serious respiratory health hazards," said the study's first author, Mohammad S. Islam, in a statement.

To determine where the microplastics went in more detail, researchers created computer models of human lungs. They tested different breathing rates and different shapes of microplastics to determine where objects would come to rest.

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Why does it matter if we inhale microplastics?

While research on the health effects of microplastics is only starting to pick up, early findings show that they kill human cells and carry diseases into the body, Live Science revealed. In mice, they also reduced fertility and caused bowel inflammation.

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What can be done about microplastics in the human body?

For now, researchers are working on more sophisticated models to try to get more information, taking factors like moisture into account, Live Science said.

Other teams are hard at work finding ways to clean microplastics from the environment to reduce our exposure.

You can help reduce the amount of plastic entering the environment by choosing reusable products instead of disposable plastic whenever possible and recycling any items you can't avoid.

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Why does it matter if we inhale microplastics?

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We may not have all the information about what microplastics do to the human body, but so far the picture isn't pretty.

What can be done about microplastics in the human body?

For now, researchers are working on more sophisticated models to try to get more information, taking factors like moisture into account, Live Science said.

Other teams are hard at work finding ways to clean microplastics from the environment to reduce our exposure.

You can help reduce the amount of plastic entering the environment by choosing reusable products instead of disposable plastic whenever possible and recycling any items you can't avoid.

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Thank you Both!
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On Apr 6, 2024, at 8:28 AM, Dana Tibbitts <dana.tibbitts@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you, David, for this important article.

Two questions. If these tiny pieces of plastic are "small fragments broken off from larger plastic items, each one less than 0.2 inches across"—how come they have patent numbers like #US631521331? Or #US2903188A? These are just a few of many aerosolized microplastics "technologies" issued to individuals in the environmental services area over many years.

Second, what is being done in our water systems around the lake to ensure filtration of these toxic and dangerous nano and microplastics out of our drinking water? Those technologies are out there and must immediately be integrated into our drinking water processing facilities.

This issue poses a serious health threat to residents and tourists around the #1 lake in the nation for microplastics and should be addressed without delay as a regional emergency.

I would very much like to know what TRPA and other agencies around the lake are doing to mitigate this problem.

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On Apr 6, 2024, at 7:37 AM, djinkens@charter.net wrote:

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