

**Statement of Progress
In MCA Governance
From Steve Diaz**

To The Meadows Community Association (“MCA”) board of directors (“Directors”) and all members of The Meadows Community:

In a factually and legally flawed letter, the MCA, through its attorney, has asked me to retract a demand letter dated April 15, 2024, sent on my behalf by my attorney (the “Demand Letter”). The Demand letter concerns a potential lease renewal of our golf course and other recreational property to The Meadows Country Club (“TMCC”), a separate and independent membership entity, some 40% of whose members are not members of the MCA. Approximately 90% of The Meadows members are not members of TMCC. As just one example of the inaccuracies in the letter from the MCA’s attorney, in demanding a retraction of the Demand Letter it stated that I speak only for myself with no support in the community. To the contrary, over 70 members of the MCA have sent letters to the MCA in support of the Demand Letter. My attorney offered to meet with the MCA’s lawyer, but no response was received to that offer.

Nonetheless, I note that the MCA’s demand for a retraction also, for the first time, makes note of a concession of a member of the TMCC who also serves on the MCA’s lease committee. That concession is that the member has agreed to abstain from voting on matters concerning the renewal of the lease to the TMCC. I accept this concession

as key to the original purpose of my Demand Letter. The MCA board disagrees with me on other matters, including the need to retain an independent expert (such as the National Golf Federation) to provide insights to the MCA board members about the standards for the relationship between the owners of golf courses and those who rent those golf courses from them.

So, despite rhetorical cavil to the contrary, the Directors seem to have opened the process, even if only by a small degree, in response to the Demand Letter. It is illustrative of the need for transparency and community engagement that the tennis community in The Meadows recently showed up in force at a meeting of the Directors with complaints parallel to those I made in the Demand Letter regarding a lack of transparency or engagement by the Directors in decisions that affect the quality of life of MCA members.

HOA life requires compromise and cooperation. The MCA Directors have responded to my views with hostility but have acquiesced to one of my demands in some small degree: reform is an incremental process. While I hope the Directors will continue to consider the desires of those of us who pay the bills, I do not expect great leaps at a single bound. I predict that the current Directors will not in the process follow any of the additional suggestions made in the Demand Letter as to seeking professional guidance or of opening participation in the decision making to the broader membership of the MCA. Nonetheless, I will continue with my neighbors to seek a more open and transparent decision process in The Meadows and greater protection of our economic interests.

I deny that the Demand Letter contained any defamatory statements. Rather, it provided an opinion as to the methodology of the operation of the MCA different than the opinion and practice of the Directors. I would expect our dues to continue to rise and that there will continue to be lost economic opportunities for the benefit of all of us. Nevertheless, in the hope of facilitating further dialogue and reform concerning the governance of the MCA, I will ask those that control the internet site on which the Demand Letter appears to remove it from the site.

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