



THE MEADOWS
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MCA BOARD PRESIDENT

Here we go again. As the election approaches, the volume and intensity of personal attacks continue to escalate, driven by a small group that has chosen harassment, misrepresentation and intimidation over constructive, good-faith engagement.

Most recently, the focus has shifted to a pending lawsuit—now being politicized by “a tenant” within The Meadows as a vehicle to discredit not only me, but also Meadows Community Association General Manager Frances Rippondi. The pattern is familiar: selective framing, insinuation, and half-formed allegations, presented not to inform residents, but to inflame, distract, and score political points during an election cycle.

For clarity: any parcel owner within The Meadows Community that is not

in good standing has their privileges suspended. In this instance, an owner asserted that its assessments are too high and that the owner is being overcharged. The MCA has repeatedly reviewed and verified the assessment calculation process and, each time, reached the same conclusion. As with every other parcel owner in the community, the owner's assessment has been calculated in accordance with our governing documents and the county established calculation methodology.

It is also important to understand how legal matters are handled. Due to privacy and confidentiality requirements, lawsuits and legal claims are managed administratively unless and until Board review or action is required. Some matters are resolved directly by management; others are referred

to the Association's insurers, and still others are addressed by legal counsel. All such matters are handled within the MCA's established administrative authority. When such matters are being handled by an attorney, the attorney advises against discussing them.

Having addressed this continued pattern of demonization and misinformation, it is important to redirect our collective attention to the actual business of The Meadows -work that is substantive, necessary, and squarely focused on the community's long-term interests.

Turning to Benderson: based on the significant volume of emails received by both the Board and me personally, it is clear that Todd Mathes of Benderson responsibly addressed many of the questions and concerns

that were initially fueled by misinformation. I am encouraged that residents now have clearer, fact-based insight into how the proposed Benderson arrangement benefits the community and protects The Meadows' assets, governance authority, and long-term stability.

The MCA also continues to work through matters related to the Meadows Country Club bankruptcy. This has been a long, complex, and highly technical process, and we are hopeful it will reach resolution soon. Our focus remains on moving forward deliberately and responsibly. Baseless claims, vitriolic rhetoric, and online theatrics only serve to distract the progress and momentum this community deserves, and further damage the reputation of the Meadows.

In closing - words matter. They reveal intent, judgment, and character—and they carry real consequences for a community working to heal, stabilize, and move forward. I remain committed to facts, sound governance, and a future-focused approach for The Meadows.

Chris Perone, MCA Board President

Thank you

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