

The Big Island Marina LLC

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Dear Dave and Lora:

I appreciate the effort you have put in to helping develop the Sauvie Island Community Association to the level it has attained. As you know the island community is evolving, with new groups bringing different visions for the future of the island. A new set of bylaws is being introduced, and many major changes are being proposed. Many islanders are not even aware that such a process is taking place. The new bylaws and the potential changes the board can have major implications for the lives of people on the island. The new board will be representing all of the island residents to city, county, and state government. Its decisions will affect the livelihoods of all islanders.

It is SICA's newly stated policy to be transparent, and inclusive. It behooves us to reach out to all the residents of the island, even if we have to spend a little of money to mail the information to all the island residents as to inform them of the coming changes, and seek their input.

I recommend that the board does not rush the vote on the new bylaws or the new board before we reach all the island residents and allow them a reasonable time to get up to speed on the proposed changes. Therefore, I recommend delaying the vote until July 2010.

Furthermore, we need to vote on the changes in the bylaws individually for each new change, not a wholesale yes or no vote. Therefore we should highlight the changes in the bylaws so we are all aware of what are the new changes. Several town halls should be held so as to have a public discussion on the proposed changes in the bylaws, and we need to incorporate changes generated in these meetings into the final set of bylaws put before the members.

I would also like to make a motion to allow the members to vote on the allocation of the board seats among the different groups represented to be as follow:

- 1- Because farmers make up 80% of the island residents, they should have 4 seats reserved for them on the board; houseboat residents should have 1 board seat; owners of lots of less than ten acres should have 2 seats; non-farm business owners should have 1 seat; one seat should be an "at large" position.
- 2- We should also decide on the residency requirements, if any for voting members and board members. Should it include any area off the island or not?
- 3- Before any elections for the board members, we need to allow any interested member to run, and be able to debate other candidate in an open and transparent forum.
- 4- Sitting board members should not nominate anyone for the board, but can encourage members to run.
- 5- Any vacancy on the board should go back to the general members for vote again.

I am writing both of you as the present leaders of this association to make sure that no one group dominates the process, and the organization, and so that all are represented. We all have to work together to provide a vision which is inclusive of everyone and their interests. This is the only way to achieve harmony among neighbors, and prevent a future filled with turmoil.

It is in your hands, and we all need your leadership to get there.

Thank you.

Mike Hashem