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To the Bylaw committee, the chairman, and vice chair of the Sauvié Island Neighborhood Association.

I believe the changes in the bylaws are nothing but an attempt by the new group to divide the Island residents.

The neighborhood association has serviced the need of our community for years without all the non sense in these bylaws. The way the new bylaws are written this group could dominate the association and allow them to tell us what to do with our own land. As tough as it is to get a permit to do anything on the island, The proposed changes will create another layer for us to go through to get a permit. We would have to get the association's approval before we could get a permit to build a room, or a barn on our property. This is just ridiculous.

I say no way. This will divide neighbors against neighbors. Stay out of the permit business.

- Only those who are residents of the island should be voting on the issues of the island.
- Farmers should make 50 % of the vote on the board if you are planning to keep the island farm culture safe. Don't allow conservancy groups to dominate the association. They will have the whole island a wildlife reserve.
- The residents who can move their homes (house boats, RVs) should have no more than one seat on the board.
- We should have our community priest be the at large board member to keep everyone honest.
- We should let young people be on the board too to bring some young perspective to the board.
- Delay the voting so everyone on the island will have a chance to see the new bylaws.
- There should be a written notice given to all island residents of the proposed changes of the bylaws and how/when/where the vote is to take place, also; People need to be informed what must be done in order for them to be allowed to vote on said changes; such as registering etc...
- There should be some accomodations made for the people who are unable to attend the vote meeting in person, such as elderly, disabled, work, etc... Perhaps a vote by mail, or email. The voting on the bylaws should not be done in block. Each bylaw should be able to be voted on seperately, not in a take it all or leave it situation.

Thank you.
Mike Bennett.

Island Resident.