

To the Sauvie Island Community Association & the Bylaw Committee:

My name is Johnny Kondilis and I am a resident farmer on Sauvie Island. I disapprove of the new Bylaws as presented.

First of all, we live in a democratic country. Trying to pass these Bylaws as a package tells me one thing, someone is trying to sneak in laws that are questionable and wouldn't pass if they were voted on one at a time. Let's take for instance:

Section 2, Active Membership. Not everyone wants to come to every meeting, or give their information out. Anyone who lives, or owns a business or property on this Island deserves to vote, and shouldn't have to attend a meeting or give their information out to have the right to vote. If the association represents the whole island and everyone who lives and work on the island, then anyone who lives or works or owns property, should be illegible to vote with no conditions. Unless we declare that the association represents just those who attend the meetings only, this is unfair.

Section 4, Voting. Part A states that on all other matters, voting shall be limited to the Board of Directors (**this should be changed to let members vote too**).

Part B states that voting is limited to Active Members. (**Voting should not be limited but to the three types of parties that I described above: residents, business owners, and anyone who owns property on the Island, unless we are trying to be exclusive club instead of a community association**).

Part C states that you have to be an Active Member to vote by giving the Secretary necessary contact information. What does NECESSARY CONTACT INFORMATION include? (**Again if you live, work, or own property, you should be able to vote. This is a right active or not. Define necessary information, with no clear definition, this could mean anything. It should state something like to provide an Island address**).

Part D. Limiting how many votes one has doesn't make any sense. If there is someone that owns three different pieces of property, that person should be allowed to have three votes since him or her representing a business. Each business should get a vote. This person represents three entities and should be able to represent a vote for each entity. That if the association represents businesses too.

Subsection 3 limits the number of votes a property owner has. Each piece of property, no matter how many residents live there, should only have one vote. This is wrong, it should change to (**if you live, work, and own property on the island you get to vote**).

Subsection 4 should **be thrown out the door**. (**We need to allow people to vote by mail, or e mail or in person or by proxy or, any reasonable way agreed to**). You are assuming that everyone has email, and that everyone does want to give their email addresses out. All votes can be postponed to a later date. Give me one circumstance where we wouldn't be able to postpone a vote. We have an obligation to notify the entire Island residents in writing by mail to inform them about their right to vote and the new changes we are making.

Article 4 Section 1 allows the board to elect the head of the committees. This once again comes off as a dictatorship. The board should be allowed to create a committee and then the committee should be the ones to vote for a liaison to the board.

Article 5 Section 1 Subsection B. This is a way for the Board to make rules without the approval of the community. **(Any rules, regulations, or policies should be voted on by the entire community).**

Section 3 seems like a good amendment until it discusses the ability of a non-board member to not be able to participate in discussions at the board meetings without first being invited to do so by the President.

If a member of the community wants to say something at a board meeting, there should be an allocated amount of time at the end of the meeting for us to do so. Someone other than the board members might have a solution to an issue that might arise at a board meeting. There should not be any executive meetings allowed. We are trying to be transparent here, not trying to hide things. We should be TRANSPARENT, otherwise trust issues will arise.

Section 5 talks about how to notify the community about General and Special Meetings. **It should be by mail, everyone here has a physical address.** We should have the option to say if we want it in any other form.

Section 6 We are a small enough community that we can hold a special meeting to vote for someone to fill the vacancy. There should be a period of nominations and then a vote to fill the vacancy.

Article 6 Section 1: Section 2 regarding Special meetings allow enough time for the community to be properly notified of a special meeting. The time frame should be longer.

Article 6 Section 1 Subsection A. The board should not be allowed to appoint members of a committee. The board can limit the number of membership on a committee but not appoint them.

Subsection B: the board should not appoint a chair to any committee. This should be left to the committee members to vote on.

Section 2 has two things that I disagree with. The board should allow members to serve on as many committees as they like. They can limit them from being a chair of more than one committee. Some people have more time on their hands than others and should be allowed to serve on multiple committees.

Section 4 should be thrown out all together. There is already a process through the county that someone has to go through to get anything done on the Island. Creating another buffer does nothing but slow down progress. We should be looking at making it easier for the community to get things done, not trying to create as many roadblocks as we can. This goes against the main statement of the Community Association, where it states to promote an environment of prosperity for island residents, and businesses. This committee should be there to help anyone who is looking for information regarding land use. They should not be allowed to recommend support, support with conditions, or denial. This is not the responsibility of the association; this is the responsibility of the county. I am afraid this maybe the way to divide our community

then unite it, as proven recently with neighbors attacking neighbors about land use issues, instead of working together on how things can be done.

I recommend replacing this committee with a **conflict resolution committee**; a committee to resolve differences between neighbors and foster good neighbor relations.

Article 8 Section 1, **anyone that lives, owns property, or a business should be allowed to run to a designated board spot based on the category of islander you represent.** They should only have to submit their interest in running to the Board 1 day prior to the annual meeting.

Section 2 **There should not be any other limitation** other than being a resident, owning property, or having a business that qualifies **an individual to run for the board.** They should not be required to attend any meetings. I support dividing seats on the board based on representation on the island (4 seats for farmers, 2 small land owners, 1 house boats and RV residents, 1 small business, and 1 at large.)

Section 4 should be taken out and replaced by the community voting for the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. This is the only fair way. It's not like we elect a group to run the executive branch of the government and then they elect the President and so on. This is a democracy and we should have the ability to vote for the leader.

Section 5 allows someone to be on the board forever. No one should be allowed to server more than two terms. Each term should be two years long and no longer.

There are many flaws to these Bylaws. The biggest one to me is that the bylaw committee is trying to push these onto the community, without every one of these amendments being thoroughly scrutinized and being voted on one at a time.

Some will argue that it takes too long, but that is the argument of someone that is trying to undermine democracy. These Bylaws should be corrected to reflect the well of the people instead of the desire of a few to control our community.

I will recommend a **NO Vote** to the BYLAWS as presented

Sincerely,
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