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OPINIONS — Letters to the Editor

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By James Treece

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Retired Judge

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Former member of the RCSC Legal Committee

In support of Stewart

Anne Randall Stewart has been known to me for many years, since my days at the Sun City Taxpayers Association.

Bringing with me my extensive experience as a retired judge and attorney, I served on the Recreation Centers of Sun City Legal Committee. At the May 27, 2010, board meeting, I told the board that they should listen to the legal committee instead of its chair, Craig Brown.¹ At that meeting, Craig Brown openly admitted that the quorum issue was never brought before the legal committee by him — at all. Their

response to my request was to end the legal committee entirely.

I would have told the board that it was illegal to increase the quorum for membership meetings.

I donated to the “Anne Stewart” legal fund and urge others to do so, as well. The quorum and quarterly membership meetings must be restored. The RCSC should abide by the planned communities act. The multi-million-dollar projects must come to the members for a vote, and the assessments that pay for them must be borne equally among the members.

¹ANNE REPORT NOTE:

The following is the transcript of the May 27, 2010, RCSC Board meeting excerpt referred to by Judge Treece in his May 25, 2013, Independent Opinion piece:.

JIM TREECE:	Good morning, ladies and gentleman. I was an attorney in Colorado. As a matter of fact, I was U.S. attorney for Colorado for two terms. And I'm a member of legal committee — as far as I know — of RCSC. I say "as far as I know" because I haven't heard anything from Mr. Brown, who was our chairman, or anybody else...
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CRAIG BROWN:	We haven't had any meetings so far this year.
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JIM TREECE: We haven't had any meetings for over a year, I believe. At the time that that decision was made to not have meetings, the committee was told by Mr. Brown that if we did not vote the way that they wanted us to that we were "not gonna get heard." And that's the way it's worked out.

At that meeting, we were unanimously against one of the petitions that the board was considering which was not reported by Mr. Brown to you. In fact, there was nothing mentioned about any dissenting vote from the committee.

So, anyway, I was disappointed that with such an important thing as your membership voting that you would not have the benefit of hearing what the legal committee felt about that and I would strongly petition you to hear the legal committee and to truly hear what we desired, not what is reported by the chairman. The chairman is still Mr. Brown. Thank you.

CRAIG BROWN: First of all, since I seem to be the target of this, I don't know that the issue of the quorum was ever addressed, discussed or brought up in any legal committee meeting. As I mentioned earlier, there has not been any meetings of the legal committee since, I believe, maybe last fall. So, this quorum issue was not a topic, nor ever discussed in the legal committee, despite your memory Mr. Treece.

NOTE: Mr. Brown misunderstood Judge Treece, who did not deserve the last line of insult and disrespect. Judge Treece never said they discussed the quorum issue at the legal committee; he said just the opposite.