

## **Commissioners owned by developers**

If you suspect the Washoe County Commission is owned by developers, you are right. The commissioners' allegiance was transparent when the commissioners voted unanimously to deny the appeal filed by affected residents of the Ascenté development despite unaddressed issues of traffic safety, fire breaks, evacuation capacity and non-compliance with county plans. Bob Lucey recused himself because of a relationship with the Ascenté developers. Although Marsha Berkbigler received campaign contributions from the developers last year, she refused to recuse herself. Kitty Jung stated commissioners can decide appeals even if they receive campaign contributions from the developer of the matter at issue. This is wrong. Vaughan Hartung asked Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Chief Moore whether the developer's plans were adequate to address fire control and evacuation. He gave a rambling response addressing neither question. Hartung thanked him and voted for the developer. Plan for change in 2018!

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