

Washoe County commissioners dismissive of critics at Oct. 22 meeting

What struck me about the Oct. 22 Washoe County Commission meeting was the overreach, arrogance, and dismissive and condescending remarks made by the county commissioners to those voicing opinions to uphold current zoning and planning restrictions for Silver Knolls.

In their final comments, commissioners Bob Lucey and Vaughn Hartung chastised the local residents, using terms like "fear of change" and "anti-growth," and being inconsiderate for speaking up in support of current restrictions and upholding the planning commission's denial of the Silver Hills project.

More troubling, none of the commissioners disclosed that since 2016, collectively they received over \$95,000 in campaign contributions from pro-growth connections. This includes at least \$6,700 in from Lifestyle Homes. If you wonder why urban sprawl is taking over Washoe County, follow the money.

The only thing that matters to this Commission is the assessed value of parcels. Not your lifestyle, not your safety, not your input. Current residents are not valued, only the lure of raising more tax dollars.

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