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The good cause

letters to the editor

In August 2007, I participated in a statewide teleconference “town hall meeting” initiated by Congress man Dean Heller’s office in Washington, DC. Congress man Heller addressed many issues important to Nevadans at that time, stating his position on various issues such as illegal immigration and the war in Iraq. He invited all participants to visit his Web site and e-mail him if he could be of any further service. Since I was troubled by the lack of accountability on the part of Washoe County to adhere to the decision by the Nevada Supreme Court in regards to improper tax assessment methodology and the ever increasing property taxes, despite the 3 percent tax cap mandated by the State of Nevada legislature, I e-mailed the congressman’s office asking if there was anything he could do for his constituents in Incline Village.

I was naïve in assuming that he could address a local issue since he is our federal representative to Congress, and he correctly referred my letter to Washoe County Manager Katy Singlaub in late November. I received a response from Ms. Singlaub in early December,

seemingly to address the issues I brought up, the primary one asking how is it that a public entity can consider itself above the law and ignore the Supreme Court. However, after reviewing her letter, I realized it was another case of “doublespeak.” Since I am not that well versed in each of the points that Ms. Singlaub referred to in her letter, I chose to forward the letter to the Village League to Save Incline Assets Committee and Maryanne Ingemanson, in hopes they could respond effectively.

What so few Nevadans realize is that even though Washoe County continues to repeatedly deny their responsibility, it doesn’t mean they are right. They are so firmly entrenched in their position in this costly misadventure that they must erroneously assume that if they continue to defend their stance, everyone will actually start believing them. Thankfully, we have residents in Incline Village such as the Village League Tax Revolt Committee that are willing to devote their time and energy to good cause.

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