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Stay Sacramento Calls For an Investigation into the Misuse of Public Funds from the Fulton-El Camino and Arden Manor Park and Recreation Districts

Stay Sacramento suspects some members of the park boards and staff will run for Arden Arcade City Council positions

Sacramento, CA (June 8, 2010) - Stay Sacramento, a coalition of neighbors, businesses and Sacramento county residents, are calling on the Sacramento County District Attorney and the California Attorney General to launch an immediate and complete investigation into the misuse and misappropriation of public funds by the Fulton-El Camino and Arden Manor Recreation and Park Districts. Combined, the park districts gave a gift of \$30,000 in public funds to a private group of people proposing to form a city in Arden Arcade.

“This is a gross misuse of our tax payer dollars,” said Mike Duveneck, Chair, Stay Sacramento, Sacramentans Against Cityhood. “It is absolutely deplorable that the community park districts would give funds intended for maintaining our neighborhood parks and providing athletic programs for children, families and seniors to a political organization attempting to form a city.”

Arden Arcade cityhood proponents recently released their super secret donor list that detailed contributions from four Sacramento County Cities (Elk Grove, Folsom, Rancho Cordova, and Citrus Heights) who have provided cityhood formers more then \$90,000 from their general funds, monies intended for the benefit of their respective city residents.

In addition, their secret donor list which Stay Sacramento has requested for more than four years shows \$32,000 raised from private Waste Management companies along with thousands of other dollars from unknown sources as the names do not delineate what companies they represent.

“This cityhood drive is not about better government, it is about buying political favors as indicated by the total lack of transparency this group has been operating under,” added Duveneck.

For four years Stay Sacramento has been the vocal opposition to Cityhood. Today, the Cityhood group continues to mislead voters on their funding. In fact, their own donor list continues to flaunt the voter’s right to know by refusing to identify \$4,000 in donations by anonymous givers.

Stay Sacramento also believes that park board members and managers that voted to misappropriate park district funding may have caused a conflict of interest as they may eventually run

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for council positions in the upcoming election. If this self-serving act in voting in favor for the Cityhood funding is found to be true, the board members and administrators must be held legally accountable for their actions.

In the interest of voter's right to know and ethics in government, Stay Sacramento urges the investigation into the gifting of public funds to a group of private citizens for the formation of a political entity. The people of our community have the right to hold these municipalities accountable for their acts.

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