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Arden Arcade Cityhood Leader Misrepresents Cityhood Donors – Purposely Removes Fulton-El Camino and Arden Manor Recreation and Park Districts From Donor List Cityhood Proponents Continue To Deceive Voters

Sacramento, CA (June 16, 2010) - Stay Sacramento, a coalition of neighbors, businesses and Sacramento county residents are outraged at the willful deception by the cityhood committee and its leaders. Today, Stay Sacramento has learned that the Arden Arcade Cityhood committee replaced their May 25 list of donors on their website with a new list that yanks the Fulton-El Camino and Arden Manor Recreation and Park Districts from their donor list and replaces them with the County of Sacramento indicating that the two park districts did not make a donation of public funds intended for park programs to the cityhood study committee. The new donor list that appeared today on their website and dated May 25 lists Sacramento County as a \$30,000 donor and supporter of the cityhood incorporation committee.

Sacramento County has never contributed a dime of their funds to the cityhood incorporation committee. The cityhood leaders are attempting to hide the fact that Fulton-El Camino and Arden Manor Recreation and Park Districts gave \$30,000 of park money intended for park programs to fund a cityhood incorporation study. In fact, Sacramento County issued an email on June 2 to LAFCO executives to have the cityhood leaders remove their name from the list and replace it with the two park districts.

“This is an incredulous action on part of the Arden Arcade cityhood leaders including their vice chair, Michael Grace, who also serves in a senior capacity at the Fulton-El Camino Recreation and Park District,” said Mike Duveneck, chair of Stay Sacramento. “What they continue to do is show complete and total disregard for any sort of ethics one would look to if a new government was to be approved by the voters. Their actions and their super secret donor list is just one more ongoing example why we do not need more government. They should be ashamed!”

On June 3 members of the Stay Sacramento committee reviewed the cityhood donor list which did not include Sacramento County. After a radio program airing on Capitol Public Radio today, a Stay Sacramento supporter was bemoaned to hear by the chair of the cityhood effort that Sacramento County was on their donor list. When the supporter looked up the donor list on the cityhood website, he saw the old May 25 list had been replaced with a new May 25 donor list that included Sacramento County and not the two park districts.

According to Sacramento County officials, both Fulton-El Camino and Arden Manor Park Districts utilize the Sacramento County Auditor to issue checks from their respective park funds and not county funds.

The cityhood group continues to mislead, hide their donor list and lie to voters on their funding. For four years Stay Sacramento has been seeking full and total disclosure of their funding sources.

Stay Sacramento is continuing its efforts into a full investigation of the misappropriation of park district funding and the conflict of interest created by Mike Grace serving as a Fulton-El Camino Park district employee and vice chair of the cityhood committee. Stay Sacramento wonders if he had a hand in attempting to hide the contribution from the voters in replacing the donor list.

If these self-serving acts in hiding the true donors, the park board members and administrators must be held legally accountable for their actions.

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Attachments: May 28 donor list obtained on June 3, 2010
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