

## **Arden Arcade Residents Call on Cityhood Proponents to Disclose Their List of Supporters**

Who is funding Arden Arcade Cityhood Effort? Residents want to know!

**Sacramento, CA** – Arden Arcade residents demand to know who is bankrolling the Cityhood proponents in their campaign to transform our neighborhoods into a bureaucracy with more government and regulations.

“Those involved in the Cityhood effort have refused calls from residents, media and others to disclose who is giving money to their campaign,” said Mike Duveneck, Chair of the Stay Sacramento!, Stop Arden Arcade Cityhood Committee. “It’s shameless that some cities around the county have already given taxpayer dollars from their general funds to bankroll the Cityhood campaign instead of using their funds to provide city services to their constituents,” added Duveneck.

Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), the municipal agency responsible for overseeing the Cityhood process, has pledged to spend more than \$100,000 in taxpayer matching funds. In addition, the City of Citrus Heights has given \$15,000 in taxpayer funds, the City of Rancho Cordova has given \$25,000 in taxpayer funds, the City of Elk Grove and Folsom have each provided \$5,000 and the City of Elk Grove is considering another request from the proponents to provide even more taxpayer money at their September 26, 2007 council meeting.

Joel Archer, one of the Cityhood leaders has refused publicly to disclose all the names, organizations and the amount of funds they have collected to pay for Cityhood signature gathers, LAFCO studies and other expenses their committee has incurred. A former Cityhood fundraiser resigned over the lack of disclosure, as well as a dictatorial style and autocratic leadership.

“We are absolutely appalled at the arrogance the Cityhood people have shown by not fully disclosing their financial supporters and the amount of money each has given to the Cityhood initiative campaign. Residents have an inalienable right to know who is supporting this initiative and what business groups and organizations they represent. It could represent a potential conflict of interest,” said Duveneck.

The Stay Sacramento Campaign calls upon the Arden Arcade Cityhood Committee to fully disclose their campaign contributors now.