## Open Forum Remarks at February 27, 2024, Board Meeting

First of all, I repeat my request for an impartial and independent forensic audit. If I were you, I would *want* to clear up any misunderstandings and questions.

Second, the Board must uphold the law. In the Board meeting on January 23, the Board announced its intention to circumvent Civil Code Section 5855 by reinstituting the Rules Hearing Committee.

The law states, "When the **board** is to meet to consider or impose discipline upon a member, or to impose a monetary charge [for] damage to common area and facilities caused by a member or the member's guest or tenant, the **board** shall notify the member [...] at least 10 days prior to the meeting. [...] The member has a right to attend and may address the **board** at the meeting. The **board** shall meet in executive session if requested by the member."

There is no mention of a Rules Hearing Committee. There is no mention of any non-Board member being allowed to be present during discussion. There is only mention of the board and the homeowner accused of a violation. While you may state members of the Rules Hearing Committee have signed an ethics pledge and and an attorney has approved the Rules Hearing Committee, the attorney doesn't create the law, and frankly, we homeowners don't know what exactly the attorney might have said.

I ask you to obey the law and drop any plans you have to resurrect the Rules Hearing Committee.

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