

Can Anybody/Everybody Be Fooled?

How many thousands of years of expertise were deceived by the complicit CPAs, MBAs and lawyers involved in the national mortgage frauds and the NASDAQ frauds? The following link and quote from Fortune magazine about the current NASDAQ fraud case causes us to pause and reflect on Sun City Anthem's current financial issues.

Source: <http://money.cnn.com/2008/12/15/magazines/fortune/madoff.fortune/>

"What's truly scary about Madoff is that when you talk to people who were ripped off you think, there but for the grace of God goes me. Professionals feel the same way. This from the president of a fund of fund business:

'Every time one of these frauds is discovered I get scared to death it could happen to us. We do lots of things to try to ensure it doesn't, such as checking and confirming auditors and auditor changes, using a private investigator to check on managers when we first invest, and the having the PI annually update the file, trying to find references which are not on someone's reference list, etc.'

If big investors like these could be fooled, he said, anybody can be fooled. So, bottom line, could investors have avoided Madoff? And, what can you do to make sure you don't get suckered by the next smooth talking, cheap-trick artist?"

Recently, the Sun City Anthem Finance Committee, and its collaborators, claimed to be outraged over what I was quoted as saying in a recent Las Vegas Review-Journal article about our financial issues. Our current SCA finance committee claims to have over 200 years of financial expertise to prove that it is 100% right and I am 100% wrong. But, such claims are one thing, and truly independent, forensic audits to reveal the facts, are another.

Why do you suppose it is so important to the so-called "unity group" to "never look back--only look forward?" Why do they viciously gang up and pile on me for asking the obvious questions, and for not accepting the incomplete answers? Is this only about bruised super-egos? Or, are the questions getting too close for comfort to those few members who have been personally involved in controlling our money during the past decade?

I will be responding in detail during upcoming weeks to the unfair political attacks and deceptive claims by Joe De Mao, other past and present Finance Committee members, and the Bermans. In the meantime, please appreciate that I would not sticking my neck out if I was not confident of my facts--based on access to the Association's records. Like you, I have much better things to do with my retirement time than to play silly political games.

But, massive, outrageous protests to the contrary, there is real fire behind that billowing smokescreen. The truth will come out, and those who have helped to cause, and to cover up, the apparent financial misconduct in the management of the Reserves, Trumpets, Co-Gen, Income Tax reports, and 3rd Rec. Center matters must be exposed and held personally accountable. We are talking about millions of dollars of other people's (our member's) money that have been lost. That is just too much to be ignored—as they have demanded.

Members who struggle against having an investigative audit must be challenged by our whole community. We are all seriously harmed by such financial losses. And, please do not be deceived by red-herring cost estimates for forensic auditing that you are hearing. With the internal information available it will not take long or cost too much to complete a truly independent, investigative audit on specific issues. It is time to cut the BS and report on the underlying truths.

Bottom Line: I have been out-voted five or six to one on financial and legal issues for almost two years. The 2007 and 2008 board majorities could have just ignored me if I was not speaking the inconvenient truths. But, now the SCA Board Officers and Finance Committee are VERY concerned about being able to continue to keep the secrets of the past.

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