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Subject: Mike Curtis' Input For Wednesday's Upcoming Meeting ...

Attached is my recommendation for Policy relating to allowable expenses. Please pass the attached, and the statement just below, to all board members for consideration and reading at this week's Wednesday meeting.

STATEMENT FOR PRESENTATION AT THE MEETING:

"PCM's proposed Draft policy, to be discussed today, is a hollow attempt to mislead board members and residents. PCM has many conflicts of interest, and their misleadings have been the product of this (e.g. "credit cards are only used for emergencies" - Milt Johns). The boards have a duty to establish policy, and should not rely on PCM's hollow and misleading words to do it.

"The time for mediation between the boards and PCM has past. Now, based on the lack of resolution and continued outrageous expenses (e.g. now it's \$25 hair cuts we're paying for), it is time for the boards to be assertive and do their duty, set PCM's opinions aside, and establish a firm policy to be followed. If this board is too frightened to act, then it should be replaced.

"I have presented my recommendation for the policy regarding allowable expenses to you. It is very simple, and is intended to maintain the freedom to allow business expenses in the board's best interest to be reimbursable, and other expenses not reimbursable. It is also intended to minimize travel expenses and other expenses. It's only two pages long - so, I hope board members will read through it.

"One thing for sure, any policy should be supported by all boards - not just GRF. This is an issue all boards should be involved with.

"Most importantly, we need to move past this concept that the boards have deep pockets and can (or should) bank-rolle anything they or PCM might like to do. Allowable and reimbursable expenses should be very limited. The attached recommend policy does this.

"The attached is not perfect, but I think it is a much better starting point that offered by PCM.

"Historically, we have been spending well over \$100,000 a year for expenses related to lobbyist and PCM's pet associations that really only favor their property management business. PCM disguises these

costs as "training" and says they are something less than \$80,000. In truth, you must consider the costs of employees too (e.g. Wendy Bucknam), and their ongoing participation and travel expenses servicing paid consultants and lobbyists in Sacramento. We are sponsoring special monthly meetings at local hotels designed for the property management industry - nothing to do with our best interests. If you don't believe me, then please review the credit card expenses available from Connie Grundke and others. We don't need any of this - we simply need PCM to be our property management company - and not be using our funds for their other business benefits and indulgences."

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PCM/GRF have released a new statement yesterday. Go to the following link ...

<http://lagunawoodsvillage.com/article.cfm?id=2304>

I expect the advance comments will have a priority in being answered during the meeting. After all, they say: "*Comments are welcome via mail to Golden Rain Foundation – Comments, PO Box 2220, Laguna Woods, CA 92654 or via email to comments@pcm-inc.org prior to August 1, 2007.* They don't make the same promise regarding oral comments from the residents at the meeting. I expect poor George to greatly limit floor comments by all sides.

I recommend you review the new (cough, cough, this is hard to swallow) [Proposed Staff Support Expense Policy](#) , then have a few laughs with the [Breakdown of Expense Press Release](#) . Then, send your concerns and questions to the email address above. You need to do this before the end of next week. By the way, since the email comments only go to PCM, I also recommend you copy or otherwise inform board members of your concerns and questions.

The proposed policy, in my opinion, offers very little control, will significantly increase our future operating costs and risks through archaic procedures and cash advances, and the outrageous costs from the past will be allowed to grow in the future - all because this proposed policy is so open-ended and misleading. I'll be submitting detailed comments and copy you on them.

The Internet is good source for locating decent policy related to "allowable expenses non-profits" guidelines and risks to look for. An excellent site for this is ...

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a122/a122.html>

I hope you might take the time to review the links and submit comments. Otherwise, PCM will have their way, with board members following like sheep ...

Regards,

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