

TO THE EDITOR OF THE DAILY NEWS:

Mr. Nash's article did not represent a balanced view of the difficulties and frustrations being experienced by the VG community.

VGCC's Interim Board members represent no one but themselves. Never having stood for a community election, they do not represent the 40,000 VGCC stakeholders.

Their approach to DONE has been consistently confrontational. Over the past one and a half years, they have threatened DONE staff with formal complaints to management, lawsuits, unfavorable press coverage and other forms of reprisal.

Many in the community, including myself, respect DONE's role as facilitators and overseers of the neighborhood council process. Last Monday night, Rita Moreno and Leyla Campos of DONE came to the election committee meeting with a rewritten set of election procedures for consideration. Rather than compromise on any point, the Committee dug in its heels and repeatedly asked DONE by what authority they were proposing changes.

The Election Committee made a decision early on to show their independence from the City. For example, they were to only neighborhood council to propose election procedures requiring US Citizenship in order to vote. When asked why they did that, the response was let DONE tell us we can't do that! In the end, the matter was referred to the City Attorney for an opinion causing further delays in the election process.

DONE is not without blame in this matter, but this council's confrontational, non-inclusive style has contributed significantly to the delays. Worse, their style leads to tedious, hostile meetings, which has discouraged stakeholders from participating in the process.

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