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Re: Naughton v. Vide, Riverside Cnty. Superior Court-Indio Branch Case No. INC 059358

Dear Ms. Weston:

This responds to your letter dated May 31, 2007.

Regarding paper concerning a court case being scattered all around the Park, I am informed and believe that all that paper was left in front of our gate (which was locked with a chain, so was clearly not being used), by someone hired by the Park, and it subsequently blew around the Park. We had nothing whatever to do with either its being here or its being scattered around the Park. In fact, when we came home and saw papers in our flower beds, we picked up and disposed of a great deal of it ourselves. No paper originating with us has ever been scattered around the Park. Neither did the papers you are referring to consist of "all types of paperwork" "that had to do with the legal issues that [we] have been engaged in concerning the Park," to quote your letter. All such scattered paper we picked up had to do with THE PARK'S LEGAL ACTION AGAINST US. As I wrote to you last summer when you claimed we caused a leak in the ground that occurred sometime while we were gone for a month, it would be helpful if you got causation a little straighter before you wrote to us. In short, like all the other accusations you and all the other managers and owners have persisted in making against us for some 30 months now, the accusations you make about that scattered paper are completely baseless as to us. Instead, they should be accusations against the Park owners and their agents, if anyone, or they should be accepted as what happens when paper is left unsecured in a stack in a windy place where animals and people walk and can disturb it. We never left any paper anywhere in such condition, or scattered any, so kindly refrain from continuing to accuse us of things we did not do.

Moreover, not only did we not cause any paper to be left where it would be scattered around the Park, nor did we scatter it around the Park when someone else had left it, you go so far as to claim it had been scattered or found, I am not clear on which you were saying, in "a somewhat deliberate manner." This is another of the many indications we have seen in the past 30 months that not only does management of this Park accuse us of things we do not do

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without any facts whatsoever on which to base those accusations, somehow you also manage to make us into evil people for doing whatever it is we did not even do. I, on the other hand, assume the agent of the Park who put those papers unsecured in a windy place did not do it on purpose to end up with the papers being scattered around the Park. In fact, like you, I cannot possibly know the motives of other people about which I have no knowledge whatsoever, so I cannot conclude why that agent of the Park left that stack of papers not in an envelope, not taped down, not in any way secured from being blown around the Park by the wind. I would hope that you would show equal restraint in not concluding without any facts to back you up, that people such as us did anything deliberately.

I do not know who "has observed" what "wooden and upholstered chair" in our front yard. We have a set of exterior chairs known as papasan and mamasan chairs, and canvas cushions made for such exterior chairs, in our front yard. They have been there, in the case of the chairs, for maybe two years. The cushion set I bought at Wal-Mart to replace the faded ones that were on the chairs at the time, about a year ago. These are exterior patio furniture. After your letter arrived I took pictures of similar chairs and cushions in many yards in the Park, including but not limited to the manager's yard across our back fence. I also took pictures of miscellaneous things that do not qualify in any sense as either patio furniture, barbecue equipment, or pre-approved neat and clean storage cabinets, in the yards of virtually everyone in the Park. Exercise equipment, bird baths, satellite dishes, plants in containers and on tables and shelving units, a log cabin storage building as big as a house, a deck that surrounds an RV in the mobilehome portion of the Park, in direct violation of the rule that all RVs must be in the RV portion of the Park, a mattress, a pile of old wood—you name it, people in this Park have it in their yards. I have no objection to their doing so, of course, as they are not bothering me. I do, however, object to selective enforcement of supposed rules against us when they are clearly and constantly not enforced against anyone else. If evidence ever is produced that there is one person here other than us who got anything approved before doing it, I will be shocked. We are the most compliant tenants here.

In connection with this, neither a wooden and upholstered exterior chair nor exterior trellis even violate any rule you attached to your letter and highlighted. I have a master's degree in English, along with a B. A. in English from the University of California at Berkeley, and I taught English at UCLA for five years, so I am quite confident in my ability to parse a sentence. The rule you attach to go with your mention of this matter is apparently the last sentence of ¶ 3 A on the first page you attached, which is page 6 of the rules, since none of the others has anything to do with items in yards. The last sentence of ¶ 3 A is not well-written, but it states that patio furniture, barbecue equipment on the patio, and storage cabinets that are neat and clean and approved in writing by Community management are the only freestanding items permitted outside of the mobilehome. "[T]hat are neat and clean and approved in writing by Community management" modifies "storage cabinets." Thus, nothing about patio furniture outside a mobilehome is being violated by a wooden exterior chair and a canvas cushion made to be used outside, or by wooden trellis, which has nothing to do with

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utilities. By the way, we bought trellis because you objected to hanging canvas curtains we got approval to use. Canvas is specifically referred to in the law, and we had a right to use it. However, in a spirit of good faith, we bought trellis because everyone else here has that.

As to yard trimmings stacked in the far corner of our back yard for a day to shred to use as mulch, those were hardly a fire hazard. I took a picture today of a several feet high and many feet wide stack of dry needles all along the back of the Park, covered with yard trimmings clearly disposed of there months ago by Park management. These, along with the stack of wood referred to earlier, are incredible fire hazards. If you ever accuse me of maintaining a fire hazard again, I will start asking for inspections of fire hazards always maintained here by Park management. I am sick, literally, of being singled out for accusations and threats.

Interestingly, one of the three reasons for mulching plants, particularly in the desert, as I do all the plants I grow, and as I was going to add to with the shredded wood trimmings I had in the back yard one day, is to save water. The Park owner pays for the water I use to water my plants. I am not vindictive, so I will continue to mulch the plants and save water. How ridiculous you are to have mentioned a few yard trimmings is the point I am making here.

The large box for the barbecue we had just bought on Memorial Day when we had our family over was indeed still in the carport when Lloyd Vide snooped around on Tuesday, which led to your letter on Thursday of that week. We disposed of it in the dumpster before we got your letter. It was hardly trash, and it was hardly an issue. Again, look at the mattress that has been in another carport here, for years, before you tell me about a cardboard box temporarily in our enclosed awning area. It is none of your business what we have in that area, and it takes a great deal of effort to even see what is there. Daphne climbed in a flower bed so she could peer in our kitchen window. We put up solid reed mats so she could no longer see in. Apparently we will have to take similar actions regarding the former carport area we received permission to enclose and are in the process of enclosing according to law.

After we received your letter we picked up about twenty dog droppings in the area where we had been walking our dog recently because when we walk him where everyone else is free to, we are spied on and followed. There were droppings of various sizes and types. None resembled those of our dog, which we are familiar with after walking him twice daily for 10 years. Again, get some proof of causation before you accuse us. And "observe" the others who left dog droppings there as closely as you "observe" (read: spy on) us.

Very truly yours,
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