

HOT NEWS 2009 - UNCENSORED

FIRST BUILDING APPEALS BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SANTA CRUZ COUNTY. CONCEALED FOR 33 YEARS.

February 24, 2009 - Since April 20, 1976, the **Building and Fire Code Appeals Board** has been concealed from citizens of Santa Cruz County. The Board of Supervisors, Planning Dept., County Administrator and County Counsel have concealed the appeals board that would have been able to resolve citizen complaints of alleged fraud, extortion, corruption, ignored mandatory duties, violating Constitutional laws and oaths, in defiance of preemptive state and federal laws and breaching their own ordinances. Records also reveal that the State has denied most of the new ordinances made by the Supervisors (**Ellen Pirie**, Chair Supervisor 2008) and wording approved by the Planning Dept. - **Tom Burns**, CAO - **Susan Mauriello** and County Counsel, headed by **Dana McRae** and **Rahn Garcia**. Citizen protests since 1988 have been ignored, until finally, the local papers and radio stations started to run some of the news. Finally, on March 16, 2009, at 7:00PM, on the 5th Floor of the County Building, the first ever Building and Fire Code Appeals Board meeting will be held, although with very narrowed powers per local ordinances, and with superior powers per State codes that the County cannot deny.

Please read the newly filed [2008 Appeals Board Annual Report](#) approved by the current **Supervisors, Ellen Pirie, Neil Coonerty, Tony Campos, Mark Stone and John Leopold (replacing Jan Beautz)**. Throughout this website are preserved audio and written records showing the above acts and behavior.

The [2008 annual report](#) depicts that everything is just fine and normal. Our analysis is different. Look at Item I. B referring to Ordinances 12.10, 12.12 and 16.20. These ordinances are in violation of higher State laws. Any decision or determination can be appealed per State higher general law. Look at Item I. F - the Appeals Board has legal authority and power and their opinions cannot be overturned by the Board of Supervisors. Item II - Valid verified appeal hearing requests have been made in the last five years by credible and seriously injured citizens. The County Planning Dept., Board of Supervisors, County Counsel and County Administrator have **CONCEALED** the appeals board and denied ALL appeal requests from the public. The public has only recently found out about the hidden appeals board and obstructed access to it for approximately 33 years. **Tom Burns, David Lee, Mark Deming, Ken Hart and Jennifer Hutchinson** have all been censoring and blocking access to the expired and hidden appeals board. This has most likely cost property owners approximately \$500,000,000. Property owners have been threatened, intimidated, and charged fraudulent, excessive, improper and unreasonable fees without any fixed standards or findings regarding alleged violations, and had their Constitutional rights violated. The County has recorded red tags to titles on alleged violations, which is not allowed by State law or the Health and Safety Code. Item III. B - This section should be reworded properly to maintain separation and integrity to "no past or current employee" of Santa Cruz County should be on the appeals board. Item IV - No specific goals were set for 2008? Why? The appeals board job mandate from the State is to improve ordinances and to hear appeals. Slowly but surely, a dozen plus citizens found out and researched the concealment of the Appeals Board and protested in 2007 and 2008. They strongly protested the Board of Supervisors (and the other government departments above) to **NOT DELETE California Building Code 108.8** from Title 12 Ordinances and the Supervisors in violation of State mandated higher law deleted it anyway. This is on the record and has been followed. See [Radio/You Tube tab](#) and listen to the November 2008 protests and other recordings. Item VII - The appeals board has unlimited jurisdiction to hear any appeal request for any reason and can add or delete ordinance conflicts as California Building Code 108.8 entitles them to. Note that CBC 108.8 does not allow censoring or obstruction of appeal hearing requests. The question now is, "Will the civil servants of the County of Santa Cruz start obeying higher statutes and precedent setting court cases that are meant to protect citizens and property owners?"