

## Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Meeting August 19, 2008

This transcription was prepared due to accusations of inaccurate reporting. The transcript confirms our previous reporting was accurate. Speeches are public domain.

### Transcript of Open Mic comments made by Vince LoFranco:

My name is **Vince LoFranco**. I live in Felton – 5<sup>th</sup> District.

We all have different ideas of why what's happening with the planning dept. and what is going on. We all have different ideas of who's in charge, whether it's a bigger government.

I don't know if you all agree what the cause is, what brought on this problem, **but we all do agree there's a problem in the planning dept.** I grew up here . . . .

I have a hard time believing you would put all this time into this community and your goals are not to make it better. I have seen in my time here – 20 years service as a contractor (termite person) in the county – **a horribly difficult planning process to get through for a simple project to get through the planning dept. and it has only gotten worse.**

When you had Mr. James here things seemed to be going on an upswing. Beginning to get things in a positive direction. Seemed to be getting some pressure from Mr. Almquist. There was actually celebration when Mr. Almquist – who since became a Judge.

And, **ever since MR. BURNS was brought in to the planning dept. moral not only has gone completely down in the planning department, productivity has gone down and prices have gone up and control has gone way up.** These rules and regulations although very important in the community and our quality of life are not being fairly handled throughout the public. Different people are treated different ways on the exact same or similar situations. **There is a black hole in planning where things ARE disappearing MR. BURNS** and we noticed this when we recently had some big news about some dogs being abused. That is a place that has been complained about FOREVER! And for that still to be going on and just now step in and say hey look at us – we are the heroes – like they do everything else. They step in for political benefit and not the benefit of the people.

**The planning dept. managers are INEPT** except for two and that is Claudia and Nancy. I feel that **Mr. Burns should be removed – immediately removed without pay** and Claudia and Nancy be put in as either co-directors and **the rest of his management team be swept out with him** until we get to the bottom of this.

**There are documents being destroyed, there is information out there. Their goal is NOT to serve the community; it is to serve their own self interest – period!** It is not to serve you, unfortunately.

We've had code inspectors that have gone on to higher jobs here that have actually been operating jobs on the side here. Inspector who had a drunk driving – promoted instead of an inspector who was injured on the job. (3 minutes were up.)