

Dear Grand Venezia and Grand Bellagio Owners, Residents and friends,

**This is our call to action.** The trial for the upcoming CDD/Oppenheimer court case will be heard by Judge George Jirotko during the week of April 16<sup>th</sup>. The Courthouse is located at 315 Court Street in Clearwater. The courtrooms are on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. We are not sure yet in which courtroom the trial will be held. Regardless, if you will go up to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor and go through security, the bailiffs will be able to tell you which courtroom it is. The exact start time on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> has not yet been determined. We will send out another notice once we know for sure the time the trial will begin next Monday.

This will be the beginning of a 5-day trial whereby the Judge will make a decision about whether the CDD should be considered dissolved, or if the CDD is to remain in existence, whether the CDD's assessments should be set aside by the Judge. If the assessments are set aside by the Judge because he concludes they are unlawful, then a reassessment procedure will likely be ordered by the Judge, according to our attorney, Bruce Barnes.

Your GVCOA has no problem with a reassessment procedure. It is my understanding from Bruce that a reassessment process would require the CDD to provide detail regarding assessments going forward, such as why we are being assessed and the benefits that supposedly relate to the assessments. It is unfortunate, however, that the reassessment issue even has to go to trial. Back in April of 2017 and again in March of this year, Bruce sent letters to counsel for the CDD, the GrayRobinson law firm, asking that the CDD put on the agenda for the upcoming respective CDD Board meetings our requests that the CDD undertake a reassessment procedure. Our reassessment request never even made it to the April 2017 CDD Board Meeting agenda, and the March 2018 meeting was cancelled after Bruce sent his letter earlier in March. In fact, the CDD has cancelled its last four scheduled monthly meetings. So much for our "government" officials giving us an opportunity to be heard. Because the CDD Board refused to even consider our requests for a reassessment, that will be one of the issues to be decided by Judge Jirotko.

The trial will give everyone the opportunity to witness firsthand what this case is all about and the truth relating to the CDD. As you know, this has been real battle. We are pleased that the trial is around the corner.

PLEASE JOIN ME ON APRIL 16TH AT THE COURTHOUSE AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR COMMUNITY. We prefer that you attend the entire trial. In the very least, we ask that you attend the first and last days. Again, details will follow regarding the start time on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup>.

I truly hope you will join us.

Sincerely,

GVCOA Board of Directors,

Dan Tsinokas, President  
Mike McManus, Vice President/Secretary  
Mike Malinoski, Treasurer  
Richard Cranwill, Director  
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