



THE RIVIERA REPORT

NEWSLETTER OF THE RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

APRIL 1984

GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday, April 25, 1984
Program: Cable Update
Election of Officers
RHA Community Service Award Presentation
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Le Lycee Francais de los Angeles
(formerly Parkway Elementary School)
220 Via Riviera

The Executive Council of the RHA will present its second award to ROBERT MANTOVANI, who has been a Riviera resident and member of RHA for 10 years. Previously he lived in Redondo Beach, where he began his citizen-activist career as a founding member of the Concerned Citizens of Redondo Beach. He was profoundly influenced by exposure to real-life local politics, for as he says, "it's vastly different from what the textbook says it's supposed to be."

Mantovani believes that a healthy government requires an informed, active citizenry "to keep our elected officials from being tempted beyond their strength to make civic decisions on the basis of personal preference or potential individual gain." A former RHA second vice president and president who currently serves as first V.P., he is very proud of the organization's crucial role in strengthening the Hillside Overlay Ordinance, developing a coastal protection plan for Torrance, and arranging for the precedent-setting rezoning and sale of Parkway School.

He is continuing his efforts on behalf of Riviera residents through RHA's investigation of the Group W Company's use of property easements for installation of television cable. A former elementary school teacher and businessman, Mantovani is currently employed as an education administrator. He is also a psychotherapist in private practice.

* PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *

We have come to the time when a new president takes over the duties I have been honored to have this past year, and an opportunity for you to come forward with nominations and a change for dedicated volunteers to present themselves for possible openings on the Executive Council. Be sure to attend our April 25 meeting. We want to thank Marianne for the fantastic job she has done in getting out the newsletter.

We feel that the response in sending in the Petitions to Stop Easements was very good ... 329 returned with over 565 signatures. Read your Newsletter carefully, and you can see that we have more work to be done in this respect. We all need to pull together. The petitions are being presented to Edison and General Telephone April 5.

Thanks again for all the support that we have received.

- Fan Chandler

SENATE BILL No. 1520

This bill has been introduced to the California Legislature by Senator Robbins and will be voted on shortly. It states that existing easements for telephone lines shall include a right-of-way for all types of signal lines, including cable television transmission lines. It seems to imply that the owner's permission will then be preempted by law. Please note that this legislation applies to PRIVATE PROPERTY ONLY; public property is specifically exempted.

This is the wording of the proposed act:

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 812 is added to the Civil Code, to read:

812. (a) An easement or right-of-way across, upon, or under private property for the construction or location of telegraph or telephone lines and related poles, posts, piers abutments, or other necessary fixtures shall be deemed to include an easement or right-of-way for all types of signal lines, including cable television transmission lines, and an easement for the construction, maintenance, and repair of those lines, if those signal lines, including cable television lines, are attached to the same poles or posts, to which the telegraph or telephone lines which are the subject of the easement are attached.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be applicable to an easement or right-of-way across, upon, or under public property.

SPEAK OUT AND TELL SOMEONE!

If you agree with the majority of Riviera residents that SB 1520, if enacted, would abridge your property rights, please fill out and send in the form below, or write to Senator Robert G. Beverly in Redondo Beach or at the State Capitol (Sacramento 95814). Senator Beverly's local telephone number is 540-1611. Let him know how you feel about this bill. Have all members of your household sign the statement. You may wish to include your address below your name.

----- (Please cut here and mail to Senator Beverly) -----

Senator Robert G. Beverly
1611 South Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 102
Redondo Beach, California 90277

Dear Senator Beverly:

If enacted, Senate Bill 1520 would authorize the taking of my private property easements without compensation.

PLEASE VOTE AGAINST SB 1520!

Thank you.

Sincerely,



"A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO CIVIC SERVICE TO THE RIVIERA COMMUNITY AND IT'S RESIDENTS."

March 23, 1984

Senator Robert G. Beverly
1611 South Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 102
Redondo Beach, California 90277

REF: SB 1520

Dear Senator Beverly:

We have received a copy of SB 1520, introduced by Senator Robbins, and wish to indicate our strong opposition to this invasive and arbitrary piece of legislation. We believe that it infringes on private property owners' Fourteenth Amendment right to the free use of their property, since in fact, an electrical or telephone easement is just that; it does not guarantee access or right-of-way for "all types of signals."

Those of us who bought our property with existing easements for power and telephone utilities did so with full knowledge of the consequences. We should not now be forced against our will and without compensation to provide access for the installation of commercial television cable on utility poles simply because a power company has contracted with a television supplier to permit such installation.

As you know, it is difficult to gain the overwhelming support of a group of homeowners on behalf of or in opposition to any single issue. You should therefore be aware that a cable television company's abuse of private property utility easements for the placement of its cable has become a rallying concern for the residents of the Hollywood Riviera area of Torrance, and for the membership of the Riviera Homeowners' organization.

We trust that you will infer from this letter the depth of our feeling about SB 1520, and that you will convey to Senator Robbins and to the members of the Energy and Public Utilities Committee your own concern as our elected representative. We would be very interested in hearing from you, should you wish to respond.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Mantovani

Dr. Robert A. Mantovani

Vice-President, The Riviera Homeowners' Association

cc: File

Members of the California State Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee:

Senator Rosenthal

Senator Dills

Senator Russell

Senator Garamendi

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COMING ATTRACTION!

Wednesday, April 25, 1984 - 7:30 pm

The last General Meeting of the 1983/84 term. The next meeting will be in the Fall.

One of the featured speakers will be Mr. JOE BUCK, Attorney at Law, who will speak on the cable question from a legal perspective.

There will be a complete update on the cable situation, as well as election of officers and presentation of service award.

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