

WHAT SHOULD I SAY TO THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS?

Thoughts on a Saturday Morning

On Tuesday, November 6, the SB County Board of Supervisors is making a crucial vote on a policy that would keep huge solar fields out of our community. The vote has been delayed for months. The County bureaucrats are fighting against us. The day we need to be there to speak our piece is election day. Good job, Supervisors. Way to build our respect and confidence in our elected officials!

The following is what I think I will say, if I get the chance to speak at the hearing:

Gentlemen and Ladies: (Really?) Are they? Doesn't it just bug you when politicians are introduced as "The Honorable" So-and-So, when you know how much truth there is to the little joke: "How do you know when a politician is lying? When his lips are moving?"

OK, bad start. Try again. I have to keep this to 3 minutes, which actually is a very loooong time when you are standing in a crowd addressing the five supervisors!

My name is Linda Gommel, and I am CEO of the little enterprise that runs Lucerne Valley Market and Hardware. The store has been serving our desert community for over 40 years, starting in 1975. We do this as our assigned task on this earth by God our Father, Who sent us to Lucerne Valley to do the store and provide many services that go along with it.

I come here today to appeal to you to vote in favor of the Planning Commission's recommendation that you restore policy 4.10 of the Renewable Energy Conservation Element of the County's plan for its future. By so doing, you protect our communities from being inundated with industrial scale renewable energy projects, specifically, huge solar fields which would necessitate the addition of at least one major unsightly substation and more transmission lines.

In addition to



supporting the will of the people, you also engage in a great act of conservation, specifically, you honor the Endangered Species Act by protecting a truly endangered species, one you may never have heard of.

No, I am not referring to critters like the Desert Tortoise. I am referring to a newly identified endangered species,



Desertium Rattus. This is a subspecies of Homo Sapiens, one that has largely opted out of many traditional human activities, like spending half of their lives commuting on freeways. Or living on postage stamp-sized lots in houses that all look alike. Or listening to the roar of diesels and automobiles whizzing by on a nearby freeway.

Desertium Rattus has located itself in communities that many people consider to be unattractive and uninhabitable, the deserts of California. Many see only brown hills and dry countryside. They think of unbearable heat and brassy, bright sun. They pass through it as quickly as possible to return to their look-alike homes and rat race lives.

Desertium Rattus, on the other hand, sees wide open vistas, mountains miles away, glorious sunrises and sunsets, and wonderful critters of all types. We learn that sitting under the wide open canopy of the sky, we can actually hear ourselves think and relate to God, our Creator. We cherish our way of life, our beautiful desert, the silence, the views, the crisp, clean air, the dark skies and bright stars.

WE Desert Rats CHOOSE to live here. We do not take lightly threats to our way of life.

As our County Supervisors, you have been elected as stewards, caretakers, of this vast County and of its people, ALL of the people, not just the far more numerous city dwellers.

What you are not called to serve is outsiders who want to push their agendas and make their millions in our home and on our backs. You are not called to allow them to ruin our landscapes with

solar fields, only to send power somewhere else, providing no benefit to us. You are called to listen to us, even the relatively rare species Desertium Rattus, hear what we want our communities to be, and make decisions that benefit us residents, your constituents.

So please vote yes on policy 4.10, to preserve the endangered species Desertium Rattus.

As of right now, Monday morning, I intend to go to the Supervisors' hearing and read the above in the allotted 3 minutes. I don't yet know whether it will be in Hesperia via teleconference, or in San Bernardino, in person.

Sir William has spent mega-time rallying the troops, and he is taking a carload of people down to the hearing to express our opinions. All are to wear white shirts so that the Supervisors will hopefully see a sea of white.

If the Supervisors are sensible, and if they deserve the office to which we have elected them, they will whole-heartedly get behind us and protect our beautiful desert against the depredations of the giant unions and heartless renewable energy industry.

Stay tuned.

Linda Gommel

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Contributed. From the Web.

NEVER BE LATE!

The Parish Priest was being honored at his retirement dinner after 25 years of dedicated service. A leading local politician and member of the congregation was chosen to make the presentation and to give a little speech at the dinner.

However, he was delayed, so the Priest decided to say his own few words while they waited:

"I got my first impression of the parish from the first confession I heard here. I thought I had been assigned to a terrible place. The very first person who entered my confessional told me he had stolen a television set and, when questioned by the police, was able to lie his way out of it. He had stolen money from his parents, embezzled from his employer, had an affair with his boss's wife, taken illegal drugs, and gave VD to his sister. I was appalled. But as the days went on I learned that my people were not all like that and I had, indeed, come to a fine parish full of good and loving people."

Just as the Priest finished his talk, the politician arrived full of apologies at being late. He immediately began to make the presentation and gave his talk: 'I'll never forget the first day our parish Priest arrived,' said the politician. 'In fact, I had the honor of being the first person to go to him for confession.'

Moral : Never, Never, Be Late

A STORY WITH A MORAL--

After 10 years, the wife starts to think their kid looks kind of different so she decides to do a DNA test. She finds out that the kid is actually from completely different parents.

Wife: Honey, I have something very serious to tell you.

Husband: What's up?

Wife: According to DNA test results, this is not our kid.

Husband: Well you don't remember, do you??? When we were leaving the hospital, you noticed that our baby had pooped, then you said: "Please go change the baby, I'll wait for you here."

So I went inside, got a clean one and left the dirty one there.

Moral of the story: Never give a man a job for which he is not qualified.

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Thursday, Nov. 8, starts at 5:30PM. At the Alternative Education Center, 8560 Aliento Rd up Highway 18.

MAC Meeting

Lucerne Valley & Johnson Valley Municipal Advisory Council
Thurs. Nov. 15, 5 PM.
at the LV Community Center

GUEST SPEAKER:

David & Coleen Buelow of Lucerne Valley Sports

UPDATES ON:

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