

Looking at the push for a town

letters to the editor

While I'm in general agreement with creating the Town of Incline Village, I take exception to Jim Clark's answer as to why Washoe County is cooperative in this effort.

In his recent column, Jim comments that the Village League to Save Incline Assets has, as opponents in the property tax battle, the county assessor and the district attorney, but that "county management wants to do the right thing but can't override its own district attorney." Who is county management and what do they propose as "doing the right thing?"

Presumably county management is the commissioners and the administrator. Having been on the Village League board for six years, I have not seen any evidence they support our efforts, have lifted a finger to correct illegal and unconstitutional methods of the assessor's office, nor made any overtures toward reaching a resolution.

Follow the money. County management does not want to give back the ill-gotten gains from illegal assessment methods. They have repeatedly defended the assessor's office. They attempted to reconstruct

the county board of equalization and stack the deck against our tax protests. And, not once in this entire battle have they tried to resolve our differences — despite the state Supreme Court ruling against them twice.

While the main culprit is the district attorney's office, county management is complicity and part of the "circle the wagons" mentality to protect the illegal money they have spent and to try to force us into submission by running us out of resources.

Remember, they have spent millions of tax dollars fighting their losing battle!

So, why is the county supporting the creation of a town? My guess is by giving up several functions they can get us off their backs for a while. As long as they have our tax dollars going down the hill without having to return them equally in services, they are content. It is beneficial to have some services closer to home and in our control — but giving them up is no big deal to the county.

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