



Dick Gammick, DA's office at it again

Opinion: Letters

Washoe County District Attorney, Dick Gammick, is at it again — obfuscation and passing the buck.

In July of 2008 he wrote an article that called the Incline Village/Crystal Bay Tax Revolt a “game”. On August 1, 2008, I published a letter to the Editor entitled “Gammick’s Game-ick”. Among other points, I reminded Mr. Gammick that we hardly considered having to shell out huge legal fees to fight against ILLEGAL and UNCONSTITUTIONAL methods leading to unfair and unequal assessment treatment a game.

More salient in that August 1, 2008 document (18 months ago) was my accusation that the County would try to blame the state for this mess. Now, in today’s Bonanza, he says that IV/CB and the County are “on the same side” and that the real culprit is the State for not giving proper direction to the County Assessors. Moreover, he argues that his office does not dictate policy and it is the board of the County Commissioners who have opted to drag out this process. Of course, if you asked the board, they would say they are getting their advice from the District Attorney’s Office! Point the fingers, do not take responsibility,

stall, delay, and take whatever legal maneuvers you can to try to run us out of resources --- that has been the County’s strategy since day one -- eight years ago!

One simple fact is clear---it is the County who has collected the ill-gotten, illegal and unconstitutional money and it is the County who should return it! It is irrelevant as whether it was the State who failed to provide the proper rules and regulations to the Assessor or it was the arrogance and attitude of the Assessor who ignored the rules and regulations. It is the County who has our money --- pay it back now.

I don’t believe for one minute that the District Attorney and his office has not provided counsel to try every legal gimmick to postpone the inevitable. One would think that four Supreme Court rulings and seven District Court rulings would get their attention and compliance.

No, Mr. Gammick, we are not on the same side. This has gone on far too long and you and your office are right in the middle of it.

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