

In their words: Village League sounds off

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Below are remarks made by some members of the Village League to Save Incline Assets in response to Thursday's Nevada Supreme Court decision.

"While this is only for one tax year, it clearly sets the precedent for the other tax years we have filed for and should put an end to the county's positions that every taxpayer who has been wronged by their illegal and unconstitutional assessment methods, must go through their stacked-deck administrative process. The Village League was allowed by the Supreme Court to act as the representative of all IV/CB residents and we prevailed. Patience is a virtue and persistence is a winner."

**Chuck Otto, Village League
Board of Directors**

"It is so unbelievable that we as a village had to come together to fight against some of our county and state officials. I am wondering if they will ever get the message — 'follow the laws' — as established by our fellow Nevada citizens and our Nevada elected government officials. This whole effort only proves once again, that if you are persistent, patient and you have the whole village backing an effort, we can win, even if it takes many steps to accomplish the ultimate goal, and that is fair and equitable property taxes for all property owners."

**Wayne Fischer, Village League
Board of Directors**

"This ruling is a powerful statement by the Supreme Court ordering the tax officials, and especially the State Board, to honor the constitutional rights of taxpayers and do their duty to respect the laws and legal authorities of

this state. These officials must quit trying to evade the inevitable justice of this case with their legal tricks and maneuverings, and do the right thing, as ordered by the courts."

**Les Barta, Village League
Board of Directors**

"This latest State Supreme Court decision reinforces their earlier decision that the Washoe County Assessor's office used unconstitutional assessing methods at Incline Village. This most recent ruling would have been completely unnecessary had Washoe County-elected officials and department heads, and the State Board of Equalization, used common sense and rolled back the valuation on all Incline properties which had illegal methods used to determine their value. I think we can all feel more optimistic that our county officials just may now follow the dictates of the State Supreme Court. After all, we are still paying two-to-four times the property taxes as comparable properties at the lake down in Douglas County, where the elected assessor has chosen to follow State law."

**Dale Akers, Village League
Board of Directors**

"I am both pleased and relieved that our Supreme Court justices have, for a third consecutive time, ruled in favor of Incline Village and Crystal Bay property owners. Overcoming the subterfuge has not been easy. The process leading to this important decision has been long, complicated and expensive. Let's pray that the county's reparations go smoothly and further fruitless attempts to dodge justice cease. Again, I'm thankful that the Nevada Supreme Court has correctly sized up the situation and been so clear about how it must be corrected."

**Todd Lowe, Village League
Board of Directors**

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