

Time to Stand & Defend Your Future

More and more, it seems like our lives are dealing with layer upon layer of people who have influence and power over our lives, our homes, and our futures.

The first layer is Park Management with Park Rules and Regulations which we do not have much input or control over.

The next layer is the City which has tremendous control and impact over our lives. In some cases they can assist in matters within their jurisdiction, especially in following through on issues affecting our health and safety which are delegated from the Mobilehome Residency Law (MRL). It is one area where we can get enforcement on these issues. The City Council oversees the San Marcos Rent Stabilization Ordinance and renders decisions regarding rent increases in cases brought forth by homeowners in mobilehome parks.

The State of California provides another layer with laws intended to protect mobilehome owners (MRL), but the only way to attain enforcement is by hiring an attorney and taking the offending Park Owner to court.

The final layer is the Federal Government. There are fair housing laws, civil rights, and other laws which provide us some protections. The layers where we have some influence and power involve the City, the County and the State. *That power comes from the ballot box.*

Political candidates running for office are often looking for our votes and our support. *That makes 2018 a very special year indeed. It's an election year!* Candidates will be running for the San Marcos City Council, The San Diego County Board of Supervisors, and perhaps for the California State Senate or Assembly. Candidates for Federal offices do not carry as much impact on mobilehome owners; therefore, we will not focus on those races.

San Marcos Mobilehome Residents Association (SMMRA) has a PAC (Political Action Committee) that will be working very hard this year to provide guidance to voters living in mobile home parks to elect candidates who accurately and genuinely understand the difficult issues we face.

Our PAC has funds which they can utilize in this effort; however, individuals may make donations to help our PAC expand their efforts. Homeowner Associations can also make donations from their Legal Funds or from their General Operating Accounts.

Money is a weapon, and you must know and understand that that the Park Owners have tremendous amounts of money they *will spend* to elect candidates who will increase their profit margins by owning the mobilehome parks in which we live.

Please send all donations to:

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