

A BIG "Baby Step"

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A baby step to change how so-called mobile homes are defined or described is not huge, but it is a worthwhile goal.

I would like to see "Mobile" disappear from our identification. Mobile home construction stopped nearly FORTY YEARS AGO. Manufactured Homes are simply FACTORY BUILT HOMES.

Why not identify ourselves as HOMEOWNERS to cover both the older Mobile Homes and the newer Manufactured Homes ?

We have been trying to escape from the "Trailers" and "Coaches" tags for years now. These terms tend to degrade us and using mobile does the same. We own, and live in HOMES, period!!!

We deserve respect and by defining ourselves and not letting others define us. In our parks, we have "Home Owners Associations" (HOA) , not Mobile home owners associations. A Manufactured home placed on private property is a HOME, not a Mobile Home. It should be the same in a Park or community. Even park names should be **Lakeview Homes Community**, or Lakeview Park, not Lakeview Mobile Estates. Palomar Estates West is fine, so long as mobile is not included. Our homes are NOT Mobile. They are rarely moved due to cost and to the limited places where they can be relocated.

I believe GSMOL needs to take the lead on this issue. I intend to promote the change within our communities in San Marcos and throughout San Diego County, and with the media in our area. If or when I picket or protest regarding Park issues, my sign will read..

"Our Lives Matter", **not** " Mobile Homeowner Lives Matter". I realize that "mobile" is ingrained and that the change will not be easy nor will it be accomplished overnight. The harder we push and advocate such a change, the quicker it will happen. It is a small issue, but could do wonders for us over the coming years.

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