



## Press Lease

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### **SMMRA STORMED BY OUTRAGED RESIDENTS**

The San Marcos Mobilehome Residents Association (SMMRA) held its monthly Board meeting this week and was astonished by the 150 plus mobilehome-owners who flooded the meeting room. Many were homeowners from San Marcos Mobile Estates who were outraged they were not made aware of the City's plans to convert six parks to long term space leases that would supersede the long established Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO). The RSO had been unanimously voted in during the late 1980 general elections by the citizens to establish (rent control). Several attendees testified their recent meeting with Mayor Jim Desmond was fruitless by his lack of interest to appease their pleas and now appealed to SMMRA's Board to preserve the RSO and block the implementation of oppressive long term leases.

The SMMRA Board passed a motion to reconnect with the Mayor, after its unsuccessful September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, and seek to present the mobile home-owners concerns to the entire City Council. Lloyd Rochambeau, President, said, "What was once an Accord discussion, has developed into a Long-term Lease Agreement, that will have a negative effect on the economic development of the city while displacing many homeowners with outrageous land only rent increases and the added feature of including infrastructure repairs which is generally maintained by the land-owner, as part of the rent, and the cost of doing business."

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