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POST MORTEM ON EL DORADO FIGHT AGAINST THE LONG TERM SPACE LEASE

The January 12th San Marcos City Council meeting found many speakers expressing themselves in the public comment section. Most were in opposition of approval of the amendment for the Lease and the Regulatory Agreement. Perhaps two or three Eldorado homeowners were in favor with about six opposed. The Council gave more credence to the three or four El Dorado HOA Board members and three Park Owners who spoke in support of their efforts in negotiating the terms of the lease. Of course they would support their own work and throw their support to the Park Owners.

Why? Did they receive or expect to receive special treatment for their loyalty to the Park Owners, rather than the mobile home owners? Reports from homeowners regarding the intimidation and one sided presentation of the lease during the campaign to obtain signatures were most disturbing, yet the Council dismissed it.

Even calling attention to legal errors in the lease was disregarded. There is no point in going through chapter and verse here. An analysis must be made as to the chances of launching a legal challenge to the lease and the City. Then the economic burden of a law suit must be met. It 's not over yet, but continuing to fight for what is right, will take a united effort of the mobile home community.

With elections coming this November, mobile home owners are going to have to decide if they want to support or oppose Council Woman Rebecca Jones and Council Woman Sharon Jenkins. We have also been advised to see if we can put the City Attorney position on the ballot, rather than it being an employee position. Elected officials should be more supportive of citizens, whereas an appointed employee is more likely to dance to the tune of their boss (Mayor).