

I am here to say that the revised Guiding Principles that were introduced a couple of weeks ago should be relegated to the circular file as they have no validity as anything more than the private creation of a couple of people. These people were not asked by the citizenry to re-write policy that was created over years and came from the input of over 2,000 people. They were asked by the people who paid to put them in office to re-write the Guiding Principles and by doing so they are not serving the citizenry as a whole, which is what they are getting a generous pay check to do.

I believe that the re-writers and their supporters on the Board, or The Gang Of Four as I have dubbed them, know that they were skating on thin ice, which is why they hustled the item through as quickly as they could with minimal public notice and a hasty straw vote. Honest actions can stand the light of day; they don't need to be whisked through with as little light as possible.

The callous disregard for future environmental impacts at a time when we here are already starting to feel the effects of climate change is another compelling reason to demand that the re-write be gone.

Further, if this Board wants to open discussion on the General Plan it should be done with adequate advance notice and broadly disseminated advance notice. Today's meeting had ridiculously inadequate notice and given that inadequate notice I hope I won't be hearing Ms. Fennell claiming that this meeting is proof of her support of public input.

Finally, I find myself wondering if County Supervisors have a job description or the equivalent in the form of a well laid out description of the duties of the job as well as the limitations of the position. If so I am wondering where deciding to re-write policy independently fits in to that picture. Is it a legitimate role for a Supervisor to take? Maybe it's time we take a hard look at what we want our Supervisors to be doing. They are, after all, hired to represent all the people not just a handful of special interests.

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