

Sanity at L.A. City Hall??!! Are you CRAZY? **by Carol Knapp**

Dear Fellow Housing Providers:

Having watched with horror the insanity at Los Angeles City Hall over the past two decades, I have lately felt a glimmer of hope by the emergence of a populist Valley-ite...Walter Moore...who is running for Mayor of Los Angeles as an Independent.

The first time I became aware of Moore was during the last mayoral election in 2005 when I saw his campaign poster in a neighbor's yard. Having pegged this neighbor as one more "uni-thought clone" (wrongly, it turns out), I was shocked...pleasantly...when I took the poster's advice and checked out: www.mooreisbetter.com.

What I found was a candidate who actually brings common sense to the table for the many problems that plague the City of the Angels...**without taking more of our freedom and money.**

What??!! No more corporate welfare? No more phony "affordable housing" projects? No more hidden taxes, fees, fines and surcharges? "*We're not in Kansas anymore, Toto!*"

Moore speaks out sensibly on many topics such as overcrowding, impending water shortages and freeway gridlock. During the 2005 KABC Radio mayoral debates, Moore took on career politicians Richard Alarcon, James Hahn, Bob Hertzberg, Bernard Parks and Antonio Villarraigosa...and 65% of the KABC listeners named Walter Moore the winner!

However, his views on rent control and abhorrence for keeping mom and pop landlords as L.A.'s "whipping boys" were even more startling to this hardened veteran of landlord abuse by L.A.'s "good 'ol boy" pols.

Moore's solution to the "affordable housing" problem is this: instead of filling the pockets of developer cronies in exchange for campaign kickbacks (as is currently in vogue), give Section 8 individual housing subsidies to **truly** needy elderly and/or disabled renters.

Instead of using rent control and other anti-landlord abuses, (which unfairly dump the burden of supporting the poor on landlords and have actually exacerbated a housing shortage), he advocates getting rid of rent control and corporate welfare housing projects, and encouraging the free market by lowering property taxes and developer fees and other barriers to a healthy housing market.

He also opposes the open-border policies that have increased the density and social service expenses of our city and state and exposes us to terrorist and other criminal acts. Moore is a real estate broker and licensed attorney (he actually passed the bar, unlike "you-know-who"). He actually uses facts and logic to solve problems.

His website is chock-full of examples of the waste, corruption and criminal conduct that has plagued city government in Los Angeles and wrought havoc on the housing market,

affordability and the nerves of mom and pop housing providers. His real life solutions are spelled out in facts and figures, not flowery, feel-good campaign slogans and endless photo ops.

But don't take my word for it. Go to: www.mooreisbetter.com or www.RepealRentControl.com and check him out for yourself. He is building his campaign funds from regular folks instead of big corporations and/or labor unions in order to get in the debates and on the ballot.

So, we all need to get off our wallets and our rear ends if we want to get rid of the "liars and looters" at City Hall and stop the continual onslaught of unfair taxes and regulations on our industry.

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