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for Zone boundaries

Focus on the Future

“ Rebuild, Renew
and Restore
is our Motto;
honesty and
transparency
is our promise. ”

Excitement is building for our upcoming convention in Sacramento.

As President, I am looking forward to meeting each of you and sharing the accomplishments we have achieved, as well as working together toward new goals and visions.

Our banquet keynote speaker is Senator Joseph Dunn, who has been so supportive of our chosen lifestyle and rights.

Join in with your colleagues from across the state, by attending educational and

informative breakaway sessions conducted by our expert attorneys and many well-known experts. Check the Convention Schedule on pages 4 and 5.

Every voice matters. We look forward to hearing from you, whether you attend as a delegate or observer. Meet some of the mobile home super-stars who are working to protect us all and hear how others are working to accomplish their goals.

See you there! ■

COME ONE COME ALL!

To the
2016  **GSMOL**
CONVENTION

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 8-10, 2016
Ramada Hotel • 1250 Halyard Drive • West Sacramento, CA

When one hears the word “Convention” one usually thinks of an event where delegates come from local areas to elect officers and/or vote on matters relevant to their organization.

Yes, this is one of the things we do at the GSMOL Convention... BUT....

GSMOL Conventions have come to be MUCH more than just about the voting!

Imagine that you are part of a local area manufactured-home owners support group and you're having a city-wide (or multi-city) “Manufactured-home Town Meeting.”

Many coalitions (local area manufactured-home owner groups) put on Town Meetings like this from time to time.

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GSMOL's Convention is “Manufactured-home Town Meeting” on steroids!

GSMOL members are sent from their Chapters as delegates to the Convention, but you don't have to be a delegate to attend.

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GSMOL 2016 CONVENTION

BREAKOUT SESSIONS SCHEDULE

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 8

9:30 AM - 1:00 PM, 1:45 PM - 7:00 PM Convention Registration Open - *Lobby*

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Homeowner Groups, Goods & Services Expo - *Hallway*

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM Flag Salute and Welcome – *Captain's Room*

1:30 PM - 4:20 PM Breakout Sessions – *Delta, Port, and Atlantis Rooms*

TIME	DELTA ROOM	PORT ROOM	ATLANTIS ROOM
1:30 – 2:20 PM	MRL 101 Bruce Stanton	Resident Owned Parks David Loop	TBA
2:20 – 2:30 PM	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
2:30 – 3:20 PM	Disaster Preparedness Fire Dept and Betty Storey	Membership Victor Roy	MH Marketing & Sales Jim Allenbaugh, Realtor
3:20 – 3:30 PM	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
3:30 – 4:20 PM	Senate Select Committee on Manufactured Homes Stephanie Reid	GSMOL Member Benefits Ernie Stroebe, EJS	MH Insurance Bill Weagle of Barber Insurance

SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 9

8:00 AM -12:15 PM Convention Registration Continues - *Lobby*

8:00 AM -11:30 PM Homeowner Groups, Goods & Services Expo Continues - *Hallway*

8:30 AM -12:20 PM Breakout Sessions & Zone Meetings – *Delta, Port, and Atlantis Rooms*

TIME	DELTA ROOM	PORT ROOM	ATLANTIS ROOM
8:30 – 9:20 AM	MRL 101 Bruce Stanton	Resident Owned Parks David Loop	Small Claims Court Ron Javor
9:20 – 9:30 AM	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
9:30–10:20 AM	Closure Conversions Will Constantine	Leadership Skills Craig Hull, Anne Anderson	Create a Win/Win Relationship w/ Park Mgmt Javor, Stanton, Bessire, Heater
10:20–10:30 AM	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
10:30–11:20 AM	Condo Conversions Will Constantine	Failure to Maintain Henry Heater	Create a Win/Win Relationship w/Park Mgmt Javor, Stanton, Bessire
11:20–11:30 AM	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
11:30–12:20 AM	ZONE B Meeting ZONE C Meeting Elect Zone C VP	ZONE B -1 Meeting ZONE A-1 Meeting Elect Zone A-1 VP	ZONE D Meeting ZONE A Meeting Elect Zone A VP

GSMOL 2016 CONVENTION

GENERAL SESSIONS, ELECTIONS AND BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 9

Homeowner Groups, Goods & Services Expo Continues - *Hallway*

12:20 PM – 1:20 PM Sandwich Bar Lunch – *Captain's Room*
Speaker – *Ron Javor, Attorney*

1:30 PM – 4:30 PM General Sessions – *Captain's Room*

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM Attorneys' Roundtable

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM Member Q & A

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Buffet Dinner and Awards Ceremony – *Captain's Room*

7:00 PM – 7:05PM President's Welcome – *Jean Crowder*

7:05 PM – 8:00PM Buffet Dinner

8:00 PM – 8:10PM Legislator of the Year Award - *presented to Senator Connie Leyva, Stephanie Reid accepting*

8:10 PM – 8:30PM Keynote Address – *Senator Joe Dunn, former Chairman of Senate Select Committee on Manufactured Homes*

8:30 PM – 8:45PM Legacy Awards

8:45 PM – 8:55PM Tribute to Marie Pounders

8:55 PM - 9:00PM Closing – *Jean Crowder*

SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 10

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM Delegates Vote – *Captain's Room*

Vote on Bylaws Changes

Election of Board of Directors Statewide Officers

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Board of Directors Regular Quarterly Meeting – *Captain's Room*

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

ROP Report

Members' Questions and Comments on Reports

12:00 PM - Adjourn

Candidate Summaries

CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE OF: Zone C Vice President

NAME Raymond Downing
PARK NAME: Western Skies MHP
ADDRESS: Space 42
Anaheim, CA 92801
MEMBER OF GSMOL: 5 years

PREVIOUS GSMOL POSITIONS HELD:
Associate Manager, Zone C
Regional Manager, Zone C
Vice President, Zone C (present position)

RESUME:
Vice President, Zone C for past 3 years.

Involved in activating or reactivating approximately 30 chapters within the past three years and adding over 500 new members to our Zone.

Actively involved in defending the conversion of Covina Hills MHP, La Puente, CA.

Organized the residents of El Nido MHP in San Juan Capistrano. Introduced them via a conference call to our Corporate Counsel, Bruce Stanton, who accepted the task of representing the El Nido residents in order to fight and win the case against a proposed \$641.00 per month rent increase.

CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE OF: State Secretary

NAME: Anne Anderson
ADDRESS: 333 Old Mill Rd. #161, Santa Barbara, CA 93110
PARK NAME: Rancho Santa Barbara
NUMBER OF YEARS AS GSMOL MEMBER: 14

PREVIOUS GSMOL POSITIONS HELD:
Secretary, Chapter 49 2001 to 2003
President, Chapter 49 2003 to present
Associate Manager, Region 8 2010 to present
LAT Coordinator 2010 to present
Chair, Membership Committee 2013 to present
Website Committee 2014 to present
Web Editor 2014 to present
Chair, Convention Committee January 2016 to present
Interim State Secretary January 19, 2016 to present

RESUME:

I believe in GSMOL's goals to serve its members by means of Education, Legislation, Litigation and Organization. Essential to all of these is Communication. Toward this end I have authored many handouts and articles, worked as Editor of the GSMOL website, and communicated by email with chapter officers as Chair of the Membership Committee. I have been Interim State Secretary since mid-January, and I hope to continue to use my writing, editing and recordkeeping skills to benefit the Board of Directors and the members of GSMOL if elected to the position of State Secretary.

EXPERIENCE:

In my "day job" I work as Web Application Developer and Database Manager at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, a position which requires attention to detail, writing and editing skills, and careful keeping of records. Over the years I have prepared notes and minutes for various GSMOL committee meetings. I have trained chapter secretaries on their duties. At present I am serving as Interim Secretary on the GSMOL Board of Directors.

Candidate Summaries

CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE OF: State Treasurer

NAME: Diane McPherson
ADDRESS: 83 Sequoia Circle, Santa Rosa, CA 95401
PARK NAME: Sequoia Gardens
NUMBER OF YEARS AS GSMOL MEMBER: 7

PREVIOUS GSMOL POSITIONS HELD: Associate Manager Zone A 1, Region 2; Board Appointed Treasurer

RESUME:

Accounts Payable Manager for Kaypro Corp., Solana Beach, CA
Office Manager for Steeleman Heating & Air Condition, Encinitas, CA
Staff Accountant for Seltzer Chemicals, Carlsbad, CA
Duties included, payroll, accounts payable and receivable, and balancing general ledger
Regional Manager, Self-Realization Fellowship, Encinitas, CA
Duties included bookkeeping, reservations.
Staff Accountant for Petaluma Health Center, Petaluma, CA
Duties included payroll, accounts payable and receivable, and balancing general ledger
Currently retired. Have several bookkeeping clients.

EXPERIENCE:

My experience includes balancing the general ledger, audit preparation, scheduling payrolls for Accounts Payable, tracking receivables for Accounts Receivable ledger and preparing and doing payroll for over one hundred employees. I have hired and supervised employees for my accounting department.

I volunteer with Stewards of the Redwood Coast and with Luther Burbank Gardens in Santa Rosa.

I am President of my GSMOL Super chapter, a member of my HOA in Sequoia Gardens and a board member of Santa Rosa Manufactured Home Owner's Association.

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHY:

Born in North Carolina, I moved to California in 1978. I lived in Encinitas, California until 2005 when I moved into Sequoia Gardens Mobile Home Park in Santa Rosa. I joined GSMOL in 2006 when Sequoia Gardens owners threatened to convert our Park into condos. GSMOL was instrumental in helping us to defeat this plan. In order to help repay what GSMOL did for my Park and to assist other residents in other parks, when asked by Roger McConnell in 2012 to become the Associate Manager for Santa Rosa area, I agreed. In 2014 I was elected the Regional Manager for Zone A1 Region 2 at the 2014 Convention. In May, 2014 the GSMOL Board appointed me as GSMOL Treasurer.

My background is in accounting. I have been a staff accountant for over 40 years. I have served on several boards, including one nonprofit board in Petaluma. My goal for GSMOL is to continue to have monthly financial reports for the Board and to have a Treasurer's column in the Californian informing our members of our financial status.

I look forward to serving GSMOL in whatever capacity I can. I continue to serve as Regional Manager for Zone A1. I truly believe that by increasing our membership and thus our revenue, we can move forward with a new positive approach. I believe in team work and look forward to working with all our members.

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A Tribute to Marie Pounders

It is not often in our lives that we come across someone with the combination of drive and ability that was Marie Pounders. Sea Oaks MHP in San Luis Obispo County was the recipient of such good fortune when Marie, a recently retired Special Education Teacher, decided to swap her condo for mobile home living. We had recently lost our Chapter President and things were somewhat in disarray. Up steps Marie, a newbie, to say "I'll do the task." With her organizational skills, she did.

Our County had just finished a protracted lawsuit over our Rent Control Ordinance and we felt was in the mood to do more. Almost three years later, after many meetings with County Supervisors, Planning Commission and Planning Department staff tasked with putting things down on paper, we had our Park Closure Ordinance and our Park Conversion Ordinance. All this was primarily due to the tenacity and leadership of Marie and a small band of likewise dedicated helpers.

During the work on the new ordinances it became obvious that we needed a broader base to do this kind of thing. So was born, in the back of Marie's mind, the concept of a County-wide group. It would help mobile home residents understand their existing rights and what was going on at the local level to protect them. In 2008, with Marie as President and guiding force, the San Luis Obispo Mobile Home Residents Assistance Panel (SLOMAP) was created. As the consummate "teacher," Marie had experts on all subjects come to training meetings and provide information to the members. With several incorporated cities as well as our County, all with different Ordinances, it was a daunting task!

With the successes of SLOMAP, Marie then went on to help groups in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties to follow this model.

All of the above was accomplished while she still found time serving as Secretary of GSMOL State Board, doing training sessions at GSMOL State Conventions, helping to create the websites for SLOMAP and GSMOL, and serving as Manager for Region 8. And if that weren't enough, she was also active in our local Area Agency on Aging and a constant advocate for anything involving senior citizens. She was truly a dynamo whom we will sorely miss. ---**James McCallum and members of Marie's GSMOL Chapter in Los Osos and SLOMAP**

Marie pretty much invented SCAMPR, or at least she came up with the name. South County Alliance of Manufactured-home Park Residents, serving Southern Santa Barbara County, began as an email network, but Marie had always expressed hope that



we would become an actual group. A few years ago we had the honor of having her as guest speaker at SCAMPR's first meeting with real people.

Fresh from the success with the San Luis Obispo County Closure Ordinance, she trained Santa Barbara County mobile homeowners in the fine art of working with County government, so that we got our Closure Ordinance adopted in 2012. Over the past few years she contributed much to the development of GSMOL's newly overhauled website, and served as advisor to the Membership Committee and Co-Chair of the Legislative Action Team (LAT) Committee. She was a dear friend and mentor to me, and a day doesn't go by that I don't miss Marie. ---**Anne Anderson and the members of SCAMPR**

North Santa Barbara County Manufactured-Home Owners Team (NSBMHT) was formed in August 2009. Marie had been a member of a previous group that had ended, and she asked GSMOL members in North Santa Barbara County if they would be interested in establishing a new group as an experiment for GSMOL.

It was clear that NSBMHT faced a number of challenges. Marie was there to provide the guidance and assistance in establishing this new Team concept, and we cannot say how grateful we were that she was there when we needed her.

Marie was instrumental in setting up the GSMOL Zone Leadership Meetings, where members of GSMOL could be provided with information they needed to pass along to their members at each mobile/manufactured home park. We appreciate the time and dedication that she put forth to make sure these events were educational.

We are sincerely grateful for the support Marie Pounders provided NSBMHT over the past six years. Throughout our various challenges, her steady guidance combined the dedicated service of the returned Peace Corps Volunteer with the skill of the retired teacher that she was. We will miss her greatly and all the great achievements that she accomplished. Marie was not only a nurturing mentor, but a true friend and the whole mobile/manufactured community has lost this great soul. ---**Ron Faas, Bill Heintz, Jamie Rodriguez, Laura Selken and members of NSBMHT** ■

Zone Reports

ZONE A-1

*Karilee Shames, Associate Manager
Diane McPherson, Region 2 Manager*

Zone A-1 has gone through recent changes with the exit of zone Vice President Terri Pohrman. Diane McPherson is now running our Zone with the support of her newly appointed Assistant Manager Karilee Shames.

A GSMOL-2016 meeting was held Friday February 5 in Petaluma that allowed our Regional Manager Diane and GSMOL President Jean Crowder to speak with our group about the current changes in our Zone. Special appreciation to member Albert DesRuisseau from Oakley, CA who set us up with a spectacular sound system. Kudos to you Albert, and many thanks.

Diane expressed great optimism and enthusiasm for our new positive direction, and is excited to be working with Karilee to develop teams in our large zone that will allow our GSMOL members to participate in a much more direct manner.

To that end, Karilee will be organizing monthly Presidents telephone conferences so our leaders can share information and help each other determine how to proceed in situations that our leaders often face.

The first conference call will happen during February; monthly calls will be held from then on; and GSMOL Leaders will meet quarterly and more often when needed.

Our first GSMOL Leaders Luncheon took place at Adel's restaurant in Santa Rosa, on Sat. Feb 27th, where a group of committed volunteers discussed convention plans and upcoming zone events.

Jean Crowder, GSMOL state President, has expressed renewed excitement for Zone A-1 as well. Appreciating the optimism and energy from our group, Jean vowed to work closely with the new leaders in our Zone to help us educate and advocate for California mobile home owners.

Leaders from our Zone are furiously assembling their convention delegates, several new Super Chapters are in the works, and many are eager to begin the drive for Associate members and new members.

Karilee & Diane met with leaders from San Jose to help develop new leaders as well as in the area of Arcata / McKinleyville, where a new chapter was sworn in with the city mayor present. Petaluma also now has a Super Chapter and is preparing its delegates.

We look forward to seeing all our members at the convention April 8-10 in Sacramento, where we can learn and grow together - and Keep GSMOL Strong.

ZONE B

Jean Crowder, Region 12 Manager

Mobile home residents in two separate parks in Clovis are petitioning for rent reviews as allowed by the City of Clovis Rent Control Ordinance. On January 1st, residents in The Woods Mobile Estates were notified that in addition to the allowed annual increase based on the CPI and calculated by the City, Kingsley Management was asking for a \$14.52 increase citing repairs to the underground electric lines as a reason. They asked for a similar increase last year, but dropped it when the City notified them that the residents were standing up for their right to a hearing.

Arabian Villa/Campus Corral residents received a notice of the annual allowed increase according to the ordinance on February 1st. Accompanying that increase was a statement that an additional \$100.00 per month was being added to assure the owners, Rutherford MHC Management, a "fair and reasonable return." Residents were looking forward to a \$66.00 per month pass-through, which was imposed five years ago to cover costs of new roads and drainage system plus interest, ending in April. The owners did make an offer after the notice was sent to split this increase over the next three years, \$60.00 this year, and \$25.00 for each of the following two years. As one resident aptly

“ They asked for a similar increase last year, but dropped it when the City notified them that the residents were standing up for their right to a hearing. ”

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put it, "I can't afford \$100.00; what makes them think I can better afford \$110.00?"

The homeowners in these parks, located just a few blocks apart, are now having to raise thousands of dollars each to cover the City's costs for the hearings and thousands more to cover attorney fees. These are both senior parks. Many residents are on fixed incomes; others, who are able, still work but will have to retire someday. Many can't afford to contribute any better than they can afford unreasonable or illegal rent increases.

We will keep you posted as these parks, both being represented by Bruce Stanton, move forward with these proceedings. We are praying for a happy outcome for the over 500 residents affected.

ZONE B-1

Craig Hull, Zone VP

I proposed to the Ventura Manufactured Home Residents Council as President that we have a way to give gift memberships to some of our residents of our 9 mobile home parks in the city. What I proposed was that each of the 9 parks give 5 memberships to 5 residents they feel are deserving and are very active in their parks. Each gift membership would be paid by the Ventura Manufactured Home Residents Council. When each park got their 5 memberships I would gather them from the person responsible for each park and get a check from our Treasurer and send them into the GSMOL home office. I brought this up to have more Public Relations for both GSMOL and VMRC.

The residents of Nomad Village, just outside Santa Barbara, have been fighting a rent raise since 2011. When the County Board of Supervisors ruled in 2012 to overturn most of the arbitrator's decisions favoring the park owner, the park owner responded with a lawsuit which has dragged on for almost four years. Finally the judge remanded a number of the expense items back to the Supervisors to be reconsidered. Residents of seven local MH parks, organized by local MH group SCAMPR and officers of Chapters 49 and 82, appeared at

this hearing, and some spoke on behalf of the residents. The Supervisors voted to return the issue to the arbitrator, requiring him to produce the findings that the BOS had found missing in 2012. The arbitrator's decision is due to be rendered in March.

Residents of Goleta MH parks won a victory on January 19 when their City Council approved a Park Closure Conversion Ordinance. The residents' team, led by Ken Tatro and Keith Traphagen of Rancho Estates MHP and Sharon Rose of University MHP, worked with City Council members and the City Attorney to craft the ordinance. Although the City chose a different model from the one that the homeowners and their attorney Will Constantine provided, the residents of the Goleta parks are now protected from the loss of their homes should any of their parks be closed.

Zone C Report

Mary Jo Baretich, Region 5 Manager

We have been busy as usual these last couple of months, reactivating six Chapters, with a few more on the near horizon. People are becoming aware of their rights and are seeking direction from GSMOL.

It is encouraging to see the leaders come forward and not be afraid to address the issues in their parks. Each park has its own set of problems, but most of them are not unique, and we are able to call upon our past experiences, and many times finding a solution gets easier with these experiences, and in almost all cases, no attorney needs to be involved. Frequently, just setting up a meeting with the park's regional manager, who is above the on-site manager, clarifies misunderstandings and lack of knowledge of the Mobilehome Residency Law (MRL), and the issues have been settled without court involvement.

On January 14th, a special meeting was held in Senator Connie Leyva's Chino office regarding the Kort & Scott Financial/Sierra Management parks in the state. Stephanie Reed acted as the Chair of the conference in Senator Leyva's absence. In attendance were several

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GSMOL leaders, an attorney for HCD, another representative from HCD, and an attorney from the Orange County Public Law Center. Kort & Scott is one of the most aggressive and unscrupulous operators in the industry.

We have been witnessing the effects on homeowners from the parks in our Zone which are owned by Kort & Scott. Two more parks have been purchased recently by Kort & Scott: Carson Gardens Trailer Lodge and Laco Mobile Home Park, both in the City of Carson where there is a Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) in place. One of Kort & Scott's standard practices is raising the rents in extreme amounts. Purchasing parks in a RSO city sounds like they plan to challenge the RSO. We will see.

Friendly Village Mobile Home Park is another park owned by Kort & Scott, and is located in the City of Long Beach. Kort & Scott purchased the park in May, 2011. The homeowners are in the middle of a "Failure to Maintain" lawsuit against Kort & Scott and the City of Long Beach. Their meeting held on January 30th featured the attorney for the homeowners. The park was built on a landfill in 1970. The ground has been settling unevenly since that time. If you visit Friendly Village, you will see that the park has been poorly maintained with huge cracks in the streets. An excerpt from an Unpublished Court of Appeal Second District Court Case No. B249964 [2014] states that, "The effects of building on top of garbage—settlement and cracking concrete—were open and obvious throughout Friendly Village's property. For example, water hydrants on Friendly Village's property stuck out of the ground two to three feet or more because the ground underneath the hydrants had settled. The mobile homes near the southern property line had a sewer line running underneath them which pushed the center of those homes up as the soil around the sewer line settled or dropped, causing the concrete to crack."

Methane gas and some other gases have been causing health issues with many of the homeowners and their families. One home has been red-tagged already by Housing and Community Development (HCD), and it is felt that more will follow. One suggestion by some homeowners was for the current owner, Kort &

Scott, to remove all the homes, remove the soil to an acceptable depth, replace the soil, add new infrastructure, and replace the homes back on newly created lots. Another suggestion by some homeowners was to close the park and relocate the homeowners to comparable homes in the local area. It was further suggested that HCD pull the permit to operate. This would give the homeowners free rent until all the violations were corrected. We will report more as the lawsuit progresses.

As a final note, two of our Zone C Chapters in the city of Orange, Orange Village Mobile Home Park Chapter 147 and Park Royale Mobile Village Chapter 810, are sponsoring Political Rallies for our GSMOL Convention Keynote Speaker, former California Senator Joe Dunn on March 5th and 6th. Senator Dunn is running for the congressional office of U.S. Representative for California's 46th Congressional District, replacing Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez, who is currently running for the office of U.S. Senator.

Zone D Report

Tim Sheahan, Zone VP

Region Seven:

I've received several complaints and witnessed a growing trend of MH communities in east San Diego County being sold to some of the more aggressive and unscrupulous operators in the industry, including Kort & Scott Financial/Sierra Management, Tatum and Kaplan Financial and Equity Lifestyle Properties (ELS). I've recently visited Starlight Mobilehome Park in El Cajon, which was purchased by Kort & Scott last year and for which Kort & Scott received a Capital One/Freddie Mac loan for \$11.72 million. It's interesting to note that one of the partners, Michael Scott, is currently seeking approval by the City of Los Angeles to construct a \$150 million "gigamansion" in the Hollywood Hills. That comes after Jeffrey Kaplan has already built a \$100 million residence in nearby Bel-Air. I guess that's just "keeping up with the Joneses" when you are a multimillionaire park owner, after James Goldstein seemed to set the trend with his home in the Hollywood Hills!

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In the months ahead, we will be contacting Mobilehome (MH) communities in unincorporated east San Diego County to document lot rents and ultimately appeal to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to take action to protect MH owners. I feel some of the opportunistic tactics rise to a level of “Elder Abuse/Exploitation” so we will also be seeking intervention by the San Diego District Attorney.

As an update to news I've previously reported from San Marcos, most MH owners were disappointed that the San Marcos City Council chose to endorse a City-brokered lease for **El Dorado Mobile Home Park**. It appears that what started as a well-intentioned effort to get all of the land-leased MH communities covered by a reasonable “Accord” lease will end with El Dorado. Homeowners in the other land leased communities have indicated they will not support the lease unless significant changes are made to better protect homeowners.

Region Nine:

I want to thank all who attended our **Region Nine meeting hosted by Hemet West Mobile Estates in Hemet on February 13**. I also want to thank Hemet West and its HOA/GSMOL chapter President, Larry Graves, for hosting and helping with the event. Several communities were represented and a major portion of the meeting was devoted to allowing members to report about problems they are having, or solved, in their communities. A number of members from multiple communities raised complaints about J&H Management's actions in their communities. I have already been advising them and hope to activate a GSMOL Super Chapter, unifying **Heather Estates and Foothills of Hemet**, who share a common owner and are both managed by J&H.

Two current Council members, Bonnie Wright and Linda Krupa, along with two former Council members, Robin Lowe and Lori VanArsdale were in attendance. Ms. Wright is the current

Mayor of Hemet and the other three ladies have also all previously served as Mayor. They were alarmed to hear the reports about how their fellow citizens of Hemet have been treated and pledged to do what they could to help correct the situations. Lori VanArsdale gave an especially insightful account of how she and Robin Lowe successfully gained support of Congressman Sonny Bono, who ultimately authored successful legislation creating the **Housing for Older Persons Act (HOPA)** in 1995, which created an exemption to the Federal Fair Housing Act, allowing MH communities to remain age-restricted. We all owe a debt of gratitude to these ladies, the City of Hemet and area GSMOL members for leading the way in protecting the Senior 55+ MH communities throughout the country!

In Calimesa, residents of **Rancho Calimesa** have been preparing for a rent hearing in response to their community owners' request for a \$218.95 per month rent increase, as recommended by hired-gun appraiser John Neet and the law firm of Hart King.

In Corona, residents of **Corona La Linda**, recently purchased by Kort & Scott Financial, are networking with other MH communities in the city in the hope that the City Council will adopt some form of rent regulation to protect homeowners.

In Desert Hot Springs/Desert Edge, we've seen a disturbing trend of MH community owners seeking rent increases/rent pass-throughs above the normal annual permissive rent increase tied to the inflation rate (CPI). It's clear that some loopholes in the County Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) need to be blocked so homeowners are protected. If you are a seasonal resident “snowbird” in that area and have incurred large rent increases without receiving a “rent disclosure” (MRL 798.74.5) that you would not be protected by the Riverside County RSO, please have a leader from your community contact me. ■



Hemet West HOA and GSMOL chapter President, Larry Graves, introduces “the four most powerful ladies in Hemet” at GSMOL Regional meeting.

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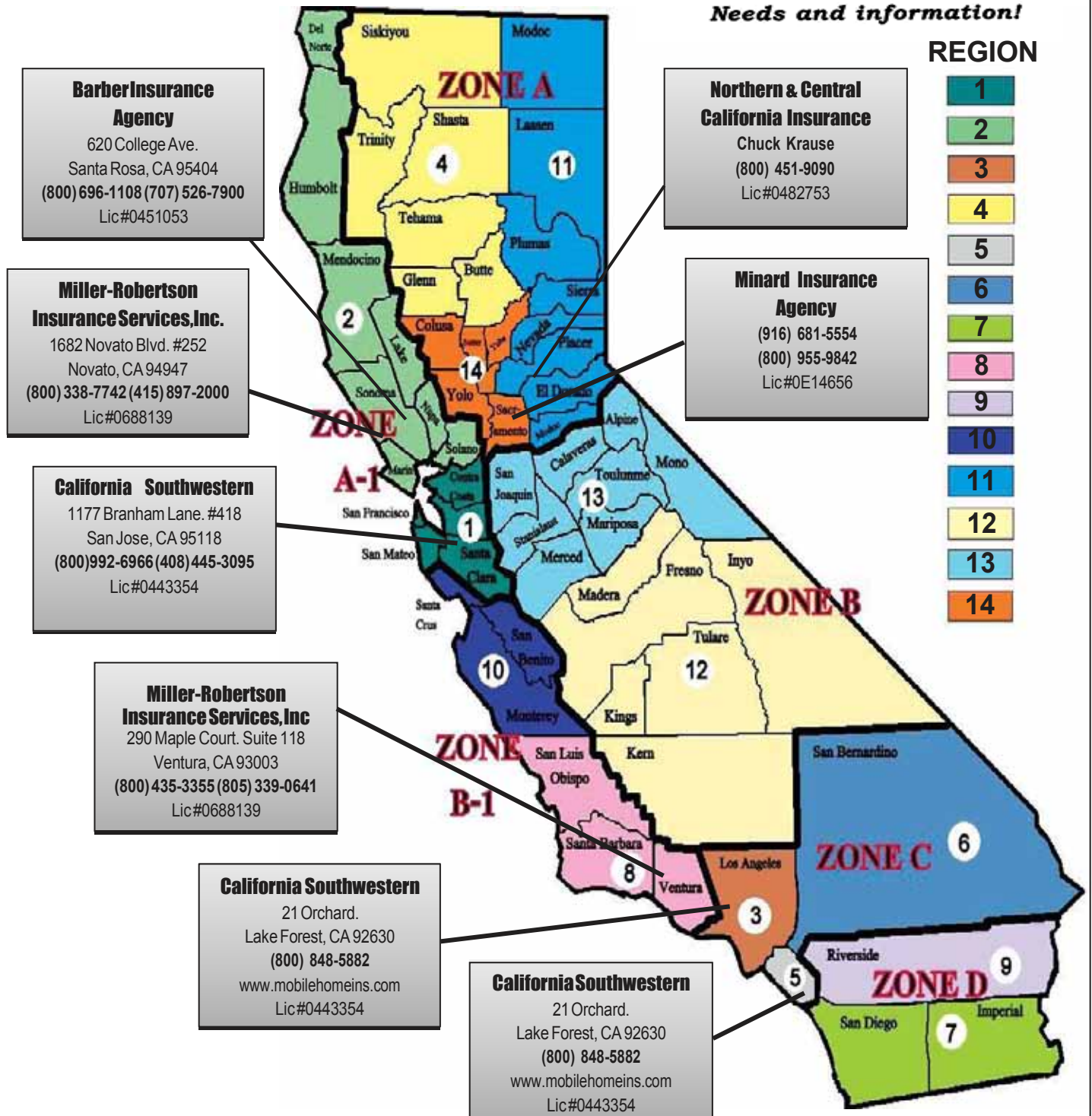
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