

Subject: Margot's Response to John

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Dear John,

First, we were not given by-laws when we purchased at 9400. We were told that the board was in the middle of revamping them and we would get a draft copy at the next owners meeting.....

Anyway, your "what if" was frightening, as you intended it to be. I just finished reading the latest Dan Brown novel so I could get my creative and fear juices flowing. John, you claim your crusade is "not a project to protect small dogs from large dogs," but "to ensure that [the condo owners'] investment * * * is not unduly put at risk." You conclude your appeal to ban dogs that are not "small," by saying there "is potential for a very expensive serious incident." However, the logical conclusion of your demagoguery (appealing to the emotions, passions, and prejudices) and fear propaganda is that all dogs should be banned at 9400. Small dogs bite too as Committee Member Luann Polizzi told us -- small dogs even bite (attack) big dogs. The law books are full of cases involving small dogs and the resulting liability and damage awards. Now that we are on a roll, we should eliminate the other frightening scenarios that contain "potential for a very expensive serious incident." How about the swimming pool (there are more incidents involving them in the U.S. than dogs)? What about horrible incidents involving the balconies? Maybe we should prohibit alcohol because a drunk owner may back their 9400 registered car over a child -- well, just to be safe, let's prohibit all cars from the premises. There are more pedestrian incidents in Ocean City than any other incident, and we haven't even gotten to the ocean incidents yet.

I am not trying to be trite here, but we bought our Condo at the beach as a safe haven from the day to day politics of life. We have had a place here for 12 years and I would guess not to many people know our names, because 9400 is our respite for our family -- a family that includes two Chow Chows. Don't take that away from us by using scare tactics.

We need to stay focused on the facts. The facts are, as outlined in my previous comments, we don't have an issue with "large" dogs or owners' dogs of any size.

Respectfully submitted,

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