

September 10, 2012

To the homeowners of Castle Green:

The current HOA board is the worst board I have seen since I moved here five years ago. First, they destroyed the Castle's relationship with the Friends of Castle Green. Recently, they oversaw the botched installation of fire sprinklers on the 2nd and 3rd floors.

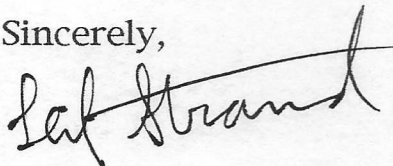
Lead by the president, Alaine Lowell, the board is now attempting to force out one of its own members, Constantine Evans. This is ironic, considering that Constantine is the only board member who deserves to be on the board in the first place.

At the board meetings, I've observed that Constantine is intelligent and well-spoken. In essence, he is the only member besides Alaine who speaks at all. As Treasurer, he promoted transparency of the Castle's finances, and presented thorough financial reports that must have taken hours to prepare. He demonstrates a comprehensive knowledge of the association's bylaws; it is apparent that he is the only board member who has actually read them. (The remaining board members consist of two women who rarely speak, and one absentee who phones in via Skype.)

The board has been secretive as to why Constantine should be recalled. When pressed, Alaine gave a laundry list of complaints which range from superficial and silly grievances (e.g., "he asks endless questions") to outright fabrications (e.g., "he hacked our Facebook page"). Alaine repeatedly stated that the board was "forced" to initiate a recall election... because Constantine refused to resign when she demanded that he do so!

Indeed, Constantine's only crime is refusing to submit to Alaine's overbearing will. During meetings, Alaine cuts off other speakers, makes every effort to squelch discussion, and rushes through the meeting as fast as possible. Alaine's rude, abrasive style even prompted a longtime board member to resign. If there is a single board member we owners should recall, it is Alaine, not Constantine.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leif Strand". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Leif Strand
owner, apartment #402