

Robert Richardson, 2786 Lake Powell Road.

Dear Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission;

I respectfully request that Mr. Henderson relinquish his position on the Planning Commission due to the unethical manner in which he acquired this position. Basically, Mr. Henderson has bought his way onto the Planning Commission.

I base my position on the following two related facts:

1. It is well known that Mr. Henderson helped raise \$17,500 in last minute contributions for the campaigns of the 3 Republican Supervisors – Jones, Kennedy and Goodson. Mr. Henderson contributed \$5000 of his own money as part of the \$17,500 raised.
2. Subsequently, these same 3 Supervisors, Jones, Kennedy and Goodson voted to appoint Mr. Henderson to the Planning Commission with the remaining two supervisors opposed.

This is both unethical on Mr. Henderson's part as well as on the part of the Supervisors who appointed him. I suspect that there was a significant pool of volunteers for this appointment and to select such a controversial candidate is unacceptable.

Mr. Henderson's unethical behavior cast a deep shadow over his ability to function on this commission and this shadow will extend over the entire commission and all decisions made by the commission so long as Mr. Henderson remains.

Furthermore, this process calls into question the ethics of the Supervisors who after accepting money from Mr. Henderson, moved quickly to appoint him to this position of influence.

Mr. Henderson's willingness to accept this position in light of the facts stated convinces me he cannot be impartial and cannot be trusted to do the work of the County.

I therefore request Mr. Henderson to relinquish his position on this board tonight and to refrain from any future involvement in James City County Commissions, Boards, Committees or government positions.

Mr. Henderson, answer the facts and spare us the self-fulfilling story about how you believe you do not have a conflict of interest and can be impartial. Answer to the people you supposedly serve.

Mr. Henderson, step down and spare your fellow Commissioners and the Supervisors that voted for you the disgrace of your actions.

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