

7/2/08 JCC Planning Commission Public Comment

Mr. Chairman members of the Commission, my name is Robert Richardson and I reside at 2786 Lake Powell Road.

I return tonight to reiterate my deep concerns over ethics issues involving Mr. Henderson and the BOS members who appointed him. From my perspective Mr. Henderson and the 3 Supervisors that appointed him (Goodson, Jones, & Kennedy) are in violation of the JCC Code of Ethics that governs your actions.

Because of prior actions and opinions expressed by Mr. Henderson, it is clear that his decision on the Fords Colony CCRC was made up well in advance of even his appointment to this Commission, let alone the testimony that was presented. Because of this, and the excessive financial contributions made by Mr. Henderson, there is a cloud of distrust overhanging this room and the entire Planning Commission.

This cloud continues to grow and darken as long as Mr. Henderson remains. The cloud darkens and grows with each and every comment and especially with each and every vote that Mr. Henderson is allowed to make as a public official.

Each time that Mr. Henderson is allowed to express a position or influence a decision this cloud continues to boil up and darken, and to cast into question the integrity of this Commission and the Supervisors that appointed him.

Currently, I am only requesting that Mr. Henderson step down from this Commission and refrain from any future elected or appointed position in James City County.

Although I cannot petition the court to remove Mr. Henderson from the Planning Commission, I can petition to have the Supervisors who appointed him removed, for I believe this appointment is clearly a misuse of office.

Should I need to start down this path, investing my time, monies and efforts to clear the air, I have no intention of turning back. So, now is the time for Mr. Henderson to acknowledge the ethics concern I have expressed and to remove himself from this Commission before the storm arrives.

Should I succeed in petitioning the court to hear my accusations for just one Supervisor, then I believe all 3 Supervisors responsible for his appointment will be at risk. I do **NOT** want to take this course of action, but failing Mr. Henderson's acknowledgement of my accusations and requests, I feel I have no other choice. To do nothing is unacceptable.

Mr. Henderson, I mean no disrespect to you or the Supervisors; I simply do not believe you belong here and I have heard from many others that feel the same.

Is that thunder I hear? Mr. Henderson, resign now and spare the supervisors who appointed you further embarrassment.

With time remaining, give quotes from JCC Code of Ethics. (Handed over heavily highlighted copy of COE indicating many points I consider violated.)