

## ~ Position Statement ~

### “*Near Verbatim*” versus “*Summary*” Minutes

#### **The Proposed Change IS:**

Break with the sixteen (16) year historical precedent (2003 thru 2018) of providing “*Near Verbatim*” Transcriptions of Meeting Minutes for current & future reference in favor of “*Summary*” Minutes which eliminate individual statements & quotations.

#### **The Question Now Posed IS:**

What does the Harmony District gain; how do Harmony Communities benefit; what do Harmony Residents gain, from the abandonment of “*Near Verbatim*” Minutes?

#### **The Question Posed IS NOT:**

What does the Harmony Board gain; how do individual Supervisors benefit; what do Employees of the District gain, through the adoption of “*Summary*” Minutes?

#### **My Answers & Opinions ARE:**

This topic results from paranoid fear by individual Board Members of the possibility of being misquoted &/or accurately quoted and then called-out on a misstatement when someone (Resident or otherwise) reviews fully transcribed (quoted) Minutes.

Citing “*Discovery*”, which is a Legal term, as a potential concern is a smokescreen (*Faux News*) thrown in to confuse the issue. If that is ever a real concern, there is an available remedy – it is called a “*Closed Session*” of the Board – to discuss any matters that have Legal ramifications to the Board, the District, or to Residents.

Accordingly, consideration of the radical change to “*Summary*” Minutes should be rejected & “*Near Verbatim*” Minute Transcriptions should continue to be provided.

#### **In Summary, My Position Is:**

*If you say or do something,  
whether right or wrong,  
Man-up and Own It !*

STAND UP  
FOR WHAT  
YOU BELIEVE  
IN,  
EVEN IF  
IT MEANS  
STANDING ALONE.