

# Mobilehome Park Lot Lines

The Mobilehome Parks Act (MPA), Title #25, Sec 100 "Application and Scope" are all the standards and requirements in the Park owner's Conditional Use Permit.

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is the governmental enforcement agency for the provision of the MPA, Title #25.

## HCD # 18254: PURPOSE

(a). It is the purpose of this part to accomplish both of the following:

1. Assure protection of the Health, safety, and general welfare of all Park Residents.
2. Allow modifications in regulations adopted pursuant to this part in a manner consistent with the criteria established in this part

(b) The regulations adopted by this department pursuant to the authority granted in this part shall provide or equivalent or greater protection to residents of parks than the statutes and regulations in effect prior to January 1, 1978.

## # 1104 MOBILEHOME LOT IDENTIFICATION

(a) All mobilehomes lots shall be defined by corner markers or designated by street number or other approved means and the lot lines defined. The lot designation shall be in a conspicuous location facing the roadway, or on the front side of the mobilehome nearest the roadway.

(b) Lot lines shall be defined by corner markers or other approved means. Lot lines shall be considered to be the inside surface of any fence or windbreak erected parallel to and delineating the lot boundaries, or of any perimeter wall or enclosure of the park erected inside the property line.

## #1616 MOBILEHOME LOT IDENTIFICATIONS

Contained the above (a) and (b) and added (c).

(c). Lot lines shall not be moved, shifted, or altered without written authorization from the local planning department and the occupants of the mobilehome lots affected.

## H & S CODE #18500. ACTS REQUIRING PERMIT.

It is unlawful for any person to do any of the following unless he or she has a valid permit issued by the enforcement agency.

(b). Construct additional buildings or lots., alter building, lots, or other installations in an existing park

So I believe, that when mobilehome owners contracted to have their home investments installed in a mobilehome park

the terms and conditions of those contracts are the standards and requirements in the park owner's Permit to Operate. So according to these codes any alteration of any lot listed on the original park map would have to have an alternate permit approval from HCD and the occupant of the lot in question. So I believe if the park owner alters a lot without receiving and alternate permit it is the HCD administrator statutory duty to issue a penalty, because H & S Code # 18500 states it is unlawful.

H & S Code #18700. Violation; offense; punishment; permit suspension or revocation.

Article by Donna Matthews. You can reach Donna through Manufactured-Home Life.

## Sudoku Puzzle

Enjoy MHL's first Sudoku puzzle! This popular logic-based game engages the mind in a challenging and fun way. If you enjoy it, let us know. We'll continue submitting puzzles in the issues to come.

Fill in each blank space with a number ranging from 1-9. But here's the trick - each 3x3 grid, as well as each row and column should have no repeat of the same number. It's as easy (and difficult) as that!

(The answers to this particular puzzle will be submitted in next month's issue of the magazine.

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# Letters To The Editor - Starr Management Company

## LUCKY OR STUPID?

### A STORY ABOUT PACIFIC MOBILE HOME PARK, HUNTINGTON BEACH:

Steps from beautiful Huntington Beach, but are we home owners LUCKY or STUPID?

Pacific Mobile Home Park is a family mobile home community with a vast majority of residents being senior citizens and retirees. The other majority of residents here work within the community as engineers, nurses, EMT's, teachers, city employees, pet sitters, cashiers, small business owners and volunteers. Tax-paying, law-abiding citizens within Huntington Beach, Orange County and the surrounding counties.

We are so close to the beach that when the ocean swells are decent and the breeze is just right, we can walk outside our front doors and feel the ocean spray. Sunny, breezy 68 degree weather all year round. That is the reason most of us decided to purchase our homes here. And, once upon a time, the space rent was fair and affordable. Lucky us!

NOT ANYMORE. We all received a letter on September 27, 2013 that Star Management Company, 1400 East 4th Street, Santa Ana, A 92701, ph: 714-480-6828, was increasing our lot rents ENORMOUSLY! The new management stated that due to the sale of the park, Prop 13 and a tax reassessment of \$270,000 that each space rent must be increased by \$97.00 to \$397.00 per month beginning January 1, 2014 (individual increase amounts determined by a guy in a golf cart's eyeball assessment of each property)! Stupid! Mind you, in June 2013 the rent was just increased by \$100.00 per month. A total of \$497.00 per month of rent increases within a year's time for many!!

How are our senior citizens and retirees on fixed incomes supposed to survive? To eat? And for those of us who are still in the workforce and have mortgages in addition to space rent? Should we get additional jobs to pay for space rent increases? Pay \$30,000 to uproot our homes and move them? To where? So we are stuck. Victims of the heartless, greedy landowner upon which our homes, unfortunately reside. And knowing that for every \$100.00 increase in space rental, our home's equity will DECREASE BY \$10,000.00! That's for every \$100.00! Our homes will be completely worthless within a year if the land owner increases the space rent every 90 days as the Mobile Home Residency Laws allow. And with no rent control, even if we cut our enormous losses and try to sell at a fair market price, the property managers can quote any outrageous amount for space rent to a perspective buyer. Hearing that the space rent is \$2,000.00 per month or more and can go up every 90 days, the buyer, as you can imagine, does not buy.

So we, your fellow citizens, your senior family members and

retirees on fixed incomes, your educators, your healers, your pet sitters, your builders, your church members, your neighbors and your friends one-by-one are being forced to abandon or sell our badly devalued or already worthless homes because of the astronomical space rental increases that our greedy new "land owners" indiscriminately see fit to charge!

Other countries protect, support and care for their elderly while we Americans, living in a beautiful, upscale city like Huntington Beach, sit idly by and allow greedy, unjust corporations to force our loved ones and friends out of the homes some have lived in for decades and into the streets. The impact, though not yet realized, will be devastating to the entire community.

Mobile home owners who live in Huntington Beach and lease their land are not stupid, but we are unlucky because the inadequate and contradictory Mobile Home Residency laws that we have don't help us, they only protect the greedy land owners. Lucky them.

Regards, Diane Atkins, 80 Huntington Street, Space 505, Huntington Beach, CA 92648. 714-389-8115, pwheatkins@gmail.com. Resident and Homeowner in Pacific Mobile Home Park since April 4, 2007.

## UNFAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES

Thanks for taking the time to speak with me today about Sierra Mgt company / which also owns Continental Mobile Home Park in Santa Ana where my mom lives.

Original Issue with this company,

My mom has had a Hud voucher - section 8 of which Continental MHP had been honoring for the last 19 years and one of the stipulations from Hud Housing (of which they had a contract with Hud) is that their could not be any rent increase without their approval, over time, within the past 3 years - the rent had not been approved by Hud, but Continental continued to raise the rent even though they were told to halt. They took it upon themselves to ignore this and continued to raise the rent, my mom being a senior was afraid not to pay the rent increases and continued to pay even though Hud said no. This all put my mom in the middle of Hud and Continental - I stepped in and told Continental that we refuse to pay any more increases and had my mom deduct the increases on her space rent invoice since it was in violation of Hud's contract with them, the office did take her check and then within 3 weeks, she was served with an eviction notice. So that attempt went down the toilet. Hud housing did nothing to and does nothing when their contract is violated, they only care if they are owed money. This is their stand.

In the meantime, I have been helping my mom to move out of her home after 23 years, and this process has now been going

# Heartbreak in Huntington Beach

The efforts of the City of Huntington Beach to place a measure starting the process of putting rent control on the November ballot have failed. A meeting was held on August 11, 2014 and the city council voted 4 to 3 not to go forward. Reasons given were lack of time and funds to educate Huntington Beach residents, a poorly written ballot measure, and cooperation by at least one park owner. Earlier in the year, the Huntington Beach council members voted to keep 10 mobile parks as seniors-only communities. The ordinance makes Huntington Beach the first Orange County city to pass such a rule. This was important as park owners were changing parks from seniors only to all age, a change which would negatively impact residents investments.

It is important to remember, rent increases effect the values of our homes. A 10% monthly rent increase decreases the value of our homes by \$1,000. So you get hit twice, not only are you paying more each month to rent your space, but the value of your home is considerably less. Just think about those residents who get a \$500/month increase. That results in an equity loss over night of \$50,000! Many would label that criminal and put the perp in jail!

This whole process in Huntington Beach started when parks, owned by families respectful of their tenants, were purchased by corporations who were only concerned with their bottom line. Companies like Kort and Scott / Sierra Management and Star Management are involved. They have doubled rents in several parks. As a result many residents have walked away from their investments with little or no compensation.

We understand 130 have left Huntington Shorecliffs, perhaps selling their homes to the park for between \$3,000 and \$10,000, pennys on the dollar if the rents had not been drastically increased. Now Shorecliffs is renting these homes for \$2,000 each! That's \$250,000 per month and \$3.0 million per year! What a windfall for the park owner on the backs of seniors and low income folks who had purchased homes in these parks thinking they could live out their lives in peace and

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on for 3 months and I've had to abandon my work and life to assist her (I'm happy to help though) and it looks like it will still take another 2 months before we can get her completely out.

We put her house up for sale in May, and no one wants to buy her well kept home due to Continental charging new move ins space rent of \$1550.00. They seem to squeeze you out and want us to continue to lower our price and then when it is low enough (maybe \$5000) then they scoop it up from the tenet - resale it at \$1,000 down and then only charge this new tenet \$1,000/month space rent at \$550 less than what they charge our potential buyers for. No one wants to start out at \$1550 with rent increases of \$79.00 per year. It leaves homeowners no way out but to maybe move their home at \$10,000-12,000 and hopefully we can find a lot to move it too. No one in Orange

quiet, in a nice place, with a sense of community. Instead, not only were they required to pay more for the dirt under their homes which resulted in lost equity but in fact we believe their lives were shortened by the considerable stress they felt.

## STRESS

Research indicates that stress can increase illness and inflammation and thus, may affect life expectancy. Stress can take on many different forms, and can contribute to symptoms of illness. Common symptoms include headache, sleep disorders, difficulty concentrating, short-temper, upset stomach, job dissatisfaction, low morale, depression, and anxiety, sleep disturbances, and low energy. Part of the reason for this may be the effects of the physiological responses in your body that happen when you are stressed.

When stress does not end or when stresses comes rapidly and for a long time, one after another, the body does not have time to recover, and the stress becomes chronic. This extended activity of the physiological stress response can cause what some "physiological exhaustion." It's your body telling you it needs a break for the stress. Sleep is great, but you may need to do other things too.

## L.A. RENT STABILIZATION ORDINANCE

As an aside, Los Angeles has rent control based on the Consumer Price Index. When the CPI is 3% or less, rents may be increased 3% yearly. For a CPI higher than 3%, rents may increase by the CPI percentage, up to a maximum of 8%. Also Los Angeles has a 10% vacancy control, which means a park can increase a rent upon sale by a maximum of 10%. Both these measures protect a residents investment. Of course park owners don't like to have limits on rent increases, but at least the City of Los Angeles feels their rent stabilization ordinance is fair to both residents and park owners.

County charges \$1550.00 space rent right off the bat and this is a run down mobile home park in a primarily Hispanic community.

This whole ordeal has been extremely trying and I am lost as to what to do. Presently we are still doing our best to get her transitioned and ultimately hope to move her home out. The stress has been so high over this and Continental's business practices are unconscionable. Their are many people in the same predicament and are forced to stay, since they can not find a buyer at these exorbitant rates.

Thank you for your magazine and your support for the mobile home community, and my mom will be happy to support your magazine and we will pass out your information. Sierra Mgt needs to be stopped of these horrible business practices.

# Make The Right Decision

## You Have The Power - Use It or Lose It

Let's start at the bottom line this time. You have the power, whether or not you believe it. The power is there, in your hands and in your thoughts. Keeping your power actually requires very little of your time and money, perhaps one hour and two bucks a month! Is that too high a price to pay to keep your power? When you join CAMOA and read MH Life, you're not only helping yourself, but the other 999,999 residents living in mobilehomes here in California.

### ASK YOURSELF

*Do I want to help change the condition of MH owners here in California? or Do I want to continue to be apathetic and assume I can't do anything, so why even try?*

If you are reading this article, you are probably vulnerable:

- *You probably live in a mobile/manufactured home park*
- *You own your home (paid in full or pay a mortgage)*
- *You pay rent to a landlord for the space your home occupies. You belong to a community of about one million, i.e. about 1,000,000 Californians live in mobile or manufactured housing. You and the 999,000 others are essentially in the same boat.*
- *The great majority of you, over 90%, live in rental parks, and the balance live in some sort of resident owned park. You belong to a community and the decisions you make as part of the community (of California MH owners) affects everyone.*
- *Although you may live in a park owned by an honest, responsible, caring individual today, that can always change. So many parks previously family owned have been purchased by corporations who usually only care about the bottom line, how much money they make.*
- *In other words, you are vulnerable. You may face harassment, senior abuse, high rent increases, loss of common grounds, intimidation, even the loss of your home and much more.*
- *You have one or more issues you'd like help resolving*

### BAD DECISIONS

*Recently a reader sent us this note: "We tilt at windmills. Everyone at our park is afraid of management. So afraid that they forego their civil rights, and contract rights."*

Don't let fear dictate your decisions. That's only playing into the park owners hands. And remember, your bad decisions hurt everyone. Here are a few examples:

- *Your clubhouse is locked during business hours. You know*

*it should be open, yet you do nothing - that's a bad decision.*

- *Your manager yells at residents, intimidates and harasses. Yet you decide not to do anything - that's a bad decision.*
- *You don't understand the basics of Mobilehome Residency Law and don't want to know - that's a bad decision. How will you ever know if management is following the law?*
- *You can't be bothered to join anything. You're not a joiner. You don't have faith in any organization, all they want is your money.*

Okay, why do we say your bad decisions affect the whole MH Community? It is simple. When one park owner acts illegally and gets away with it, other park owners may follow. You may ask, "How would they know?" We believe the park owner's group, the WMA, networks park owners. About 40% of all park owners belong to this organization. Attorneys, management companies, suppliers, consultants, etc. etc. all know each other. The WMA has regular meetings, attended by managers and WMA representatives work in Sacramento and in most local areas. They are smart and they are determined to insure park owners investments produce the maximum income.

### GOOD DECISIONS

Let's list a few decisions we feel will greatly enhance your life in your park:

- *Join an organization, whether an HOA, local group or state-wide organization. Why? Because you gain strength "teaming" with others. Teams are stronger than the sum of the individuals. Remember the saying "Strength in Numbers."*
- *Team is the key word, it means everyone working together, each performing his own small task.*
- *Be active in your organization of choice. Know where your money is being spent. And ask yourself, are they really helping me or just "talking the talk and not walking the walk." What are they doing for me today? Is it worth my support?*

Making a good decision need be nothing more than making a phone call, or sending an email. Something you usually do without thinking. We at Life answer our own phones and want to connect with you. Call or email us even if you just say Hello!

- *If you're not getting MH Life, call Frank at 818-886-6479 and let him know. He usually responds quickly.*
- *If you do receive MH Life, take it out of your tube or mailbox and read it. That's simple. You can read it in the comfort of your home. Take your time, the next issue is 30*

*days away. You will find the saying "Knowledge is Power" is true. You will learn what's happening around California, and tips and suggestions if you have a problem. And you will feel a part of our Community.*

- *Be a watch dog, i.e. Inform an advocate, like CAMOA or MHMag, that you have issues in your park, like management problems, problems with high rent increases, etc.*
- *Organize a HOA in your park if there isn't a HOA now.*

## DECISIONS ABOVE AND BEYOND

We would love to see you volunteer, or donate to the magazine. We would love to see you join CAMOA. You can't know how important it is to keep the magazine going and how important it is to get CAMOA up and running, as quickly as possible. The magazine needs \$1000 donations per month (that's a meager 5 cents a copy) and CAMOA needs 250 new members a month for the first year. That would give CAMOA a base of 3,000 members. The magazine will grow in size and distribution. And CAMOA will get down and dirty to start solving some long term problems.

We struggle to keep the magazine free. That's a fact, Jack! And we hope and pray you will see it in your heart to make even a small donation. Even \$5 would help! That means 200 donating \$5 each and every month. If everyone gave, each of you would only have to give once every eight years to keep the magazine viable!!! Go above and beyond:

- *Volunteer to help distribute MH Life in your park.*
- *Make a donation, either to MH Life or CAMOA.*
- *Join CAMOA (\$2/month). This will guarantee you get the magazine. CAMOA is earmarking \$7 of every membership for a legal fund. This means legal help from attorneys: a) Letters to managers and owners b) Attorney suggestions and tips, and c) Attorney explanation of the law. CAMOA pledges to be open and transparent, keep overhead low (office expenses), and be responsive to your needs. Already CAMOA is building a network of knowledgeable folks around the state to help brainstorm solutions to problems.*

## MAKE GOOD DECISIONS

Join CAMOA (\$24/year), do it today! And read Life. How can you go wrong? CAMOA has your back. And remember, MH Life reaches more MH owners in California than any other organization. And our information is accurate, honest and can be documented. We tell the truth!

If everyone joined, that would be wonderful. Everyone would know the basics. CAMOA membership fees could be reduced to half or perhaps \$12 or just \$1 per month. With that, CAMOA could still do wonders!!! It's not time to make excuses not to join, give CAMOA a chance and you won't be disappointed. It's

simple. Put down this magazine, get out your checkbook and write a check for \$24 to CAMOA, P.O. Box 663, Chula Vista, CA. 91912. Do it now! Be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

Remember, when you get MH Life, everyone in your park also gets it. You have nothing to fear. Also when you join CAMOA, your information is kept confidential. It is never shared with anyone, especially park management! Also remember, managers and park owners can't evict residents, only courts can.

## CAMOA & MOBILEHOME MAGAZINE - A TEAM

CAMOA and MH Life are partners, yet we are independent. One makes sure the other is doing its job, i.e. there are built-in checks and balances. If CAMOA isn't as responsive to their members, MH Life will say something. If the magazine isn't working hard to reach as many MH owners as possible, CAMOA will say something.

## DIVISIVENESS

Unfortunately divisiveness (a result of politics and egos) is a continuing problem here in California. Some poison the waters, they make decisions for all residents and refuse to allow the magazine into their park. They even refuse to even talk with us. Are they protecting and serving MH owners? We think not! If you experience any divisiveness, we ask you to tell these folks to get with it, either work together or go away!

## ONLY ONE REASONABLE OPTION

We feel there is only one option to go forward and resolve some decades old problems:

- *Strength in Numbers. That means **everyone** working to **unite** mh owners. Examples are: HOAs, regional groups, and state-wide groups.*
- *Teamwork. That means everyone, including groups, **working together**, helping each other. That means every mh owner **doing something** to further the cause, whether just reading MH Life, communicating with a group, or donating.*
- *Information is Power. That means providing up-to-date, accurate information to as many MH owners as possible.*

## ONE - TWO PUNCH

Only Life and CAMOA embody the option above. Life reaches four times more households and provides more information than any other advocate in California. And Life is FREE. No one else comes close! Together CAMOA and Life are a one/two punch, ready and willing to step up to the plate and help MH owners.

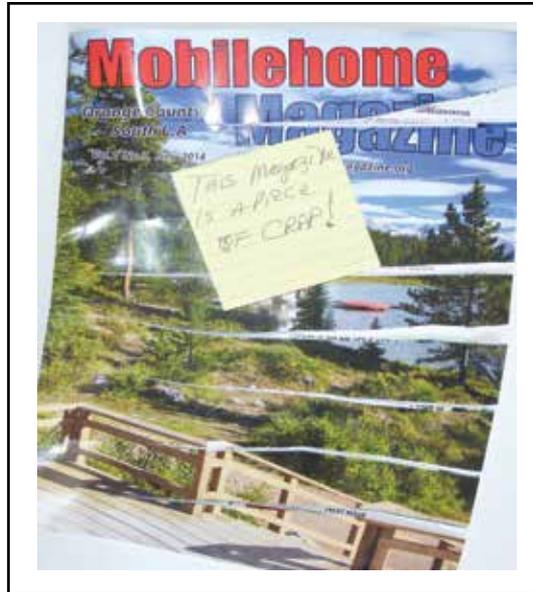


# One Out of Four of Us Sing The Melody of Looney Tunes!



My wife and I are square dancers and once in awhile when a square breaks down (a “square” is a dance group of eight highly dependent on everyone doing the right thing at the right time, or we go boom! [sound familiar?]) our “caller” will chortle “remember physiologists say that one-in-four of you is slightly askew.”

Please check the photo of a knife-shredded Mobilehome Magazine returned to this publisher from someone in Orange County with a note: “This magazine is a piece of crap!” If a person were to do, or support this sort of disrupting act in a square, frequently and intentionally they would soon be dancing alone! As well they should be, especially in an adult arena. My shock and disappointment in the first months of CAMOA’s existence is that not all “advocates” in California are solely focused on improving the lot and the lives of home owners in mobile home parks! Money and egos, and who knows what other motives “have turned benevolence and well meaning currents awry. It is easy to grow old, but it is ever so difficult to grow up. What happened to civility?



Let’s face it; I’m new to this Mobilehome Owner advocacy role. But, over the last several years it has been my good fortune and pleasure to meet a lot of smart, concerned, creative, energetic, good-hearted people, loyally slaving away for years, trying to make a mobile home park a decent place for someone to live and die in. Number one good guy on my list: Steve Molski of Terry’s Park in Chula Vista. He was an ardent supporter of one of our larger advocacy groups (which one Bill?) spending many hours going to meetings, appearing at City Council sessions, visiting parks trying to set up HOA’s, writing letters. The whole nine yards. He got me reading COMO-CAL’s the Voice and GSMOL’s Californian. And he got me going down the advocacy road.

When Mobilehome Magazine came along, like many of you, I said YES! What a huge opportunity to “level the playing” field between park owner and home owner. A home owner community unifier for those of us whose money is tied up in a not-too-inexpensive property, setting on a piece of dirt readily identified in financial circles as “a cash cow.” Right now, at this very moment, our homes are vulnerable in so many ways; to daily thievery and skullduggery by big-pocket shakers who’s (our) money has bought and brought them a place of near

god-like power.

Believe me CAMOA’S phones and e-mails are busy with unbelievable tales of woe! We’re doing our bit to help you even in our infancy, and you will read about our successes and failures here, as they unfold. That in itself should serve you well as we go down this road together.

## CAMOA

1. Pledges to work with all other advocates and advocate groups in good faith and open minds WITH one goal: unity! Please contact us whether you are a single, isolated advocate, or a broad based group with energy and ideas.
2. We are establishing Advisory Committees comprised of advocates and concerned citizens throughout California. We are actively seeking such members each and every day. We are pleased to announce that here in San Diego County CAMOA we will be assisted mightily and professionally by a group of such stalwarts. We will be introducing this Advisory Committee to you shortly as we receive summaries of their extensive bios! These groups will brainstorm such issues as interference of sales, senior abuse, rent stabilization, leases, etc.
3. Is setting aside \$7 from every \$24 annual membership received in a legal fund for members;
4. We have established an alliance with a young and growing Law Firm but with a broad scope of experience dealing with mobilehome parks issues. Attorney written letters to be mailed to intransigent owners and park managers will finally be at hand if we can garner more CAMOA members, the sooner the better for everyone. Many a problem can be quickly resolved when these people are duly and with authority notified that they are in violation of the MRL or State Law!
5. We pledge transparency and as much bounce-per-ounce as a dollar can buy.
6. We pledge to be responsive to your needs.
7. Thanks to a generous donation from Mobilehome Magazine, we will deliver or mail a free copy of the

“Frequently Asked Questions & Answers Handbook” to every new CAMOA member (through the end of 2014). It summarizes the MRL in large, easy to read type, and provides a quick synopsis of the material.

- 8. Enforcement! How really effective is a law or set of rules, if in summary they read: “If your park owner or manager treats you mean, and you don’t like it, you have two choices: move or get attorney! YOU NOW HAVE A THIRD CHOICE: CAMOA!!

So here we are: We need you, you need us. And Manufactured-Home Life Magazine (formerly Mobilehome Mag.) is our life blood. The magazine needs our support. It also wants to develop new distributors in parks not yet receiving magazines, and new advertisers. Step up, step in.

Call for an extra “Tip”: let’s “square ‘um up, start the music, dance together as one, and throw the loonies out!”

### CENSORSHIP!

I just glanced at that forlorn, torn-up photo of Mobilehome Magazine, one more time. (See photo on left page). How disheartening! There is something more that needs to be added to the foregoing article: Imagine, if you can, that there is someone amongst us, a “neighbor”, if you will, of yours, of mine! So venomous, egotistical, so sick, so self-appointed censor as to destroy an opportunity

for one more intelligent mobile home resident to read and think and act for themselves! What a shame, what an utter shame. Disgusting and cowardly: the mailer of this shredded magazine didn’t include his/her name or address. I wonder why? We can only hope he/she is not trying to pass themselves off as any kind of an advocate for residents in a mobile home park, somewhere! Look, our sane and beloved mature home owners, if anyone in your park is preventing you from receiving the Manufactured-Home Life or if this the first time you or a friend have ever seen the Magazine or heard of CAMOA, give us a call (or e-mail) and become a “family member in a community of unity”, and we’ll do our very best to keep you informed, up-to-date (and run the aforementioned scourge, with an infantile brain, off to Texas.) So there!

Article by William “Bill” Schlegel, President of CAMOA.

From the Editor: Please remember, CAMOA can do just so much. It will take a membership base of at least 3,000 to really get CAMOA off and running. That’s at least 250 new members each month for one year. If every park gets at least 10% of their residents to join, CAMOA would have it’s base.

Now when you join, you receive a FREE FAQ Handbook, 12 issues of Manufactured-Home Life, and you qualify to use the Legal Fund. Plus you become part of the CAMOA Community, where folks network, share and brainstorm.

## California Manufactured-Home Owners Alliance (CAMOA) Membership Application & Donation Form (PLEASE PRINT)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ PARK NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SPACE # \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

CAMOA Membership (\$24/ 1 yr, \$44/2 yr, \$60/3 years): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Give us a little something extra: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Thank You!

Yes I want the FAQ Handbook (a \$6 value). It is free when I join CAMOA.

INCLUDE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER. All Checks Payable to “CAMOA”

MAIL TO: CAMOA, P.O. BOX 663 , CHULA VISTA, CA. 91912

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### THANK YOU!

## Distribution Report

As you may know, we have pledged transparency regarding any money sent to the magazine from MH owners. So from time to time we publish a financial report. The table below is the summary of all magazines published to date. In January 2012, COMO-CAL was dissolved so that we could devote full time to publishing the magazine. Prior to September 2011, about 1,500 COMO-CAL members received THE VOICE. As you can see, we reach over 15 times the number of MH owners, at significantly less cost. We would say that is a success. We deliver more information to more MH owners than any other group. And we fight to keep the magazine free. No one else can make this claim! We are proud of our accomplishments! Thank you for your support!

Month	Year	Published	Number	Diff
		By	Copies	Issues
Sept/October	2011	COMO-CAL	5000	1
Nov/Dec	2011	COMO-CAL	5000	1
Jan/Feb	2012	MHMag	5000	1
Mar/April	2012	MHMag	5000	1
May/June	2012	MHMag	5000	1
July/August	2012	MHMag	5000	1
Sept/October	2012	MHMag	5000	1
Nov/Dec	2012	MHMag	5000	1
January	2013	MHMag	5000	1
February	2013	MHMag	5000	1
March	2013	MHMag	5000	1
April	2013	MHMag	5000	1
May	2013	MHMag	5000	1
June	2013	MHMag	5000	1
July	2013	MHMag	30000	4
August	2013	MHMag	25000	5
September	2013	MHMag	24500	4
October	2013	MHMag	20000	4
November	2013	MHMag	20000	4
December	2013	MHMag	22750	5
January	2014	MHMag	22250	4
February	2014	MHMag	21250	4
March	2014	MHMag	20750	4
April	2014	MHMag	24600	5
May	2014	MHMag	10000	2
June	2014	MHMag	16000	4
July	2014	MHMag	22000	6
August	2014	MHMag	12000	3
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>361,100</b>	

## Financial Report

The first half of 2013, we received \$294 (Handbooks), \$2555 (Donations) and \$5122 (Subscriptions).

Beginning July 2013 the magazine was made FREE TO ALL. The second half of 2013, we received \$1296 (Handbook), and \$4007 (Donations). The first half of 2014, we received \$721 (Handbook) and \$3383 (Donations).

### DONATIONS EQUAL LESS THAN 3 CENTS

This last year (July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014), we printed 257,100 copies and received a total of \$7390 in donations or about 2.87 cents a copy, far less than the 40-50 cents it costs to print and distribute the magazine.

### DONATIONS

As you can see, our distribution dropped off since May 2014 as a result of fewer donations (down about 50%). Plus we have lost many, many advertisers. We simply can not continue to bring you the magazine without your help!

You can make a donation just by writing a check and sending it to Mobilehome Magazine. There are no forms to fill out. Just write DONATION on the memo line. Or beginning September 1, 2014, call us with your credit card number. Doesn't get much simpler than that!

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