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Supervisor Miller

There are a couple of points of concern that I have that I feel the need to address.

Recent developments make it clear to me that many people do not understand the relationship between the Pima County Fair Commission and the Southwestern Fair Commission, Inc. In 1974, the Board of Supervisors passed Resolution 1974-124. As a result, the Pima County Fair Commission, then in place, was dissolved and a new Pima County Fair Commission was appointed. There never were any Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws drawn up for this new Pima County Fair Commission.

A broad based committee suggested that the best way to accomplish the intent of Resolution 1974-124 was to form a separate, private, non-profit corporation. This was done by the five members of the newly appointed Pima County Fair Commission. The Articles of Incorporation for this new corporation, the Southwestern Fair Commission, Inc. (SWFC) were filed on January 17, 1975.

The current Bylaws of the SWFC were last amended on November 3, 1998. Articles II and III of these Bylaws, and Article 6.b. of the Articles of Incorporation basically say that "Members" of the Pima County Fair Commission automatically become "Directors" of the SWFC as long as there are less than seven (7) Members.

Bylaws Article V, Section 9. Concurrent Meetings, states: "At any time when all the Members are also Directors of the Corporation, any meeting of the Members or Directors shall be deemed to be joint/concurrent meetings of the Members and Directors, and all actions taken at such meetings required to be taken by the Members shall be deemed taken by the Members in that capacity at all meetings required to be taken by the Directors shall be deemed taken by the Members in their capacities as Directors."

To me, your recommendation at Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting that I be replaced on the SWFC Board, to put it mildly, was disappointing. This is especially true after your unsuccessful attempt to replace me with Joe Higgins last February. After that, I thought that we had a very cordial and productive meeting at which time you offered to reappoint me. After learning through the grapevine that you were again contemplating replacing me, I called your office in early November and was given an appointment date two months later on January 8. Unfortunately, that meeting was cancelled by you and, in spite of my request to be rescheduled, I have not heard back from you. As you know, Resolution 1991-90 states that "As the above terms expire, appointments will be for a term of four years". I wish that you would accept the intent of that policy. It has worked for years.

Never, since the SWFC was formed in 1975, has a commissioner been removed by the Supervisors in midterm. I was first appointed by Greg Lunn in 1986 and following that was reappointed by Mike Boyd and Ann Day. At the time of my appointments none of them knew me nor I them. I was appointed because of my interest and qualifications. I taught in the Animal Sciences Department at the University of Arizona for 34

years and during that time worked with livestock producers, youth groups and fairs in Arizona and elsewhere. Now, after 50 years of dedicated service to Pima County, with 27 plus years on the Commission, am I to be the first to be removed from a position that I care about with less than six months left on my appointment when I feel that I still have a lot to contribute?

The 2014 Pima County Fair will be the 50th consecutive fair at which I will have been a unpaid volunteer. I have been a livestock judge, 4-H leader, project director, announcer and most recently a SWFC board member. I have spent thousands of hours on fairgrounds activities over the years because I love the fair and have great affection for the people involved. Prior to the Centennial Celebration in 2011, I spent nearly four years writing the majority of the history that was printed for that occasion.

I would have thought that if you had any problems with the way I have represented the Commission you would have contacted me so that we could have addressed any of your concerns. Frankly, I am deeply disappointed by the way this has been handled. I hope that other volunteers who have given of their time and talents are not treated in a like manner.

Going forward, if I am replaced, there will be no one on the Commission who has the background to assist staff in responding to agricultural needs as well as the interests of the youth in 4-H and FFA activities. The only significant outside revenue that comes to the Commission from the so called "Governor's Fund" depends in part on participation in those areas. In addition, during the 2014 Fair, we will be hosting the International Association of Fairs and Exposition's Management Conference, the Western Fairs Association and the Arizona Fairs Association. This is going to require significant involvement of Commission members since the staff will have their hands full with day-to-day Fair activities. I have been one of the primary Commissioners involved with this planning. New members appointed at this time may be limited in what they could contribute that soon.

I have been lucky enough to have been associated with a cohesive group of dedicated fellow Board members. We have accomplished a lot but there is much to be done. Pima County is fortunate to have an outstanding Executive Director in Jon Baker who has assembled an excellent staff. I hope that future Commission appointments made by you and other Supervisors will be individuals that don't have their own agenda and really have a passion for the fairgrounds and the many varied activities that go on there.

Respectfully,

Dr. Marvin R. Selke, President

Southwestern Fair Commission, Inc.