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The United States has always stood for the ideals of democracy. Barbara Buckley's bill AB230, which makes changes to the Nevada Revised Statutes, is an attempt to assure these ideals apply to the operation of non-profit mobile home parks

The original intent of the Las Vegas Jaycees Mobile Home Community park was to offer, to low-income seniors, an opportunity to live their remaining years, with a degree of dignity, in an affordable park. It was a worthwhile project and the residents applaud and appreciate the efforts that created this park.

However, over time, the management has been taken over solely by the Jaycee Trustees with only one park resident as a Trustee. The decisions made regarding the quality of residents' lives are virtually without their representation.

We have many good things to say about the Trustees. They are volunteers and must be given credit for doing their best as they see fit.

Barbara's bill, in my opinion, will help in many ways. It will take the burden of the Trustees making decisions, based on only limited experience with seniors, and broaden the input by drawing from many other sources. Most importantly it will give the residents of the park a feeling of truly participating. I strongly encourage the passing of AB230.

Richard Denison, March 26, 2003

Member Las Vegas Jaycee Mobile Home Community Residents' Council