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My name is **Richard Denison** and I am presently the Treasurer of the Residents' Council of the Las Vegas Jaycee Senior Mobile Home Community and Board Member of Seniors United. But I am speaking now as a private citizen and resident of the Jaycee Park.

Barbara Buckley's bill AB230, is an attempt to assure that the ideals of democracy apply to the operation of non-profit mobile home parks. Passage of this bill will have a positive affect on our park.

Our park is unique and will serve as a model for future projects. It is on land, donated to the Clark County Housing Authority by the BLM. Management of the park is by agreement between the Housing Authority and the Las Vegas Jaycees Senior Mobile Home Community, a non-profit organization governed by a Board of (11) Trustees.

The original dedication of the Jaycees 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 facility.

In the beginning the residents participated in park governance with several seats on the Jaycee Board of Trustees. However, over time, the resident seats have been eliminated except for one with an unlisted phone number.

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Only recently has a representative from our Residents' Council been allowed to attend Trustee meetings, *without voice*, and are excused when some issues are discussed.

The Trustees are volunteers and must be given credit for doing their best as they see fit, but their decisions, which affect the quality of our lives, are virtually without our representation.

Barbara's bill, in my opinion, will help in many ways. It will help remove the burden of the Trustees making all decisions, based on only limited experience with seniors, and will 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, April 30, 2003

Member, Las Vegas Jaycee Mobile Home Community Residents' Council

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