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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
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Dear Governor Haley;

As an apparent advocate for solar power, I seek your assistance in dealing with an impediment to my installation of solar panels on my house. You, the State Legislators, the Federal Government and the Energy Industry, i.e., SCE&G and Duke Power, have all encouraged the use of solar energy, but have left in place a regulation that permit a Homeowner Association (HOA) to exercise the final say in this endeavor.

I reside in the Lakeport Subdivision in Richland County. Our community HOA is still under the control of Mungo Homes and MJS acting as their agent. This condition has been in place since initial construction and will likely remain for MANY months to come as we are virtually at an impasse in terms to transition to a resident HOA. I have attached an email I received from Mungo Homes, Mr. Bill Dixon, along with my request.

My request to you is to grant some form of Executive Waiver from this legislation. Additionally, I would encourage you to enact a permanent fix to this dilemma.

Mungo Homes may view solar panels/power as unattractive, but many look upon it as a different form of beauty. I ask your assistance in resolving this matter in my favor.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Callan

Cc:
Senator Courson
Representative Ballentine

Bill Dixon <bdixon@mungo.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2016 at 1:23 PM

To: Tom Callan <tj3callan@gmail.com>, Jud Smith <judsmith@mjsmgt.com>

Cc: "kit.boan@suntekenegypros.com" <kit.boan@suntekenegypros.com>

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Our policy is to only approve structures such as solar panels in locations that cannot be seen from the street or neighboring homes. In typical neighborhoods this is difficult if not impossible to achieve. We have never approved solar panels. While we do understand that these will likely become more common in the future, we are not ready to change our current position at this time.

I would suggest that you withhold your application until the new Board is in place and apply at that time.

Sincerely,

Bill

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From: Tom Callan [mailto:tj3callan@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, December 19, 2015 9:31 AM

To: Jud Smith <judsmith@mjsmgt.com>; Bill Dixon <bdixon@mungo.com>

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Subject: Solar Panel Application

I submitted an architectural application in May 2015 for the installation of solar panels on my home at 620 Kumatage Lane (Lot 49) Lakeport. I wish to refresh this request and point out some additional items for consideration.

First and foremost is the fact that the current HOA (MJS and Mungo) have deferred my request until a resident HOA has been established. This has not happened after 4 months and there is no clear indication that it will happen in the immediate future.

Next, the Federal and State governments, and utility companies, are doing all they can to encourage the use of solar panels. The article pasted below is the latest from SCE&G. During a recent visit over Thanksgiving to family and friends in MD and Northern VA, it is obvious that solar panels are a hot item as it appears an ever increasing number of homes (homes in communities where the prices range from \$500 - to \$1M+) are installing solar panels. A Toll Brothers community that I walked through is estimated at about 50% of the homes have solar panels. This is the way of the future and I do not comprehend why MJS/Mungo are standing in the way of progress. Are aesthetics more important than promoting energy efficiency/independence and environmental protection?

The installation plan for my home is to put a row of panels (7) on the roof over the second story porch and a second row on the adjoining roof over the front bedroom. The frames on the panels will be anodized bronze to reduce their profile and from looking at the picture of my home one can see readily these panels will be marginally visible from the street. This installation will save me a great deal of money over time and may even contribute to my monthly cash flow. These are very attractive considerations for a retired couple, as well as making a contribution to reducing fossil fuel consumption and trying to be a good custodian of the planet, and preserving it for my grandchildren and future generations.

I have attached a spec sheet for the solar panels and you can see that given the angle of my roof, height above street, and the size of the panels/low profile mounting, as well as the dark coloring against my black singles will make them all but invisible unless someone is specifically looking for them.

Based on the foregoing I urge you to reconsider my architectural application. Solar is the wave of the future and with the energy efficient homes that Mungo is constructing, why stand in the way of perhaps one of the single biggest energy opportunities for home buyers? Perhaps Mungo could team with a solar energy company and offer panels as a construction option, which would clearly set Mungo above other home builders.

Sincerely,

Thomas J and Ursula B Callan"