

Kearney still doesn't get it

Letter to the Editor

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Editor:

In response to Supervisor Steve Kearney's letter, (Friday, Aug. 5) I can only say, he still doesn't get it. I would have liked to see a real defense of his positions on the Hogan hot asphalt plant. Instead, he attacks those who worked on the recall and the recall process itself.

He doesn't seem to understand that the recalling of any elected office holder is a recourse spelled out as a part of our state constitution. His actions concerning the asphalt plant are the impetus behind our recall effort. Most of us who worked on the recall have never been involved in any such effort. We were completely upfront as to why we wanted Mr. Kearney out. But Mr. Kearney knows this.

If we had known about Mr. Kearney's intentions towards pushing for an asphalt plant adjacent to and through the largest two neighborhoods in Calaveras County, he would never have been elected. But, I suspect that he knows this.

Accepting campaign contributions from a special interest and then attempting to push the asphalt plant through the Planning Commission without any public notice or input, is NOT what we expect from our elected representatives. But, I expect Mr. Kearney knows this as well. Why, if this plant was such a good idea, was it not advertised? I expect Mr. Kearney also knows the answer to this question. Now that his job is on the line he shows misplaced concern for the voters.

We in District 5 deserve to be represented by someone who has our best interest at heart. Pushing the neighborhood-ruining agenda of an out-of-town company is not what we elected. There is not a single decent argument for placing an asphalt plant at the Hogan Quarry. I'm sure Mr. Kearney knows this too. Because Mr. Kearney ignored our petitions, letters, speeches, and appeals, we had no choice but to push his recall. Congratulations to the board for not certifying the recall process and instead supporting Mr. Kearney. It's reassuring to see you can support something because you certainly do not support the citizens of this county.

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