

La Contenta residents challenge HOA on road assessment

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Residents living along Hartvickson Lane, Huckleberry Lane and Vista Del Lago Drive in La Contenta subdivision have submitted a petition to their homeowner's association challenging annual assessments for road maintenance.

Approximately 50 home-owners along these roads signed the petition seeking an end to the nearly \$300 fee and reimbursement for past years' fees.

La Contenta resident Jon Dick is spearheading the challenge. He submitted the petition and made a presentation at last week's La Contenta Homeowners Association Board of Directors meeting.

Signatures on the petition represent nearly 95 percent of the homeowners who live along those streets that are maintained by the county and not the homeowner's association, Dick said.

"We're essentially being assessed and getting nothing in return," he added.

Dick, who was a member of the homeowner's board in 2009, has his presentation cut short by the board president and told to sit down.

If the board ignores the petition, Dick said they plan to file complaints with the Center for California Homeowners Association Law, State Sen. Tom Berryhill and State Assemblyman Frank Bigelow.

They will also seek representation by a law office specializing in homeowner association law and pursue a settlement through Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Personally, Dick said he felt his First Amendment rights were violated when he made his presentation and was told to take a seat. He is contemplating legal action against the board.