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To the Board of Directors of the Dobbins-Oregon House Fire Protection District  
(DOHFPD)

Towards the end of January of this year, I was a recipient of the emails included below, one from Director Sharp, and the other from the Fellowship counsel Maria Kalliopi Davari. There are at least three important issues related to Mr. Sharp's correspondence.

1. It is important to note that the email which Director Sharp sent did not include Greg Holman (President of the Fellowship of Friends and DOHFPD Director) in the recipient list.
2. Mr. Sharp clearly indicated that his email was associated with his being a Director on the DOHFPD Board, and his offer to utilize Fire District resources for private events was completely inappropriate and probably unethical.
3. Counsel Davari's email to Director Sharp demonstrates that his actions were completely unnecessary and most likely unwelcome.

I have considered sending this to the Board over the last several months but was hopeful that it would not be necessary. In the last week it has become clear that Director Sharp does not appear to comprehend that his past and current actions are not compatible with his useful service as a DOHFPD Board member. I think that it is important that his inappropriate actions are documented in public records.

Please let me know if you require additional information. The email texts included below from Sharp and Davari are unedited. I can forward the original emails if necessary.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arthur L. Craigmill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Arthur Craigmill  
DOHFPD Resident  
Lt. 6411 Dobbins Fire

**Original email from Director Sharp:**

On Jan 28, 2025, at 3:06 PM, Charles Sharp <csharp@succeed.net> wrote:

1/28/25

Fellowship of Friends Board of Directors:

Ethan Harris, Hugh Lusted, Wayne Mott, Alan Schwartzberg, Maria Kalliope

cc: Arthur Craigmill, Volunteer Dobbins Volunteer Firefighter and First Responder  
Rodney Carter, YWPFSC Volunteer Mitigation Reviewer and Fellowship of Friends  
Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

As a member of the Fellowship and an elected official on the Board of the Dobbins/Oregon House Fire Protection District, I feel obligated to inform you there is a liability potentially looming for the Fellowship regarding Theatron events. These events often have up to several hundred attendees.

Should there be a wildfire, getting all these people out safely using Rices Crossing Road could be a disaster. Couple Theatron events with similar-sized World Fest events on Richards Ranch, and people could very well die in the confusion.

Should such a disaster happen, it is 100% certain the Fellowship would be sued. With the comment letters now on file with Yuba County, see attachment, there is mounting documentation that the defense "We didn't know" is not going to work. Ignorance of the law is never a good defense.

Arthur Craigmill is a first responder with the Fire District volunteer firefighters. Arthur would be a good person to help the Fellowship adequately prepare for wildfires before the next Theatron event. He and Rodney Carter could advise the board on mitigation strategies to minimize liability for future events.

Such mitigations may include:

- Staffing the fire truck currently stationed on Fellowship property across from Artemis Circle onsite at each event.
- Removing all dry grass and brush from parking areas so there is no possibility of a vehicle starting a fire this way.
- Make sure there is a robust evacuation plan in place and that key people know what to do if the need arises.
- Canceling events if high winds are forecasted. PG&E may well have the power off in any case. As we see time and time again, the wind factor can make all the difference.

Until such time as Rices Crossing Road is improved so it can better handle emergency egress if necessary, it may be advisable to not have such large gatherings.

Thank you for this consideration,  
Charles Sharp

**Response from Fellowship Lawyer to Director Sharp on 1/28/2025, to the same recipients as in his email above.**

Dear Charles,

The Fellowship has a conditional use permit (CUP) for the use of the Theatron that included mitigation measures. As an example of the measures, the Fellowship needed to make a lot of improvements, provide an alternative to the Rices Crossing access, and have an emergency response plan. Additionally, the Theatron as a structure is designated as the safest location for a fire event to station evacuees, if we ever need to do so. Please note that at the time we applied for the CUP, the conditions imposed were unprecedented for our area; the community had time to comment, object, complaint etc. and the conditions were adjusted accordingly.

If you require more information please let us know and we will be happy to meet with you and discuss.

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