Supes ignore public to their own peril

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Editor:

I would like to address the news article in the Calaveras Enterprise dated Friday July 15, 2016-"Supervisors balk at recall signatures – Elections department will place Kearney recall on the ballot."

I am quoting Supervisor Cliff Edson: Edson said on Wednesday that the organizers of the recall had found "something that scares people and then they put information that was false." Edson said there had been six recall efforts in District 5 "from the same group of people." He said that the Supervisor Steve Kearney recall was the first one to make the ballot.

I want it put on the record that I, Lora A. Most have never worked on a recall of any supervisor in District 5. In fact, most of the people working on the recall, I had never met.

Why did Supervisor Kearney want to get the proposed asphalt plant up and going without any public input? That is why we organized and started going to the Calaveras County Planning Commission meetings.

Please watch the tapes and see how we, the constituents, were treated. We exhausted all our efforts before we started the recall process. We had almost 900 people who signed the petition that was presented to the planning commission requesting that the county require an Environmental Impact Report and a Conditional Use Permit for the proposed asphalt plant at the Hogan quarry. We were ignored. Then when the appeal went before the Board of Supervisors on Feb. 9, 2016, we were ignored and the majority of the board (Supervisors Edson, Kearney and Oliveira) denied our appeal. Please watch Dr. Estoesta's passionate testimony.

In the appeal process on Feb. 9 our fee was \$100 to file an appeal, then on Feb. 23 (2016), those fees were increased to \$600 by the majority of the board. I ask you, what is that telling their constituents?

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