

Dear Editor – Small World

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What a small (conflicted) world!

For many years, Marty Hente (Hente) has been a very active member of the Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church (Church). In 2012, he served as President of the Church Council, while Ken Smith (Smith) served as a member of the Church Council. Smith is the person who, absent any proof or mitigation effort, claims that the Church needs the 10700 block of Farragut Drive as its parking lot.

On March 15, 2016, at about 1:30 AM, the City Council commissioned a specific “parking study” to determine the parking intrusion on Farragut. The City Engineer and the Traffic Engineer warned Council Member Andrew Weissman that the “traffic study” was designed to fail and was unfair to the Farragut residents. The

“parking study” will not permit all-day-school/business parking to be considered; and, thus, will not count that intrusion. Weissman swore the City Engineer to not mention the flaw to the public or other Council Members. He agreed.

Back to the ranch. Since 2007, Hente and Joel Falter have served on the Culver City’s Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Falter currently serves as the Vice President (Elected) and Hente serves as the Fleet Manager.

Here’s the kicker. Falter is currently the Chief Operating Officer & V.P. of Los Angeles Operations of KOA Corporation (KOA).

Who do you think the City Council commissioned to do the \$35,000 “parking study” that is designed to fail? KOA. That’s the same KOA where the COO and VP is a long-time buddy of one of the Church’s most active members. Anyone see any public disclosures that should have been made by KOA and Falter? Also, one might wonder why, with all the capable firms in LA, KOA was selected.

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