



## **Abuse of Power turns into Revenge turns into Abuse of Carson**

### **Final Dismissal Albert Robles Guilty of Holding Two Incompatible Offices**

After more than 8 months of Robles' legal maneuvering file an appeal, default, motion to have his appeal reinstated Albert Robles failed to file his opening briefs on January 2, 2019 and on January 29, 2019, the court handed down the final dismissal. (Involuntary Dismissal Final January 29, 2019). The judgment stands Albert Robles is GUILTY of holding two incompatible positions.

Based on the court documents Albert Robles spent much of his career as a water board member abusing the power of the office. Robles came to Carson to get our city attorney fired for winning a case against the Water Replenishment District for illegal rate increases. After being ordered to comply, entered into an agreement that precludes the residents of Carson from their right to receive these notices.

File an appeal, default, file a motion, default, and file another motion all to prolong his appeal until after the election. In those 8 months, the City of Carson lost its ability to protect its true purpose, to stop bad projects that cause contamination. As stated by Albert Robles the Charter would allow them to change zoning and build Carson up. The zoning put into place was to protect the residents from corrupt politicians allowing construction on contaminated sites, limiting the activities to protect the people.

#### **Abuse of Power**

Based on the court documents, which were successful in getting a guilty verdict and removed Albert Robles from the Water Replenishment District, Albert Robles came to Carson out of revenge.

Albert Robles was first elected to the Water Replenishment District November of 1992 just 7 years into his 25-year stint in office a series of audits were performed by the state auditor, which criticized the Water Replenishment District for excessive rates, excessive reserves, and wasteful administrative spending. The Water Replenishment District has increased the RA by more than 100% between 2005-2017

#### **Revenge**

The cities of Cerritos, Downey, and Signal Hill filed a petition for Writ of Mandate against the Water Replenishment District for illegally raising water-pumping rates. April 2011 the trial judge ruled against the Water Replenishment District. The court ordered the Water Replenishment district to vacate the replenishment assessment, and ordered to comply with the provisions of Proposition 218. Proposition 218 requires all water rate payers in the district be sent notice of when the Water Replenishment District holds a water pump rate increase hearing allowing us to protest the proposed increases if necessary. Between 2006 and 2010, rates nearly doubled.

Bill Wynder Carson City Attorney represented the above-mentioned cities and this loss sent Albert Robles in motion to enact revenge on our city attorney. October 6, 2012 as a representative of the Water Replenishment District Albert Robles lobbied to get the Law Office of Aleshire and Wynder fired from the City of Carson. Unsuccessful he then pulled papers to run for office, March 2013 got in office, lobbied and was appointed to chair the City Council Committee charged with the responsibility of reviewing the city attorney contract and the performance of the city attorney. It was announced on November 18, 2014 that Bill Wynder would be leaving the City of Carson for a 2-year sabbatical that actually lasted 3 years.

#### **Abuse of Carson**

Attorney Bill Wynder returned with a magic bullet, an ordinance that they hoped would allow Albert Robles to hold two incompatible offices, and an agreement between the cities of Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, and Signal Hill that robs the residents the right to receive notice of water pumping rates increase. The very reason the suit was filed, Robles and the Water Replenishment raising rates without serving notice.

What is detailed in the court documents only touches upon the damage Albert Robles has caused here in Carson. We will be sending out a series of emails that document some of the issues Albert Robles and members of this administration went against the best interests of the city and the wishes of the residents voting in favor of the corporations and the Water Replenishment District. Below is a list of some of the offences I have documented and will be sharing with all of you:

- Made Carson responsible for the Cal Compact site and all its contamination, the number one reason we fought to create Carson we now own along with its liabilities,
- Allowed the StubHub ticket tax to expire just prior to the NFL games starting,
- Called for an oil refining tax that does not cover the cost the city paid to upgrade the freeway on and off ramps just outside the refinery,
- Manipulated our elections,
- Forcing the charter, changing our form of government,
- Put restrictions on personal growing of Marijuana and allowed commercial cultivation, manufacturing and distribution all against the wishes of the people of Carson,
- Allowed a \$24 million community agreement with Tesoro the largest refinery in the Western United States knowing El Segundo got \$165 million community agreement,
- Is responsible for the Carson Street construction delays,
- Robbed us of the protection of a moratorium on oil drilling...

1 of any new or increased property taxes. (Cal. Const. Art. XIII A, § 4.) (Ex. 3.) The WRD holds annual  
2 public rate setting hearings to determine the RA for the ensuing fiscal year, at which pumpers, public  
3 officials, or residents in the district may be heard, and adopts a resolution establishing a uniform RA per  
4 acre foot ("AF") of water on the production of groundwater from the Basins against groundwater  
5 producers. (Water Code §§ 60300, 60306, 60315, and 60317.) The hearings provided an "invitation to  
6 all interested parties to attend and be heard in support of or opposition to the proposed RA." (Ex. 4; Ex.  
7 41, pp. 2-3, 9-13, 22.)  
8 The WRD is also responsible for "clean up" operations in the Basins, the cost for which is  
9 included in the RA. (Water Code § 60224.) The WRD operates and maintains groundwater monitoring  
10 wells to test groundwater levels and water quality through its Regional Groundwater Monitoring Program  
11 ("RGMP"). Between 1997-2010, the WRD obtained authorization and construction permits from Carson  
12 to build three groundwater monitoring wells in the city. (Ex. 5.)  
13 The RA is one of the single largest cost factor of groundwater for groundwater producers in the  
14 Basins. A series of audits by the State Auditor between 1999 and 2004 criticized the WRD's excessive  
15 RA rates, wasteful spending, and excessive reserves. (Ex. 6, pp. 3, 5, 17, 20, 25, 39, 43, 84; Ex. 7, pp. 3,  
16 80-82; Ex. 8, pp. 3, 56-57.) However, the audits did nothing to prevent the RA rate increases since 2004.  
17 The WRD has increased the RA by more than 100% between 2005-2017 (\$135/AF to \$318/AF). (Ex. 9,  
18 pp. 5, 14, 22, 31, 40, 49, 59, 71, 82, 92, 108, 127, 137.)  
19 This raises a potential for a significant clash of duties and loyalties because Robles approves the  
20 annual RA as a director of the WRD assessed against all groundwater producers; the RA is passed through  
21 to Carson by its water servicers on a dollar for dollar basis, which has led to rising water rates for  
22 consumers; and Carson residents and/or public officials could object to the RA at the WRD's annual rate  
23 setting hearing, or sue the WRD for wasteful spending in an effort to reduce the water rates charged by  
24 their water servicers.  
25 C. City of Carson  
26 Carson overlies the West Coast Basin and lies within the boundaries of the WRD. In addition to  
27 being a user of water from the West Coast Basin, Carson possesses all of the powers and authorities of a  
28 general law city. (Ex. 29, pp. 2-6, 34.) These include the authority to regulate land use, (Cal. Const. Art.

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PETITIONER'S OPENING BRIEF

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