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NEWS WATCH

CALABASAS PROSECUTOR SUES AND SERVES INSPECTION WARRANT ON OLD TOPANGA

Residents Fear the Worst

Tuesday, March 22nd ...Lawsuits and an inspection warrant have been served on several Old Topanga residents. One is bracing for a search by the City of Calabasas **tomorrow**, Wednesday, March 23. The inspection warrant allows "the city of Calabasas to inspect, measure, photograph and/or videotape all interior and exterior areas of all structures on Subject Property, as well as yard areas, based on possible conditions thereon that violate the Calabasas Municipal Code." Here comes the controversial, recently adopted Building Code that was opposed by the residents. Remember the so-called inspection warrant issued for the Smith property in Stokes Canyon? This action by the City comes literally on the day of the Council reorganization and installation of the new Council members. Barry Groveman and Dennis Washburn will be vacating their Council seats at 7p.m. Could this eerie timing be tied into that departure per chance?

Distressed residents are fearful that they could also be evicted from their homes, as the Smiths were, and that everything on their property could be subject to the minutest scrutiny, which the warrant clearly allows. Imagine the videotaping and measuring of the interior of your home? No charges were ever filed against the Smiths, and apparently no sampling was ever done nor were test results ever revealed. The Smith's water and power were ordered shut off by the City of Calabasas, and they were—for all intents and purposes—evicted. Lloyd Smith is still not allowed to return home. Targeted now are the residents who have not complied with the OWTS Inspection Ordinance, despite the fact that Old Topanga Homeowners, Inc. has a pending lawsuit against the City... one that charges the City with over enforcing an illegal and selective OWTS Ordinance.

We strongly support incoming Calabasas Mayor James Bozajian's taking the reins and the necessary steps required now to stand up for the City's residents.