

# A Message From the President of COTI

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Dear Carol and Tom,

Many thanks to all of you who emailed and/or personally addressed City Council this past Tuesday concerning the reappointment of Planning Commission members David Berger and Phil Marks. Despite this strong showing of support and the fact that all comments from those in attendance were in favor of both these candidates, Council voted not to renew the term of David Berger. We were very disappointed in this decision.

Here are two important facts we think our members should be made aware of:

- David Berger's reappointment was opposed by Marty Harity, Kevin Ruane, and Jim Jennings;
- Before the vote, there was a request that each Councilor explain the reasons for their choices - they declined to do so! We believe this action is contrary to the spirit of open government and a disservice to the large number of citizens who took the time to attend the meeting.

We should all be concerned about the effect this event may eventually have on the sanctuary quality of our Island. We are monitoring this situation closely as well as developments regarding the upcoming City Council election in March. We will keep you informed.

Thanks again for your continuing support.

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Sincerely.

John Harries, President of COTI