

Riverside growth, MoVal bullying, Caltrans update, DA race sleaze!

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Nevada developer Terry Manley, who hopes Riverside voters will change growth-control laws so he can build nearly 2,000 flatland homes — in exchange for putting La Sierra hills in a development-proof bubble — says signature-gathering for a November ballot measure could be wrapped up “by the middle of next week.”

How many sigs does he need? Just under 19,000, he says. How many does he want? “We’re gathering 28,000 to 29,000.” Wants a cushion in case the city nixes bogus Hancocks.

When I mentioned I hadn’t seen signature seekers at my local grocery store lately, Manley explained it’s tough to tell how potential voters feel at the grocery sites. “The door-to-door effort has been the majority of our signature collecting. It usually results in a conversation. People are expressive of their support...”

Not always. Terri Vint, a self-described “horse person” who lives near the project area, posted on Facebook: “That smooth-talking petitioner came to my door the other night. OMG he was slick.”

When I spoke to her, Vint said when she told the gentleman, “‘It’s not really about saving the hills,’ he got pushy with me. I kind of shoved him on his way.”

Manley says sig collectors are paid “in the range of \$2.50 per signature.” Which means 29,000 signatures will cost him about \$72,000.