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## President's Message

### LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST ASSOCIATION DISMISSED BY TRIAL COURT

The trial court (Superior Court for Los Angeles County) has announced its final decision in the lawsuit brought by Alex Filler and his wife against the Association. The Fillers had sought a declaration that their planned expansion of a "view deck" was valid and that the Association wrongfully denied their application to install that new view deck. They filed their lawsuit in 2021, and a two-part trial was held in February and July 2021. The trial court issued an order on February 6, 2024 dismissing the Filler's request for a declaration against the Association's denial of their request to erect a view deck.

The trial court's ruling now ends this lawsuit. The Fillers could appeal the decision, however, at this juncture, their lawsuit in the trial court has ended.

## Emergency Preparedness & Safety Committee

2 way radios are now available again for our community communication safety network in case of power outages from fire, earthquake, or other event. The cost is \$25. Please email the smpoa board ([SMPOAboard@gmail.com](mailto:SMPOAboard@gmail.com)) with "2 Way Radio" in the subject line and we will deliver them.

We have been working continuously with Sgt. Soderlund from the LA Sheriff's Department and District 3 LA County for a more permanent solution to the RV and bus continuous habitation along PCH below Sunset Mesa. There have been multiple meetings with Malibu Homeless Task Force and and the Department of Public Works, Caltrans, and Coastal Commission. The no overnight permanent parking solution the Coastal Commission agreed to a few years ago is unenforceable as we expected. We will report progress on the proposals as they are put forward by the entities that control the highway and surrounding area.

# SMPOA Treasurer's Report

Summary SMPOA Financials for January 2024	
Banc of CA (BCA) — Business Checking	\$ 37,243
Stifel Investment	\$ 382,934
<b>TOTAL SMPOA ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 420,177</b>
Dues / Radios / Document Fees	\$ 8,625
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 8,625</b>
Payment Processing Fees	\$ 86
Michelle Tidwell - AC Administrative Support	\$ 121
IRS Tax Payment	\$ 2,943
Franchise Board Tax Payment	\$ 42
Storage	\$ 371
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 3,563</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 5,062</b>
<b>Stifel Investment Portfolio Activity</b>	
Income & Distributions	\$ 434
Unrealized Gain/Loss	\$ (463)
<b>NET CHANGE IN STIFEL PORTFOLIO</b>	<b>\$ (29)</b>



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## Summary of Financials:

- Net Operating Income for January 2024 was net positive primarily due to dues deposits
- Storage fee of \$371 is tied to SMPOA document storage – Board should review this – \$960 increase in 2023 to \$3,840
- Administrative support \$120, Tax Payments \$2,985
- Hired Don Mink Accountancy Corp to produce and mail invoices – total cost \$1,600 (less than QuickBooks Online upgrade) – 2024 Dues invoicing complete
- Established Stifel online access for faster reporting
- Established Venmo reporting for records and dues processing

## Next Steps:

- Remediate past dues disagreements
- Establish holding account methodology and/or write-off approach
- Continue response to balance inquiries

## Areas of Support Needed & Volunteer Opportunities

Communications – Invoice Requests, Dues Questions  
Statement Creation and Mailing  
Sunset Mesa Monthly Editorial and Production  
Email Requests, Follow-Ups

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