

## ΑΝΟΙΚΤΗ ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΗ

Από τον Πρόεδρο του ΔΣ της EKMM, Νίκο Μητσόπουλο

# Ο σκοπός δεν αγιάζει τα μέσα!

Την Παρασκευή, 28 Δεκεμβρίου 2018, η EKMM έλαβε αίτηση με την οποία ζητείται η σύγκληση Ειδικής Γενικής Συνέλευσης, προκειμένου να εκλεγεί Εξελεγκτική Επιτροπή. Ένας αριθμός ατόμων από τους υπογράφοντες την αίτηση δεν είναι ενεργά μέλη της Κοινότητας, ενώ δύο από αυτούς απέσυραν την υπογραφή τους. Ως εκ τούτου, ο συνολικός αριθμός των έγκυρων υπογραφών για την αίτηση είναι κάτω των 100, αριθμός που απαιτείται, σύμφωνα με τους εσωτερικούς κανονισμούς, για την αποδοχή αίτησης μελών για τη σύγκληση Ειδικής Γενικής Συνέλευσης. Ως αποτέλεσμα η EKMM δεν αποδέχεται την πραγματοποίηση του αιτήματος. Εξετάζοντας σε βάθος το αίτημα της αίτησης, διαπιστώσαμε επιπροσθέτως, ότι υπήρχαν αρκετές πλαστογραφημένες υπογραφές ατόμων, οι οποίες ισχυρίζονται ότι ουδέποτε υπέγραψαν αυτή την αίτηση. Επιπλέον, επισημάνουμε ότι πολλά μέλη που υπέγραψαν την αίτηση, παραπλανήθηκαν πιστεύοντας ότι υπογράφουν για άλλη αιτία.

Η EKMM βρίσκει ότι όλη αυτή η κατάσταση είναι θλιβερή και πολύ σοβαρή. Θα συσταθεί μια Επιτροπή προκειμένου να ερευνήσει αυτούς τους ισχυρισμούς. Η πλαστογράφηση και η ψευδής δήλωση, αντικεινται στη δημοκρατική λειτουργία του οργανισμού μας. Η EKMM θα λάβει τα κατάλληλα μέτρα, ώστε οι υπεύθυνοι να λογοδοτήσουν για τις πράξεις τους. Η EKMM καλεί την Παροικία να αποδοκιμάσει έντονα αυτού του είδους την ανέντιμη τακτική, η οποία είναι πρωτόγνωρη για το ήθος και τις αξίες της Κοινότητας. Ο σκοπός δεν αγιάζει τα μέσα!

Η EKMM ζητεί από όλους όσους πλησιάστηκαν και παραπλανήθηκαν υπογράφοντας την αίτηση να έρθουν να μας βοηθήσουν στις έρευνές μας. Μπορούν να επικοινωνήσουν με την Κα Λεμονιά Στραπάτσα, στο τηλ. 514-738-2421 εσωτ. 107.

January 23, 2019

Dear Mr. Stafylakis,

I am writing to you in reference to the petition that was delivered to our offices on Dec 28, 2018. We have carefully reviewed your request for a Special General Assembly and have concluded that there are insufficient grounds to merit such a request. Not every one of the 106 people who signed the petition was an Active member of the community on December 28th, and we were notified that 2 of the individuals on the petition wished to have their names removed. As a result of the above, the petition does not contain 100 valid signatures of Active members which is the requirement set out in section 6.5 in our By-Laws in order to have a Special General Assembly for the issues you propose.

In addition to the above, we found it unusual that the Petition contained similar handwriting throughout the document. We took the liberty of having some HCGM employees contact some of the people on the petition in order to ensure that they actually signed the document. To our shock it appears that there were several people that we contacted who claim not having signed the petition even though their name and signature appears on the petition. More specifically, we took a sample size of 18 individuals at random, and we found that three of those claim to have never signed the Petition. This represents almost 17% of the individuals we were able to reach. We are deeply troubled by the fact that there are signatures that appear on the petition that seem falsified. A decision was made not to contact the rest of the members on the Petition because either way, the petition did not have 100 valid signatures from Active members which is the basic requirement. Please advise the undersigned who was responsible for gathering the signatures in the petition and if there were multiple people who did so, which people on the Petition each one solicited. We may want to meet these individual(s) in order to

further examine this apparent forgery issue which is a very serious offence.

In calling the members on the petition, we also realized that some members who signed the petition, did not understand what exactly they were signing. This is attributable to the fact that the page outlining what the petition was for was not incorporated in the signature page like most other petitions. As a result, it was as if people were being asked to sign a blank cheque without knowing exactly what the goal was. The proof lies in the fact that the last line in the cover letter refers to 10 pages enclosed. Clearly the cover letter was created after the members signed the Petition which makes the Petition itself null and void. This just reinforces the fact that members did not realize what they were agreeing to. For example, one of the people who signed the petition wrote to us asking for his signature to be removed because he got misled into signing the petition in order to remove a power from the Regional Boards. He wrote that "I signed the list for requesting a general assembly to remove the right of «Veto» for the 3 different bodies of the HCGM." This is an example amongst many on how the organizers of this petition misrepresented the nature of the Petition.

It also appears that approximately 30 signatures were blacked out from the petition. Why did all these people change their mind? Considering that this represents ¼ of all the signatures and is quite sizeable please advise why all these people had their signatures blacked out? Did any of them wish their name removed because they felt misled in any way?

As a result of the above, we are unable to accept your request to have a Special General Assembly. We are writing this letter in English because some people from your group have threatened legal action as a bullying tactic. In these situations, we prefer communicating in one of the official languages of Canada so that any judge can easily understand. We are

confident that no judge will give an ounce of credibility to a petition where it was not clear what people were agreeing to.

Should your group want to submit another Petition, please take note of the above comments. Ideally, any petition that is sent to us should have the body of the text incorporated in the signature page so that people know what exactly they are signing. In addition, members should write out their full name and address in their own handwriting instead of having the person gathering signatures doing that.

Please note as well that we are having new elections in June 2019 and there will be a new Audit committee elected then to look at the points that your group wants examined. For the remaining points in your request, please note that another General Assembly was called for March 17 2019 where most of the points in your request will be included in the agenda.

We also noted that this petition was delivered to our offices by Petros Voidakis among others. We have no knowledge who this person is considering that he has never been an active member of our organization. We find it deplorable to have people that are not even members in our organization meddling in our internal affairs.

Please provide by February 7th to the undersigned the individual(s) who gathered the signatures in the Dec 28 2018 Petition so that we can possibly meet them to get a better understanding on why/how forged signatures appeared in the petition. This is a serious issue and we consider the forgery an attack on the democracy of our organization.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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