

Dear Jose,

I have read and re-read your letter to the owners of Cabrera.

When I originally came to Cabrera approximately 20 years ago I met you as a developer and as an individual land-owner. I found you helpful and charming.

We purchased our property in 2015 after many years of searching for the right property. Noeline asked me if I would be interested in putting my name forward for election to the Junta. I explained that I would not be resident on the mountain permanently, but I would love to do anything that would support life on the mountain. I put my name forward and was fortunate enough to get elected. Initially I was enthralled by the workings of the Junta and enjoyed participating in meetings. I believed you to be "the defender of the mountain " seeking to retain the integrity of the mountain by following Peter Grossgruth's principals of developing the mountain.

I did a lot of work for the Junta on the list of outstanding debtors. Substantially, reducing the number of debtors until it was only several hardcore debtors and those owners whom had died and whose estates were in probate. My suggestions of seeking to recover the money from the debtors with bank accounts in England was rejected despite there being a reciprocal enforcement agreement between England and Spain. I also helped Noeline during the time when the mountain was subjected to all the damage by the storms as it was unfair to expect her to visit these areas alone.

My fellow member who was elected at the same time brought several new ideas to the table. He drafted proposals for a website to promote Cabrera and to keep owners up to date with what had happened at meetings and what was taking place on the mountain. Despite the fact that the web site was going to be developed and run free of charge, it was rejected by the established Junta members. Shortly afterwards my fellow Junta member resigned as he felt that it was impossible to bring about any change.

Over the years I quickly learned that unless you did not ask questions, and unless you followed the "party line," you were accused of either favoring the C.R.A. or being a member of the C.R.A. In my case I had never even heard of them until you mentioned them. Any request for information was either avoided or led to a lecture of what had happened over the last 20 years and how well everything was run. There was no acceptance that times change and that in these days people want transparency. People need to know what is happening and what their money is being spent on in the running of the mountain. It is not sufficient to say to the owners that this is what you have decided to do. My many requests for information were refused, I was threatened and life on the Junta began to be difficult for me. To such an extent, that I was often not informed when meetings were to be held. Several held in my absence whilst I was on the mountain .

I am not sufficiently qualified to make any comments on Spanish law save as to say that if Courts have ruled several times on one specific matter it is a foolish waste of money to keep challenging their judgement. I appreciate that it is the owner's money and not yours so perhaps this is the driving force behind the decision.

Throughout your letter there is no desire to look at the positive side of this judgement and the opportunity for a new beginning merely to look at the loss of some old established method of

management. I can only assume this is related to a loss of control of the governance of the mountain. Your assertion that you will continue to stand for election with the knowledge that because you hold the majority share of the votes your election is guaranteed is confirmation of this. This means that nothing will change as you will still maintain a strangle hold on the Junta preventing any advancement.

I will now look at the various points that you have raised.:

The treatment plants. The Junta workforce do the basic maintenance of the plants equipment and any major works are dealt with by a contractor. I do not see why what ever management is in place cannot utilise the information that should be available in the Junta's files to continue with this practice. Monthly Testing of the water plants and required testing on the waste plants are done on a regular basis by an outside company. specializing in this area of work. I do not see why this cannot continue.

You refer to the matter of the water supply to the area as being a "time bomb." At various meetings during 2019 there were discussions at the Junta meetings in respect of the water supply. it was agreed that the Junta would apply for a license to drill for water and obtain 3 quotes to do the exploratory work. You, Jose, stopped this going ahead. the reason that you used was that there had been an accident in Spain when a child had been injured or killed and you did not think that we should go ahead. You also stated that there was sufficient water even going so far as to say that we could help Cortijo Grande out with water.

I refer to the matter of the electricity supply. Again, here it is a matter of information or lack of the information being given to the owners. No one disputes the fact that at the time of the development of the mountain the developers installed infrastructure relating to the electricity supply. This was installed during the process of the proposed building work, the cost to be recovered from the purchasers of the properties to be built.

The owners find themselves in a position that when having been assured that paying for a transformer in 2017 in the sum of 26,000.00 euros this would rectify all the problems. Suddenly, they are having to look to fund another 2 transformers which we really do not know if we need them. These 2 transformers are a lot more expensive and we really do not know how much the installation of these are going to cost as we do not have any quotes. The value of this contract obliges the Junta to put this work out to tender and get at least 3 quotes. None of this has been done. However, a vote was pushed through the A.G.M. which gave the Junta body the right to borrow money on behalf of the owners with no redress. This vote was carried by the developers vote the owners proportion of the votes being swamped by the developers votes

I personally would see no point in investing the time and money in trying to get developers to refund money that has been paid by the owners over the last few years. What has taken place is gone and what we should be doing is looking for a positive way forward.

From what I have heard I have no doubt that during the time of the active C.R.A you and your fellow Junta members were subjected to unacceptable treatment. This is not now. All that the owners want is an open and transparent method of management. No-one is criticizing the workmen or the value of the work that they do for the owners.

The statement concerning the professional people assumes that any future management would not wish to use them in future, this is conjecture.

In closing I wish to say that no-one is criticizing or undervaluing the amount that you have done for Cabrera. You have always been generous with your time and supportive of anyone who has needed help with a problem. However, the majority of the work that you have quoted in your final 1 to 11 was completed when you were practicing as a builder and developer on the mountain. Any work that your company has completed at the express wish of the Junta has been paid for by the Junta.

Perhaps now is the appropriate time to consider a fresh role on the mountain. Your knowledge of the mountain and your contacts are invaluable. Perhaps you could consider mentoring a fresh management group. Time is marching on and there is a great need for new people to be trained in the needs of the mountain in order to maintain its integrity

Kind Regards

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