

Don Russell

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From: thomasreesesj@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, November 23, 2019 1:28 PM
To: Don Russell
Subject: late response to letter of July 18

Hi Don,

This is a late response to your letter of July 18 "Property Owner User Fee Notice."

In the letter, you note the possibility of "undergrounding the overhead utilities." Granted the future rise in sea levels as a result of global warming, I don't think that this is a good idea. We should expect that any underground utilities will experience frequent flooding from saltwater, which can't be good for electronic equipment or wires.

Nor do I think that rebuilding the block wall is a priority. Repairs to the storm drain system do make sense granted the potential for flooding in the future.

Finally, I would recommend keeping expenses at a minimum and building up a \$1-million plus reserve so that when higher sea levels arrive, we will have the ability to respond.

All the best,

Tom

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Mr. Donal S. Russell
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Dear Mr. Russell,

Working hard as an attorney to preserve the freedoms that make this nation great is work that I enjoy. Thanks to your support for Pacific Legal Foundation, I am privileged to help Americans fight back when government tramples individual liberty. *Thank you!*

I was born in China, where the basic freedoms we enjoy in America don't exist. I didn't know about important concepts like capitalism, free speech, and property rights, because people were not allowed to discuss ideas that we now know are foundational to a free society.

At seven, my life changed forever when my family moved to the United States. I learned English in elementary school, learned about the Supreme Court in high school, and in law school I first came to know about PLF—and I knew I belonged here.

In 2018, just a few years out of law school, I helped drive PLF's Supreme Court win in *Minnesota Voters v. Mansky*—a critical victory for free speech rights.

When I was sworn in as a citizen one month later, someone asked me how it felt to be an American. Though I've felt like an American for a long time, I'm very grateful to live in a free country with so many great people. And I'm especially grateful to you for allowing me to stand up for the principles that make America great. Thank you.

Yours in Liberty,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wen Fa', written over a horizontal line.

Wen Fa
PLF Attorney