

Statement read by John Cooper at the Hot Springs Village POA Special Board Meeting on Oct. 29

“Thank you for inviting me to discuss this important election. My grandfather and father developed and built this wonderful community. I am invested and committed to the future of the Village.

I would love nothing more than to have a thorough discussion about the future. But tonight, that conversation will not be possible due to the fact you have restricted information necessary to have a full and in-depth discussion. In fact, I have had to sue under the Freedom of Information Act to get financial information, including the compensation package for your CEO. As I stand here tonight, I do not have that information.

Thank you again for the offer to discuss the ballot measures but tonight is not the night. Provide the information and I will happily sit down in a public forum to discuss the future of Village. Until you do that, I will continue to encourage property owners to vote No on the declaration amendments.

I invite everyone here tonight to stop by our office to visit with me about your position on the issues. Pro or con, I welcome each and every one of you. We are there Monday - Wednesday 10:30 - 3:00. Coffee is on me.”