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Thought From The Chairman

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valued resource – its valuable real estate property and this allegedly without a genuine appraisal of the entire property but with a restricted appraisal of the land only. Surely as Dawn Mason stated, also, “...legally problematic...” This restricted ‘snake oil’ apparently was sold to a majority of those voting to sell the Annex on June 17, 2016 apparently ignorant of Robert’s Rules of Order, the Parliamentary Authority of the Church according to Mount Zion Baptist Constitution. Presiding over that meeting was a member of the Royal Esquire Club with demonstrated questionable knowledge of parliamentary procedures. Generally, given the conflict and controversy surrounding the sale of the property, both sides to the conflict would have negotiated the moderator and the agenda before the meeting.

Meanwhile several other real estate transactions of church properties will show properties have been sold or are waiting to be sold. For example, in Bellevue property apparently on the light rail path – sold; Redonda Beach property sold and a last willed Estate in the Mount Baker community valued at approximately \$1.5 million with donor’s “desires” for it to be a pastoral parsonage at Mount Zion has been waiting for closing since December of 2015. Last but not least, the undervalued Church Annex building, valued at \$3.5 to \$4 Million over the Trustees’ asking price, according to real estate experts, may have possibly been sold, according many corners of church rumor mills, some feel before the votes were finally counted /tallied on June 17, 2016.

If the donor of the Mount Baker Estate was still with us she probably would not be able to get a loan in today’s market from the banks that these retired bankers retired from because of the on-going red-lining issue many of these Trustees apparently witnessed during their banking careers. Matter of fact President Obama fired the Chairman of one of the nation’s largest banks for redlining and “under water” policies that put many from the poor communities out of home ownership - many of these banks operate local branches and yes some of these trustees were high ranking executives in these institutions. The donor of the Mount Baker Estate was one of the Black trailblazing public school principals that bridged the gap that allowed one Mount Zion Trustee to become a principal at two different high schools. He apparently voted to sell her donated property below market value without an appraisal, which has not closed despite an early-acquired date of December 2015 with a sell closing date of June 3, 2016; it still has not closed!

Church and State issues? You bet! Mount Zion is a Congregational Church. Its power resides in its membership; according to its constitution, no board or auxiliary can usurp the authority of the membership. Yet, the Church Trustees and Senior Pastor without rescinding the vote of the membership “not to sell” somehow got a very small “to sell” majority vote passed and not the required 2/3 vote. The majority vote passing with the engaged services of a Royal Esquire member, apparently with limited knowledge of parliamentary procedures presiding over this very important Church meeting on a very controversial issue. The last meeting on April 29, 2016 ended abruptly by the Sr. Pastor/moderator without allowing a motion to table the motion, which