

Good evening. Josh Frankel, Black Birch Lane.

I'd like to make two quick points about a piece that was featured prominently at an online news outlet that covers Scarsdale.¹ The piece purports to demonstrate that the Ryan revaluation assessments are “closer to market value” than Tyler’s were.

Most recently, the piece had garnered almost seven comments, most of them supportive.

In one of his explanatory notes, the author points out that his analysis reflects “Tyler and Ryan values plus the result of any BAR and SCAR challenges or settlements.” In other words, he analyzed post-BAR/SCAR assessed values. Which is to say that he analyzed the work of both Tyler and Ryan after the defects of each were cured – to the extent that’s possible - via the BAR/SCAR process, which tells us nothing, except perhaps how diligently the BAR/SCAR performed their respective functions.

In fact, in comments on that piece, its author goes so far as to write:

¹ <http://scarsdale10583.com/about-joomla/entertainment/6033-recent-sales-data-shows-that-ryan-model-is-closer-to-market-value-than-tyler>

“Maybe Ryan was better than I thought. Maybe Bob Berg and the BAR did incredible work.”² Indeed, that is precisely the point. The fact is that there is no way to know based on the analysis he performed, but I’d lean toward good work being done by the BAR and SCAR, particularly given the extensive work I did on Ryan pre-BAR/SCAR.

More troubling than the questionable analysis is the fact that its author did not disclose a blatant conflict of interest – that he sits on the Citizens Nominating Committee (CNC). As a member of the CNC, this individual has a vested interest in its slate of candidates, and against the Voters Choice Party (VCP) ticket. As we know, the Voters Choice Party was born out of the immense discontent surrounding the Ryan reval. Hence, this shameless attempt to prop up Ryan is little more than a thinly veiled effort to discredit the VCP, which is exactly the way the story reads.

I’m not here to take sides on Ryan versus Tyler or CNC versus VCP. I have already made myself very clear regarding Ryan. I’m here for two reasons:

1. Transparency is important. Conflicts need to be disclosed.
2. The board is engaged in litigation over the Ryan reval and, to my knowledge, is still withholding money from Ryan. It is important

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that you not be influenced in either regard by questionable analysis of extremely dubious provenance.

Thank you.