

Fact Check #13

# Upset the established order, then everything becomes chaos? ©2013

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## **Turmoil, devastation, and personal agendas**

A mayor Nexsen quote 12/10/13; “Recently there have been a series of political ads paid for by Mr. Ullery designed once again to bring back the turmoil to our town.” “We saw the devastating impact on our City just a few years ago when there was so much local political turmoil and personal agendas.”

Ok...he calls my articles (like this piece) “paid political ads.” And I call them complaining about government. It’s a First Amendment right for citizens and taxpayers. But, political?

## **Upset the established order?**

A few nights ago as I watched a Batman movie [The Dark Knight](#), I saw in it some scenes of Gotham that reminded me of Havasu.

For example, the [Joker](#) (with a contorted clown-painted face) says in one famous and awesome scene, “**If you introduce a little anarchy, upset the established order, then everything becomes chaos.**” Scared me... But, it was an Academy Award winning performance. Of course, the established order was city government.

And yes, Nexsen thinks that civic activist Ullery is out to create *turmoil* and *devastation*. But, that’s how Nexsen characterizes any criticism of his decisions, policies, and his form of city government...which is an [oligarchy](#). For sure, it’s the Havasu version of the “*established order*.”

But, I’ve got news for Nexsen. This ain’t Gotham and criticizing the mayor and city hall might surely upset the established order, but doing so won’t introduce anarchy, chaos, turmoil, and devastation. Good heavens! Dr Bill can do all that?

Heck, griping about government is as American as apple pie. And, when has a “*throw out the bums*” 140-year philosophy of civics, been anything but the path to better government?

The way I see it, upsetting Havasu’s established order means exposing Nexsen’s form of political [patronage](#). Opening that can of worms, exposes the chaos you get from a corrupted government where power of the established order rests with a small [clique](#) of the friends and relatives of the leader. That’s an [oligarchy](#). Such structures by definition are always detrimental to the progress and prosperity you can get from good government.

## **How did it happen?**

The headline in Today's News-Herald 5/27/12 editorial page headline; [Nyberg-Borrelli shut out city voters](#), "*With their resignations, one-third of the council will be filled with members who are accountable, not to the public, but to other council members who appointed them.*"

How did Nexsen and his cronies fill the two seats? See Today's News-Herald 2/28/13 headline; "[City violates open meeting laws in 3 instances, state says](#)" This was the first such Attorney General citation against Havasu officials in the history of our city! And it was about those council appointments. Imagine that...secretly elected to city council seats, each by two votes. And illegal votes at that.

Who got appointed? Two Chamber of Commerce insiders (Coke and Alger) who were fiends of mayor Nexsen's wife, who was president of the Chamber board. And of course, his wife's business partner [Brister](#) is now on the council.

No mayor in the history of our little berg has ever amassed such political power over city hall or had so many personal agendas with special interest groups. The [general law city](#) statutes allow that concentration of political power. The only solution is a [charter](#) ...a real [constitution](#).

If you agree with my thesis herein, you are invited to my Town Hall meeting Tuesday, January 28 at the London Bridge Resort. You can meet like-minded citizens who have mutual concerns with our local government and intend to do something about it.

I'd like to hear your opinions on such subjects and I need your help. Please contact me:  
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