
Take Back IV Expo: Fair Board Squatters & Opening the Books [Edition 2]

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Taking a stand for our Community & Fair

Chances are that you're a parent, buyer, youth club member or leader, or member of the public that participates in Imperial Valley Expo -- Imperial Valley's annual fair.

For the past few years, it has become apparent that our Fair Management and Board have begun to work against the fair kids, parents, volunteers, and buyers who make our fair the success that it is.

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information.

That's why **Take Back IV Expo** was started. TBIVE's goal is to demystify and uncover misconduct, for the benefit of fair participants and the public who deserve to know about the actions of the Fair Management and Board.

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IV Expo Fair Board Squatters
&
the **Very Public Hiding of Public Information**

But first, a Quick Update...

In our first Email Edition, we highlighted the importance of (1) **Applying to the Fair Board** and (2) **Signing the Petition to demand an end to misconduct** in our fair management.

Since that time, **you**, the kind folks of Imperial Valley, have taken just 10 minutes to apply for the Fair Board *in droves*. On top of that, **hundreds** of buyers, community leaders, parents, and concerned members of the public have signed the petition to demand an end to misconduct in our Fair Management.

Keep **applying** and **signing**. You truly are making a *very real and loud difference*

Dozens of people from across the Valley have **detailed**

their own personal treatment and experiences with the Fair Manager and Board after reporting it on this nifty [anonymous form](#) or by emailing takebackivexpo@gmail.com.

The **Take Back IV Expo** [website](#) and [Facebook](#) pages have exploded in readership, shares, likes, and all the rest. *Again, you the public have made all the difference.* Your **likes, comments on posts, shares, and any and all online activity** broadcast the misconduct and wrongdoing in our present Fair situation and makes a meaningful impact on those around you.

Now, without further adieu, the long awaited Second Email Edition.

1) IV Expo Fair Board Squatters

2) The Very Public Hiding of Public Information

CLICK TO APPLY TO THE FAIR BOARD

#1: IV Expo Fair Board Squatters

The Imperial Valley Fair and Fiesta is legally supposed to be run by a **Board of 9 individuals** who appoint a [Fair CEO](#).

These 9 members of the Board make and execute policy, are involved in general operations of the fair and its grounds, including handling of several million dollars annually.

The 9 members are supposed to be appointed by the Governor of California, [after filling out this form](#), and serve **terms of 4 years each**.

Take Back IV Expo feels the need to make a little apology from the last email edition. We made the claim that "2 members are currently not official members". We were a little off there. [Turns out it's not two of nine...](#)

IT'S SEVEN OUT OF NINE.

1. Darrell Bostic

Expired: 6 years, 6 months, 19 days ago. (January 15, 2009)

2. James Hamilton

Expired: 5 years, 6 months, 19 days ago. (January 15, 2010)

3. George "Bo" Shropshire

Expired: 3 years, 6 months, 19 days ago. (January 15, 2012)

4. Sterling Mayes Jr.

Expired: 1 year, 6 months, 19 days ago. (January 15, 2014)

5. Antonio Tirado

Expired: 1 years, 6 months, 19 days ago. (January 15, 2014)

6. Joe Montenegro

Expired: 6 months, 19 days ago. (January 15, 2015)

7. Richard Acosta

Expired: 6 months, 19 days ago. (January 15, 2015)

8. Linsey Dale

Will Expire: January 15, 2016

9. Cherisse Alford

Will Expire: January 15, 2017

When things work normally, folks from the local

community without a "**conflict of interest or an appearance of conflict of interest**"**cough***cough** apply for the Fair Board. After careful review and consideration, the Governor's office selects applicants to fill vacant seats.

If there is no suitable replacement for an empty seat, a **short** grace period is extended until a **qualified applicant is found**.

Despite seats being **expired for months to over six years**, and dozens of local volunteers applying for the Board over the years, seats still remain unfilled and this occupied by a *not-so-temporary-placeholder*.

That is why it is so crucial to apply NOW. Your, yes, **YOUR** personal **application**, that takes only about 10 minutes, sends a message to Sacramento that there are big problems brewing with our Fair Management.

Our Fair Board needs young, fresh blood who can stand up for the best interests of our kids and community, not bend to the will of **out of town Fair Managers**.

Seriously, take *10 minutes* to apply!

1. Open the link to open the **online application**.
2. On the drop down menu for position sought, select "Agricultural Assn., Dist. 45, CA Mid Winter Fair and Fiesta"

3. Take 10 minutes to fill out the one page form to apply.
4. Whether or not you really want to be on the Board, the surge of 100+ applications submitted sends a message to Sacramento about gross misconduct in Fair management.
5. Send Sacramento a message **now**.

CLICK TO SIGN THE PETITION NOW

#2: The Very Public Hiding of Public Information

What do the Imperial County Board of Supervisors, the Imperial Irrigation District, the Imperial County office of Education, the City of El Centro, the City of Brawley, the City of Calexico, the City of Holtville, all have in common?

They have their public meeting minutes publicly available. That means, not only are they given freely if asked for, but **they are available online on their websites**. Most of these public institutions even **VIDEO** their meetings and post those videos online for all to see. These institutions show from a surface level that they care about being open and transparent, even if no one is particularly interested in looking into minutes and such.

Yet, people across the Imperial Valley have made their **voice loud and clear demanding** the fair to **publicly disclose minutes**, just like any other public institution that fancies itself as *transparent*.

There is one small victory here! After the large public outcry against the fair's unwillingness to publicly disclose minutes through four simple words, "**OPEN THE BOOKS**", and a [Valley wide Op-Ed](#), **some** minutes [have been released](#).

Fair Board Minutes Release

MISSING - June 10th, 2015

Released after Public Demand - May 10th, 2015

Released after Public Demand - April 15th, 2015

Released after Public Demand - March 18th, 2015

Released after Public Demand - February 18th, 2015

MISSING - January 21, 2015

Released after Public Demand - December 17th, 2014

MISSING - November 19th, 2014

MISSING - October 15th, 2014

MISSING - September 17th, 2014

MISSING - June 18th, 2014

MISSING - May 21st, 2014

MISSING - April 16th, 2014

MISSING - March 19th, 2014

MISSING - February 19th, 2014

MISSING - January 15th, 2014

Take Back IV Expo finds it unacceptable that the Fair Board and Management is **unwilling** to publicly disclose **public information**.

Take Back IV Expo demands the Fair Board do what should be incredibly simple to do: **immediately release**

all Fair Board meeting minutes ***without edit*** since January 2014.

Here's how **YOU** can make a difference.

Signing this >> **Petition** << you indicate your opposition to the lack of transparency at the Fair and other choice practices like...

- Writing of single signature checks
- Threatening parents and community leaders
- Holding showman's checks for up to 5 months
- Denying access to even more public information
- Failing to collect buyer's bids

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