

Robin Lent, a member of the Board of Texas Homeowners for HOA Reform, Inc. sent ripples through the Community Associations Institute (CAI) when she revealed the cover of their May-June, 2006 issue of *Common Ground* during her testimony before the Texas Senate Intergovernmental Relations Committee hearing on the proposed TUPCA (Texas Uniform Planned Community Act) legislation. The CAI, a major supporter of TUPCA, claims to represent millions of Texas homeowners. Robin used CAI's own publication to show the Senators how CAI truly feels about homeowner advocates. The CAI has told Texas legislators for years that they are the industry experts and that the legislation they have proposed and supported in the past is what homeowners want.

Senators were visibly shocked when Robin gave them a copy of the cover which depicts homeowner advocates as crazed people spewing garbage, hot air and toxic waste. See image below.

Frank Rathburn, CAI's VP of Communications and Public Relations, responded to homeowner advocates demanding an explanation saying, "The cover was a bit outlandish -- deliberately so. [It's] a graphic illustration designed to attract attention, to pique people's interest in a topic."

It certainly attracted the attention of the Texas Senate IGR Committee!

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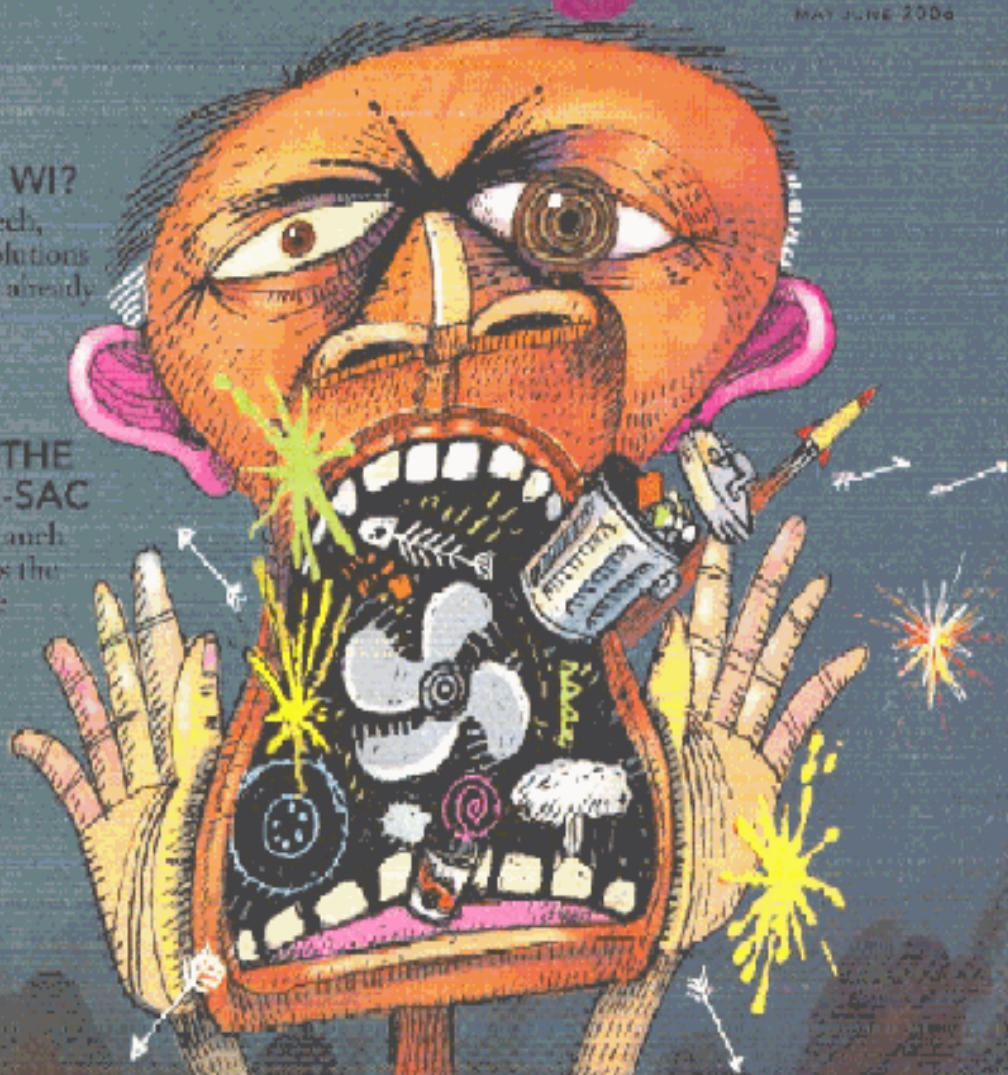
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Across the country, 'homeowner advocates' are taking to the Internet, the airwaves, and the halls of power to rail—more and more loudly—against condos and HOAs. PAGE 20