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**Dear MG Apartment Owners,**

**Please take time to read this important message which concerns your rights and your valued property.**

We are the **ILoveMandarinGardens** or **ILMG group**, a group of concerned MG residents who love our estate and who believe that now is not the right time to en bloc as the property market is soft. Because of this we must continue to enjoy our beautiful estate for as long as we can.

April 27<sup>th</sup> on which our AGM was held, was a sad day for Mandarin Gardens (MG) because the long-standing members of our Management Council team (MC) resigned *en masse* and declined to stand for re-election.

This was because of a resolution (**Resolution 18.1**) from Mr. Paul Low and Mr. Soo Thoo Fook Sung both Collective Sales Committee (CSC) members, to limit expenditure by Office Bearers on urgent matters without having to convene a Council Meeting to be brought down to **\$50,000** from a previous \$300,000. Resolution 18.1 was passed by a majority of 61% FOR and 39% AGAINST.

With the passing of Resolution 18.1, all urgent repair or maintenance work that is necessary for our safety costing more than \$50,000 cannot be done immediately. A Council Meeting must first be held to approve the expenditure.

So, if rain shields break off from their anchoring and fall to the ground, resulting in your child, elderly parent or other family members getting seriously hurt, the MC cannot rectify the matter immediately if the repair costs more than \$50,000. And while waiting for a Council Meeting to be held to decide on cost matters, someone could lose his/ her life.

In addition, a resolution (**Resolution No. 17.1**) proposed by our Chairman and Vice-Chairman to immediately repair and replace rain shields, to find solutions for water ponding the walkways and lift lobbies and to rectify the debonded tiles in the swimming pool, was not approved (only 39% FOR and 61% AGAINST). These current concerns will be left un-solved and unattended to for now.

So currently we do not have an MC to protect our safety and maintain and upkeep our estate.

### **HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?**

80% of MG Owners did not attend the AGM or even represent themselves by Proxy. Only about 20% attended the AGM (individually or by Proxy) and CSC members had control over 60% of their votes due to proxies they held. This was how Resolution 17.1 got defeated and how Resolution 18.1 got passed. How many of those who gave their proxy forms to CSC members really knew the impact of rejecting Resolution 17.1 and passing Resolution 18.1 on all of us and the whole of MG?

Now all residents of the 1017 units in MG will have to pay the price **due to the actions of 120 odd owners** who voted against Resolution 17.1 and for Resolution 18.1. We hope that no one has a serious accident while we are in this crisis.

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Our situation is so unique that it made the evening TV news on Channel News Asia on Fri, 2 May 08 and was fully reported on Pg 4 PRIME news in the Straits Times on Mon, 5 May 08.

In all the years since you moved into MG or owned a unit here, have you heard of any major issue or problem? It is because our MC team worked very hard. There were so many community-bonding functions and other well-managed events. The estate was well looked after and maintained. Our MC has been a dedicated and committed group of people who worked selflessly without any pay. Their reward? An estate all of us are happy to live in. So why was there a need to impose a spending limit on the MC after all these years? Is the CSC implying that the MC spent our funds unwisely or worse still that they cannot be trusted?

**SO HOW NOW ?**

We know that in time, MG will have to give way to something else. But now when the economy is bad and when the Government has major plans to revamp our East area, it is not a good time to consider an en bloc. While an en bloc **may not even happen**, we as owners of units here must have the right to a safe and beautiful estate. It is our right!

**It is not too late for us to rectify the situation.**

**We can reinstate the previous Management Council in a future EOGM:**

**Let's elect people who have the welfare of MG at heart.**

- DO attend the next General Meeting and vote for responsible candidates into the MC.
- ENTRUST your vote with those who care about MG if you don't have the time or don't like to be involved in general meetings - let us the ILMG Group represent your voice and gain strength through your proxy.
- REGISTER at [www.ilovemandaringgardens.com](http://www.ilovemandaringgardens.com) through 'Contact Us' or 'Cast your Vote'. Let us know who you are. Your privacy will be well protected.
- SMS us at [91354400](tel:91354400) to collect your proxy form.

**DO YOU WANT ALL EN BLOC ACTIVITIES TO STOP?**

Do you think that the en bloc 'exploration' exercise has gone on long enough and that it should now stop immediately?

**JOIN US** in calling for a general meeting to be held to **dissolve the collective sale committee.**

Please sign and return to us the enclosed **REQUISITION FORM.**

**From the team that loves MG:**

**Debapriya, Jeannette C.A., Kuladeva, Dennis Butler, Sanjay Kothary, Quek Keng Teow, Shirley Ip, Sanjay Khot, Vincent Wu, Aruna Samuel, Tami Johnsen, & the rest of ILMG.**