

George K. Staropoli

Mr. Staropoli is an Arizona resident who has been active as a homeowners rights advocate since April 2000. He has testified before legislative committees in Arizona, Florida and Nevada and has been active in submitting materials on homeowner rights issues to legislators in other states, the media and the public. His opinions and views have appeared in the national media as well as on local TV news. Mr. Staropoli has been quoted in *Private Neighborhoods and the Transformation of Local Government* (2005), AARP Policy Institute *Homeowners Bill of Rights* proposal (2006), and acknowledged as a leading advocate in the Thomson - West legal treatise, *California Common Interest Developments - Homeowner's Guide* (2006) and in Evan McKenzie's *Beyond Privatopia* (2011).



Emmy winning investigative reporter Ward Lucas (*Neighbors at War!*, 2012) writes about Staropoli saying, "his knowledge is sophisticated . . . [he] has been able to articulate the deficiencies and the pending bombshells contained in the Legislature's denial of the obvious: that the HOA system is badly broken and in desperate need of an overhaul."

In 2000 he founded and is president of the nonprofit Citizens for Constitutional Local Government, Inc., Scottsdale, AZ, a nonprofit organization seeking to inform the legislators and public about common interest property issues and to expose the prevalent myths and propaganda about carefree living in an HOA. *Citizens* believes in supporting principles of American democracy.

George is author of "*Understanding the New America of HOA-Lands*" (eBook, 2010), "*Establishing the New America of independent HOA principalities*" (2008), and he is author of *The Case Against State Protection of Homeowner Associations* (2003). The author, a veteran homeowner rights activist, makes his case against state government protection of homeowner associations. He documents, using his appearances before the Arizona Legislature, state legislative hostility toward upholding the civil liberties of homeowners with their broad, misguided interpretation of "private contract" prohibitions, and the use of statutes that favor the HOA.

His StarMan Publishing, LLC produced a 42 minute DVD, *Somewhere Over the Rainbow* (2004), of the Arizona Legislative session documenting the loss of homestead protections and the right of the HOA to foreclose, and a 2 volume, 4 disk DVD series, *Homeowner Rights Advocacy 2006* (2006), documenting homeowner rights advocates at legislative sessions in Arizona and Texas.

Mr. Staropoli was a member of the CEO Club, NY, NY; served as Treasurer and board member of a Penn. HOA; and was a board member of the Valley Citizens League, Phoenix, AZ. He holds a MS in Management from Polytechnic Institute of NY (now NYU Polytechnic).