

# Opinion: Looking for substance in South Lake Tahoe

To the community,

A few days back, as my spouse and I were returning from Carson City, near the gondola site there were a few people with placards that said Occupy South Tahoe. The trouble is as Gertrude Stein said when asked about Oakland, "There is no there, there."

How true about the city of South Lake Tahoe after 46 years as a "city" there is no city hall, no civic center. But there is a huge



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redevelopment debt. There is a city dysfunctional airport. There is redevelopment bankruptcy three times. And there appears to be a failure of the deal between the city and private management of the ice rink. And there are gigantic unfunded liabilities.

So, is there a there, a there called the city of South Lake Tahoe: It looks shaky at best.

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