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NO on B!

“Citizenship is caring enough to speak up for the good of your community.”

— A poster prominently displayed at Myford Elementary School in Irvine.

Yes, we want our kids to grow up to be good citizens, which sometimes requires the courage to “speak up for the good of your community.”

We are proud that this independent newspaper — *Irvine Community News & Views* — has always seen it as our mission and responsibility to speak up for the good of the Irvine community, even when it means challenging developers and other powerful special interests.

Mindful of this mission and responsibility, we at *ICNV* continue to be an outspoken part of the **NO on B** campaign, speaking up against developer FivePoint and their Great Park land-grab. This is the shameful land-swap scheme, approved by three members of the City Council, that would push the long-planned and State-approved Veterans Cemetery out of the Great Park...to enable FivePoint to take over the property and build massive office and industrial projects on 125 acres in the Great Park, bringing 10,000 additional cars and trucks to Irvine streets and neighborhoods every day.

That’s wrong. It’s just plain wrong! And that’s why *ICNV* is joining with the thousands of Irvine residents who are donating their time and money to the **NO on B** campaign. We encourage our readers to “speak up” and get involved “for the good of our community.”

Franklin J. Lunding



Franklin J. Lunding, Publisher and Editor



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FivePoint Development Scheme on June 5th Ballot

Voter Revolt! “NO on B!”



Signs of the times. Irvine residents take a stand for veterans and against developers.

Like mushrooms that appear overnight, “NO on B!” lawn signs are springing up in front of homes all across Irvine.

Measure B is developer FivePoint’s unpopular Zone Change Ordinance 17-08 — now on the June 5th ballot. Promoted by multi-billion-dollar land developer FivePoint, and approved by the Irvine City Council on a 3-2 vote in October, 2017, the ordinance would replace the planned, State-approved, and construction-ready Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park with zoning that allows FivePoint to build a massive office and industrial development in the Great Park — bringing nearly 10,000 more cars every day

to Irvine Boulevard, Sand Canyon, Jeffrey and Culver.

Incensed at what many called a “giveaway of our Great Park,” longtime Irvine

resident Ed Pope, a retired social studies teacher, quickly organized a committee to **Save the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park.** Pope, himself a U.S. Army veteran, launched a bold referendum campaign against the zone change ordinance, relying on hundreds of volunteers to gather

“The June 5th vote will be a real test. We’re expecting FivePoint and their developer allies to spend millions on misinformation, lies and smears.”

— ED POPE, CHAIR, SAVE THE VETERANS CEMETERY IN THE GREAT PARK

19,164 Irvine resident signatures — forcing the City Council to put the unpopular Zone Change Ordinance 17-08 on the June 5th ballot for an up-or-down vote of the people.

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What began as a grassroots referendum — now known as the “NO on B!” campaign — drew support from Irvine veterans, veterans’ families, and thousands of other residents from one end of the City to the other. According to Pope, “Every day, hundreds of Irvine residents were signing our referendum petition in solidarity with veterans. But residents also told us they were signing because they were simply fed up with developer schemes, developer greed, and City Council complicity in the kind of overdevelopment that is ruining Irvine.”

“The June 5th vote will be a real test,” says Pope. This will be the first time in more than 25 years that Irvine voters will have an opportunity to vote on a specific, massive development scheme — in this case, unwanted development that would push veterans and the planned Veterans Cemetery out of the Great Park.”

Pope noted that the “NO on B!” campaign is a low-budget operation. “Meanwhile,” he says, “we are expecting FivePoint and their developer allies to spend millions in an effort to get a ‘yes’ vote by overwhelming Irvine voters with misinformation, lies and smears. In fact, they have already begun.”

“In the end,” Pope said, “we’ll be counting on Irvine volunteers and hundreds of small donors to carry the day.” ICNV



Measure B is a “land-swap” scheme — some call it a swindle — that enables multi-billion-dollar developer FivePoint to bully their way into the Great Park and push the planned Veterans Cemetery out of the Great Park. Measure B (Ordinance No. 17-08) on the June 5th ballot, proposes to give away 125 acres of our Great Park to FivePoint, along with huge zone changes so FivePoint can build 812,000 square feet of office and industrial development on the property, bringing 10,000 more cars and trucks every day to Irvine streets.

**To volunteer for the
No on B campaign, go to:
SaveTheVeteransCemetery.org**

The Measure B Campaign Line-up



David

vs.

Goliath FivePoint

NO on Measure B (Zone Change Ordinance No. 17-08)

Principal Advocates:

- 1) Residents of Irvine
- 2) Irvine and OC Veterans and their families, led by Ed Pope, Chair of the Save The Veterans Cemetery
 - NO on B
- 3) *Irvine Community News & Views*



Expected budget for NO on B campaign:
\$100,000 from Irvine residents and veterans

Expected Result if NO on B prevails on June 5th:
On June 12th, the City Council would be compelled to direct staff to immediately commence construction of the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park, beginning with demolition, cleanup and preliminary site preparation. Contact: SaveTheVeteransCemetery.com

YES on Measure B (Zone Change Ordinance No. 17-08)

Principal Advocates:

- 1) Mayor Wagner, FivePoint CEO, Emile Haddad
Councilmembers Melissa Fox and Christina Shea (not shown)
- 2) A few out-of-town veterans, led by Bill Cook, of Mission Viejo, addressing the residents of Irvine
- 3) *Irvine City News*, a pro-FivePoint publication



Expected budget for Yes on B campaign:
\$2,000,000 via developer FivePoint’s phony committees.

Expected Result if YES on B prevails on June 5th:
No construction of the Veterans Cemetery at FivePoint’s freeway site could begin for years – requiring a complicated land-swap transaction, resulting in 812,000 square feet of office and industrial development in the Great Park. Contact: fivepoint.com



CityWatch by Larry Agran

June 5th: NO on B!

Well, here we are: The very unpopular Zone Change Ordinance No. 17-08 — adopted by the City Council on a 3-to-2 vote at the behest of developer FivePoint — is now on the June 5th ballot, officially designated as “Measure B.”

Developer FivePoint is urging a “Yes on B” vote, claiming Measure B is about building the long-promised State Veterans Cemetery in Irvine. Well, not really. Let’s be honest about this: FivePoint ballot Measure B (Zone Change Ordinance No. 17-08) is really about getting Irvine voter approval for their complicated land-swap and development scheme which would: 1) *replace* the planned and approved Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park; 2) *rezone* the 125-acre Veterans Cemetery site in the Great Park for massive FivePoint development; and, 3) *relocate* the Veterans Cemetery to an undesirable site 3 miles away, at the busy, noisy I-5/I-405 freeway interchange, known as the El Toro “Y”.

Since hundreds of millions of dollars in quick profits for developer FivePoint are at stake, you can imagine the misinformation and outright lies that FivePoint and their political consultants are willing to tell to get voter approval of Measure B.

Let’s look at a couple of whoppers you need to watch out for:

FivePoint Lie # 1. A “yes” vote on Measure B is the only way to get the Veterans Cemetery built.

This is absolutely false. Here is the heartbreaking truth. The Veterans Cemetery *in the Great Park* would be under construction right now, except for the fact that FivePoint got three members of the

City Council (Wagner, Shea and Fox) to kill the project, even though it had received all necessary approvals from the City, State (CalVet) and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. In fact, when Mayor Don Wagner and Councilmembers Christina Shea and Melissa Fox embraced the FivePoint land-swap in June, 2017, they rejected a \$30 million State budget grant to begin construction of the Veterans Cemetery at the Great Park site — starting with demolition, site clean-up and site preparation — in accordance with the CalVet approved 333-page Concept Plan and Design.

The truth is that even though nearly a year has been lost because of FivePoint and three City Councilmembers, if voters say “NO on B” on June 5th, construction of the “shovel-ready” Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park, as originally promised, planned and approved, can begin almost immediately.

FivePoint Lie # 2. FivePoint’s Measure B involves a “simple swap of land,” with no adverse environmental effects for current Irvine residents.

Wrong! This is a big, fat lie that should be

of concern to every Irvine resident! Under developer FivePoint’s “simple swap,” the planned Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park would be relocated to a 125-acre site next to the I-5/I-405 freeway interchange, where it would presumably be built later. But developer FivePoint would take ownership of the 125-acre Great Park Veterans Cemetery site (next to Irvine Blvd.), *along with zoning entitlement to build 812,000 square feet of office and industrial development.* This massive development, in turn, would bring with it *10,000 additional cars and trucks every day*, making the terrible traffic on Irvine Boulevard, Sand Canyon, Jeffrey and Culver even worse, and causing a spike in localized air pollution.

For years now, Irvine residents have been increasingly angry about City Council land-use decisions that are good for developer FivePoint’s bottom line, but are producing out-of-control traffic and a deteriorating quality of life for the rest of us. **Finally, for the first time in 25 years, Irvine residents have the chance to say NO by voting NO! NO on B!**

VOTER ALERT!

Get ready to defend yourself against the millions of dollars that developer FivePoint and their affiliated organizations will spend on a torrent of mailers and other media — spreading lies and smears in their “Yes on B” quest for more land, more development, and more profit ... all at the expense of Irvine residents and veterans.

Arm yourself with the truth! Fight the lies! Your best source for factual, accurate voter information, including official documents, is:

www.SaveTheVeteransCemetery.org • **NO on B**

Two Steps to Start Building the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park



STEP NO. 1. On June 5th, a majority of Irvine voters must cast **NO on B** ballots, thereby rejecting Zone Change Ordinance No. 17-08 — the land-swap scheme that would permit developer FivePoint to *replace* the planned Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park with massive office and industrial projects.



STEP NO. 2. On June 12th, the Irvine City Manager and staff are directed to *immediately* commence construction of the previously approved Veterans Cemetery *in the Great Park* — beginning with demolition, cleanup, and site preparation — in accordance with the approved 333-page CalVet design and concept plan for the Veterans Cemetery.

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Senior Life — Youthful Lifestyle

An *ICNV* Feature Series On Healthful Living As We Age

This month's column features Irvine's amazing "Meals on Wheels" program. So, it seemed only fitting to have the article written by our very own *ICNV* staff writer, Joel Smith, who is also a volunteer driver for Irvine's Meals on Wheels program. Joel has previously written a series of articles for *ICNV* on sports in Irvine.

— Harvey H. Liss, Editor of the Senior Life — Youthful Lifestyle page

Irvine's Amazing Meals on Wheels Program

by Joel Smith

Operating out of the Lakeview Senior Center (LSC) in Woodbridge, the Irvine Meals on Wheels program has been serving Irvine senior residents for over 30 years. The mission of the program is "to assist eligible, homebound senior residents in maintaining their independence by providing nutritious, healthy, great-tasting meals delivered to their homes."



The program is jointly funded by the City of Irvine, the National Charity League (Irvine Chapter), State and federal agencies, and individual and corporate donors. **Amazingly, 70,000 meals were delivered last year!** All of these were prepared at the remarkable Lakeview Senior Center kitchen — with the help of enthusiastic and passionate volunteers.

Volunteering

I personally started volunteering as a driver with the Meals on Wheels program about 6 months ago and deliver meals two Thursdays per month. I've been blown away by the work that they (and now, "we") do. The City staff and volunteers are well-organized, preparing both hot and cold meals



Meals on Wheels volunteers, Joel Smith (l) and Cedric Wasano, making a delivery.

5 days per week, Monday through Friday, for homebound Irvine seniors.

The extent of Irvine's "hidden" homebound population surprised me because, of course, we rarely see the homebound out shopping, or otherwise out and about. Since I'm a sports coach in my daily job, I never really thought much about homebound seniors. However, the people I deliver to on my route are so warm and incredibly appreciative, it just makes me feel good, knowing how important my deliveries are to them.

Volunteer drivers, like me, come to the LSC at 11am to pick up their meals. **Actually, we deliver three meals — a hot lunch from a heated container, a refrigerated dinner, and breakfast for the next morning.** The much-appreciated meals are delivered to every neighborhood in Irvine. Each

route is very well organized for the driver, with homes located near each other, minimizing travel time.

Individual drivers deliver the meals to as many as 10 households in about an hour, allowing some time for chatting and socializing, which is such an important part of the Meals on Wheels program.

Training a new volunteer

I was fortunate, recently, to train a new volunteer on one of my runs, Cedric Wasano. Remarkably, the company Cedric works for

— Fluidmaster — offers 24 hours per year of *paid* volunteer time that he will be using to deliver meals. The Meals on Wheels program enables businesses with a social conscience, like Fluidmaster, to lift the morale of their own employees while improving our Irvine community.

I am fortunate that my regular job is mostly in the evenings and weekends, so this was a perfect opportunity to volunteer, and I just felt that I had to do this. Cedric felt the same way. As he put it, Irvine's Meals on Wheels program provides an opportunity "to give back."

There are other ways to volunteer, too, from helping out in the kitchen to packing the meals. Volunteers are needed and will likely be surprised at how rewarding and personally satisfying the experience is.

For more information on receiving Meals on Wheels, or how you can volunteer or make a donation to help with the program's costs, call 949-724-6910 or visit: cityofirvine.org/senior-services/irvine-meals-wheels

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Joel Smith is a homegrown Irvine athlete and Concordia University graduate who excelled in soccer, and now coaches in Irvine.

Community Calendar



Harmony of Light: Spring in California

UCI Irvine Museum Collection
18881 Von Karman Ave., Suite 100
Info: 949-476-2565

Exhibit runs now through
June 21, 2018.

Harmony of Light comprises a selection of paintings by California Impressionists that show Spring in California from nearly a century ago. Although the year-round mild climate was a key factor in the growth of the Golden State, it was in the Spring that nature put on her most glorious display. Among the artists featured in the exhibit are:

- William H. Clapp (1879-1954)
- Paul de Longpré (1855-1911)
- Maurice Braun (1877-1941)

Artwork
The Farmhouse
by Armin Hansen (1886-1957)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>1 </p> <p>Yoga in the Elements. OC Great Park. 11am-12pm. \$9. Info: 866-829-3829</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Evening Hike. Orchard Hills. 6:30-8:30pm. Registration Required. Info: LetsGoOutside.org</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Down on the Farm.</p>  <p>OC Zoo. 10:15-11:15am. Info: 714-973-6846</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Play and Learn. Heritage Park Library. 10:30-11am. Info: 949-936-4040</p> 
<p>8 </p> <p>Computer Help. University Park Library. 12:30-2:30pm. Info: 949-786-4001</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>PJ Storytime. Heritage Park Library. 6:30-7pm. Info: 949-9396-4040</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>City Council Meeting. Irvine City Hall. 4pm. Info: 949-724-6205</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>Community Choice Energy. UCI 8am-3pm, Free. Essential Info: Page 9</p> <p>The Hamlet Trial. Irvine Barclay Theater. 6-7:30pm. Free. Info: illuminations@uci.edu</p> 
<p>15 </p> <p>Children's Garden Workshop: Potato Planting. OC Great Park Farm + Food Lab 10-11am. Free/Ages 3-9. Info: 949-724-6599</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>Learn the Truth About Wolves. University Park Library. 6pm. Info: 49-786-4001</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Public Reading: The Underground Railroad. Crystal Cove Auditorium. 5-7pm. Free. Info: 949-824-5252</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>Reading to Rover.</p>  <p>Heritage Park Library. 3-4pm. Info: 949-936-4040</p>
<p>22 </p> <p>Farmers Market.</p>  <p>OC Great Park. 10am-2pm Weather Permitting. Info: 866-829-3829</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Tai Chi. Black Star Canyon. 9-11am. Registration Required. Info: LetsGoOutside.org</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>City Council Meeting.</p>  <p>Irvine City Hall. 4pm. Info: 949-724-6205</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Family Movie Night. Heritage Park Library. 4-5:30pm. Info: 949-936-4040</p> 
<p>29 </p> <p>Huell Howser Exhibit. Great Park Gallery. 10am-4pm. Free. Info: 866-829-3829</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>Orchard Hills Evening Hike.</p>  <p>6:30-8:30pm. Registration Required. Info: LetsGoOutside.org</p>		



April 2018

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Friday

Saturday

<p>5</p> <p>Aspen Santa Fe Ballet with Joyce Yang. Irvine Barclay Theatre. 8pm. \$48-\$100. Info: 949-854-4646</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>Animal Art 1. OC Zoo. 10:15-11:15am. Info: 714-973-6846</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>Park Explorations. OC Great Park. 11am-3pm. Info: events@cityofirvine.org</p> 
<p>12</p> <p>Homework Help. Katie Wheeler Library. 4-5pm. Info: 714-669-8753</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>Slow-Paced Mountain Bike Ride. Limestone Canyon. 7:30am-11:30am. Registration Required. Info: LetsGoOutside.org</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>Percolate: Live Music & Games. OC Great Park. 1-3pm. Free. Info: 866-829-3829</p> 
<p>19</p> <p>Philosophy Group. University Park Library. 10:30am. Info: 949-786-4001</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>Glow & Flow Yoga. OC Great Park. 7-8pm. \$15/Ages 16+ Info: 866-829-3829</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>Butterfly Garden Workshop. OC Great Park Farm + Food Lab. 10-11am. \$10/Ages 3+ Info: 949-724-6599</p> 
<p>26</p> <p>ESL Class. Katie Wheeler Library. 10-11:30am. Info: 714-669-8753</p> 	<p>27</p> <p>Full Moon Hike. Orchard Hills. 6:30-9pm. Registration Required. Info: LetsGoOutside.org</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>MFA Thesis Exhibition. University Art Gallery, Claire Trevor School of the Arts at UCI. 2-5pm. Opening Reception. Info: 949-824-9854</p> 

Adoptable Pet of the Month

Each issue we feature one “adoptable” pet from the Irvine Animal Care Center.



The Irvine Animal Care Center (IACC) is a progressive and innovative municipal animal shelter that

continually strives to strengthen the human-animal bond and improve the welfare of animals by promoting their humane care and treatment. The Center’s 3.73 acre, park-like facility cares for thousands of homeless, neglected abused animals every year. All animals in their care receive veterinary care, high-quality food, soft bedding and daily socialization.

“Beckham” is a neutered male, white and black Pit Bull Terrier and Pointer. He is about 3 years old.

For more information about Beckham and other adoptable pets, or the IACC, call 949-724-7740 or email info@irvineshelter.org www.cityofirvine.org/irvine-animal-care-center



Sunday May 6, 2018
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MEMO (Medical, Educational Missions & Outreach) is holding its Twelfth Annual Fundraising Gala to provide surgeries for children with congenital heart disease in Vietnam. MEMO is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, student-run, humanitarian organization that seeks to serve the underprivileged by addressing their medical and educational needs. MEMO has chapters at UCI, UCLA and UCSD. All proceeds go to MEMO’s programs.

Info: Help@aboutMEMO.org • www.aboutMEMO.org
Tickets: Amanda Nguyen (714) 483-2688

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SchoolWatch: Let the Reform Begin!

by Carolyn Inmon

Let's give credit where it is due. The Irvine Unified School District (IUSD) is now on a constructive path to reforming its system for electing School Board members.

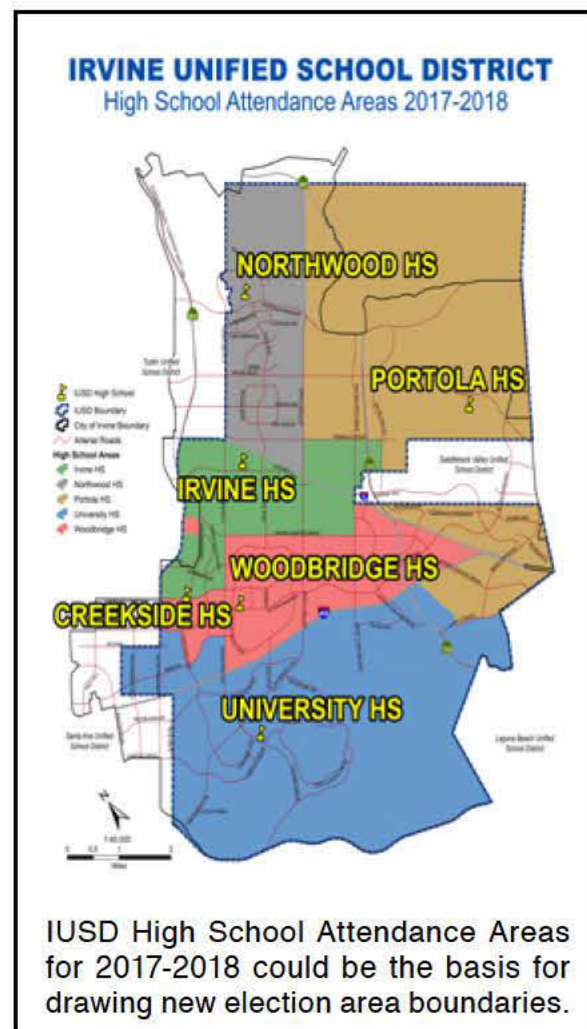
Just weeks after being threatened with a major civil rights and voting rights lawsuit, the IUSD Board apparently decided to begin the process of moving from a system of "at-large" district-wide election of its 5-member Board, to a system of five smaller "single-member" districts or areas.

Under the California Voting Rights Act, cities and local school districts are being required to ensure fair and equal representation — especially for racial and ethnic minority communities, and entire neighborhoods, that have been historically under-represented in "at-large" voting systems.

Having made the decision to move forward with reform — presumably in time for the November, 2018 election — the IUSD Board and administrative staff have scheduled a series of informational community meetings and more formal public hearings to receive community comments prior to the creation of district area maps. The April schedule includes a "Community Information Night" on Monday, April 9th at 6:00pm. at the Irvine High School Theater (4321 Walnut Avenue), followed by a Public Hearing at the IUSD Administration Building (5050 Barranca Parkway) on Wednesday, April 11th at 6:30pm . Of course, interested citizens are encouraged to attend and contribute their ideas and comments.

For what it is worth, I previously suggested that in dividing IUSD into five election districts or areas, a good starting point for drawing the new area maps would be to rely on the current five High School Attendance Areas that are already in place. That's my idea. What's yours?

Those who wish to follow this important matter online should visit the IUSD website and sign up to receive regular updates on this and other IUSD news items: iusd.org/BoardElectoralProcess or email info@iusd.org.



IUSD High School Attendance Areas for 2017-2018 could be the basis for drawing new election area boundaries.

Carolyn Inmon is a retired Irvine teacher. She taught at virtually every grade level, from K-12, as well as at the community college level.

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Science & Technology

An ICNV Series On Climate Change

ICNV's series on climate change began almost a year ago, with an article that illustrated how Irvine's past activism on an issue of global importance— destruction of the atmosphere's ozone layer — helped provoke a worldwide solution to the problem. Subsequent articles have explained that although the climate crisis is global, it's time to act locally. We must hold our elected officials accountable — at all levels of government — for their records in meeting this global crisis. ICNV science writer, Sarah Mosko, has meticulously researched Rep. Mimi Walters's Congressional record in preparation of this article.

— Harvey H. Liss, Ph.D., ICNV editor for Science and Technology

Holding Rep. Mimi Walters Accountable

by Sarah "Steve" Mosko, Ph.D.

In June and November, residents within the 45th Congressional District will be deciding whether to entrust Mimi Walters with a third term in the House of Representatives. **Walters is facing a tough reelection battle, so in a race where every vote counts, it's important that voters take a serious look at her performance record before casting their ballots.**



Rep. Mimi Walters

Because the projected impacts of unchecked global warming are so dire, climate change has become the foremost environmental challenge facing humanity. Worsening storms, droughts and wildfires, catastrophic sea level rise, mass species extinction, disrupted food supplies and political and social unrest result from our failure to rapidly transition from a fossil fuel economy to one based on renewable energy sources.

Public opinion

The Yale Program on Climate Change Communication tracks public opinion on climate change by Congressional District. It turns out that the residents of California's 45th CD, which includes all of Irvine, hold opinions on climate change that are in step with the nation as a whole: 71 percent in the 45th CD believe climate change is happening; 74 percent want carbon dioxide regulated as a pollutant; and 72 percent believe future generations will be harmed.

How do these views compare with Rep. Mimi Walters's voting record? In 2015, Walters voted in favor of repealing the rule establishing limits

on carbon dioxide emissions from power plants, as set by the federal Clean Power Plan. Her out-of-step opinion of the Plan is still posted on her website: "Forcing a shift away from traditional energy

resources would ultimately stifle the economy for years to come and harm consumers' pocketbooks."

Walters also co-sponsored the Stopping EPA Overreach Act of 2017, signed by President Trump; it declares that current law does not authorize or require the regulation of global warming.

The highly respected **League of Conservation Voters**, produces a yearly "scorecard" for every member of Congress based on their voting record on important environmental legislation. Mimi Walters's lifetime score is an abysmal four percent. For 2017, she scored just three percent, reflecting a single vote favoring environmental protection out of 35 House bills addressing environmental issues.

Separate from her deplorable voting record, Walters did one good deed; she recently joined 34 other House Republicans (and 35 Democrats) in the bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus, which explores policy solutions to climate change.

Walters's website not encouraging

A perusal of her website is anything but encouraging. None of the subheadings in the Priorities tab address global warming or even environmental protection. Inputting "climate change," "global warming" or "renewable energy" into the search function yields exactly zero hits. Rather, under the subheading Creating Energy Independence, the stress is on *expanding* exploration of energy sources (presumably fossil fuels) through reduced government regulations.

What is particularly alarming to coastal California residents, is that Walters signed a letter last August to Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke in support of reopening drilling off our shores.

It's also disappointing

that Walters has come out squarely opposed to a 25 cent proposed hike in the federal gasoline tax. Even President Donald Trump has openly endorsed a gas tax hike. The gas tax is the primary source of revenue

for the federal Highway Trust Fund, which pays for needed improvements to the country's highway infrastructure and mass transit. These improvements would significantly reduce fuel consumption and traffic congestion. The federal gas tax has not been raised since 1993, despite inflation, leaving the Fund teetering on insolvency. Yet, Walters recently spent tens of thousands of taxpayer dollars to mail out shiny fliers imploring constituents to return postcards stating their opposition to any gas tax increase.

Accountability

As responsible citizens, we must hold Rep. Mimi Walters accountable for her position on climate change. If Walters is not supporting aggressive steps to transition away from fossil fuels, she is either unaware of the views of the overwhelming majority of her constituents, or she simply doesn't care. Either way, her record is unacceptable.

Community Choice Energy and Its Opportunities

OC Clean Power will host a half-day conference, *Understanding Community Choice Energy and Its Opportunities*, Wednesday, April 11, 10am - 3pm, at the UCI Student Center, Pacific Ballroom D. The conference, presented by experts in the field, will thoroughly explain Community Choice Energy (CCE) and its potential benefits to residents, businesses, and city governments throughout Orange County.

CCE allows cities like Irvine to purchase electricity directly from suppliers, rather than through their investor-owned utility (in Irvine, this is SCE), allowing local control.

The conference is free and includes lunch. Registration is required, as space is limited. You can register here: <https://goo.gl/KqLSti>

OC Clean Power is a nonpartisan alliance of stakeholder groups advocating for clean energy in Orange County.

by Roger Gloss



Walters favors the expansion of offshore oil drilling.



Sarah Mosko is a licensed psychologist and sleep disorders specialist, with a background in neurobiology and basic science research that enables her to explain the science behind current environmental problems and solutions. She received her Ph.D. at Princeton University, and held an NIH Postdoctoral Fellowship at UC San Diego.

OPEN FORUM

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Irvine Community Poll on Measure B



Franklin J. Lunding
Publisher

We devote our Open Forum/Community Voices pages to yet another report on resident sentiment regarding Measure B on the June 5th ballot. Measure B is the unpopular ballot measure promoted by three members of the City Council (Mayor Donald Wagner and Councilmembers Christina Shea and Melissa Fox) and developer FivePoint. A “yes” vote on Measure B would replace the long-planned Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park with more than 800,000 square feet of office, commercial, and industrial development, and would relocate the planned Veterans Cemetery 3 miles away — next to the I-5/I-405 interchange, known as the El Toro “Y”. A “NO on B” vote would cause the Veterans Cemetery to be built at its originally designated site, in the Great Park. A citywide “NO on B” vote on June 5th means construction of the already-approved Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park could begin immediately.

Below, we have published the latest poll results, along with notes and comments from readers who have taken our **Irvine Community Poll**. We have decided to keep this poll open for yet another month, because it provides a continuing platform for our readers to express themselves... and for us, at *ICNV*, to identify whether there are day-by-day, week-by-week trends emerging in the run-up to the important June 5th vote.

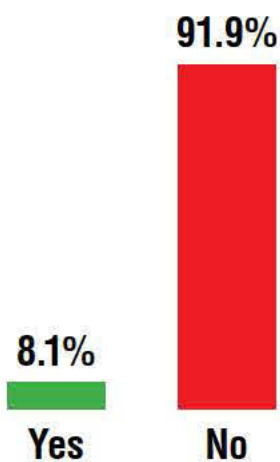
—FJL

Irvine Community Poll

What do YOU think?

Do you favor (YES) or oppose (NO) the June 5th ballot measure (Measure B) that would allow the City Council to replace the planned Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park with zoning for developer FivePoint to build 812,000 square feet of office and industrial development; and, relocate the Veterans Cemetery to FivePoint’s property alongside the I-5/I-405 interchange (El Toro “Y”)?

[Results are based on over 700 respondents.]



You can still take our Poll!

Remember, the Irvine Community Poll is an opportunity for YOU to let the Irvine community know how YOU feel about this important issue right now! What do YOU think?



To take our Poll, go to:

IrvineCommunityNews.org
and click on “Community Polls/June Ballot” on the top navigation bar.

Letters and Comments

■ What this City Council is doing is a disgrace. The Veterans Cemetery was approved years ago at the Great Park, and that is where it belongs. As 42-year residents of this City, having raised two wonderful children here, I think my wife Luz and I deserve a voice in this. We love this City and strongly disapprove of the zoning change (Measure B) being proposed. There is only one word to describe what is being attempted here...GREED! What better place to honor our fallen members of our military than a former military base — as was originally decided, not some strawberry field next to a busy freeway. For what it is worth, I am a veteran myself, and I can only add this: SHAME, SHAME on three members of the City Council.

— *Alfred Jacques*

■ As a veteran, I find it discouraging that common dignity and the social virtues of respect, honor, and community are at risk of being replaced by corporate greed, steel towers, and pollution.

— *Joshua Dayhoff*

■ Irvine repeatedly votes to keep the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park as was originally planned. Why won’t the City Council listen to the majority? Say “no” to corruption and greed!

— *Albert Lee*

■ We want the Veterans Cemetery at the Great Park, where it was planned to go. End of story! We do not want the FivePoint industrial development! Irvine is one hot mess of traffic right now. Any more traffic would bring gridlock. The Irvine City Council needs to stop!

— *Patricia Fletcher*

■ There has been too much residential growth in the City already. Our roads are congested to the point of insanity! Enough is enough!! And the Veterans Cemetery should remain in the Great Park as it was originally planned.

— *Cheryl Higley*

■ We are sick and tired of the Irvine City Council being owned by developer FivePoint. They have been destroying our City with uncontrolled building, adding more and more people and cars on the roads. Replacing and rezoning the Veterans Cemetery site will add more businesses, more residences, and more cars to our already congested City. Please, Vote NO on Measure B!!

— *Bella Yaffi Sevy*

■ Irvine has become ridiculously beholden to the developers. Traffic is horrific. What a slap in the face to our veterans by the majority of City Councilmembers. Let’s proceed with the original plans that have already been approved! Why give away land?

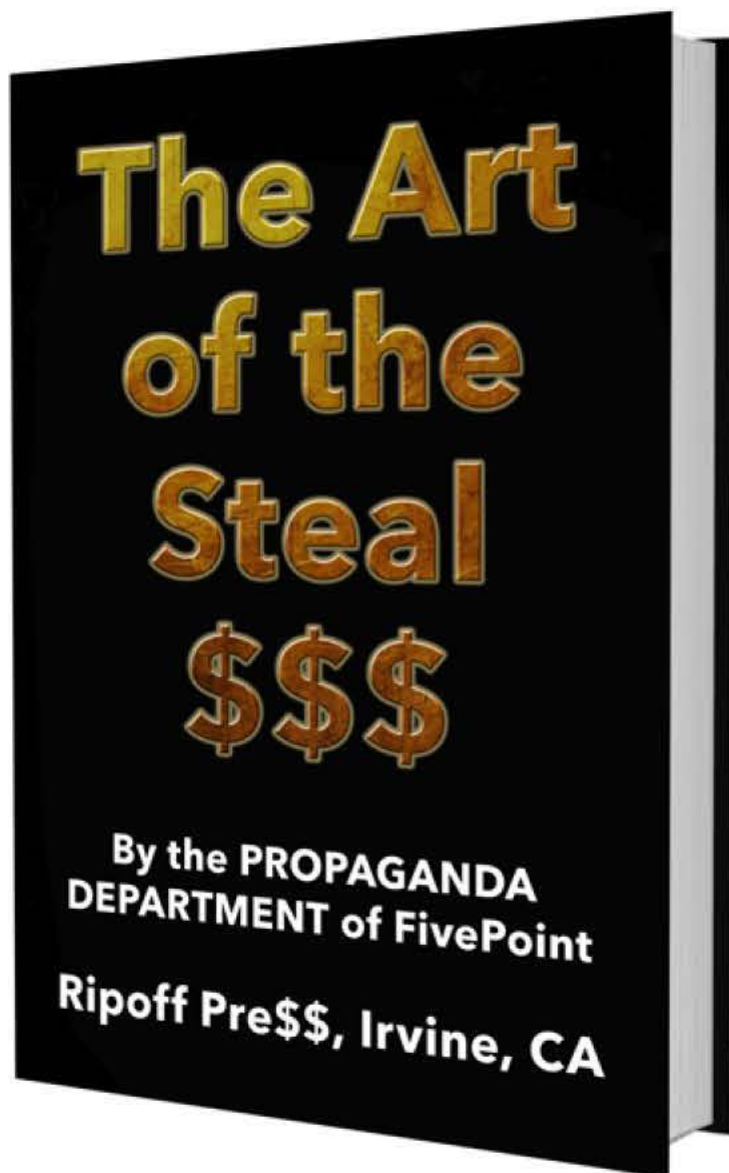
— *Cindy Eddleman*

■ Measure B would allow more density in Irvine. It will create more traffic problems, and it is not part of the planned community concept that has made Irvine a desirable city. This is nothing more than greed on the part of three members of our City Council and a developer that stands to make money.

— *Marshall Goldman*

■ The FivePoint sleight-of-hand is crony capitalism at its worst. The three traitorous Councilmembers who are supporting this measure should be jailed.

— *Tim Hoffman*



Coming soon! This is a must-read Handbook for “land-swap” scammers! On Sale for just \$149.99, at your local bookseller after June 5th.

This “how-to” thriller explains in gory detail *exactly* how:

- The authors, all FivePoint insiders, conspired with three Irvine City Councilmembers to concoct a \$550,000,000 so-called “philanthropic” land-swap. Their purpose? To enable FivePoint to grab 125 acres of the Great Park and replace the planned Veterans Cemetery with their massive development...and make it seem like they were doing a good deed for Irvine.
- Then FivePoint got the City Council to put their zone-change and giveaway scheme — called Ordinance 17-08 — on the June 5, 2018 ballot as **Measure B**, expecting to trick Irvine voters into approving the steal.
- Learn how FivePoint organized and conducted a massive propaganda campaign hoping to scam Irvine residents with misinformation, disinformation and outright lies, so they would vote “yes,” against their own interests.
- **But wait!** The last chapter of this terrible saga is being written right now! Will Irvine voters be fooled? Or, will they see through the FivePoint land-swap and development scam...and vote **NO on Measure B?**

More Letters and Comments on the Veterans Cemetery

■ Why not have the Veterans Cemetery in an area where it is quiet and peaceful so that friends and family members can visit the graves in peace? And move the office and industrial entities to an already busy, freeway-accessible area? It’s just common sense.

— *Sandra Timberlake*

■ Developer FivePoint only has an interest in building more and more, which means more traffic on our already congested streets. FivePoint will be putting millions in PACs [Political Action Committees] to confuse the voters. Please, Irvine residents, remember that a NO vote on Measure B means NO to more traffic.

— *Gail Lewis*

■ Irvine is already overdeveloped. We do not need additional provision for even more development that will only create additional gridlock for our streets. A few of our City leaders seem to only be concerned with accommodating developers and not residents of this once great community.

— *Dennis J. Lowry*

■ My husband and I have been for this Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park since the idea was first generated. My husband was a Naval officer and we’ve lived our nearly 56 years of marriage here in Orange County. This is where we want to be buried. For us, time is running out. It is important that the Veterans Cemetery be where it was originally planned, on the former military base, in the Great Park.

— *Susan Selman*

■ What happened to common decency and planned open spaces instead of profiteering?

— *John Tucker*

■ The Great Park is supposed to be public, recreational parkland. I am opposed to turning a big piece of it into privately owned commercial property with no benefit to the citizens of Orange County whose public land

would just be taken away. The people voted to turn the El Toro Marine Corps Base into the Great Park. No one approved a private-property giveaway.

— *Alison Taub*

■ In Irvine, we need to keep our open spaces and parks and not replace them with commercial development and business buildings.

— *Gaurang Yodh*

■ We’re getting very tired of our “great” Park being sold off to the highest bidder. There needs to be an investigation.

— *Sam Pawley*

■ Shame on the Irvine City Council for ignoring the 19,000 petitioners regarding this issue and spending taxpayer money on a referendum!

— *Ernestina Benson*

■ Enough is enough. This unbridled development is destroying our quality of life. This trio of Wagner, Shea & Fox needs to be thrown out of office.

— *Dom Saccacio*



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On Election Day, June 5th...

NO
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Say NO to the FivePoint Development Scheme! Save the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park!

The long-planned **Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park** — approved and funded by the City, State and Federal governments — *should be under construction, right now. But it's not.*

That's because last year three Irvine City Councilmembers — Mayor **Donald Wagner** and Councilmembers **Christina Shea** and **Melissa Fox** — shocked our Irvine community by voting to give away the approved Veterans Cemetery site in our Great Park to developer FivePoint Communities, along with zone changes to permit FivePoint to *replace* our planned 125-acre Veterans Cemetery with massive office, commercial and industrial development that would bring *10,000 added cars and trucks to Irvine's streets and neighborhoods every day.*

In response to this travesty, we formed an Irvine citizens' committee to **Save the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park**. We launched an historic Referendum Petition, gathering 19,164 Irvine resident signatures to **stop the development giveaway to FivePoint by forcing the City Council to put this issue on the June 5th ballot — as Measure B — for Irvine voters to decide.**

As an Army veteran and Chair of our committee, I am proud that because of our efforts Irvine voters now have the opportunity — on the upcoming June 5th ballot — to **STOP the giveaway to FivePoint**. We can, ourselves, **Vote NO on Measure B**, which is FivePoint's scheme to replace our long-planned Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park with 812,000

square feet of traffic-generating development.

We know that FivePoint and other big developers are already spending millions of dollars on a campaign to mislead Irvine voters — trying to get Irvine voters to approve their huge development projects. Of course, we can't match FivePoint's money. **But I believe we can win this fight with developer FivePoint. We can now say NO by voting NO on Measure B!**

But to reach Irvine voters with our message, we need to enlist many more volunteers and donors in our campaign. I hope we can count on your help!



To see how **YOU** can help us win this fight — please visit our website: SaveTheVeteransCemetery.org.

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