



Publisher's Perspective

Congratulations!

>>> Congratulations to the hundreds of Irvine citizens who participated in the historic campaign to gather enough Irvine voter signatures to qualify their Referendum for the ballot — a Referendum designed to *overturn* the very unpopular City Council decision to replace the planned and approved Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park with massive office and commercial development. Our *ICNV* reporters and analysts will continue to cover this important “direct democracy” story as it unfolds in the weeks and months ahead.

>>> We'll also keep track of the environmental lawsuit filed by plaintiffs Harvey Liss, Alan Meyerson, and Larry Agran — three contributors to this newspaper whose citizen activism includes the courage to mount a legal challenge against the Irvine City Council and developer FivePoint. The lawsuit alleges that the City and FivePoint have failed to analyze and disclose the serious environmental damage — especially traffic and air pollution affecting north Irvine neighborhoods — associated with the FivePoint “land-swap” and “zone change” that would allow FivePoint to build huge office and commercial projects on what is now Great Park land.

>>> Take a look at *ICNV*'s “Open Forum” — beginning on Page 10 — where we answer Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the Referendum that are being posed by Irvine citizens. And be sure to read the Page 11 account of our own photo-journalist, Angelo Vassos, who managed — in word and photos — to capture some of “the good, the bad, and the ugly” revealed in the course of the 28-day Referendum Petition campaign.

Before signing off, let me take this opportunity to wish all of our readers happy holidays and a good New Year!

Franklin J. Lunding

Franklin J. Lunding, Publisher and Editor



Developer Seeks to Replace Planned Veterans Cemetery **19,125 Residents Petition City Council To Say NO to Developer FivePoint**



Twenty-two of the more than 100 Irvine volunteer Referendum signature gatherers showed up at City Hall on Thursday afternoon, November 9th. They brought with them five boxes containing a record-breaking “18,500+” Referendum Petition signatures to stop developer FivePoint Communities from replacing the previously promised, planned and approved Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park, with massive office and commercial development.

Flanked by two dozen Irvine volunteers who gathered in the City Hall Plaza, Ed Pope, Chair of the Save the Veterans Cemetery Committee, took a moment to smile for a celebratory photo, and then spoke briefly and seriously about what he called the “power of direct democracy” in Irvine.

Pope, a U.S. Army veteran of the Cold War era and a resident of Irvine for the past 45 years, went on to explain the historic significance of the five boxes containing Veterans Cemetery Referendum Petitions with “18,500+” (actually 19,125!) signatures of Irvine residents. The Petitions were about to be turned-in to the Irvine City Clerk for preliminary counting.

An Historic Test

“Our Referendum Petition,” said Pope, “represents an historic test of

whether the will of the people can overcome the lock-hold that developer FivePoint has on three members of the Irvine City Council.”

Pope, a retired, award-winning “High School Teacher of the Year,” noted that three members of the City Council — Mayor Donald Wagner and Councilmembers Christina Shea and Melissa Fox — “have, for months, been rubber-stamping the FivePoint scheme to replace the previously-approved Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park by transferring City ownership of the 125-acre site to FivePoint, along with zoning that would permit more than 800,000 square feet of office and commercial development on the land that was originally set aside for a Veterans Cemetery in 2014.”

“Now,” said Pope, “with our Referendum Petition, we are giving

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the voters of Irvine a chance to say NO to the wildly unpopular FivePoint land-grab, and to finally restore the Veterans Cemetery to its original site in the Great Park, where it belongs.”

According to State and City law, the City Clerk and the Orange County Registrar of Voters must determine that, of the record-breaking 19,125 Irvine residents who signed the Referendum Petition, at least 12,000 were registered Irvine voters at the time they signed.

Once the count is certified, probably in mid-December, the matter is referred back to the Irvine City Council, which must then choose among three options. The Council can: **first**, reconsider and

that the Irvine City Council and FivePoint Communities had violated key provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Specifically, the lawsuit claims that while taking action to replace the low-intensity, low-impact Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park with FivePoint’s high-density, high-impact office and commercial development, **the City and FivePoint failed to analyze the adverse environmental impacts that the zone change and massive development will cause.**

According to citizen-activist Harvey Liss, the lead plaintiff in the lawsuit, “FivePoint intends to replace the planned Great Park Veterans Cemetery with 812,000 square feet of office and commercial development, generating more than 8,400 daily auto and truck trips. And yet FivePoint claims that there will be no adverse environmental impacts that require study, analysis, and full disclosure to the Irvine community.”

“That’s preposterous,” says Liss. “Think of the traffic impacts, the noise, and the local air pollution along Irvine Boulevard, Sand Canyon and Jeffrey. Think of the surrounding villages and communities in north Irvine — Woodbury, Cypress Village, Stonegate, Portola Springs, and FivePoint’s own Great Park Neighborhoods like Pavilion Park, Parasol Park, and Beacon Park. These residents need to know that their quality of life is in jeopardy.”

Liss, a civil engineer and scientist who also writes for *Irvine Community News & Views*, asserted, “California environmental law is clear. The City and FivePoint must study, analyze and disclose all major, adverse environmental impacts before plunging ahead with massive new development.”

Liss added, “FivePoint and our rubber-stamp City Council failed to do that. This lawsuit is about compelling them to do what the law requires.” 

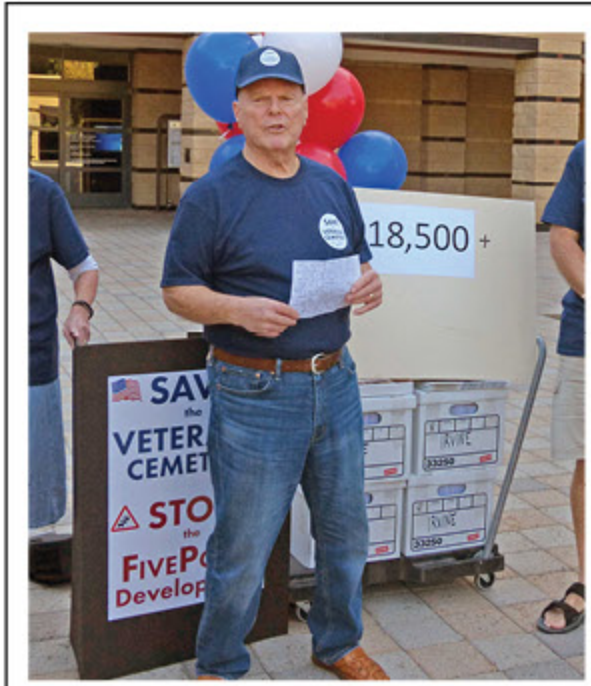
Harvey H. Liss, Ph.D. is a lawsuit plaintiff.



repeal its previous unpopular action in support of the FivePoint zone change and development scheme; or, **second**, submit the citizen-led Referendum to Irvine voters to decide the issue at the next regular City election in November, 2018; or, **third**, call an earlier special election for the voters to decide, which would most likely be in April or June, 2018.

An Environmental Lawsuit

Coincidentally, on the same November 9th afternoon that Referendum Petitions bearing the signatures of 19,125 Irvine residents were turned-in to the City Clerk, a major environmental lawsuit was being filed in Orange County Superior Court, alleging



Ed Pope speaks to volunteer Petition gatherers at City Hall turn-in, November 9th.



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CityWatch by Larry Agran



The Chance to Say “NO!” to Unpopular FivePoint Development

Councilmember Lynn Schott had it right last Spring when she said the Veterans Cemetery “land-swap” scheme put forward by developer FivePoint Communities was, in fact, “the giveaway of our Great Park.” She then added, “I, for one, will not participate in it.”

Flash forward to this Fall when the people of Irvine got it right — launching an historic referendum drive to overturn the Council giveaway of 125 acres of our Great Park to FivePoint; and to overturn the Council

rezoning of the property that would enable FivePoint to replace the planned Great Park Veterans Cemetery with more than 800,000 square feet of office and commercial development, bringing unbearable additional daily traffic to north Irvine. Thanks to the hard work of hundreds of civic-minded Irvine citizens — and, yes, thanks to the courage and support of publisher Frank Lunding and this newspaper, *Irvine Community News & Views* — Irvine residents will have the opportunity to vote to reclaim our City

and our Great Park as our own, rather than let it become one more profit center for developer FivePoint.

Specifically, the citizen-led, land-use Referendum, now headed for the City ballot in 2018, will give Irvine voters the chance to say NO to mega-developer FivePoint, and NO to the three members of the Irvine City Council who rubber-stamped their Great Park giveaway and rezoning scheme — Mayor Donald Wagner and Councilmembers Christina Shea and Melissa Fox.

Are You Fed Up with Three City Councilmembers and One Big Developer (FivePoint) Doing Daily Damage to Your Quality of Life? Then, Get Ready to Say So by Voting NO!

The People’s Approved Plan for the Great Park



Here is What You Need to Know

In a momentous land-use decision, on Tuesday evening, October 10th, three Irvine City Councilmembers — Mayor Donald Wagner and Councilmembers Christina Shea and Melissa Fox — voted to *replace* the long-planned, pre-funded, and construction-ready Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park (left). They voted to *transfer* the City-owned land to developer FivePoint Communities, along with zoning for FivePoint to build 812,000 square feet of office and commercial development (right) that would bring nearly 10,000 added daily auto and truck trips to north Irvine, especially afflicting neighborhoods along Irvine Boulevard, Sand Canyon, and Jeffrey.

Now, because of the remarkable efforts of hundreds of volunteers — and the 19,125 Irvine residents who signed the Referendum Petition — Irvine voters will have the chance in 2018 to **Vote NO** and **Say NO** to developer FivePoint and their latest development scheme, thereby restoring the Veterans Cemetery to the Great Park, where it belongs...as promised and as planned.

— LA

FivePoint’s Replacement Plan for the Great Park



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Senior Life — Youthful Lifestyle

An ICNV Feature Series On
Healthful Living As We Age

Exercise, exercise, exercise (even using a can opener is better than nothing!)

by Harvey H. Liss, Ph.D.

On a Thursday in mid-November, I visited the Rancho Senior Center's (RSC) Fitness Center for the first time after joining the Fitness Center and receiving my orientation (\$10 plus \$55 for the annual Fitness Center fee — the bargain of the century). On my visit, I ran into a wonderful and rather active woman, Anita Wilkins, 83, who was about to begin her fun-exercise interlude on an elliptical trainer (see photo). "See my headphones," she said, "I usually listen to my book, while I exercise."



Anita said that although she has been a resident of Irvine for about 14 years, she accidentally discovered the Fitness Center only about a year ago, when she was on her way to her Pilates class.

She gets her resistance and aerobic exercise at the Fitness Center three times per week and does yoga (for flexibility and strength) five days per week.

I took the photo of Anita on the elliptical trainer at 5pm, while she was the only exerciser in the room. I'm told that the busy time for the Fitness Center is from 8am (when it opens) to 10am. It's usually empty between noon and 1pm, and lightly used during the afternoon.

Predisposition is NOT determinative

A refrain commonly heard is: "My father died of a heart attack when he was 65 years old, so I don't expect to live past 65." That's a myth! Yes, without exercise that statement will likely be true, but here's the good news. A recent study from the New England Journal of Medicine covering over 55,000 participants determined that even a minimal level of "good" lifestyle cut by 50% the actual risk of developing coronary artery disease (CAD), regardless of the risk level of one's genetic predisposition. [See inset shaded, bordered box for link to the article.]

It is well known that predisposition alone does not guarantee a person will acquire a chronic disease. An environmental "trigger" is also required. And in so many chronic-disease cases, it is the lack of exercise that's the trigger.

Exercise, exercise, exercise — however you achieve it — throughout the day, is key to a longer, healthier life. Don't slow down! After a while, exercise truly becomes fun, but you've got to keep pushing yourself. Being sedentary, although convenient, is a damaging addiction, and leads inevitably to the grossly inconvenient visits to the doctor's office, if you're lucky!

See the articles mentioned at:
IrvineCommunityNews.org/Senior-Life-Resources
Write to me at: harvey@IrvineCommunityNews.org

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- Website: IrvineSeniors.org
- Activity & Resource Guide: *Irvine Senior Connection* (bi-monthly) Pick up copy and/or subscribe at any Irvine Senior Center (below)
- Irvine Senior Centers:
 - Trabuco Center (TC), (has Fitness Center with Wed evening hours) 5701 Trabuco Road 92620 949-724-7300
 - Lakeview Senior Center (LSC). 20 Lake Road 92604 949-724-6900 Daily lunch served 11:45am -12:30pm, \$4-\$5 donation No pre-registration required.
 - Rancho Senior Center (RSC), (has fitness Center) 3 Ethel Coplen Way 92612 949-724-6800
- Fitness Centers: Must first schedule an orientation by calling RSC or TC. Ask about one-time and annual fees.
- Adult Day Health Care Services at Keen Center for Senior Resources: 949-724-6926.
- Irvine Meals on Wheels, Cheryl Hanna: 949-724-6910
- Computer Lab: At LSC. Open M-F 8am-6pm. Membership fee is \$17/yr for Irvine residents. Only very few of Irvine's Senior Services are listed above. This list is only intended to get you started!



Harvey H. Liss, 75, is a 41-year resident of the Village of Woodbridge. He was a Project Engineer for that iconic Irvine village during the late 1970s. A licensed Professional Civil Engineer in California, Dr. Liss received his B.C.E. from The Cooper Union college, in New York City, and his Ph.D. in Applied Mechanics from New York University. His graduate work included the study of physiology and also a biomechanics research project investigating the speed-up of broken-bone healing by application of steady pressure across the break. Dr. Liss has had a lifelong interest in maintaining the most healthful lifestyle possible.

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AZTLÁN TO MAGULANDIA: THE JOURNEY OF CHICANO ARTIST GILBERT "MAGU" LUJÁN

UC Irvine's University Art Galleries (UAG) will present the first survey of one of the most iconic figures of the Chicano art movement, Gilbert "Magu" Luján (1940-2011) and an accompanying publication. One of the founding members of the Chicano artists collective Los Four, Luján is known for his coloration and visual explorations of Chicano culture and community that drew upon and brought to life various historic and contemporary visual sources with startling results: Pyramid-mounted low riders driven by anthropomorphic dogs traversing a newly defined and mythologized L.A. He was part of a small group of dedicated artists and intellectuals who set about defining a Chicano identity and culture as part of the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s.

The UAG's retrospective will focus on creativity and invention in Luján's work in a myriad of sketches and drawings, paintings, and sculptures. Luján combined two world-making concepts, Aztlán, the mythic northern ancestral home of the indigenous Mexican Aztecs that became a charged symbol of Chicano activism; and Magulandia, the term Luján coined for the space in which he lived and produced his work, and for his work as a whole. Together, Aztlán and Magulandia represented both physical spaces and the complex cultural, geographic, and conceptual relationships that exist between Los Angeles and Mexico and served as dual landscapes for Luján's artistic philosophy and cultural creativity.

Exhibit runs now through December 16th.
Location: University Art Gallery
Curated by Hal Glicksman and Rhea Anastas

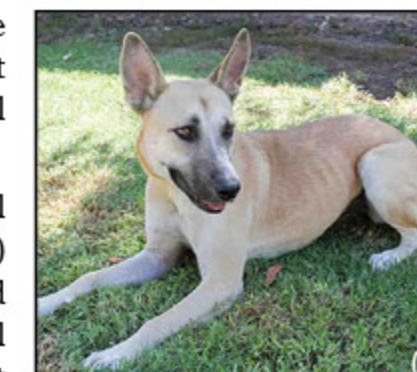
This exhibition has been made possible by the generous support of The Getty Foundation as part of the Getty Museum's *Pacific Standard Time: Los Angeles/Latin America (LA/LA)* exhibition launched in the fall of 2017.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
3 Winter Wonderland 2017. Irvine Civic Center. 5pm. Free. Info: 949-724-6606 	4 Homework H.E.L.P. University Park Library. 4-5:30pm. For Students K-12. Info: 949-786-4001 	5 OC Chill Ice Rink. Irvine Spectrum Center. 3-11pm. Info: 949-748-8280 	6 Evening Hike. Orchard Hills. 6:30-8:30pm. Registration Required. Info: LetsGoOutside.org 	7 Tween Thursday. Heritage Park Library. 4:30-5:30pm. Info: 949-936-4040 	8 Annual Candlelight Walk. Heritage Hill Historical Park. 5:30-8:30pm. Admission \$5. Info: 949-923-2230 	9 Farm Fresh Holiday. OC Great Park Artist Studios. 10-11am. Free/Ages 16+. Info: 866-829-3829 	
10 Home For The Holidays. Animal Care Center. 10am-2pm. Info: 949-724-7740 	11 Nightly Tree Lighting. Irvine Spectrum Center. 5-11pm. Every 30 minutes. Info: 949-753-5180 	12 Hanukkah Begins at Sundown. 	13 Spanish Wednesday. Bistango. 5-9pm. Info: 949-752-5222 	14 Tech the Halls 2017. Eureka Building. 1621 Alton Pkwy. 6-9pm. Registration Required. Info: 949-220-6500 	15 Birds of Irvine Mesa.  <p>Black Star Canyon. 8-11am. Registration Required. Info: LetsGoOutside.org</p>	16 Writer's Ink: Creative Writing Workshop. Katie Wheeler Library. 3-4pm. Info: 714-669-8753 	
17 Farmers Market.  <p>OC Great Park. 10-2pm. Info: 866-829-3829</p>	18 STEAMport. Heritage Park Library. 4-5pm. Registration Required. Info: 949-936-4040 	19 Dysfunctional Holiday. Irvine Improv. 6:30pm. Tickets \$25. Info: 949-854-5455 	20 Reading to Rover. Heritage Park Library. 3-4pm. Info: 949-936-4040 	21 Celebrate the Winter Solstice.  <p>Pretend City Children's Museum. 11:30am-2:30pm. Info: 949-428-3900</p>	22 CHOC Toy Drive. Pretend City Children's Museum. 10am-5pm. Info: 949-428-3900 	23 Advanced Mountain Bike Ride.  <p>Fremont Loop. 7-11am. Registration Required. Info: LetsGoOutside.org</p>	
24 Christmas Eve. 	25 Christmas Day. 	26 Festival of Kwanzaa Celebration. Pretend City Children's Museum. 11:30am. Info: 949-428-3900 	27 Family Movie Night.  <p>Heritage Park Library. 4:30-6:30pm. Info: 949-936-4040</p>	28 Ice Rink: New Years Sparkle.  <p>Irvine Spectrum. 3-11pm. \$20/person. Info: 949-748-8280</p>	29 New Year's Luncheon. Lakeview Senior Center. 11:30-12:30pm. Info: 949-724-6900 	30 Origami Crafts. Katie Wheeler Library. 2-3pm. Info: 714-669-8753 	
31 Noon-Year's Confetti Countdown. Pretend City Children's Museum. 10am-5pm. Info: 949-428-3900 	1 JANUARY New Year's Day. 	2 Great Books Discussion Group.  <p>University Park Library. 6-8pm. Info: 949-786-4001</p>	3 Bunco. Rancho Senior Center. 12-3pm. Info: 949-724-7300 				

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Adoptable Pet of the Month

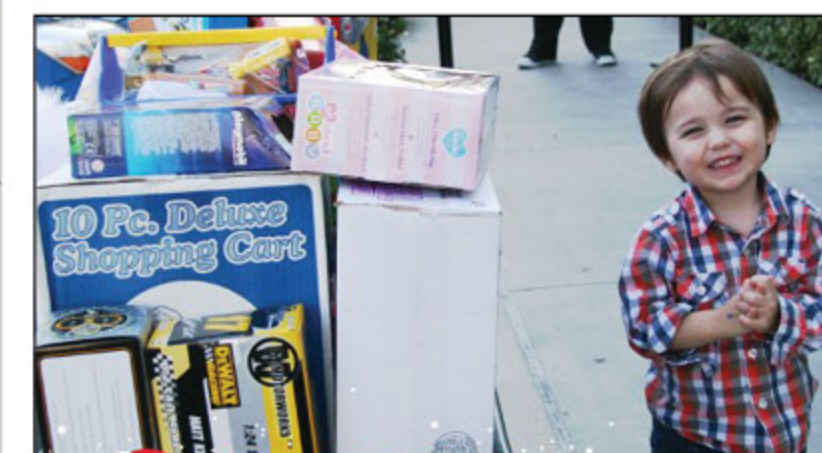
Each issue we feature one "adoptable" pet from the Irvine Animal Care Center.



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.

"Jordan" is a spayed female, tan and white Shepherd mix. She is about 2 years old.

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



CHOC TOY DRIVE

It's the season of giving! Join CHOC as they give back this holiday season and brighten the holidays for children at the Hospital. CHOC is partnering with Orange Coast Harley Owners Group to benefit the children by collecting and delivering new, unwrapped toys! Durable, cleanable toys are best for a hospital setting.

Drop-off is Saturday, December 16th from 8am to 3pm at the CHOC Associate Parking Structure (557 S. Main Street in Orange).

Info: 714-509-4519



Child Health & Safety by Phyllis Agran, M.D.

Reducing Gun Violence, One Household at a Time

Most of the practicing pediatricians and other physicians I know pay attention to the latest research and opinion published in leading medical journals. Just a few weeks ago, I read an outstanding editorial in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA Pediatrics, October 9, 2017). Entitled "Death by Gun Violence — A Public Health Crisis," the editorial noted that while public attention is understandably focused on horrific mass shootings, typically with high-powered assault weapons — Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut five years ago, and more recently, the Charleston church shooting, and the massacres in Orlando, Las Vegas, and the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas — the ugly truth is that our country is awash in guns and everyday gun violence that often goes unreported.

The JAMA editors pointed out that most gun deaths are from suicide and gun accidents, typically in homes where guns are readily accessible: "Guns do not make individuals,



their families, or homes safer, and they result in far more deaths to loved ones than to an intruder intended to cause harm."

The editorial noted that in 2015, an astonishing 60.7% of all gun deaths in the

U.S. were from suicide. Think about your own home. Is there a despondent spouse, or a young adult or teenager who may be suicidal? As the JAMA editors noted: "The means used to attempt suicide matter; guns will result in suicidal deaths well over 90% of the time, whereas ingestion of pills or wrist cutting will be unsuccessful more than 90% of the time."

Addressing the continuing epidemic of gun violence in America, JAMA editors concluded: "The key to reducing firearm deaths in the United States is to understand and reduce exposure to the cause, just like in any epidemic, and in this case that is guns."

Yes, guns kill people. So, as I often suggest to parents and grandparents who, of course, love their kids and grandkids: Make your family and your home safer for the new year by removing all guns and ammunition from your home. Here in Irvine — America's "safest" City — if you want help with gun removal and disposal, call the Irvine Police Department at 949-724-7200 and ask about their gun turn-in program.

Phyllis Agran is a practicing Orange County pediatrician, a Professor at the UCI School of Medicine and Past President of the Orange County Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Agran is a recognized national expert in pediatric injury control and prevention.

Carolyn Inmon is taking a break. Her SchoolWatch column will reappear in the January 2018 issue of ICNV.

Jake's iPhone Tips: Hidden Features Revealed by Jake Jacobs

"Do not disturb while driving!"



- Here's how this nifty "Do not disturb while driving" option works. When the iPhone detects that you're driving — because it's connected to your phone's Bluetooth, or because the phone detects motion — it prevents any notifications (alert messages from your apps) from showing up to distract you.
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Science, Technology and Environment Irvine – From Master-Planning to Profit-Planning

An ICNV Series On
Climate Change
by Carl Mariz & Harvey Liss

Irvine began its life as an exemplary, Master-planned community, following that strategy for many years. We, in California, also learned over the years that good planning included being good environmental stewards. This became obvious when we experienced ozone-induced eye irritation and other problems from our smoggy California skies.

In the late 1980s, Irvine led the way by being the first City to ban CFCs (chloro-fluorocarbons formerly used in aerosol sprays, solvents, refrigerants and packing materials) that were destroying the stratospheric ozone layer. This was an effect discovered by UCI scientists, and ultimately led to a universal ban on these chemicals. Now, where are we?

Irvine's present City Council seems to ignore our original notion of a well-planned City that also stresses environmental stewardship. Now, when long-term sustainability is of greatest concern — including reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, maintaining open space and reducing auto traffic — our City Council seems to have completely forgotten our City's once-vaunted commitment to planning.

A Tale of Two Lawsuits

On October 10th, our City Council, on a 3-2 vote (the two dissenting votes were Councilmembers Jeff Lalloway and Lynn

Schott) supported transfer of 125 acres of the Great Park (the Original Great Park Veterans Cemetery Site) at its north end to developer FivePoint Communities. [See map, below.] That transfer of ownership — Councilmember Lynn Schott called it a "giveaway of our great Park" — also included re-zoning the property to enable FivePoint to build 812,000 square feet of office and commercial development, generating nearly 10,000 daily auto and truck trips. The motivation and purpose for this radical land-use change is clear — a huge windfall profit for developer FivePoint.

However, a major environmental lawsuit has been filed against the City of Irvine, the Irvine City Council and FivePoint to halt the transfer of ownership and FivePoint's massive office and commercial development at the Great Park in north Irvine, before it gets started. Mayor Wagner and Councilmembers Shea and Fox are determined to fight the lawsuit.

Yet, ironically, Wagner, Shea and Fox vehemently oppose a similar commercial development on a County-owned 108-acre parcel of land adjacent to the south end of the Great Park. [See map.] In fact, they are leading the charge in filing a lawsuit to stop the County, claiming its commercial development plans will produce traffic and air pollution devastating to Irvine's quality of life.

So, why do Wagner, Shea and Fox turn a blind eye to similar devastation that the FivePoint development at the north end of the Great Park will produce? The City makes the absurd claim that the massive FivePoint commercial development on the Original Veterans Cemetery Site in the Great Park would have NO impact on traffic and air pollution in the adjacent residential neighborhoods!

Rising ozone levels and rising respiratory diseases

A front-page article in the LA Times, Thursday, November 16th, reports the unexpected rise in ozone levels in the past two years after a number of years of decline. This year, we have had 145 days of bad ozone levels so far, up from a low of 113 days in 2013. The cause — as one might expect — was a combination of factors, including rising temperatures, increased traffic and pollution-trapping thermal inversions. This coincides with a noted rise in smog-induced respiratory diseases such as asthma.

One thing is sure: In Irvine, heat-trapping carbon dioxide, greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants resulting from overdevelopment and added traffic, continue unabated.



The City's October 10th zone-change and "land-swap" ordinance is being challenged by Referendum and by a major lawsuit. The ordinance, if allowed to go into effect, would give FivePoint Communities ownership and entitlement to build 812,000 square feet of office and commercial space on the Original Great Park Veterans Cemetery Site (top, along Irvine Blvd.). The Veterans Cemetery would be moved to the FivePoint Freeway Site alongside the I-5/I-405 freeway intersection.

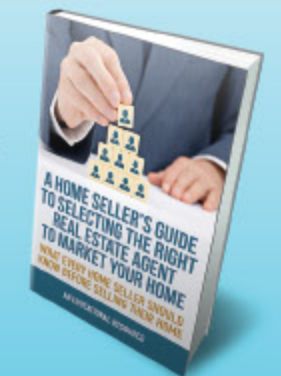
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Our Local Irvine Democracy Lives!

Sometimes, when people get so fed up with elected officials who are obviously serving the interests of big developers, the voters finally rise up and take action. That's what the history-making Veterans Cemetery Referendum Petition is all about.

Yes, of course, the Referendum campaign is about **Saving the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park**. But, it's also about creating the opportunity for Irvine voters to say **NO** to developer FivePoint Communities and three City Councilmembers — Mayor Don Wagner, and Councilmembers Christina Shea and Melissa Fox. It's plain for all to see that Wagner, Shea and Fox are more interested in serving FivePoint, their political benefactor, than in serving the Irvine community.

Well, the voters are just sick of it. So, congratulations to Ed Pope and his Save the Veterans Cemetery committee for gathering a record-breaking 19,125 signatures . . . and in just 28 days! As owner and publisher of *ICNV*, I'm proud that our paper participated in the Referendum effort. The way I look at it, a real community newspaper should stand up for the community, especially when the Mayor and City Council are failing to do so.

We will continue to report on the progress of the Referendum, beginning with our new feature on this page, **FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)** about the Referendum.

On a very disturbing note, "blockers" showed up on the Irvine scene — led by Councilmember Melissa Fox. They were intent on disrupting and interfering with the Referendum Petition process. (See Angelo Vassos's article on Page 11.)

Let's all take a moment to read Irvine's Freedom of Speech Ordinance: "No person shall interfere with the exercise of free speech rights by persons within areas open to the general public in shopping centers . . ." and, "free speech rights shall include the right to solicit and collect signatures on petitions."

What could be more clear? It's about time City officials start enforcing Irvine's Freedom of Speech law, even if it means issuing a citation to Councilmember Melissa Fox.

For more information, go to:
www.SaveTheVeteransCemetery.org

VETERANS CEMETERY REFERENDUM FAQs

Q: What did the Referendum Petition do?

A: It immediately stopped the rezoning of 125 acres of Great Park property to 812,000 square feet of commercial development in northern Irvine. That, in turn, stopped the "land swap" with developer FivePoint Communities, since the only reason FivePoint wants the City's Great Park property to be able to build on it, with great profit. FivePoint has no interest in a cemetery.

Q: What happens next, since it appears that the required 12,000 signatures of registered Irvine voters have been gathered?

A: The Irvine City Clerk confirmed on Monday, November 13th, that 19,125 signatures were correctly submitted for further validation. That same day, the Petitions were delivered to the County Registrar of Voters, who has 30 days to check the signatures against the voter rolls, deleting invalid ones. If the Registrar of Voters certifies that the number of registered Irvine voter signatures on the Petition exceeds the required 12,000, then, the next step is up to the Irvine City Council, which will have three options: The Council can: 1) rescind the rezoning ordinance it had adopted, thereby keeping the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park at its original site; or 2) put the rezoning ordinance on the ballot at the next regular City election, in November, 2018; or, 3) call a special City election that could be in April, or could coincide with the State primary election in June, 2018.

Q: When the Veterans Cemetery Referendum appears on the ballot, and I want to oppose FivePoint's development and keep the Veterans Cemetery in the original Great Park location, how do I vote?

A: Vote NO! This will be your opportunity to say NO to the City Council ordinance that rezoned the original Great Park Veterans Cemetery property to allow FivePoint to build 812,000 square feet of office and commercial development.

Q: FivePoint and others who support moving the Veterans Cemetery say that building the Cemetery at FivePoint's I-5/I-405 freeway location would be better, faster and cheaper than keeping the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park. Is that true?

A: No, the opposite is true! FivePoint's I-5/I-405 freeway location is *not* better. Look at the map. The freeway site is two miles outside the Great Park, at the El Toro "Y." It is a site that suffers from noise, air pollution and undetermined extent of toxic contamination. Veterans have called the site unsuitable, undignified, and even disrespectful. It's *not* faster. The State's CalVet officials say their



The original Veterans Cemetery, which has been approved by the City, State, and Federal governments, is pictured here in diagonally-hatched, light-green, as part of the Great Park. The FivePoint land-swap property is pictured here (lower right corner) as the vertically-hatched, orange site near the convergence of the I-5 and I-405 freeways, known as the El Toro "Y."

evaluation of the FivePoint freeway site cannot be completed before June 2018. It then takes another four months for the pre-application process to the federal government. It's unlikely that any work could begin at the freeway location until October, 2018, at the earliest. Meanwhile, the Great Park Veterans Cemetery site was ready for construction back in June 2017. It's still ready!

It's *not* cheaper. There have been no estimates of costs for the FivePoint freeway site since that site has never been evaluated for a cemetery. Despite previous promises of \$10 million and more, FivePoint is now providing no funding towards building the Veterans Cemetery.

Meanwhile there has been a detailed cost estimate of \$78 million for the cleanup of the land and construction of the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park. More than half of these funds would come from the State and Federal government.

Reflections of a Photo-Journalist

by Angelo Vassos



On Thursday afternoon, Nov. 9th, two dozen volunteers showed up in the City Hall Plaza with boxes of signed Veterans Cemetery Referendum Petitions to turn-in to the Irvine City Clerk. I was there as a photo-journalist and also to take part in the brief celebration that marked the end of a truly historic 28-day effort, involving more than 100 Irvine volunteers, to gather what turned out to be a record-breaking 19,125 Irvine resident signatures — apparently far more than required — to give Irvine voters a choice.

The choice for the voters? Whether (or not) to vote NO on developer FivePoint's plan to replace the promised, planned and previously-approved Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park with a huge FivePoint office and commercial development.



Volunteers gathering Petition signatures from Irvine residents, one-at-a-time.



"Blockers" — Councilmember Melissa Fox (left) and Bill Cook (right/center) had to be counseled by Irvine police regarding Irvine's Freedom of Speech ordinance.

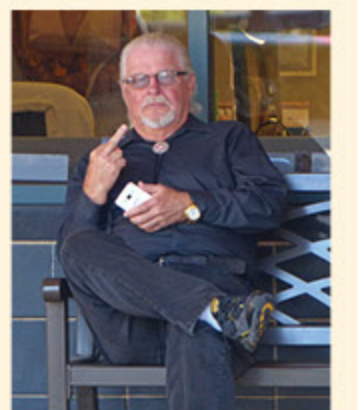
I was fortunate to photograph many aspects of the Referendum Petition campaign, beginning with hundreds of one-on-one dialogues between volunteer signature gatherers and Irvine residents who eagerly signed the Petition. I witnessed Irvine's local democracy at its best.

Sad to report, I also witnessed an ugly counter-campaign — a campaign of so-called "blockers" — that was apparently backed by FivePoint. The blockers, led by City Councilmember Melissa Fox and Mission Viejo veteran Bill Cook, attempted to disrupt the signature-gathering process by shouting insults, harassing, stalking and otherwise interfering with signature gatherers and voters interested in signing the Referendum Petition. On a number of occasions, Irvine police officers had to be called to protect the rights of petitioners.

At the City Hall turn-in of the Referendum Petitions, Bill Cook appeared once again, this time to repeatedly "flip-off" folks. So, tell me, Bill, was your flip-off directed at me, a Korean War veteran and 52-year Irvine resident? Was it directed at the other veterans on our *Save the Veterans Cemetery* committee? Was it directed at the committee chair, Ed Pope, a veteran of the Cold War who served in Berlin and went on to become an award-winning teacher who has resided in Irvine for 45 years? Or,

were you flipping off Sam Castelo, a 90 year-old U.S. Navy veteran, a Filipino-American who served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, and raised five children here in Irvine?

Or maybe you were flipping-off the entire Referendum Petition process — the scores of volunteers who gathered signatures and the thousands of Irvine residents who signed the Referendum Petition in the well-founded belief that the Veterans Cemetery belongs in the Great Park, as promised. Maybe you were flipping-off these Irvine voters, who believe as I do that they should have the chance to say NO to the FivePoint scheme to take 125 acres of the City's Great Park property to build huge, unwanted office and commercial projects, generating hundreds of millions in profits for FivePoint but nothing except god-awful traffic for the rest of us.



Bill Cook

Any City funds would come from the State's \$292 million Great Park redevelopment settlement fund. The Veterans Cemetery will be operated and maintained in perpetuity by the State and Federal governments. There will be no cost, whatsoever, to the City.

Q: Do you have documentation supporting your arguments?

A: Yes! To access documents, go to:
SaveTheVeteransCemetery.org/faqs

Q: I've been hearing claims that the freeway site for the Veterans Cemetery is also in the Great Park. Is that true?

A: No! Looking at a map of the two sites, it is obvious that the freeway site is quite far from the Great Park, so calling it "in" the Great Park is ridiculous. However, the legal boundary of the Great Park as originally devised includes the widely separated wildlife corridor that happens to cut through the middle of the freeway site. So, the freeway site is touching what in the legal description was defined as Great Park, though practically, it is nowhere near the Great Park proper. In any case, human entry into the wildlife corridor will surely be prohibited, and other military activities, such as gun salutes, would also likely be prohibited in a Veterans Cemetery located there.

Q: I received a flyer in the mail that shows the Great Park Veterans Cemetery site as blighted land filled with debris, while the FivePoint "strawberry fields" site is pictured with rows of strawberries. Would the actual Veterans Cemetery look like those photos?

A: No! This is an absurd comparison. In either location, the Veterans Cemetery would look like an elegant and fitting Veterans Memorial and Cemetery without any debris, blight . . . or strawberries. Both sites would have to be completely cleared and cleaned up before any Cemetery construction is begun.

Q: I received a flyer in the mail that mentions several times that keeping the Veterans Cemetery at the original Great Park site "will bring traffic to Irvine neighborhoods." Can this be true?

A: This an absurd and misleading claim. Think about it! It is true, of course, that a Veterans Cemetery brings more traffic than vacant land (perhaps 300 cars per day for memorial services and visitations). Compare this with the traffic generated by FivePoint's 812,000 square feet of office and commercial development — *about 10,000 daily auto and truck trips*. If you live along Irvine Boulevard or Sand Canyon, or anywhere in north Irvine, ask yourself this: Isn't a Veterans Cemetery and Memorial Park a better neighbor than FivePoint's massive office park and commercial development?

ATTENTION IRVINE VOTERS:

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

On October 10th, the Irvine City Council voted (3-2) to *kill* the promised, planned and previously-approved Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park — and *replace* it with a massive FivePoint Communities office and commercial development that would bring nearly 10,000 added cars and trucks to Irvine's neighborhoods every day.

In response, we formed a citizens' committee to Save the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park. We launched an historic Referendum Petition. In just 28 days, more than 100 volunteers worked tirelessly to help gather a record-breaking 19,125 signatures from Irvine residents — far beyond the 12,000 Irvine voter signatures required to halt the development giveaway to FivePoint and place this issue on the ballot in 2018 for Irvine voters to decide.

As an Irvine veteran and as Chair of our committee, I am proud that we are giving Irvine voters the opportunity to **STOP the giveaway to FivePoint and say NO** to FivePoint's plans for massive office and commercial development.

Finally, I want to take this moment to thank the scores of volunteers who circulated our Referendum Petition and — most important — I want to thank the 19,125 Irvine residents who

signed our Petition and breathed new life into our local Irvine democracy.

We know that FivePoint is ready to spend millions of dollars in a campaign to promote their Great Park development scheme and defeat our ballot Referendum.

But, I believe we can win this fight with developer FivePoint. **Because of our Referendum, we can now say NO by voting NO!**

To learn more about the next steps in this critically important campaign — and how YOU can help us win this fight — please go to our website:

SaveTheVeteransCemetery.org

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