

Publisher's Perspective

Year 5!

Now about to start our *fifth* year of publication, the circulation for *Irvine Community News* & *Views (ICNV)* — both in traditional print format and online — continues to grow at a remarkable pace. Combined circulation now stands at 50,000 per month. In September, a total of 24,000 printed papers were distributed throughout Irvine — 7,000 of these to the nearly 150 partnering stores and shopping centers in Irvine (see our listing on Page 4), and nearly 20,000 delivered by volunteers on doorsteps and driveways in a number of Irvine villages and neighborhoods.

I admit it...I still prefer to read ICNV the old-fashioned way — as a hold-it-in-your-hands, printed newspaper. But I've also found I really enjoy the paper the way that more than 20,000 readers do — online. So, subscribe for free, follow us on Facebook, or now add us as a selection on your Apple News app.

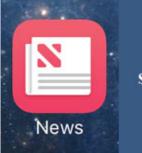
Join your friends and neighbors and stay up-tothe-minute on Irvine news and Irvine views, including our new **Senior Life** — **Youthful Lifestyle** feature on Page 5. As always, we are grateful to all of our loyal *ICNV* readers!

Franklin J. Lunding, Publisher and Editor

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Another 3-to-2 Vote

City Council Deals Another Setback To Great Park Veterans Cemetery

Council Votes 125-Acre Development Giveaway to FivePoint





A divided Irvine City Council voted 3-2 to *replace* the previously-approved Great Park Veterans Cemetery with massive FivePoint Communities office and commercial projects. The development will bring an estimated 10,000 cars and trucks every day to nearby north Irvine villages, and throughout the City.

So Close and Yet So Far Away

On June 5th, the City of Irvine was within ten days of receiving a \$30 million grant of State funds to immediately begin construction of the City- and State-approved Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery on a 125-acre site within the Great Park.

But, at a hastily-called June 6th "Special Meeting" of the Irvine City Council, Mayor Donald Wagner and Councilmembers Christina Shea and Melissa Fox voted to derail the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park; reject \$30 million in State construction funds; and prepare to transfer ownership of the 125-acre Great Park site from the City to developer FivePoint Communities—along with a grant of zoning rights, so FivePoint could quickly develop huge commercial and residential projects on the property.

Councilmembers Jeff Lalloway and Lynn Schott voted NO, charging that this was obviously a "giveaway" of valuable City property to developer FivePoint, and that it would indefinitely delay any prospect of bringing a Statefunded and State-maintained Veterans Cemetery to Irvine.

Fast Forward to September 26th

Fast forward to the Tuesday night, September 26th, Irvine City Council meeting. Mayor Wagner and Councilmembers Christina Shea and Melissa Fox reaffirmed their support for the FivePoint development plan and a so-called "land-swap" and zone changes that will replace the Great Park Veterans Cemetery with large office buildings and commercial projects.

Wagner, Shea and Fox ignored numerous well-reasoned pleas from Irvine residents, many of them veterans, to stay the course and build the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park, as originally planned.

Sharon Toji, a former Irvine School Board member and long-time resident,

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testified in support of the Great Park Veterans Cemetery, noting its historic significance. "The Great Park is where we need to commemorate our veterans," she said.

A number of residents decried the Council's abandonment of the Great Park Veterans Cemetery as bowing to powerful special interests, specifically, developer FivePoint Communities.

According to Larry Bales, a Vietnam veteran, "We the People does not exist in this Council chamber. FivePoint owns and operates this chamber for the welfare and benefit of FivePoint, not the Veterans or the People."

Patty Bartlett, a real estate authority and Chair of the Irvine Planning Commission, made clear that replacing the Great Park Veterans Cemetery with office and commercial development "would not be compatible" with either the Great Park or the surrounding residential communities. She specifically cited traffic, noise and pollution.

More Environmental Concerns

Former Councilmember and Planning Commissioner Mary Ann Gaido said that the Planning Commission and City Council had simply failed to analyze and disclose the many "adverse environmental impacts" that would come with intensive office and commercial development. Gaido noted that the Great Park Veterans Cemetery would have generated about 500 daily automobile trips—for occasional memorial services and visitations. On the other hand, the proposed FivePoint commercial development at the Great Park site would generate an estimated 8,500 average daily trips, causing still worse traffic along Irvine Boulevard, Sand Canyon, and throughout north Irvine.

Is the City Council Inviting a Lawsuit?

According to former Mayor and Councilmember Larry Agran, the last comprehensive Environmental Impact Report (EIR) used for the Great Park area was completed in 2012. "That EIR is, today, dangerously outdated," he said. Agran noted that under California law, "development on the scale contemplated by FivePoint Communities requires an entirely new, comprehensive EIR that includes not only a thorough analysis of traffic, but also an examination of local air pollution and toxic contamination from long-ago military operations."

Agran warned that the Council's disregard of proper procedures and the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) were sure to invite a lawsuit.

Prior to the momentous Council vote, Councilmember Jeff Lalloway said that eliminating the Great Park Veterans Cemetery in order to put 812,000 square feet of commercial development in what is now the Great Park "is a terrible idea."

Councilmember Lynn Schott who has previously called the FivePoint development proposal "a giveaway of our Great Park," joined Lalloway in voting NO. Mayor Donald Wagner, and Councilmembers Christina Shea and Melissa Fox voted YES.

State law requires that yet one more vote — at the October 10th City Council meeting — is required for a land-use matter of this importance. ICNV



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."

Sign Our Online Petition to

Build the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park, as planned.

Please Join Us! Go To: IrvineCommunityNewsandViews.org/ VeteransCemeteryPetition

Sign our Veterans Cemetery petition and voice your support!

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CityWatch by Larry Agran

Think About Your Quality of Life!

ay attention, Irvine! The future of our planned City and our quality of life is at stake, especially in Irvine's northern villages and neighborhoods.

In its relentless drive to *replace* the 125acre Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park with massive office and commercial projects, developer FivePoint Communities and three City Councilmembers are asking us to pretend that the environmental impacts of a Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery are the same as the effects generated by commercial, office, and residential development.

You've got to be kidding! Tell that to the residents of the nearby villages of Woodbury, Stonegate, and Portola Hills — as well as the Great Park neighborhoods of Pavilion Park, Beacon Park, and Parasol Park. These are our Irvine neighbors who bought their homes at the edge of the Great Park, expecting the City to follow through on its promise to build a beautiful and peaceful Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park. The entire Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery would then be operated and maintained in perpetuity by the State of California — at no cost to the City.

Of course, a Veterans Cemetery is a low-intensity land-use, with mostly positive environmental effects. The number of average daily automobile trips associated with the Veterans Cemetery would be, perhaps, a few hundred — for a small number of daily workers, as well as occasional memorial services and visitations from family and friends.

Compare this with high-intensity zoning and development rights granted by the City Council to developer FivePoint Communities
— over 800,000 square feet of office and commercial development, generating about 10,000 daily auto and truck trips. Most of this traffic will be concentrated in rush hours, causing further traffic jams along Irvine Boulevard and Sand Canyon, with ripple effects throughout the City. More cars and trucks mean a lot more noise, and both localized and generalized air pollution.

All of this adds up to a diminished quality of life, and a drag on residential property values. In a well-planned City, adverse environmental effects should have been disclosed, documented and analyzed carefully as part of the public record.

Unfortunately, that never happened. The new culture at City Hall — led by Mayor Don Wagner and Councilmembers Christina Shea and Melissa Fox — is to do whatever developer FivePoint wants. They want to get their development rights fast, even if it means cutting corners and failing to do what the law requires.

In pursuing its Veterans Cemetery "landswap" scheme, FivePoint officials asserted that they really didn't need to do new environmental studies — that the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) from 2012 was good enough. Never mind that the EIR is old and outdated — and that it doesn't take into account the overdevelopment and overcrowding of the past five years, and the recent discoveries of widespread toxic pollution that complicates any project. It also doesn't include the State-mandated study of greenhouse gases associated with the kind of intense office and commercial development that FivePoint wants to do on the 125-acre parcel in the Great Park where the Veterans Cemetery was supposed to be built, starting this past summer.

It is as though FivePoint and the City itself are begging for a lawsuit challenging the failure to comply with CEQA — the California Environmental Quality Act. CEQA requires thorough environmental study of major projects, and full disclosure of all anticipated adverse impacts.

Several leading environmental defense lawyers are taking a very close look at the land-swap, with an eye to filing a CEQA claim that could stop FivePoint and the City before they completely undo the Great Park Veterans Cemetery project.

In standing firm against the land-swap, dissenting Councilmembers Jeff Lalloway and Lynn Schott months ago called out developer FivePoint, and their Council colleagues. Schott said, plain and simple: "This is a giveaway of our Great Park. I, for one, will not participate in it." Meanwhile, Councilmember Lalloway has maintained from the start that the FivePoint drive to replace the Veterans Cemetery with office and commercial development is really all about entitlement and enrichment.

Lalloway hasn't said it, but I will: FivePoint has prevailed upon three pliable City Councilmembers — at least two of them completely beholden to FivePoint for campaign funding — in order to get hold of our 125-acre Great Park Veterans Cemetery site, zone it to allow intense development, and then quickly make hundreds of millions of dollars, regardless of the harm done to Irvine residents. Sad.

A Veterans Cemetery and Office/Commercial Development Are NOT the Same!



Nonsense and Common Sense

FivePoint officials claim that their "land-swap" proposal — replacing the City's planned 125-acre Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park with their plans for massive office and commercial development on the property — will cause no new adverse environmental effects for Irvine residents.

This is nonsense! What about 10,000 added cars and trucks per day on Irvine Boulevard and Sand Canyon? What about noise and localized air pollution?

To pretend that the environmental effects of a Veterans Cemetery and massive commercial development are the same is a ludicrous fraud.



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Senior Life — Youthful Lifestyle



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s the publisher of Irvine Community News & Views, I am pleased to introduce a new ICNV feature entitled Senior Life - Youthful Lifestyle, that will appear monthly in our traditional "hold-it-in-your-hands" print format, as well as online. This new feature was conceived by Harvey H. Liss, who holds a Ph.D. in engineering, gives lectures

A New ICNV Feature Series On Healthful Living As We Age

on science-based approaches to healthful living, and is also editor of ICNV's Science and Technology page.

Dr. Liss is a 75-year-old Irvine resident, who first moved to Irvine in 1976. He was part of the pioneering team that designed, engineered and built Irvine's iconic Village of Woodbridge.

— FJL

A Message from This 75-Year-Old on Maintaining A Youthful Lifestyle by Harvey H. Liss, Ph.D.



full disclosure: in writing this feature column is to "push my agenda." And what "agenda" is that? I am on a two-fold mission: Personally, I intend to

live to 100 (and beyond) in good health; and, second, I want to help other Irvine seniors not only live longer, but to experience the best quality of life possible for themselves and their families and friends. In this and future columns, I am dedicated to informing Irvine seniors of the City's many remarkable programs, facilities and services that make it easier to live longer in good health.

So, let's get started. You may not know it, but as a resident of Irvine, you have

joined a veritable country club - not only because of the City's dozens of parks and walking trails, but also because of the astonishing array of opportunities and services that the City provides for seniors. My perspective is that of someone who has lived 75 years in excellent health, more than half of those years right here in Irvine. I was fortunate to come to Irvine in the 1970s, where I was part of the engineering team building this amazing City; later, I started my own computer software business; and, recently, I have found a number of ways to serve the Irvine community, including as an Irvine Planning Commissioner.

So, how did I come to lead an active, productive life, enjoying good health along the way? Some of it was, no doubt, good genes and good luck, but a special kind of good luck. As a young child growing up in New York City, I was lucky to get a

good introduction to a healthful lifestyle. I had a particularly enlightened aunt who persuaded my mother (her sister) to prepare wholesome meals for our family, prohibit us from eating fast foods, and eliminate soda pop from our daily diets. These are good lessons for healthful living — Later on, I learned about the importance

of exercise as a determinant of good health. Specifically, as a graduate student doing research in physiology and optimizing broken-bone healing, it became clear to me that both aerobic and weight-bearing exercise — at any age were not just helpful, but essential for maintaining excellent health. I'm pleased that my insights more than 50 years ago have since been confirmed by many clinical studies.

I promise you this: Whatever I write about and

whatever advice I offer to help you maintain a more youthful lifestyle, you can be sure that it is supported by evidence and by my own personal, confirming experience.

In future columns, I'll be writing a lot more about the importance of good food and good exercise. But for now, let me leave you with a couple of thoughts. Regarding exercise, walking at a brisk pace for a half-hour every day whether alone or with others, outside or indoors (on a treadmill) - will do wonders for your health and your outlook on life. Note: Irvine's state-of-the-art Senior Centers offer an array of equipment, courses and instructors for your use

Next Time: More about good food, good exercise and Irvine's remarkable Senior Centers. (See Irvine Senior Resources Directory, below)

For full information: about any senior activity or resource: Trabuco Ro Call or visit any Irvine Senior Center, open M-F, 8am to 6pm ❖ 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: Alton Pkwy E ... 5701 Trabuco Road 92620 949-724-7300 Lakeview Senior Center (LSC).

IRVINE SENIOR RESOURCES Directory of Essentials

Trabuco Center (TC), (has Fitness Center with Wed evening hours)

20 Lake Road 92604 949-724-6900

No pre-registration required.

Rancho Senior Center (RSC), (has fitness Center) 3 Ethel Coplen Way 92612 949-724-6800

Daily lunch served 11:45am -12:30pm, \$4-\$5 donation

• 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!

This directory will be updated monthly.



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October 2017 Serving the Villages and Neighborhoods of Irvine

10am-2pm.

Friday

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Full Moon Hike.

7-9:30pm.

Bommer Canyon.

Info: LetsGoOutside.org

Haunt at Heritage Hill.

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Community Calendar

Monday

PJ Storytime.

6:30-7pm

Heritage Park Library.

Info: 949-936-4040

Columbus Day.

American Mah Jongg

Rancho Senior Center.

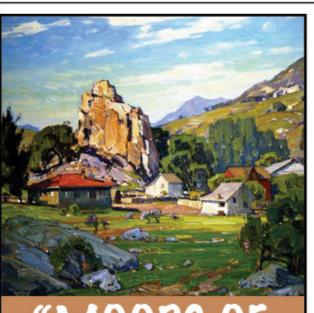
Info: 949-724-6800

9:30am-12pm.

Sunday

Info: 949-536-5200

October/November 2017



AT IRVINE MUSEUM COLLECTION

Our Golden State is a multi-faceted expanse of land that boasts seven unique ecological regions, each with distinctive flora, fauna and climate. These regions are: North Coast, Central Coast, South Coast, Shasta-Cascades, Sierra Nevada, Central Valley and Desert. This exhibition explores the various landscapes that characterize California.

Among the artists represented in this exhibition, one can see works by a number of important California painters such as J. Bond Francisco, Edgar Payne, Paul Lauritz and William Wendt, among others.

The exhibition includes scenes of the Arroyo Seco, San Diego County, Monterey, the Central Valley, the Mojave Desert, Yosemite Valley and other picturesque parts of California.

Irvine Museum 18881 Von Karman Ave., Suite 100. October 7 through February 8, 2018 Tues-Sat 11am-5pm

(Painting Credit: The Old and the New by William Wendt (1864-1946) Private Collection)

Angelina's Sound Presents Brunch & Beats. Angelina's Pizzeria. 11am-3pm.

Farmers Market. OC Great Park. 10am-2pm. Info: 866-829-3829

7:30-10:30am. Info: LetsGoOutside.org

University Park Library.

Info: 949-786-4001

1-3pm.



Trabuco Senior Center. 3-5pm. Info: 949-724-7300 30 Halloween Craft Day.

After Work Fitness Hike. Limestone Canyon Nature 6-7:30pm. Info: LetsGoOutside.org

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Tuesday

Child Health Day. Pretend City Children's Museum. 10:30am-12:30pm. Info: PretendCity.org

City Council Meeting.

THE PARTY NAMED IN

Info: CityOfIrvine.org/ICTV

Irvine City Hall.

Homework Help.

4:30-6pm.

Heritage Park Library.

Info: 949-936-4040

City Council Meeting.

nto: CityOfIrvine.org/ICTV

Halloween Luncheon.

Lakeview Senior Center.

11:30am-12:30pm.

Info: 949-724-6900

Irvine City Hall.

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Limestone Canyon Nature Preserve. 6-8:30pm Info: LetsGoOutside.org

Canasta.

Wednesday

Mid-Autumn Festival.

Teen Movie Event. Rancho Senior Center. Heritage Park Library. 4:30-6:30pm. 11:30am-3:30pm.

Info: 949-724-6800

Info: 949-936-4040

Thursday

Halloween Animal Art

Preschool Program.

Info: 714-973-6846

10:15-11:15am.

OC Zoo.

Each issue we feature Open House one "adoptable" pet Irvine Police Department.

Saturday

Info: 949-724-7000 Care Center. The Irvine Animal Care Center (IACC)

Spooktacular Fun Days. OC Great Park. 9am-3pm. Info: 949-724-6000

"London" is a spayed female, tan Pit Bull Terrier mix. She is about 2 years old.

soft bedding and daily socialization.

For more information about London and other adoptable pets, or the IACC, call 949-724-7740 or email info@irvineshelter.org

Adoptable Pet of the Month

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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,

www.cityofirvine.org/irvine-animal-care-center



The Irvine Fine Arts Center will host its 35th annual Holiday Faire on Friday, November 3rd from 5-9pm and Saturday, November 4th from 9am-4pm. More than 100 talented local artists will showcase unique handmade gifts for purchase, including holiday decorations, hand-blown glass, ceramics, jewelry, folk crafts, clothing and more.

Admission: \$2 per person. Ages 12 and younger: free Location: 14321 Yale Avenue, Irvine (in Heritage Park) Info: (949) 724-6880







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

Kids and School Bathrooms

Okay, stop giggling with embarrassment. This is a serious matter. Grownups euphemistically refer to

school "bathrooms" or "restrooms." The kids tend to be more direct and descriptive, often referring to the "disgusting toilets" at our schools. Whatever terms you use, the plain truth is that there is a big problem here. Just ask your kids. Or, ask me!

Chronic constipation is one of the most common reasons children are referred to those of us who practice pediatric gastroenterology. The root cause varies with the age and developmental stage of the child. For very young and pre-school children, starting solid foods or beginning toilet training can be "triggers" for constipation.

But for school-age children, a common trigger is the school bathroom. I always ask my school-age patients if they use the bathrooms at school. In the privacy of my office, their responses are pretty direct...and sometimes funny.

- · "Oh, no, I use the bathrooms only if I really, really have to go."
- "No way. The bathrooms are disgusting!"
- "No. The toilet seats, and the floors and walls are dirty.
- "The toilets aren't flushed. Or they're backed

up. Once there was a bunch of tamales in the they "just don't feel well."

- "There are no toilet seat covers and sometimes no toilet paper."
- · "There is no privacy. Other kids laugh if you

So, what do kids often do if they have to use the bathroom at school? What do you do if you find a filthy toilet at a gas station? You tell yourself, "I'll just hold it a while longer." If this occurs often enough, kids will develop constipation, stomach aches, bloating and increased gas. Eventually,



some kids develop fecal incontinence and wind up walking around school with "poop in their pants." If other kids smell it, the teasing, embarrassment and isolation often lead to behavioral problems. And, physically, fecal incontinence can cause serious rashes and children who tell me that day-after-day

What should parents do? If your child suffers from constipation and incontinence due to avoidance of school bathrooms, try to help by having your son or daughter establish a habit of sitting on the toilet — at home — after breakfast. Make sure the morning routine is not rushed.

In cases where school bathrooms continue to be a real problem for individual children, I've written prescriptions requesting that these kids be allowed to use the teachers' or administrators' bathrooms, where there is more privacy (and cleanliness).

Here's something else parents can do. Since unacceptable school bathrooms are a very common cause of constipation and other gastrointestinal problems among lots of kids, make sure your child's school provides adequate staff and services to maintain clean toilet facilities. Be an advocate for more custodians, more school nurses, and more emphasis on hygiene in our schools. Remember, school nurses are perhaps the strongest partners we have in advocating for the health and well-being of all school children.

Finally, for more information on kids and constipation, here is a good reference: www.gikids. org/content/50/en/constipation. And, be sure to watch the video.

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SchoolWatch: School District Election Reform Is Coming by Carolyn Inmon

At one time or another, most of us have declared that "Irvine schools are excellent" — and, yes, they are, all of them are. But, most Irvine residents don't

know that Irvine's excellent K-12 public schools are actually located in two separate School Districts. About 33,000 of Irvine's total K-12 students (89 percent) attend Irvine schools that are administered by the Irvine Unified School District (IUSD). But more than 4,000 Irvine students (11 percent) attend K-12 schools that are located in the City of Irvine, but are actually part of the Tustin Unified School District (TUSD).

The excellent TUSD schools, located in the City of Irvine, are: Hicks Canyon Elementary (K-5); Myford Elementary (K-5); Orchard Hills Middle School (5-8); and Beckman High School (9-12).

The Irvine students attending TUSD schools are mostly from villages and neighborhoods in the northern part of Irvine — Northpark, Northpark Square, Orchard Hills, and West Irvine. But these Irvine students — and their parents — have never had someone they could comfortably call their own School Board representative.

That's about to change. Recently, TUSD joined the rapidly growing number of school districts in California that are reforming the way school board members are elected. Beginning in 2018 and in 2020, instead of

all five members of the Tustin Unified School District being elected "at large" — by all the voters in the far-flung TUSD — the District will be divided into five geographic voting areas, and each one will elect its own School Board member.

This is being done to conform to the requirements of the California Voting Rights Act, which was enacted in 2002 to bring about local representation that is fairer, with more diversity among elected officials who come from smaller voting areas. These locally elected individuals - representing smaller areas where they live - are likely to be more knowledgeable about their own area's schools and school problems. Each elected School Board member will, of course, vote on behalf of every resident and every child in the TUSD, but for Irvine residents who live in the TUSD, this will be the first time they will be able to focus on electing their "own" School

An added benefit of changing to elections by smaller areas is that communication between citizens and individual School Board members should improve significantly. And that is certainly good. Mindful of these benefits, it seems that the Irvine Unified School District should begin giving consideration to election reform — moving from "at large" election of School Board members to election by five smaller areas of IUSD.

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Irvine Community News & Views

Science & Technology

An ICNV Series On Climate Change

ICNV's series on climate change began in June 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, especially since the national outlook under the Trump administration and Congress appears so poor. But, as science writer Roger Gloss notes, local action on climate change requires local leadership — something sorely missing from Irvine for the past 5 years.

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

What's the Matter with Irvine? by Roger Gloss

City Largely Ignores Reality of Climate Change

Paris climate talks, the City of San Diego ■ gained national and international recognition for passing its legally binding Climate Action Plan (CAP). Among other strategies to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions — and thereby mitigate the inevitable impacts of climate change - San Diego has committed to 100 percent clean electricity by the year 2035.

If San Diego, the eighth largest city in the United States, can accomplish this, what's the matter with Irvine? Irvine was incorporated in 1971 with a Master Plan that featured residential villages, preservation of green spaces, and quality-of-life for residents. In the 1990s, the city was the first in the nation to protect the ozone layer by banning chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) in compliance with the Kyoto Protocol. Over the past five years, though, it seems the City has lost its way.

General Plan Update

Irvine is currently updating its General Plan, which envisions a "build-out" population of about 330,000. The plan, as clearly required by law, will include the customary Environmental Impact Report (EIR), most likely tucked conveniently into an appendix. This is twentieth-century thinking.

There is still time for Irvine to develop a bold Climate Action Plan like San Diego's. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires that GHG mitigation targets be measurable, enforceable, and include deadlines. Several recent court decisions have upheld this requirement. According to Nicole Capretz, environmental attorney and primary author of San Diego's CAP, the ideal time for cities to develop a CAP is while they are engaged in their General Plan Update. A CAP offers the best way to comply with California's GHG reduction goals under State law, because it is integrated and aligned with growth and development plans. Ms. Capretz's nonprofit Climate Action Campaign, and grassroots group Orange County for Climate Action, sent a letter to City staff and then-Mayor

In December 2015, the same month as the Stephen Choi in September 2016, urging the City of Irvine to do exactly that. There was no response.

Why is Irvine resisting development of a CAP? Perhaps they buy into the false narrative that addressing global climate change is a drain on the economy, or a "job-killer." Perhaps the businesses which fund Council members' political campaigns, out of shortsighted self-interest, simply prefer continuation of the status quo.

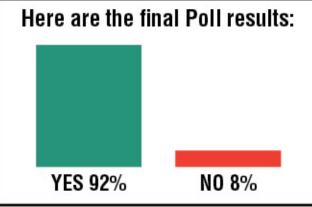
A Better Way

But there is a different narrative regarding Climate Action Plans. San Diego's Mayor Kevin Faulconer, a Republican, writes in his introduction to San Diego's CAP, "San Diego is a leader in innovation and sustainability. By striking a sensible balance between protecting our environment and growing our economy, San Diego can support clean technology, renewable energy, and economic growth (emphasis added)." Mayor Faulconer goes on to highlight: creating green jobs, such as manufacture and installation of solar panels; increased choice and local control over the City's sources of water and energy, including a shift to 100 percent renewable electricity; improved public health from clean air and water; reduced landfill waste; fossil-free alternatives to car-based transportation; and enhanced quality of life. What's not to like?

Irvine seems to be mired in obsolete thinking. They fail to see that taking action against climate change can go hand-in-hand with overall economic

growth and better quality of life for all citizens. At the State level, California's leaders understand this. If city governments fail to proactively get on board, eventually - and soon - they will be

As part of its required General Plan update, should the City of Irvine develop a Climate Action Plan committed to 100% electricity produced from renewable energy sources, similar to San Diego's plan?



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Climate Change Activist Organizations

Facebook group: OC for Climate Action (OCCA) or website: occlimateaction.org www.CitizensClimateLobby.org



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Dear ICNV Readers:

One of the pleasures for me as publisher is to ensure that Irvine Community News & Views provides a platform for the people of Irvine to be heard.

Published on page is a sampling of the many hundreds of

comments we continue to receive. Published on adjoining page are the names of the more than one thousand signers of the Great Park Veterans Cemetery petition.

The people are speaking up. Will the Mayor and City Council listen?

-FJL

We need to honor our heroes — at the Great Park — now!

— Jackie Serna

Please approve building the Veterans Cemetery - in the Great Park.

- Carlos Uy

My husband is a veteran. We live in Irvine. The logical and beautiful place to be buried would be in the Great Park. Also, I don't want more traffic in Irvine from a new development.

— Lenore Rauch

I am a veteran. Irvine is my hometown. I need the Veterans Cemetery built! No more building of houses and condos. Enough is enough! Shame on you!

— Robert Kawalec

 Do the right thing for our veterans, and place the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park.

— Debra Richardson

- Robert Torres

Building this Veterans Cemetery is about honoring our veterans who have served our nation to protect our freedoms. Giving up the Great Park Veterans Cemetery land in a land-swap relocation to the El Toro Y represents pure greed. There is no peace or serenity at the El Toro Y. Let us not forget that the Great Park land was a military installation from 1942 to 1999. Marines served there. Honor our military by keeping the promise to build our Veterans Cemetery on the land in the Great Park. There will be no cost to the City of Irvine to maintain this Cemetery.

■ I have lived in Irvine 35 years and watched how the original MASTER PLANNED community has beautifully unfolded. What has happened to our City over these past several years is irresponsible and devastating to our community and our vets. My husband was a vet. He felt betrayed and disrespected by his elected representatives. I feel so sad and disgusted that Wagner, Shea and Fox aren't even

— Terry Goldfarb

■ I am a veteran myself and believe the Veterans Cemetery should be built in the Great Park. The other arrangement is a complete sham.

supporting what was already approved

and budgeted for. How does that work?

— Frank Liger

I was one of hundreds of volunteers and leaders who worked endless hours to defeat the County's El Toro airport plan from 1999-2002, with the final passage of Measure W. That measure provided for the Great Park to be just that — a GREAT PARK. The ensuing development became necessary, but the promised maximum community benefit for all of Orange County is what enabled us to pass Measure W. The Veterans Cemetery in the HEART of the Great Park, as already approved, is the RIGHT thing for Irvine to do to fulfill the promise to the voters made in 2002.

— Douglas C. Brown

No land swap. This area is crowded enough.

— Jack Tatham

I have lived in Orange County all my life. This used to be the greatest place in the world to live. I am disgusted by the money-grubbing developers who have reduced Orange County to a mini Los Angeles. Our once wide-open spaces have become housing tracts. Now it appears the new trend is high-density apartment buildings. I say NO WAY to the FivePoint plan and YES to the Great Park Veterans Cemetery. Elizabeth Wymore

■ We have been residents and watched our City develop since 1976 — 41 years, of which the last 5 have taken a serious deviation from the original Irvine General Plan. As long-time devoted residents, we are appalled and greatly saddened by the recent disregard of the City's original General Plan, and its core values at the heart of our masterplanned community status. We moved here for the obvious reasons — specifically, the superior quality of life created for ourselves and future generations. Now, we feel threatened by encroachment, invaded as a result of poor, unwise decisions made by City leaders that were fueled by greed and power. We urge people to sign and support the Veterans Cemetery Petition to save our City from becoming another Los Angeles.

— Daria Johnson

■ I am a United States Marine Corps combat veteran. It is a disgrace that the City Council would even think of moving the Veterans Cemetery from the Great Park, formerly a Marine Corps base, to a strawberry patch alongside the Freeway — all this so a developer can put high-intensity development in its place.

- Kyle Ankney

My Dad was stationed at the El Toro military base, serving in what is now the Great Park. He and his platoon buddies deserve to be buried on the sacred ground where they served, not in a place that's more "convenient" for developer FivePoint.

- Marsha Jurczyk

I have already made plans, now in my will and estate, to be put in the Great Park Veterans Cemetery. I am a veterans' advocate, training service dogs for veterans and helping with VA benefits. The Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park would honor the hallowed ground where veterans have served since the early days of World War II.

— Andrew McTigue

■ Please stop the land-swap that is a land give-away to FivePoint. Our veterans and military families deserve the Veterans Cemetery to be built as planned, within the Great Park, and with the generous funding by

■ We need to take back our City and stop allowing FivePoint to control what belongs to the people! Allowing FivePoint to make millions while our veterans have to wait even longer for their Cemetery to be built on an inferior site is a disgrace.

- Joanne Slobodien

Great Park Veterans Cemetery Petitioners

7e ask the People of Irvine to join us — to sign our petition calling upon the Irvine City Council to honor our veterans and their families by keeping the sacred promise we made to build the Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery in the Great Park, as planned.

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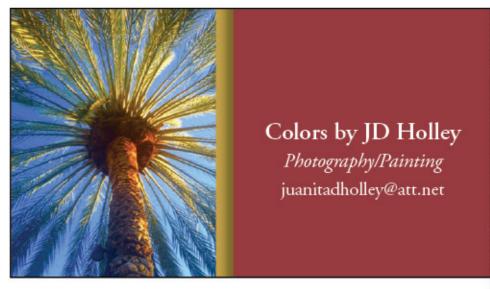




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