



Publisher's Perspective

Mayor and Council Endorsements

Mary Ann Gaido for Mayor

Irvine Community News & Views takes this opportunity to underscore our Election 2016 endorsement of Mary Ann Gaido for Mayor of Irvine.

For the past four years, FivePoint Communities and other big developers have been in control of the Mayor and Irvine City Council. And now, our once-beautiful and beautifully-planned City is beset with overdevelopment, horrible traffic, and overcrowded schools.

Only one candidate for Mayor, Mary Ann Gaido, has had the courage to sound the alarm and say NO to thousands of new houses and apartments approved in the recent orgy of overdevelopment. As a long-time Planning Commissioner and former two-term City Councilwoman, Gaido promises to present a *Comprehensive Growth and Traffic Control Ordinance* to quickly restore Council and citizen control over our planning process.

Known as Irvine's "Guardian of the General Plan," Gaido will bring to the Mayor's chair the strong, independent, pro-resident leadership our City desperately needs.



Irvine Mega-Developer FivePoint Communities Expected To Bankroll Anti-Gaido Campaign With Up To \$1 Million



Mayoral candidate Mary Ann Gaido being targeted by developers.

Irvine mega-developer FivePoint Communities is apparently repeating its 2014 campaign of TV attack ads and "hit" mail — intent on defeating Mayoral candidate Mary Ann Gaido and other growth-control candidates.

In 2014, former two-term City Councilmember and long-time Planning Commissioner **Mary Ann Gaido** challenged Mayor Steven Choi, who was then seeking re-election to a second term as Mayor. Taking her grassroots, growth-control message to every corner of the City, Gaido's underdog campaign came within 953 votes of defeating incumbent Mayor Steven Choi. Choi's narrow victory came only after mega-developer FivePoint Communities — now building 10,000 houses and apartments at the Great Park — unleashed a vicious anti-Gaido "independent expenditure" campaign.

action committees, FivePoint spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on anti-Gaido TV attack ads and a barrage of "hit" mailers. Campaign reports later revealed that FivePoint's so-called "independent expenditure" campaign involved between \$500,000 and \$1 million — enough to beat Gaido by just 953 votes. Also running with Gaido, and also attacked in her bid for City Council, was Community Services Commissioner **Melissa Fox**. Fox lost by just 210 votes.

By the narrowest of margins, FivePoint managed to keep Choi and his pro-developer majority in control of the City Council. The result? Gaido says, "It was just as I warned. The Mayor and Council had no interest in controlling growth and development. So, the developers

ANTI-GAIDO CAMPAIGN WORKED IN 2014

Using dark money and money concealed by layers of political

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Melissa Fox for City Council

After 16 years of public service, popular Irvine City Councilwoman Beth Krom is not seeking re-election this November. The race for her "open" seat has attracted 11 candidates, a number of them quite good. But one clearly stands out — business lawyer and Irvine Community Services Commissioner **Melissa Fox**.



Fox, who fell just 210 votes short of winning a City Council seat in 2014, agrees with Gaido in her approach to controlling residential growth and development. But, she also brings special insights regarding parks and recreation, municipal services, and support for Irvine's small businesses.

Since Irvine voters will have two votes for City Council (the scandal-plagued Christina Shea is up for re-election), we urge you to consider casting your second Council vote for one of the other good candidates in the field — Farrah Khan, Shiva Farivar, or Anila Ali.

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Developer FivePoint — and CEO Emile Haddad — is backing the Wagner-Shea-Kuo slate... with just a few strings attached.

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The ABCs...

Now, to the ABCs...the Anybody But Candidates. Running as a "team," Mayoral candidate Don Wagner, and Council candidates Christina Shea and Anthony Kuo definitely belong in the Anybody But [these] Candidates category. Their slavish obedience to developers, especially developer FivePoint Communities, is an embarrassment. And, it has proven dangerous to our City and our future. Just look at the traffic mess!

Wagner, Shea and Kuo give the developers everything they ask for... and more. The result? Overdevelopment. And now, we can see the ultimate corruption — the Wagner, Shea, and Kuo team has "outsourced" their election campaigns to developer FivePoint Communities, with indications that the developer will spend many hundreds of thousands of dollars to elect the trio. If voters allow that to happen, Irvine will be irreparably damaged.

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ran wild." Gaido noted, "The issuance of new residential building permits exploded — from an average of about 2,000 housing units per year to nearly 5,000 per year. This means not just more houses and apartments, but more people, more cars, more traffic gridlock, overcrowded schools, and growing public stress and anger."

GAIDO AND FOX RUNNING AGAIN

Now, Gaido is running again for Mayor, but this time Mayor Steven Choi is running for State Assembly, so the Mayor's seat is open. Meanwhile, Melissa Fox is running again for Council, this time to fill the open seat of retiring Councilmember Beth Krom. Gaido has said that, with overdevelopment and traffic getting worse by the day, her growth-control message is more popular than ever.

Apparently, FivePoint Communities President and CEO Emile Haddad — and his political operatives — have come to the same conclusion. For months now, fearful of losing control of the City Council, they have been preparing to target Gaido and Fox once again. But according to sources close to FivePoint, this time Haddad and FivePoint, along with other developers and special interests, are ready to spend \$1 million to defeat Gaido and Fox, and retain control over the Mayor and Council.

Here are the steps they've taken in apparent readiness to conduct a massive campaign against Gaido:

- **FivePoint officials and political operatives have recruited and assembled a reliably pro-development team, beginning with termed-out State Assemblyman Don Wagner.** For City Council, they're backing incumbent Councilmember Christina Shea and Planning Commissioner Anthony Kuo. Shea and Kuo have been FivePoint's most aggressive advocates for fast-track approval of thousands upon thousands of houses and apartments, beyond the strict limits and



Don Wagner (left), seated next to Emile Haddad, President and CEO of developer FivePoint Communities. Wagner was recruited to run for Mayor with promises of FivePoint backing.

"caps" in the City's General Plan.

- **Both Wagner and Shea have apparently received assurances that they could, in effect, "outsource" their campaigns to FivePoint.** According to their most recent campaign finance filings, Wagner, Shea and Kuo have raised very little money. It's clear they are relying on FivePoint to spend up to \$1 million to execute a so-called "independent expenditure" campaign on their behalf.

- **A series of citywide "push-polls" in Irvine — presumably funded by FivePoint — were clearly testing strategies to tear down Gaido's record and reputation for advocating good planning and strong growth and traffic controls.** The polling tried to suggest that Gaido was somehow responsible for Irvine's traffic mess when, in fact, she has been sounding the alarm against overdevelopment for years. As Gaido has said repeatedly, "Traffic control begins with growth control."

- **Upon filing his campaign papers, Wagner refused to sign the State's Code of Fair Campaign Practices.** This pledge includes promises to not let others use "libel, slander, or scurrilous" attacks. In not signing, Wagner appears to be signaling the go-ahead to FivePoint to run an "independent expenditure" campaign, however dirty, that is calculated get him elected Mayor. **ICNV**

Does "Character" Count in the Irvine City Election? Candidates Christina Shea and Anthony Kuo Are Test Cases in 2016.

Will "character" be a factor when Irvine voters cast their ballots in the 11-candidate race for just two Irvine City Council seats? Will legitimate questions about a candidate's honesty, integrity, and sense of responsibility matter to Irvine voters?

Two Council candidates — Councilmember Christina Shea and her running mate, Anthony Kuo — are now facing special scrutiny as the November 8th election draws near. The two Republicans are running on a "slate" headed by Irvine mayoral candidate Don Wagner and backed by Irvine mega-developer FivePoint Communities. FivePoint and related developers are expected to spend up to \$1 million on a so-called "independent expenditure" campaign to elect the trio.

Many public observers and ethicists say that "outsourcing" your campaign to big developers — rather than raising your own funds and running your own campaign — makes you beholden to them, showing a lack of character. But, in the case of Anthony Kuo and Christina Shea, other questions of character abound.

ANTHONY KUO —

HIT-AND-RUN AND LYING



Anthony Kuo

In an outstanding piece of investigative journalism, Dan Chmielewski, a leading Orange County political blogger (TheLiberalOC.com), confirmed the veracity of reports that Anthony Kuo, now Chair of the Irvine Planning Commission, had been involved in a hit-and-run accident years ago.

Of course, people get in automobile accidents all the time. But what makes a hit-and-run so pernicious — indeed, a serious crime — is that the driver fleeing the scene is actually trying to evade any and all responsibility for whatever property damage or personal injury that he or she may have caused.

We know that Kuo pled guilty to a hit-and-run offense in 1999. In fact, a summary of the case disposition remains on file in Orange County Superior Court records (www.OCCourts.org). But, we know little more. We don't know the circumstances of the incident. We don't know the nature or extent of damage or injury done. We don't even know the scene of the crime. Was it in Irvine? And, how and why were the facts of the case expunged?

Those questions are all the more pertinent now because of this: When investigative journalist Chmielewski asked Kuo directly

if he had ever been involved in a hit-and-run, Kuo denied it.

One ethicist we consulted said this: "Of course, the initial hit-and-run offense, even for a young man, shows a lack of character. But the denial of the offense 17 years later — flat-out lying about the matter — says even more. This is clearly someone who refuses to take responsibility for his own actions and his misconduct."

CHRISTINA SHEA — TRAIL OF SCANDAL

Councilmember Christina Shea, now seeking re-election to yet another four-year term on the City Council, is still reeling from the State Auditor's report that in 2013 and 2014 she was responsible for wasting and misusing \$1.7 million of public funds for political purposes — to target then-Councilmember Larry Agran in the 2014 election instead of producing a truly independent "audit" of the Great Park, (which, in any case, would have duplicated several previous, authentic audits).

Under State law, misuse of public funds for partisan political purposes — in this case to conduct a political witch hunt — exposes Shea, herself, to severe penalties including fines, imprisonment, and even personal liability to reimburse the City for any misspent public funds. The entire City government and City Management are already embarrassed by the State Auditor's findings.

The State Auditor's report follows on the heels of confirmed reports that Shea is under investigation by the California Fair Political Practices Commission for violating State conflict of interest laws — getting paid up to \$100,000 per year as a consultant for KIA Motors, while allegedly lobbying the City staff to help her client out with City permits and other issues.

Councilmember Jeff Lalloway, a fellow Republican who served with Shea on the Council's Audit Subcommittee, has been especially critical of Shea's conduct in the KIA Motors conflict of interest matter. Months ago, he began referring to Shea as "Corrupt Christina."

DOES CHARACTER COUNT?

So, in the cases of Shea and Kuo, will character count? We won't know until the voters weigh in...and all the votes are counted. **ICNV**



Christina Shea



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Sarita Sidhu

Impressive in Irvine

by Sarita Sidhu

As our ICNV writers and contributors work their way around Irvine, they have the pleasure of meeting a remarkable array of people. Many are amazingly dedicated to their business, craft or special talent ... and willing to generously share their stories with others. We find these individuals — all of them neighbors, many of them our friends — to be “Impressive in Irvine.”

No Thirsty Child



Rob Nelsen is a twenty-one-year-old undergraduate student at Chapman University, who has made Albert Schweitzer's *commitment to a life of service* the motto of his own life. Raised in Irvine, his achievements and accolades to date are so numerous that reading through his resume takes stamina. He is an athlete, an academic, a leader, as well as a humanitarian.

Characteristically, in July of this year, when Rob was on his first flight out of the U.S., he was not going on vacation; he was on a Christian mission to Rwanda, Africa. I met with Rob recently to learn more about his solo ten-day mission, organized by Saddleback Church's PEACEwater: No Thirsty Child! program. The program partners with other Christian churches in Rwanda (but not the small number of mosques) to provide local, potable water.

In Rwanda, Rob helped to construct rainwater collection barrels at the churches, and simple soil-based water filtration systems in individual homes. In one particular family, headed by a widow with HIV, the five children were now spared the

arduous task of hiking up a mountainside several times each day, only to bring back water that was often contaminated. (The youngest of these children is only five years old.) He said the people he met there were very positive, although they have very little; he was struck by the deep sense of community he witnessed, and the absence of homelessness.

He explained his volunteerism with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and the Orange County Special Olympics in this way: “It's important that we all make a difference in some way or another; that's how we improve society and the world we live in.”

He is an extraordinary young man, and I have no doubt that he will achieve his near-term goals of working first in the Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps, and then at the U.S. Department of State, Office of the Legal Adviser.



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October 2016

Spooktacular Fun Days

Saturdays & Sundays
October 15-16 & 22-23

Saturday, October 15
Sunday, October 16
Saturday, October 22
Sunday, October 23
(All days above 9 am-1 pm)

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The Great Park Gallery is located in the Palm Court Arts Complex and is open Thursdays-Fridays: noon-4pm and Saturdays-Sundays: 10am-4pm. Info: 866-829-3829

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Certified Farmers Market. OC Great Park. Rain or shine. 10am-2pm. Info: 714-733-3167	3 A Summer Idyll: Picturesque Views of California. Irvine Museum. Ends 10/6. 11am-5pm. Info: 949-476-2565	4 IUSD Board Meeting. 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine. 7pm. Info: 949-936-5000	5 Bunco at the Rancho Senior Center. First Wednesdays. 12:30-3pm. \$5. Info: 949-724-6800	6 Planning Commission Meeting. Irvine City Hall. 5:30pm. Info: 949-724-6465	7 Flow Yoga in the Hills. Orchard Hills. 6-7:30pm. Info: LetsGoOutside.org	8 Read to a Dog. Katie Wheeler Library. Second Saturday of Every Month. This event is for beginning readers and dog lovers of all ages. Call and Maggie are certified therapy dogs and great listeners. 2-3pm. Info: 714-669-8753
9 Certified Farmers Market. OC Great Park. Rain or shine. 10am-2pm. Info: 714-733-3167	10 Columbus Day. 	11 City Council Meeting. Irvine Civic Center. 5pm.	12 Storytime In The Garden. OC Great Park Farm + Food Lab. 9-9:45am. Info: 866-829-3829	13 Homework Help. Katie Wheeler Library. 3:30pm. Info: 714-669-8753	14 Movie Matinee. Lakeview Senior Center. Fridays at 12:15pm. Info: 949-724-6900	15 Spooktacular Fun Day! OC Great Park. 9am-1pm. Info & Reg: 949-724-6599
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23 Certified Farmers Market. OC Great Park. Rain or shine. 10am-2pm. Info: 714-733-3167	24 Tai Chi In the Hills. Orchard Hills. 9-11am. Info: LetsGoOutside.org	25 City Council Meeting. Irvine Civic Center. 5pm.	26 Meditative Yoga and Meadow Walk. Bommer Canyon. 9:30-11am. Info: LetsGoOutside.org	27 Live Music at Eureka! 4143 Campus Dr. Each Thursday night Eureka! features Live Music at their University Town Center location! 8pm. Info: 949-596-8881	28 Rhythm Exhibition. OC Great Park Gallery. Free Admission. 12-4pm. Info: 866-829-3829	29 Family Hike. Agua Chillon. 4-6pm. Info: LetsGoOutside.org
30 Certified Farmers Market. OC Great Park. Rain or shine. 10am-2pm. Info: 714-733-3167	31 Halloween. 	1 NOVEMBER Tuesday Morning Fitness Hike. Limestone Canyon Nature Preserve. 9-11:30am. Info: LetsGoOutside.org	2 Storytime In The Garden. OC Great Park Farm + Food Lab. 9-9:45am. Info: 866-829-3829	IRVINE MUSEUM Joseph Kleitsch (1882-1931) Red and Green Ends October 6th.		

Adoptable Pet of the Month

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

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Back-to-School-Safety with School Nurses

School Nurse Saves a Life: One Nurse, One School.

by Phyllis Agran, M.D., M.P.H.*



but not limited to intravenous infusions, oral medications, tracheostomy care and administration of emergency medications for seizures, acute life-threatening asthmatic attacks or allergic reactions.”

The American Academy of Pediatrics recognizes the important role school nurses play in promoting the optimal bio-psycho-social health and well-being of school-aged children in the school setting.

Unified School District. Yet, we still need to invest more to reach the goal of one full-time school nurse for each and every school.

In Orange County school districts, the ratios of a credentialed school nurse to students varies widely, ranging from 1:1,600 all the way to 1:15,000. There is only one district in Orange County that has a full-time credentialed school nurse at every school site, and that is the Huntington Beach Union High School District.

You may want to check with your district to determine how they compare with other Orange County districts in supporting students' health care needs.

What can parents do? Support the goal of one full-time trained school nurse at each and every school. And, communicate this with your City Councilmembers and School Board!

You can download the American Academy of Pediatrics 2016 Policy Council on School Health Pediatrics 2016:137(6) e20160852, at: <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/137/6/e20160852>.

Atkins continued: “Although there may be health clerks and other staff who care for a student's medical needs, they do not have the specialized training and expertise of a registered, credentialed school nurse. When a child needs a more skilled and knowledgeable medical professional to ensure a positive outcome for their health, safety and well-being, the credentialed school nurse may not be immediately available.”

That is why pediatricians believe we need one nurse at each school.

A CRITICAL COMPONENT OF THE TEAM

School nurses are specially trained. They understand and educate others about normal childhood development; they promote health and safety, intervene with actual and potential health problems; provide case-management services; and actively collaborate with physicians. As a pediatrician, I want every parent and grandparent to know that school nurses are a critical component of your child's school team.

Last spring, a child in our community sustained a cardiac arrest while at school. Fortunately, school nurse Pam Atkins had changed her schedule — and just happened to be at this particular school on that day. Her quick action saved the child's life.

While this is an extreme and dramatic incident that, of course, doesn't occur on a daily basis, it underscores the wisdom of striving to staff every school with a full-time school nurse.

SCHOOL NURSE ATKINS SPEAKS UP

Let me share with you what Pam Atkins conveyed: “I am so thankful that things went well for our student, and I was able to assist in ensuring a positive outcome for this child. Today, school nurses cover multiple school sites and our students come to school with more serious health issues, including cardiac disease. They may require complex interventions including,

*Phyllis Agran is a practicing Orange County pediatrician, a Professor at the UC Irvine 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.

Election 2016 – IUSD

As November 8th — Election Day — draws near, there has been very little attention given to what has been a sleepy IUSD School Board race. Maybe it's time for us to wake up!

The current five-member School Board has been a big disappointment, frequently displaying ignorance, indifference, and even incompetence — especially regarding issues of health and safety that should be the foremost priority in any school district. Worse, the Board has been demeaning and disrespectful toward citizens who raise profound questions on issues like school security and the site-wide toxic contamination at Portola High School.

With three seats “up” and with one of those “open” — thanks to the long-overdue resignation of Board member Mike Parham — maybe one or two fresh faces can make it onto the Board.

Allow me to introduce to you Mark Newgent, a retired Army captain and security specialist whose military career involved creating important safety and security plans. In his public testimony at IUSD meetings, Captain Newgent has shown that he has the knowledge and the determination needed to address long-neglected issues of school security — and to deal with the Portola High School toxic contamination fiasco that is jeopardizing the health and safety of hundreds of students, teachers and school staff.

A second School Board candidate you might consider is Naz Hamid, a tax and audit specialist, who has managed to earn a number of impressive endorsements, including support from the Irvine Teachers Association, the Democratic Party of Orange County, and the Orange County Labor Federation.

*Carolyn Inmon is a retired Irvine teacher. She has taught at virtually every grade level, from K - 12, as well as community college. She served as President of the Community College Association from 2005-2007. Carolyn has recently co-authored a book with Tanya Brown, now available on Amazon. It is entitled “The Seven Characters of Abuse: Domestic Violence — Where It Starts and Where It Can End.” Carolyn welcomes your comments and ideas at: Carolyn@IrvineCommunityNews.org



SCHOOLWATCH by Carolyn Inmon*



Mark Newgent



Naz Hamid

Joel Smith's SportWatch Column returns next month.



WORDSWATCH by Harris E. Kershner*

Vote Your Entire Ballot

“Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters.” — ABRAHAM LINCOLN

This quote by Lincoln is neither pithy nor famous. Nevertheless, it contains wisdom that is worthy of our consideration. As voters, we will reap the consequences of our actions. I urge each and every voter to vote their **entire ballot** — including each of the **statewide propositions** and each of the **local races** in our fair city. Never forget that your right to vote is precious. Use it wisely.

*Harris E. Kershner is a local attorney, specializing in Employment Law. He has lived in Irvine for over 30 years, and currently resides in Woodbridge.



CULTURECORNER by Marilyn Vassos*

Let's Remember Radio: It's KUCI at 88.9 FM!

If you live in Irvine, Santa Ana, Costa Mesa, Newport Beach, Orange or Tustin, you have a great radio studio at your fingertips...just waiting for you to “tune-in.” It's KUCI, 88.9 FM — Irvine's very own radio station broadcasting from the campus of the University of California, Irvine...UCI.

For more than 40 years, volunteer students and community members have been running KUCI. This remarkable radio station began at just 10 watts in 1969 as a homegrown counter-culture “pirate radio station” — non-profit, independent, commercial-free. Broadcasts emanated from inside a closet in the UCI Physical Science Buildings.

Fast forward to 2016: KUCI now broadcasts at 200 watts, in stereo, and in much better accommodations. And you can tune-in 24 hours a day, every day, 7 days a week!

To quote KUCI's website: “We are the last bastion against crappy, sound-alike radio in Orange County. We are the voice of freedom for all independent music that gets snubbed by major labels. We are the defenders of the faith for those who choose to express a different opinion. We are Corporate Rock's worst nightmare. We are KUCI!”

KUCI provides an on-air platform for local musicians to be heard. But music is not the only thing you will hear. KUCI talk shows go where mainstream radio does not dare to go. KUCI encourages diverse viewpoints. And the station helps get the word out about local non-profit organizations and events.

Going back in time, KUCI has played host to a number of luminaries — Jackson Brown, Ray Bradbury, Senator Howard Baker, Cesar Chavez, Blue Oyster Cult, The Beach Boys, and Monty Python's Flying Circus.

One of the first stations to broadcast its signal over the Internet, KUCI now features an app. So, there is no excuse for not tuning-in. And once you do, you certainly won't tune-out. Remember, that's KUCI at 88.9 FM.

*Marilyn Vassos is a retired Irvine teacher and long-time resident and supporter of Irvine's cultural arts.



KUCI's Nathan Callahan and Claudia Shambugh Broadcasting In-Studio. Photo credit: Angelo Vassos.

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Jake's iPhone Tips: Hidden Features Revealed

by Jake Jacobs

This is the fourth of a series of articles on how to get the most out of your iPhone. I have been using iPhones for more than five years and have discovered hundreds of useful features within this marvelous device. These articles will help you discover the hidden power of your iPhone.

SOME KEYBOARD "HIDDEN" CHARACTERS

The iPhone keyboard looks simple. It is too small to provide special characters. But they are there, just waiting for you to reveal them.

Where is the caps lock? Double-tap the caps key **⇧** in the lower left corner of the keyboard, and the up-arrow will become dark and underlined, indicating caps lock is on. Tap it again to turn caps lock off.

Where are the number and punctuation keys? Tap the 123 key at the lower left of the keyboard to see the number and basic punctuation keyboard.

What if my special punctuation isn't there? Here's the trick. Hold your finger on a letter or other character to reveal a list of special characters. Slide your finger to the desired character. When you release your finger, the selected character

will be inserted into your text. For example, hold

- the letter **a** to select from [a à á â ã ä å]
- **\$** to select from [¥ € \$ £]



- 0 (zero) to insert ° (degrees symbol)
- & to insert § (section symbol)
- . (period) to insert ... (ellipses)
- " to select from [« » „ " ”] (smart quotes)

- - to select from [- — — •] (dash, n-dash, m-dash and bullet dot)
- Try holding other keys and see what you get.

VOTER REGISTRATION REVISITED

In the August issue of ICNV I discussed how simple it is to register to vote using your mobile phone or computer by going to RegisterToVote.ca.gov. Once you are registered you can elect to permanently vote by mail. To do this, go to:

<https://www.ocvote.com/voting/vote-by-mail-voting/request-permanent-vote-by-mail-ballot-status/>

You won't have to wait in line at the polls. And once you vote, after a week or so, you will stop receiving mailed literature from most candidates or organizations soliciting your vote.



Jake Jacobs

Jake Jacobs, a retired electrical engineer, has worked many years in the high tech arenas of Silicon Valley, MIT, and Orange County, where he co-founded a medical device company. He has taught introductory computer science at Stanford University. He has created and taught iPhone workshops locally for three years. If you would like more information on Jake's workshops, check out his website at JakeAir.weebly.com for the Fall schedule. Email Jake at JakeAir@cox.net

October 24, 2016 is the last day to register to vote in the November 8th election.

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TestForToxics.org

by Harvey H. Liss, Ph.D., P.E., Executive Director

Does Irvine Have A Flint Problem ... In Slow-Motion?

I frequently run into Irvine residents who are shocked to learn that Irvine's \$300 million Portola High School (PHS), opened this August, is located on a former Marine Corps airbase, closed in 1999, and a federal Superfund site contaminated with toxic chemicals. The 40-acre PHS site was nevertheless released for construction from the Superfund listing several years ago.

Contrary to what has been frequently portrayed, federal release of Superfund property does not mean that the site was tested for contamination or is "safe."

TOXIC CONTAMINATION LIKELY SITE-WIDE

Indeed, the limited round of soil-gas testing finally performed on the PHS site in March and April of this year — performed only under community pressure after the school was built — *turned up toxic and carcinogenic Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) in every one of the 17 test wells sunk, suggesting that the contamination is site-wide.* However, it is still unknown where the source or sources of this contamination are located. And worse, because the sampling has been so limited, what remains still unknown are the maximum concentrations and quantities of VOCs that are surely elsewhere on the site.

Amazingly, the Irvine Unified School District (IUSD) continues to refuse to perform further testing to find out where there are higher concentrations of VOCs. They have justified their refusal by concocting a ridiculous and now-discredited claim that the contamination came from the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) recycled irrigation water when the school site was used for farming. In fact, IRWD officials, defending the quality of their recycled water, immediately rejected that possibility.

And, in the irony of ironies, the PHS site is now being irrigated with IRWD's recycled water!

The most likely source of the PHS site-wide contamination, and one supported by every former military person consulted, is that the 40-acre school site, located off the end of runways, was the random dumping ground for solvents used for aircraft engine cleaning, fuels, and an assortment of some of the worst toxic petrochemicals, such as benzene and benzene derivatives.

TOXIC, BUT "SAFE" — NOT A CHANCE

When locating a school, there should be zero presence of these extremely toxic chemicals, because of eventual vapor intrusion into classrooms and other school buildings. Yet, IUSD, without any scientific

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basis, and without even knowing what the maximum on-site concentrations are, maintains that the school site is "safe."

The American Petroleum Institute (API) produced a remarkable paper in 1948: *API Toxicological Review* [<http://www.hobsonbradley.com/articles/pdf/pdffile.pdf>] based on 25 referenced studies, with an honest appraisal of benzene's toxicity. It states: "Conclusive proof is lacking, but the occurrence of delayed toxic effects appears likely"... "it is generally considered that the only absolutely safe concentration for benzene is zero." ... "There is no safe exposure level; even tiny amounts can cause harm." The US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) classifies benzene

as a human carcinogen.

While refusing to do the responsible thing — conducting further testing — IUSD clings to the disproven notion that low levels of exposure to carcinogens are acceptable, with the complicity of the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). To put the meaning of "low levels" into perspective, repeating an observation made in the July, 2016, issue of the ICNV, when air contains benzene in a so-called low-level concentration of *one part per billion*, an average breath takes in *12 trillion molecules* of benzene. This is where the cumulative carcinogenic effects that manifest in cancer in the years to come.

Is Irvine becoming Flint, Michigan ... in slow motion?

IUSD Opened Portola High School Despite Contamination



Photo by: Angelo Vassos

The newly opened \$300 million Portola High School was built atop a former Superfund site where recent testing has revealed evidence of site-wide toxic contamination with benzene and other cancer-causing petrochemicals. Portola High School is located on Irvine Blvd., less than a mile from Lake Forest.

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Mary Ann Gaido for Mayor

In making recommendations and endorsements in the Nov. 8th local Irvine elections, our editorial staff at *Irvine Community News & Views* uses a Candidate Comparison Chart — we compare the candidates' records on key issues of concern to Irvine voters. Here is the chart we used — and the issues we researched — in reaching our decision to endorse former City Councilmember and current Planning Commissioner Mary Ann Gaido for Mayor of Irvine. - FJL

The Irvine Mayor's Race – Where The Candidates Stand on Key Issues

	Issue No. 1 Growth & Development	Issue No. 2 Veterans Cemetery	Issue No. 3 Gun Safety	Issue No. 4 Ethics
 Vote Nov. 8th	Do you favor specific, practical policies to control growth and traffic in Irvine?	Do you favor creation of the 125-acre Veterans Cemetery within the Great Park?	Do you favor the gun safety measures adopted by the State and on the Nov. 8th ballot (Prop 63)?	Did you sign the voluntary State Fair Campaign Practices Code?
 Mary Ann GAIDO	YES. Gaido proposes a <i>Comprehensive Growth and Traffic Control Ordinance</i> that would take a "time-out" from overdevelopment by strictly limiting the number of new residential building permits issued by the City, and by requiring voter approval to build major new residential projects.	YES. Gaido has consistently supported and advocated for creation of a 125-acre Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery <i>within</i> the Great Park. She opposes any "land-swap" deal with developer FivePoint Communities that would derail and defeat the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park.	YES. Gaido supports strict gun safety policies, including the common-sense measures in Prop. 63 — requiring background checks for ammunition purchases and a prohibition on large-capacity magazines (more than 10 bullets). Gaido would have the City re-join the national organization, Mayors Against Illegal Guns.	YES. Gaido signed the pledge, promising to wage a tough campaign but to not engage in "scurrilous" or defamatory attacks, and to not enlist or permit others to use unethical tactics on her behalf.
 Don WAGNER	NO. Wagner says, "More than words are needed to fix the problems caused by uncontrolled growth" but he offers no specifics. He only proposes appointing a "transportation czar" who will "propose solutions to our gridlock."	NO. Wagner first opposed a Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park, but then supported State legislation to create the Veterans Cemetery. Now, he favors FivePoint-Christina Shea "land-swap" deal to derail and defeat the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park.	NO. Wagner, as a State Assemblyman, has voted against virtually every gun safety measure that has come to the floor of the Legislature, including background checks and a prohibition on bringing concealed weapons onto school grounds. He opposes the gun safety provisions included in Prop. 63 on the Nov. 8th ballot.	NO. Wagner was the only candidate for Mayor who refused to sign the State-prescribed Fair Campaign Practices Code, which bars specific unethical campaign practices, including having your supporters engage in unethical tactics.



Gang CHEN David CHEY Katherine DAIGLE

Three lesser-known candidates for Mayor are: Gang Chen, an architect; David Chey, an entrepreneur; and Katherine Daigle, a small business owner. Gang Chen has been campaigning all year, posting political signs on Irvine streets since early 2016, and voicing his opposition to the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park.

In their public statements, David Chey and Katherine Daigle have yet to provide specific positions on growth and development, the Veterans Cemetery, and gun safety. Chen, Chey and Daigle have all signed the State's Fair Campaign Practices Code.



(Left photo) Former Irvine Mayors Sukhee Kang (2008-2012) and Beth Krom (2004-2008) announced their endorsement of Mayoral candidate Mary Ann Gaido (center), pointing to Gaido's longstanding public service in Irvine, and her commitment to restore good planning by "putting the people of Irvine back in control." Larry Agran, former Councilman and Mayor (2000-2004), not pictured here, added his endorsement of Gaido, saying, "Alone among the Mayoral candidates, Mary Ann has the proven courage to keep developers in check." (Right photo) In the race for City Council, Community Services Commissioner Melissa Fox recently announced that she has been endorsed by former Mayor and current City Councilmember Beth Krom. Krom is not seeking re-election, leaving her seat open — a seat that Fox hopes to fill.

More Comments on the Veterans Cemetery

Putting Developer Profits Ahead of Patriotic Gratitude



"We think you fellas can 'Rest In Peace' elsewhere. Our idea for the Great Park is to put houses and profits ahead of veterans and their families."

■ To The Editor:

Developer FivePoint Communities and their hand-picked Irvine City Council candidates — Donald Wagner (running for Mayor) and Christina Shea and Anthony Kuo (running for Council) — continue to propose a "land-swap" scheme to move the State-approved, 125-acre Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery out of the Great Park, so that FivePoint can bring thousands of new houses (and cars!) into the Great Park (and put hundreds of millions of dollars of added profits in developers' pockets).

This is absolutely shameful. In 2014, then-Councilman Larry Agran — working with other Councilmembers and with the Legislature and the Governor's office — pulled off a miracle: The long-overdue Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery was approved by the State and now the preliminary design has been sent to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for final approval and early funding. Meanwhile, here in Irvine, developer FivePoint Communities and its candidates for Mayor and Council are working day and night to unravel the Great Park Veterans Cemetery. Again, I say to FivePoint and Wagner, Shea and Kuo: *Shame on You! You are stabbing Orange County veterans in the back.*

—Edward S. Pope, Spec. 5th Class, U.S. Army (1961-1963)

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Mary Ann
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MAYOR of IRVINE

Dear Irvine Neighbor:

It has been my honor to serve the people of Irvine and take the lead in the careful planning of nearly every village, neighborhood and park in Irvine. I also helped lead the fight to preserve our beautiful open space and wilderness areas, and defeat the proposed Airport.

Now, I'm ready to continue my public service...planning for our City's future...this time as your Mayor. I would be honored to have your support and your vote.

This election will decide who controls the future of our City — profit-driven big developers or Irvine residents. **I ask for your vote to put Irvine residents back in control of our City.**

I have lived in Irvine since our City was founded, and I have been privileged — as a Planning Commissioner and former two-term City Councilmember — to lead in planning our wonderful villages, parks, schools, community shopping centers, and open space preserves.

But now our quality of life is threatened by rapid, uncontrolled growth that has created a traffic mess and is causing our schools to be overcrowded.

If I am elected Mayor, I pledge that at the first City Council meeting, I will introduce a Comprehensive Growth and Traffic Control Ordinance — to take a "time-out" from over-development by strictly limiting the number of new residential building permits issued by the City, and by requiring voter approval before any major new residential project can move forward.

We have ample legal authority to enact growth and traffic control policies. What's needed is a Mayor with the courage to stand up to big developers and do what's right for Irvine residents. **I promise to be that kind of Mayor.**

Thank you!

Mary Ann Gaido

P.S. If you believe as I do — that the people should be back in control — please visit my website and join our campaign: **www.MaryAnnGaido.com**