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To The Editor.

Sunday's (July 10) edition of the Daily Breeze contained an article written by Nick Green concerning RPV Storm Drains. Green's articles concerning RPV have an alarming consistency with positions advocated by RPV Councilmen Doug Stern & Tom Long.

Green quoted RPV Councilman Doug Stern that "some people were putting out misleading information concerning the proposed RPV Storm Drain project". Green also made *scurrilous* reference concerning Don Reeves and PVP Watch.

I am the Chair of PVP Watch & Mr. Stern is again misleading RPV citizens. PVP Watch was formed because of the Tax & Spend policies of the current RPV Council and the reality that our two local newspapers give preference to the RPV Council spin.

Green also quoted Mayor Larry Clark stating "there is a small, vocal minority trying to present a distorted view". While PVP Watch did start small, our E-mail list is growing rapidly as PVP Watch becomes known. Time will tell what the people will decide.

At issue is "Open" Vs "Closed" government. One PVP Watch purpose is to ensure that differing opinions are placed in the public arena. It would seem by the anguish over the PVP Watch agenda that some are opposed to differing opinions.

PVP Watch believes minimum taxation is a basis for good government. Our observation is that the RPV Council favors raising taxes rather than prioritizing needs.

Recent news from City Hall reported the adoption of a "No Frills" budget. That is not reality. Lets look at a few expenses deemed more necessary than Storm Drains by the RPV Council. RPV now has an annual budgetary cost of \$1,000,000 for legal fees. This is excessive. Were not RPV legal costs much less before Stern was elected? Why not a public vote for funding the proposed nature preserve (one of the desired "wants") instead of Storm Drains? This will not occur as the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy is an active supporter of most RPV Councilmen. It is reported that RPV costs for seeking State funding for the nature preserve is approaching \$1,000,000. At \$50,000 per Storm Drain repair, this equates to repairing 20 Storm Drains. During 2004 the Council spent about \$370,000 with PV Net. This was for RPV information services including the RPV Web Site, Channel 33 and ??? Knowledgeable people report this excessive. There was no apparent bidding for PV Net services or supplies. Is that prudent? Is that good government? An in-depth analysis of RPV expenses would likely reveal other expenses that could be eliminated. At issue is whether or not the taxpayers want judicious use of their funds? For prudent government, go to pvpwatch.com.

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