

PVP Watch Newsletter – October 2, 2010

To Our Friends & Supporters

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Vote November 2nd

PVP Watch urges RPV Residents to Vote YES on Measure P

BREAKING NEWS

Wednesday October 6th, many RPV residents received a "Robo" call from RPV Councilman Brian Campbell stating that *the Republican Party was officially opposing Measure P*. We find Mr Campbell's comments illusionary and incendiary when he stated the Measure P was a "*get rich scheme that will drive down property values.*" That an elected public official would use such scare tactics is disingenuous. The Republican Party allowed itself to be hi-jacked by Mr. Campbell and his associates which speaks poorly of local Republican leaders. Mr. Campbell and his fellow Councilmen remain "miffed" that Marymount College became exasperated with the Council's delays & "tinkering" finding it necessary to take the issue to the people. RPV residents who believe in individual property rights and limited government should vote **YES** on Measure P in support of Marymount College, a true asset to life in RPV.

The opposition / SOC III led by RPV Council proxy Ken Dyda with the help of CHOA President Jon Cartwright has intentionally or unintentionally misinterpreted the initiative and thus misled some residents into believing that RPV will cease to exist if Measure P passes. Some Councilmembers and their surrogates have participated in the misrepresentaton of the true facts which reflects poorly on our society. RPV residents who may be seeking factual information, we urge you to read the Marymount Plan rather that rely on the illogical hyperbole espoused by the anti Marymount group. A link is posted at www.pvpwatch.com; go to the Current Issues page.

The material is there for you to read and we believe you will find that the hysteria "*the sky is falling*" if Measure P is approved is but another misguided effort by the anti Marymount crowd and their allies to obstruct Marymount's efforts to moderize it's campus into a world class facility

that will be a tremendous asset to RPV and the entire community. We urge ALL to be informed on the issues.

Oh, have you observed the NO on P signs which state: Rancho Palos Verdes is NOT for sale. How interesting... the SOC III gang needs to get their projects straight as that statement should be on the proposed Annenberg Dog & Cat Castle project not related to Marymount and Measure P.

There was a situation on Via Colinita where a resident (teen age son) was removing an unwanted No on P sign from his family's private property and was assaulted by an unknown person driving a red Mercedes. His mother observed from a window what occurred. The lack of character & integrity of the Marymount opponents has been disgusting and reflects poorly on RPV generally. Many Yes on Measure P signs, properly located, have been removed while adjacent No on Measure P signs have been left alone.

PVP Watch congratulates the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for having the wisdom to support Yes on Measure P.

The Annenberg Project.

The RPV Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 12, at the Fred Hesse Community Building on the proposed Annenberg Project.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider the Annenberg Foundation's request to build a 50,979 square foot education and dog-and-cat adoption center with all its hardscape, and a 1,000 square foot outpost structure and components on city-owned coastal parkland - across from Golden Cove; it would need a Grading Permit which involves excavation of large amounts of dirt and rocks, infill, and exportation of rocks; a Revision to the Conditional Use Permit and a Coastal Development Permit would also be required.

To mitigate the projected increase in traffic, consultants recommend three (3) Traffic Signals for PVDr.South, including one at Forrestal Dr / entrance to Trump National.

If the Annenberg project will require three (3) additional traffic signals, it is then introducing too much traffic to the RPV coastline and this is a serious detriment to RPV residents.

A letter from the National Park Service questioning the use of the Lower Point Vicente property for the Annenberg project is posted at www.pvpwatch.com. Go to the Current Issues page.

Although the letter seems to be a "show stopper" for Annenberg at Lower Point Vicente, we would like to point out that Annenberg was a major contributor to ACORN and Obama's Community Organizer operations in Chicago. In view of present circumstances, one must

presume that a call to the Obama White House by Wallis Annenberg would likely result in a National Park Service exemption for the Annenberg Project at Lower Point Vicente project.

RPV Council – Charter City

The revised Charter was on the October 5th Council agenda item #10. While some revisions, PVP Watch believes more are needed, one example, how changes may be made in the future. What will the Council be able to change & what will require a vote of the people is but one issue. With Council approval item #11 is to have a Special Election on March 8th, 2011 using the City of Los Angeles primary election as the vehicle. Estimated costs \$70K to \$90K. We wonder, why the rush? What is going on that we are not yet aware of? Is this a legitimate RPV expense or should it be borne by those desiring the change. If the Council can put an "Initiative" for residents to pay for; why then does Marymount have to pay for putting it's Initiative on the ballot? The purposes identified, so far elimination of paying "prevailing wages" for construction projects and supposedly protecting RPV funds from Sacramento don't seem to "hold water." Newsletter reader opinions on this matter are welcomed. Send to opinion@pvpwatch.com.

News from ObamaLand

REAL ESTATE SALES TAX

Under the new health care bill (ObamaCare) – Starting in 2013, after the 2012 elections, real estate transactions will be subject to a 3.8% Sales Tax. A sale of an \$800,000 home will result in a \$30,400 tax. Undoubtedly more taxes and fees will appear now that ObamaCare has been approved. Your November votes are increasingly important.

Permanent Absentee Ballot

For those who might prefer to vote and mail in their ballot, the Permanent Absentee Voter application is also posted at www.pvpwatch.com. For those that might have difficulties getting to the polls on Election Day, an absentee ballot does simplify the process.

Newsletter Responses

Reader comments are welcomed and should be sent to info@pvpwatch.com. Newsletter responses are posted with names removed and no editing other than obvious grammatical changes. These are subscriber thoughts and opinions and PVP Watch does not vouch for those opinions. That so many have sent their comments has made the Newsletter more interesting and we appreciate the input.

We have been reminded that not ALL subscribers are aware of the PVP Watch website; www.pvpwatch.com. Lots of good info posted here.

Responses to September 11th Newsletter

Thank you so much for providing this very wonderful community service.

Annenberg

I do not believe this type of project should be placed on property that close to the ocean. Much better use can be made of beautiful land like that. I think it would be better to lie fallow at this time than to have this project placed there. If the Annenberg people are set on being in our community & the city council is in a welcoming mood why can it not be put in the vicinity of the city hall complex? Or on other parcels not as pristine as this & which are not in a residential area? This is not right & quite frankly I cannot believe it is being supported by our elected officials.

Measure P

Saw a yard sign today about Measure P which reads "RPV is not for sale." I thought Measure P was about Marymount, not Annenberg's shameful coastal land grab of prime publicly owned land. Message being sent is clear, here in RPV everything, and everyone, has their price.

Sam Ramon

The four houses at the head of the canyon should never have been built. The city has already paid a fortune to buy one of the houses and try to fix the upper portion of the canyon but it is still draining away. The city should have built an appropriate pipe system to handle the runoff from the construction of the homes at the top of Crest Road in the very beginning. The runoff increased and has just eaten away at the canyon floor causing the sides to fail. It's a mess.

The city should at least revisit the "tongue-in-cheek" lawsuit that closed Crest Road into Rolling Hills for the purpose of reopening the road in the event we lose the switchbacks!

Charter City

I watched how our city council treated a neighbor (and others) opposed to the proposed Grandview park. The city council invited interested people to participate in workshops to assist in the planning. The city already paid \$50,000 to landscape architects who didn't care about what citizens wanted or didn't want. The people around there didn't want a fancy park or a park at all. Interested citizens attended the first meeting and gave their changes and opinions but then when they went to the second workshop - nothing had changed. When these citizens brought this to the attention of the city council the council just ignored them - and the council

was arrogant. The citizens did not want the park - they like the weeds and open area. Being a charter city would give the council even more power, more arrogance. What is the matter with them? No - the city council needs to listen to the citizens - no Charter City.

Gentlemen, May I suggest that you please get some advice before you send things out. City charters adopted by the voters can only be amended by the voters. The same is true of initiatives like Proposition P (Marymount). It doesn't help the debate of issues to provide something that is inaccurate and misleads people. People voting on the charter should not be told that after it is adopted the council can change it any way it wants--that's just not true. People might then think that regulation of Marymount could be restored by a vote of the council--also not true. Take a little more time please to frame the issues correctly. Whatever your position may be it does us all a disservice when you send things out that have not been fact checked. Tom Long Mayor Pro Tem, RPV

Editor: We do not subscribe to Mr. Long's theory's and believe there should be more specificity in the proposed Charter as to what a majority of a council, now & in the future may do and what will require a vote of the people.

EDCO Trash Containers

I do not like the EDCO trash containers nor the people who operate the trucks to empty them. There is so much trash that flies away - the streets are a mess. We liked Waste Management and especially Danny, who has been with them since before we moved here in 1978. He always picked up loose trash and was very helpful to everyone. He was a good man.

Marymount College

We have lived at the end of San Ramon Drive since the summer of 1978 and Marymount has not always been a good neighbor. I regularly pick up trash next to the cars parked on PV Drive East near Marymount and on the street in front of Marymount. Marymount did put in nice stone trash containers years ago, after I asked them to please do so, but still the students are messy and don't always use them! Also, no one minds their improvements, especially if they keep the cars off of the surrounding streets but this is really about dorms. All you have to do is ask the neighbors who live by the Marymount dorms in San Pedro and they will tell you that living near the Marymount dorms is awful. The college is far different now from when we moved here.

Lights at Peninsula High

I have to side with neighbors on this one - no lights. I love football and so does my husband and son who have played and coached football. The views are so beautiful from the high

school. Residents cherish coming home from a busy day at work and on the weekends and want to enjoy their evenings free of obstructing light, traffic and noise. These local residents bought their homes knowing there were no night games at the High School to take away from the use and enjoyment of their property. If the High School were allowed to have lights and night games this would create a nuisance to the surrounding residents and just invite costly litigation and bad feelings. No lights.

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