

PVP Watch Newsletter – October 9, 2009

To Our Friends & Supporters:

November 3rd is Election Day and sample ballots and permanent absentee ballots have been mailed. If history repeats itself, perhaps 30% of peninsula voters will cast their ballots. Is this not dismal when 70% of the taxpayers have no interest in their community? Admittedly, it is difficult to make a change in National or California statewide offices; however each vote does matter on Peninsula offices whether they are City Hall, PV Schools or the Library District. Everyone receiving this Newsletter should accept the challenge of assuring that five (5) friends / neighbors cast their respective ballots.

PVP Watch believes the two best qualified candidates for the RPV Council are **Brian Campbell** and **Anthony Misetich**. Both will bring proven leadership and management experience that the RPV Council so desperately needs. Both have been endorsed by and have access to Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe and Congressman Dana Rohrabacher. Additionally, Misetich has worked with City of Los Angeles Councilwoman Janice Hahn and Brian has been endorsed by current RPV Councilman Steve Wolowicz. Both of these proven leaders are additionally endorsed by over two dozen other current or former local elected officials, further demonstrating the confidence so many local leaders have in these two men.

Also, with the serious Tarapaca Canyon issues confronting RPV, having Councilmen with access to Congressman Dana Rohrabacher, LA County Supervisors Don Knabe and LA Councilwoman Janice Hahn, is an important asset that Brian and Anthony bring with them. Also beneficial are the skills of **Brian Campbell** and **Anthony Misetich** in dealing with the other important issues RPV shares with its neighboring cities.

Current RPV Councilmen support different combinations of the Planning Commission candidates Jeff Lewis and Paul Tetreault. Lewis & Tetreault are attorneys and both are supported by the two existing attorney's on Council, Tom Long and Doug Stern. We find that many RPV residents feel that we need more proven business experience and professional diversity on Council. There simply is not a logical argument to have four, repeat four, trial attorneys on Council at the same time. This is not meant to be a personal affront to these two Planning Commission volunteers; just our opinion.

Jim Knight has an excellent environmental record but we feel he is too focused on this issue and does not have the balanced expertise of **Brian Campbell** and **Anthony Misetich**.

John McTaggart is to be commended for his 20 plus years of outstanding service to our community. However, we believe his expertise can be better utilized assisting from the coaching booth and being available for sharing his expertise with the new RPV Councilmen.

Craig Mueller, in our opinion, does not have at this time the particular business professional experience that will best provide what residents now need on the RPV Council.

Listed below are the web sites for the RPV Council candidates. We encourage RPV residents to read the candidates opinions and to decide the veracity and suitability of each.

Anthony Misetich – www.misetich.com

Brian Campbell – www.campbellforrpv.com

Paul Tetreault – www.pault4rpv.com

Craig Mueller – www.palosverdes.com/craigmueller

Jim Knight - www.palosverdes.com/jimknight

Jeff Lewis - www.palosverdes.com/jefflewis

John McTaggart - www.palosverdes.com/mctaggart

We encourage all RPV residents to view the candidate forums on Channel 33.

Vote NO on RPV Measure TOT

On the November 3rd ballot is Measure TOT that will increase the Transient Occupancy Tax (also known as the TOT, or “Hotel Tax”) from 10% of the room rate to 12%. We at PVP Watch believe that this is not only bad economics, but unwarranted, and suggest all RPV residents vote “NO” on this proposition. This measure is primarily directed at Terranea but will affect other RPV hotels / motels as well.

The initial reason for proposing the TOT increase was to compensate RPV for the TOT credit plan requested by Lowe's Enterprises / Terranea. Because the RPV City Council, cancelled / rescinded the TOT credit plan, no longer is there justification for increasing the TOT to 12%

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