

PVP Watch Newsletter – July 23, 2009

To Our Friends & Supporters.

In response to the last PVP Watch Newsletter, July 20th 2009, we received the following from RPV Mayor Larry Clark.

Gentlemen-- I don't know where you get you're info, but how about asking me before you put this bunk out. I have had no intention in the past or will I in the future attempt to 'force Councilman Gardiner' out of his elected office position on our City Council. The fact is I've been very consistent vocally supportive of Peter in retaining his Council seat as long as he wishes, while fighting his serious medical condition. I've personally told Peter on more than one occasion. Additionally, the fact is I've consistently granted him excused absences at every Council meeting he's be absent from since becoming Mayor in December 09.

Again so it is clear where I stand on the 2009 RPV Council election, I committed in 2001 when I 1st ran for RPV City Council that I believed in 'reasoned' term limits at the local level and if elected I committed to attempt to bring a reasonable term limits ballot initiative to our voters for their consideration--which I did in 2003 (Measure C) which our voters passed. My 2 4-yr terms in RPV elected office have reinforced my belief that RPV's term limits are right for our community and will open up elected leadership positions in RPV at regular periodic intervals, getting some of our outstanding community members to step forward and seek to lead us in elected office. By the end of 2009, it will be time for me to 'pass forward' my RPV elected leadership position as promised...

Larry Clark
Mayor - City of Rancho Palos
Calif Coastal Commissioner

Larry, your comments are as welcome as anyone's and in a sense of fairness we are publishing your comments. However, we did receive information from several sources that there was effort to appoint Paul Tetreault to the RPV Council.

We appreciate Larry's confirmation that he will not run again for the RPV Council. It's too bad that Doug Stern did not have Larry's sense of values when he ran for a third term as it has been fairly well established that incumbents have an advantage. We certainly concur with Larry that two terms are enough. Those who believe they are indispensable,

stay to continue their agenda(s) rather than opening the process to new ideas and concepts.

With permission, we are posting the message below:

"I would like to invite all who are receiving this email to get involved with their community. Remember, all politics is local. Whether you support or oppose an issue it is your civil obligation to participate in the governance of your community. We are a nation that is "of the people and by the people." We must never stop being vigilant and supportive of our local government. It is your obligation to speak up regardless of your opinion. And the greatest power you have is to vote out those that you disagree with. The people are the ultimate in term limits. We need to stop electing people (at all levels) just because they are the incumbent. Pay attention and make your vote count!

What can you do each and every day to make a difference?