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Tuesday November 5th is Election Day in RPV.

This year there are three (3) Council seats open. Mayor Jerry Duhovic and Council member Susan Brooks are “termed out” and cannot run for reelection. Council member Dyda has completed one term and will be a candidate for reelection.

Four other RPV residents; Barbara Ferraro, Dave Emenhiser, Dave Bradley and Steve Perestam have also been accepted as qualified RPV Council Candidates. **Barbara Ferraro, Dave Emenhiser and Dave Bradley are endorsed by PVP Watch as the three best candidates for the three open RPV Council positions.** A candidate’s forum will conducted by the Long Point HOA is scheduled for September 18th, at either Hesse Park or the PVIC (Point Vicente Interpretive Center). Stay Tuned...

Also on the ballot is “**Measure B**” the **Hospitality Initiative** that was initiated by labor union Unite Here 11. The intent of the Ordinance is to have RPV residents approve the Initiative which would mandate that RPV carry the burden of managing the Union initiated Ordinance without compensation. **Measure B** is posted at www.pvpwatch.com / Current Events page.

As the initiative was constructed it is primarily aimed at Terranea but will affect Trump National as well. Consider the Union bonanza if it can generate union dues from some 1,000 Terranea employees.

PVP Watch Urges RPV Residents – Vote NO on Measure B

PVP Watch supports the right of workers to have a Union if they so decide but worker choice is NOT on the Ballot. Terranea did offer the Unite Here 11 Union an opportunity to negotiate with Terranea employees but the Union rejected that offer. It would seem that the Union has recognized that the employees weren’t interested. Instead, the Union solicited RPV resident’s signatures on the Union Unite Here Initiative petitions. Many RPV residents should recall being harassed at their homes as well as venues such as Ralphs, Pavilions, Trader

Joels and other business venues by paid Union agents collecting resident signatures. The Union collected sufficient signatures to put **Measure B** on the November ballot.

Measure B is very onerous in its dictates. For example, **Measure B** requires Terranea and Trump National to a lesser degree, provide **FREE** transportation to and from Home to Work. Please consider the financial burden to the employers and the loss of taxable revenues to RPV.

Measure B is posted on the PVP Watch website – www.pvpwatch.com. Go to the Current Issues page. As we understand, using voter Ballots, is a new labor organization attempt known as “Ballot Harvesting.” The Union is targeting Absentee ballots (over 50% of the ballots in RPV) when Absentee Ballots are mailed during the 1st week of October, not too distant. Union representative’s young and well-dressed younger people have already begun canvassing RPV neighborhoods knocking on doors introducing themselves *as some / unknown senior get out the vote organization*. While past experience is limited, it has been reported that they Union have been successful in leaving residences with a person’s ballot in their possession. Don’t be vulnerable; don’t let anyone in your door offering to discuss your Ballot that you don’t know.

Remember. Door Soliciting in RPV is illegal in RPV

Reject all door to door soliciting in RPV

RPV – City Manager

RPV City Manager Doug Willmore announced his resignation at the September 3rd City Council meeting. We believe his last day will coincide with the Councils last day December 3rd.

Mayor Duhovic did announce that the Council would soon have a closed session meeting to plan for replacing the City Manager. We suggest that the Council decide to DO NOTHING concerning the City Manager as there will soon be a new Council with the likelihood of a different Council majority. Several of the existing Department Heads are, in our opinions, very capable of being the interim City Manager. The new Council should be free to make their own choice not be handed somebody the past Council selected.

One suggestion is that the Council new / old not use the same Consultant that they used previously. There must be better options available than last used.

RPV – Fire Prevention

Fire prevention in the Preserve area as well the canyon areas have long been a concern to RPV residents. The winter rains brought an overabundance of Mustard brush that made our hillsides radiate. However, the flowering abundance of growth this past spring has turned to fire hazardous material this summer. It has been reported that Fire Insurance has been cancelled on a few properties and failure by the City could result in more RPV / Peninsula properties losing fire insurance.

At last this problem was initially addressed at Tuesdays (Sept. 3) meeting; Regular Business Item 2. The Council agreed to an \$200,000 Grant to the PV Land Conservancy to rid some sections of the Nature Preserve of highly volatile Acacia plants / trees that are highly flammable. This is not an end solution and the project will be supervised by the RPV Public Works Department.

PVP Watch will follow and continue to post on this very important matter.

RPV - Proposed Civic Center

We believe that the next meeting of the Civic Center committee with the RPV Council will be October 15th with the purpose being the Gensler presentation of their concept for a new Civic Center. Following the October 15th meeting the present Council will have two more scheduled meetings for conducting business so don't expect much.

The current Council will not have time to do much but to continue the matter to the new Council. Two Councilmen, Cruikshank and Alegria plus Deputy City Manager will remain with little exposure to this matter themselves.

In our view, this matter, a new City Center, has been a fiasco from the Getgo. The City Manager did not, at the beginning, deliver a "Scope of Work" so the Committee proceeded on their own which caused a disagreement and three members including the Chair and Deputy Chair to resign.

It does not appear that "rehabbing" the existing building was ever considered... An analysis was performed by the firm Gonzalez & Goodale Architects in 2010 and their report is posted at www.pvpwatch.com. Go to the Current Issues page. Generally, the building was / is in good condition but did / does need some upgrading.

In our opinion, the Council needs to curtail the foolishness of this continued dreaming of a new City Hall. It is past time to beginning a reasonable plan of upgrading existing City Hall facilities. We suggest that RPV's annual budget can accommodate a diversion of \$2 million annually for an initial period of 5 years. What can be done with a budget of \$10 million? And the City does not have to seek outside consultants as there is ample talent on RPV staff.

We have suggested previously that a reasonable plan for upgrading is supportable in current and foreseeable budgets. The 2010 report provides a pathway.

RPV – NCCP

August 14th the Pacific Legal Foundation (Pacificlegal.org) a conservative/libertarian public interest law firm with primary offices in Sacramento, Ca. announced the reforming of the Endanger Species Act. In short this revision expands the protection of wildlife (where it exists) and prevents the "taking of personal property where certain wildlife does not presently exist. Our reading of the revision is that no longer can land to be set aside (Taken) where there is merely an assumption that "endangered or

threatened species” might exist at some future time. Presently, there are several of these conditions in RPV.

We have referred this matter to RPV City Hall who will, presumably seek a legal opinion from Wildlife Agency attorneys. This reformation could have a major impact on RPV’s plans for the NCCP.

RPV - Ladera Linda Park

The debate goes on..... The adjoining residents want a Neighborhood Park and City Hall continues to propose a Community Center. The latest rendition, as presented at the public meeting on August 20th continues with questionable designs including glass walls and no central access... Ladera Linda residents have serious traffic, noise and parking problems which should also be addressed.

The design, so far, is a disaster. Please look at the following “link” and make your comments known.

<http://www.rpvca.gov/982/Ladera-Linda-Park-Master-Plan>.

August 20th the Council accepted the initial design and approved the beginning of the Construction design. It was a split vote with Brooks, Alegria and Cruikshank approving and Dyda and Duhovic opposing. There was much dissent by the community.

At the September 3rd meeting, and to his credit, Councilman Dyda with the support of Mayor Duhovic sought a parliamentary motion to “*bring back*” the August 20th discussion for discussion and new vote. The motion failed, with Brooks, Alegria and Cruikshank voting **NO** opposing the Dyda motion.

Many residents in the Ladera Linda community are aware that Brooks has a personal vendetta against Mickey Rodich; a stalwart in the RPV community and thus her logic for Brooks Ladera Linda decisions. Brooks has made disgusting aspersions against Rodich and other RPV residents as well. Fortunately for RPV residents, she has only a few more meetings.

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