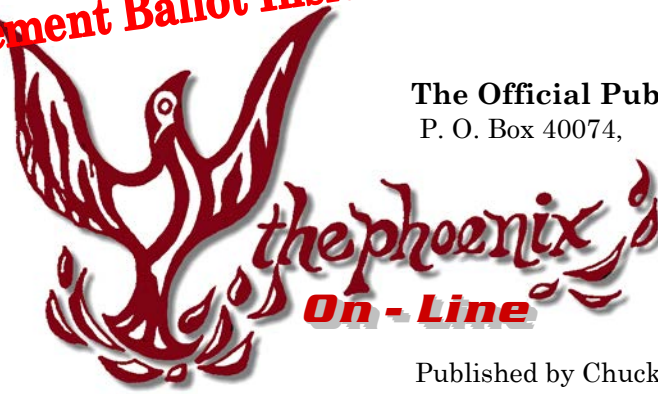


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## **ACT-Endorsed Candidates Win in PUSD Elections!**

Congratulations to ACT-endorsed candidates Patrick Cahalan, who was elected in District 4, and to Larry Torres, who was elected in District 6. And congratulations also to ACT member Roy Boulghourjian, who was elected in District 2 with an impressive 68% of the vote! Thus, the PUSD Board will experience the largest turnover in membership since 2001.

Congratulations also to ACT-endorsed Councilman Terry Tornek, who lead the Mayoral primary with 37% of vote, and to Councilwoman (and ACT member) Jacque Robinson, whose second-place showing with 30% places her in the run-off election, since no candidate received over 50% of the vote. The run-off is Tuesday, April 21 -- DON'T FORGET TO VOTE. Absentee ballots should start arriving around March 25th.

**SPECIAL ENDORSEMENT BALLOT ENCLOSED:** Because no ACT-endorsed candidate is in the City Council District 1 run-off, ACT members have the opportunity to endorse a candidate in the run-off. See inside for the special endorsement ballot.

### **Act Endorsement Ballot For Pasadena City Council District 1**

The March 10<sup>th</sup> Primary resulted in no candidate winning over 50% of the vote, so the two top vote getters – Tyron Hampton and Calvin Wells – will face each other in a run-off on April 21.

ACT did not endorse any candidate in the primary, but the Arroyo Democratic Club (ADC) did endorse Pixie Boyden. Since no ACT or ADC endorsed candidate is in the run-off, the membership has the option of reconsidering an endorsement in this race.

To assist that process, Marilee Marshall, Chair of the Research Committee, interviewed Calvin Wells

since the Research Committee had been unable to interview him during our primary endorsement process (although he did attend our Forum). She reports that Wells is in general agreement with all of ACT's positions. He favors moving forward with ACT's proposal for an independent police auditor. He is absolutely opposed to the 710 tunnel, believes in controlled responsible development that preserves green space, and in taking any necessary action, including a law suit, to prevent the irresponsible manner in which the county is proposing to remove the sediment from the Hahamonga basin. Wells supports the prevailing living wage ordinance and is in favor of

discussing a means gradually to increase the minimum wage. Affordable housing is an area of major concern for Wells and he supports the forming of a housing commission to address the needs of Pasadena residents. As for the embezzlement, Wells is anxious for the report to be released which will ultimately enable us to determine who should be fired. As for the Rose Bowl, it needs to generate revenue to service the debt, but it is primarily a college football venue and anything beyond that should be considered on a case by case basis. The concerts of last summer he describes as an outrage. Wells would favor an increased use of shuttles, perhaps compressed natural gas buses, to minimize pollution and lessen the impact on the surrounding neighborhood.

Find the ballot on page 9 and cut it out.



### Next Steering Committee Meeting

The next meeting of ACT and ADC will be Thursday, April 2 at the home of Anne and Roger Wolf, 1249 Canedo Place, Pasadena. Refreshments will be available at 7 p.m. with the meeting following at 7:30 p.m. Carpooling is advised.

Villa-Parke Community Center Supervisor Rozanne Adanto will speak to ACT about the center's services and challenges as staff works to meet the needs of its surrounding neighborhoods

Villa-Parke Community Center in Northwest Pasadena consists of 8 acres of sports fields, a public library and a center for recreation, community meetings, and social services meeting the needs of the mostly Hispanic community. The center has approximately 18,000 drop-in client visits per month, and many staff members speak English and Spanish.

Among the center's foot traffic are individuals seeking information and referral services re-

garding social security, unemployment, jobs, housing, consumer protection, welfare, public health services, day care, senior services, and additional programs and services provided by governments and local organizations including El Centro de Accion Social, La Escuela de la Comunidad, and Head Start. The center is one of the largest community centers run by the city of Pasadena.



### Next Meeting - Progressive Discussion Group

Friday Morning Progressive Discussion Group next meets on Friday, March 20 at Dupar's Restaurant, 214 S. Lake Ave., Pasadena. (Though the location has changed, we still meet every first and third Friday of the month at 9 a.m.)

Join the discussion. Everyone is welcome. Order breakfast, coffee, etc., or not. For additional information, check with Inman Moore at [inmanmoore3@gmail.com](mailto:inmanmoore3@gmail.com) or call 626-795-2201.



### Thank You from Terry Tornek

Dear ACT Members:

Thank you for your contribution and for your support.

ACT's participation in Pasadena's activities on behalf of progressive candidates and causes has meant a great deal to our City. I am proud to once again win your endorsement and will work hard to deserve it.

Terry Tornek



### Wanted: A Photo of you in a Special Place

Where have you been recently? Please send your high-resolution photo to Chuck Hains at [hains27@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hains27@sbcglobal.net).

## Wonderings and Wanderings

By Inman Moore



### An Open Letter to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

You may be proud of your ill manners in appearing before a joint session of the House and Senate uninvited by our President and not welcome by some members of both houses of Congress. But many Americans are not proud of you at all. On the surface your appearance seems to be a petty scheme on your part to help win your battle to remain Prime Minister of Israel in Israel's upcoming election. In the process you have badly damaged the close relationship of Israel and the United States that has been a wonderful thing for both nations.

We have so many things in common. Out of the Jewish Religion sprang the Christian Religion and our Judeo-Christian ties which have inspired me and hosts of people all around the world. The Jews have so much to offer the world. They have made marvelous contributions to all the countries where they have migrated. Religiously, artistically, politically, scientifically, and socially here in America we have so many ties that bind. America, ever since the founding of the country of Israel, has lent great support, emotionally, financially, and otherwise. We have given more financial aid to Israel than we have given to the entire continent of Africa. And I don't begrudge a penny of it.

So what I am saying is not directed to the Jewish people who rightfully are a proud and great race. My remarks are addressed to you. Either knowingly or unknowingly you have muddied our close relationship for years to come. In order to get elected Prime Minister you felt you had to ally yourself with the most

conservative Rabbis in Israel who frankly feel about Iran and Palestinians the same way you accuse the Iranians and Palestinians of feeling about the Jews. Not all Rabbis feel this way, but the very Orthodox Rabbis believe that God gave the Jews the land in Palestine and the Palestinians should be swept into the sea. Need I remind you that in 1900 only 6% of the population in Palestine was Jewish? Over the years, like so many of my Irish ancestors who moved out of Ireland, the Jews had moved out of Palestine and settled all over the world.

I know it is hard to be friends with some people, but never mind what the Palestinians call you. Pay attention to the fact that they are people who lived on this land and many of them want to live in peace. The only peaceful solution is the two state solution. Instead, under your leadership, Israel keeps nibbling away the land in the West Bank and making it harder and harder for the Palestinians. Either knowingly or unknowingly you made Gaza a virtual detention camp with entry, either in or out, very difficult.

If you would have let him, President Obama could have been one of your best friends. Knowing that Israel is surrounded by potential enemies, President Obama has been trying to establish friendships with adjacent countries that could make Israel's future much brighter. You are a small country of eight million people surrounded by much larger countries — all potential enemies. What you may really want, deep down, is for America to become the dominant force in the Middle East with troops on the ground in every country, making all the countries subservient to America. Prime Minister Netanyahu that is not going to happen. America has no plans to take over the Middle East. We want the very best for Israel, and that can only come through peaceful efforts. Another world war, deteriorating into an atomic nightmare, would spell

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## Political Notes

by Jon Fuhrman



Sunday, March 15.

The election is over, the votes are in – or at least most of them. There are still over 1500 absentee votes, and 500 provisional ballots, that have yet to be counted. Nonetheless, even with incomplete data, we can still draw some interesting conclusions. The spreadsheet in the Phoenix shows the votes that each of the six Mayoral candidates received by City Council District, and by absentee versus election day ballots.

First, some overall perspectives. Turnout was depressingly low at about 16.5%, but that's roughly the same as the turnout in the last three Mayoral elections 2003, 2007 and 2011. The percentage of voters casting absentee ballot actually went down somewhat, to merely 58% this time, compared to 76% in 2013 and the low 60's in 2009 and 2011. Only in Council Districts 1 and 2 were there more election day votes cast than absentee ballots –

perhaps the GOTV efforts by candidates in the District 1 City Council race, and in the PUSD race centered around Council District 2, in fact boosted turnout on Election Day.

As most folks predicted, Councilmember Terry Tornek finished a decisive first, with 37% of the vote. Surprisingly, though, Councilwoman Jacque Robinson charged to a modestly close second place with 30% of the vote. Tornek dominated the absentee votes, with just shy of 40%, but it was Robinson who had the most election day votes, albeit by a narrow 26-vote margin.

As you can see from the spreadsheet, Tornek did best in Council Districts 6 and 7, where he more than doubled Robinson's vote. Robinson did best in her home District 1, but also carried Districts 3 and 5. District 2 closely mirrored the overall city vote, while Tornek carried the more conservative District 4 by a significant margin.

Interestingly, neither Don Morgan nor Bill Thomson were able to gain any significant traction. Morgan's campaign was probably the most active on social media, using e-mail blasts repeatedly, inviting voters to coffees and town hall meetings, and so on. Clearly, it failed to strike a chord. In part, it was likely due to voters' demonstrated reluctance to support someone relatively new to the community. Additionally, though, the electorate is mostly composed of folks who basically have no connection to social media and who don't respond to, and aren't even aware of, campaigns through those avenues. The younger crowd, many of whom are relatively new to Pasadena, might have been connected, but they basically don't vote. The turnout in downtown precincts, where many of the new condos and apartments are located, was truly dismal.

Further, both Morgan and Thomson focused on the embezzlement scandal, and suggested to voters that perhaps new blood was needed

in City Hall to get to the bottom of the problem and prevent any recurrences. Again, this theme seems to have fallen flat with voters, who overwhelmingly were voting for sitting Councilmembers. Clearly, there was no perceived need to sweep out City Hall. It seems the scandal, though hyped on the pages of the Star-News, hasn't drawn any real interest from the broad electorate.

Bill Thomson was the only Republican among the candidates, so one might have thought

that he could use that to his advantage. Republicans account for only about a quarter of registered voters, although their percentage is a bit higher among likely municipal voters. But Thomson started his campaign late and seemingly never really got off the ground.

In fact, it was Councilman Tornek's early start that really gave him a significant advantage. He had walked much of the city and identified a substantial core of supporters across all districts, and the vote tallies show him winning

	Shay	Morgan	Tornek	Thomson	Robinson	Hardin	Total
<b>District 1</b>							
AV	29	86	273	68	490	5	951
Election Day	20	85	226	53	602	10	996
Total	49	171	499	121	1092	15	1947
<b>District 2</b>							
AV	27	117	299	107	241	4	795
Election Day	20	138	281	103	254	2	798
Total	47	255	580	210	495	6	1593
<b>District 3</b>							
AV	15	69	176	47	206	6	519
Election Day	11	44	88	19	187	5	354
Total	26	113	264	66	393	11	873
<b>District 4</b>							
AV	130	143	526	240	263	3	1305
Election Day	100	135	363	210	283	5	1096
Total	230	278	889	450	546	8	2401
<b>District 5</b>							
AV	24	62	164	45	248	3	546
Election Day	4	50	114	16	184	3	371
Total	28	112	278	61	432	6	917
<b>District 6</b>							
AV	110	354	855	257	297	7	1880
Election Day	56	228	490	190	245	5	1214
Total	166	582	1345	447	542	12	3094
<b>District 7</b>							
AV	21	236	588	211	239	3	1298
Election Day	10	126	371	142	192	3	844
Total	31	362	959	353	431	6	2142
<b>Overall Totals</b>							
AV	356	1067	2881	975	1984	31	7294
Election Day	221	806	1933	733	1947	33	5673
Total	577	1873	4814	1708	3931	64	12967

votes across the entire city. In particular, his ability to mail early probably helped him build his decisive lead among absentee voters, who began casting ballots before getting mail from any of the other candidates.

Tornek's other key advantage was his strength in Districts 6 and 7. He has represented Dist. 7 for six years now, and even though Morgan and Thomson both live in Dist. 7 (and Thomson represented Dist. 7 for 16 years), Tornek carried the area with nearly 45% of the vote, his best showing. He also showed exceptional strength in Dist. 6, winning 43.5% of the vote there, leveraging strong support from members of Pasadena Heritage and the West Pasadena Residents Assoc. (WPRA). Councilman Madison, who represents that area, formally endorsed Bill Thomson, but the endorsement came late in the race and Thomson didn't fully take advantage of the endorsement.

So what do we make of all this? Going forward, Councilman Tornek seems to have the advantage. He has an identified group of supporters from across the city. He is strongest in Districts 6 and 7, which collectively provide nearly 40% of all votes cast. Councilwoman Robinson is strongest in Districts 1, 3 and 5, in the Northwest, but collectively they contributed only 14% of all votes cast.

However, Robinson might be considered to have the "momentum", in that her relatively strong second place finish surprised many observers, and Tornek was considered by some to have "underperformed". The only other run-off election is for the District 1 Council seat – Jacque's home district – so that should boost turnout there compared to the rest of the city. Further, Councilman Steve Madison,



representing Dist. 6, has already indicated he is endorsing Robinson, and this endorsement is early enough to allow Robinson to use it effectively with absentee voters. Similarly, Robinson's endorsement by the County Democratic Party can be used effectively in absentee voter mailings this time, while during the primary campaign it came too late to be of maximum value. Additionally, word is that the fire and police unions will endorse Robinson, and firefighters have proven to be exceptionally effective precinct walkers for candidates in prior elections.

Lastly, as the election now clarifies down to a clear choice, Robinson could be our first

African-American woman elected Mayor city-wide. This has a powerful appeal to women activists and to many in the minority community, perhaps overriding prior commitments to another candidate. In the primary, many doubted that Robinson would make much of a showing. Now that she is in the run-off, and is in it by virtue of a surprisingly strong showing, the city has a real chance of making history. The appeal that brings is a hard

thing to quantify, but it's also hard to campaign against. So Councilman Tornek, even with his sizable lead, has his work cut out for him. My guess is, despite the advantage Tornek pulls from the southwest precincts, the race is dead even, and Pasadena is in for an exciting time.

And that time may be even more exciting than you would expect. Many thought the embezzlement revelations were a real bombshell. But on Monday, March 16, the City's Public Safety Committee will be reviewing a just-released report from the Veritas Assurance Group; they did an audit of the Police Depart-

ment, and although only an Executive Summary is being released so far, it is stunningly critical of the Police Dept. It seems to document and corroborate all the wild accusations some Northwest community members have been levelling against the Police Dept. It hammers the Dept. for lax supervision – indeed, entirely absent supervision – of homicide detectives and other investigators. The Dept's IT systems are in a shambles, not because they don't work, but because of incorrigibly sloppy data entry and supervisors indifferent to the problem. It identifies at least a dozen cases, out of some 50 that were audited, that need immediate "biopsies" – the report's euphemism for cases that were so mishandled that convictions could be imperiled.

Although Chief Sanchez welcomed the outside investigators, supported their work, ensured they had full access to all Departmental data, and acted on interim recommendations as the report was taking shape, I still find it difficult to see how the Chief can survive this report. The lapses of supervision, the disregard of policy, and the utterly laissez-faire attitude of Departmental managers toward slipshod work have to, ultimately, be laid at his doorstep.

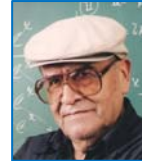
Further, this report confirms the prevalent perceptions about the Police Dept. in the Northwest, and it could become a powerful force motivating the community to demand change – and to achieve change through a new Mayor who comes from their community and who would force a new Police Chief to be selected. The embezzlement scandal shocked people, but no one much cares about utility funds or undergrounding utilities. This new report may shock some, but not shock others – they believed it already. But they care deeply about police abuse and intimidation – multiple examples of which are documented from the City's own files, even in the Executive Summary (and you can just imagine the fight brewing over releasing the full version of the

report) – and the missteps documented by the report are, in truth, indefensible. Coming just weeks before the run-off election, this could impact turnout and voting in surprising ways.

-- Jon Fuhrman



### Exhibition Honors Life of Jaime Escalante at PCC



Pasadena City College honors one of its distinguished alumni, Jaime Escalante (Class of 1969), in an exhibition, *Jaime Escalante--: A Life Con Ganas*. The exhibition includes Escalante's personal papers, photos, and plaques; a video production by the Foundation for the Advancement of Science and Education (FASE), and objects that feature his teaching methodology.

A teacher of mathematics and physics in his native Bolivia, Escalante was befriended by Dr. Armen Sarafian, President of Pasadena City College, who found him bussing tables at Bob's Big Boy on Colorado Boulevard and arranged for his admission to the college. The exhibition shows how he became one of America's most revered teachers after the release of the film *Stand and Deliver* that features his 1982 class at Garfield High School in Los Angeles.

The catalogue for the exhibit includes reflections by Edward James Olmos and Keith Miller, director at FASE; a eulogy by Elsa Bolado, one his students at Garfield High School; and a curatorial by Reina Alejandra Prado Saldivar.

The exhibition is free and open to the public between. The exhibition runs through April 10 in Circadian Room in the Campus Center. Gallery hours are between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## From 25<sup>th</sup> District State Senator Carol Liu...



### Sacramento Update

**T**he deadline for members to introduce legislation has passed and the numbers are in. The Senate introduced the lowest number of bills (793) in a session's first year since at least 1989, according to the Office of the Secretary of the Senate. In 2013, Senators introduced 813. I'd like to think that we are being more thoughtful about what really needs to be legislated, and what issues are best addressed by other means, e.g. administrative action or a stakeholder process for problem-solving. That being said, I admit to introducing the highest number of bills in a session I've ever introduced – 29.

As I began my last two years in office, I felt it was important to front-load my legislative agenda with bills to begin what will likely be a two-year process to advance major reform in such areas as teacher recruitment, retention, quality, and professional development. I also wanted to start some important discussions on key issues. In this category, you have likely already heard about my bill (SB 192) requiring adults to wear helmets when bicycling (and also reflective vests at night). This measure has certainly generated a robust discussion on bicycle safety overall and what we need to truly create multi-modal transportation options, including protected bicycle lanes and safer practices by both bicyclists and motorists as they share the roadways.

Also attracting attention is my SB 608 – The Right to Rest Act. This one limits the ability of cities to cite homeless people in public places just for being there. Here again, the

broader discussion is about how to solve the problem of homelessness. Cities shuffling the homeless across each other's borders is not the answer. What can we collectively do -- at the state, regional, and local level -- to provide housing, services and supports that will get people off the streets and on track to a better life? A 2013 US Housing and Urban Development Department Report found that California has 22 percent of America's homeless population, the highest percentage in the nation, and that 66.7 percent of the homeless lack shelter. According to a California Department of Education 2014 report, during the 2012-2013 school year, nearly 270,000 students experienced homelessness in California, representing 21 percent of the homeless students in the United States. Clearly, we need an integrated strategy that doesn't crowd our courtrooms and jails or mar the records of folks we hope will be seeking educational opportunities and jobs on their way to becoming self-sufficient.

So, those are just two of my bills, but they have generated the most media coverage. I hope I can generate that much "buzz" about the five bills I've introduced to reform California's Aging and Long Term Care system and the others addressing early childhood education, K-12 school facilities, and higher education. I also have legislation regarding the sale of homes currently owned by Caltrans. Meanwhile, Caltrans has restarted the draft regulation process implementing my legislation from last year and providing greater opportunity for all current tenants to purchase their rented homes. I will write more about all of these measures as they move through the legislative process. Meanwhile you can check out my bill package at [www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov).

*Sen. Liu represents about 930,000 people in the 25th Senate District, which includes Sunland-Tujunga, to Upland.*

Visit [www.senate.ca.gov/LIU](http://www.senate.ca.gov/LIU).

# ACT ENDORSEMENT BALLOT

## For District 1 Run-off Election



### Endorsement Ballot Instructions

The membership of ACT recognizes that ACT is a democratic organization dependent on the goodwill of its members. Towards this end, the following rules shall govern the election procedures for ACT endorsements. The purpose of these rules is to prevent the manipulation of the endorsement process, to safeguard the voting privileges of members, and to further the democratic principles and procedures of ACT.

**Who can vote?** Year 2014 & 2015 members who are 18 years of age or older can vote. Each member on your address label is entitled to one vote and only one vote (if there is one name on the label, you have one vote; two names, two votes. If a person casts more votes than authorized, those votes are voided.

**How do I vote?** Mark and return your ballot in the enclosed envelope with the label attached. Or, if you desire a secret ballot, you may enclose it in an additional unmarked envelope. Each completed ballot sent by mail shall be submitted in the ACT envelope. Each voting member must sign the outside of the ACT ballot envelope. If there is no enclosed envelope, please send the ballot in an envelope with your name and return address to: ACT, Attn: Endorsement Election Committee, P. O. Box 40074, Pasadena CA 91114-7074.

**Ballot rules** No proxies or duplicated ballots may be used in voting in ACT endorsement elections. If your ballot is damaged, write "void" on it and send it along with a note indicating how you voted.

**Ballot Deadline** Ballots must be received by 5 p.m. Thursday, April 2nd. Further endorsement election information can be found in this Phoenix.

**Why do we vote?** ACT's endorsement can mean access to donor files, computer data, and such

financial contributions as are voted by the Steering Committee.

### Endorsement Requirements

1. A 60% majority of ballots cast is required to endorse a candidate or either the "Yes" or "No" side of a proposition. Abstentions will not be counted, i.e. only ballots cast in each race will be counted as part of the percentage.

### 2. No quorum is required.

Example: (family has 3 ACT members qualified to vote), Member #1 supports Candidate X; Member #2 supports Candidate Y; Member #3 decides to vote "No endorsement":

Vote for one	Voter: #1	#2	#3
Candidate X .....	x		
Candidate Y .....		x	
No Endorsement .....			x

### Pasadena City Council District 1:

#### ACT ENDORSEMENT BALLOT

**The Steering Committee recommends endorsing Calvin Wells (21 - 0 - 0)**

Vote for one	Voter: #1	#2	#3
Calvin Wells .....			
Tyron Hampton .....			
No Recommendation .....			

#### ADC ENDORSEMENT BALLOT

Note that because Tyron Hampton is a Republican, he is ineligible for endorsement by the Arroyo Democratic Club, so there is a blank by his name on this section of this ballot.

**The Steering Committee recommends endorsing Calvin Wells (21 - 0 - 0)**

Vote for one	Voter: #1	#2	#3
Calvin Wells .....			
<del>Tyron Hampton</del> .....			
No Recommendation .....			



## ACT Coalition-Building & Outreach Committee Report

### Huntington Nurses

The Steering Committee voted to authorize ACT's officers and our Committee to support the Huntington Nurses in their union organizing drive to get representation with the California Nurses Association (CNA). ACT members and Councilmembers Victor Gordo, Terry Tornek, Jacque Robinson, and John Kennedy have publicly given support to the organizing drive, while ACT Co-Chairs and a number of other Committee Members have been appearing at their events and otherwise supporting them.

A February press conference by the CNA and the Huntington Nurses to announce the April 21 vote on union representation was disrupted by a mob of anti-union Huntington employees – most of them not nurses. Victor Gordo, Jacque Robinson, and ministers who spoke were called “liars” and often drowned out.\* The CNA put together a statement objecting to this mob rule. It was signed by ACT Co-Chair John McLean and Dale Gronemeier as well as Councilmembers, clergy and other community leaders who were there.

\*See Skip Hickambottom's piece describing the disruption of the press conference in the Sunday, March 15 *Pasadena Star News*.

**Pasadenans for a Livable Wage** meets Saturday, March 21 at the all-purpose room in Jackie Robinson Park to organize action for getting and expansion and increase in the Pasadena Living Wage Ordinance. On Saturday, April 4 they will be leafleting and gathering signatures on a petition to the City Council.

### McDade OIR Report lawsuit/CICOPP

The *LA Times's* attorneys, the City's attorneys, and Skip Hickambottom all filed Court of Appeal Briefs on February 20; the PPOA's

brief is due March 20. The Court of Appeal has ordered a hearing for May 21.

Gronemeier & Associates filed a motion for \$123,000 in attorney's fees and costs against the City that is set for hearing on April 7. If any award is made, it will first pay off costs (including ACT's \$500 contribution to those costs) and then be distributed to the parties who brought the suit (including ACT) as well as other organizations and activities in the local progressive coalition.

**The Coalition against Fracking**, a statewide organization of more than a hundred environmental groups, has presented a petition to Governor Brown seeking a moratorium on some of the worst kinds of extractive activities. Barbara Paul is working on bringing an antifracking resolution to the Issues Comm.



### Marvin Schachter

We are sorry to note the death of lifelong progressive activist **Marvin Schachter** on February 17 at age 90. The energetic Marvin grew up in Brooklyn, NY during the depression and was already a political activist in his high school years. He served in the Army in military intelligence during World War II then attended Brooklyn College. His leftist activism earned him an FBI file at age 15.

Undaunted, he devoted his life to fighting injustice in any form. He worked for peace, civil rights, equal rights for women and minorities, school desegregation, preserving Social Security and Medicare, and affordable housing to mention some. He also advocated for seniors, chairing the Pasadena Senior Advocacy Council since 1995, serving as president of the L A County Agency on Aging. He was on the California Commission on Aging and a delegate to the White House Conference on Aging. He was a lifetime member of the ACLU of Southern California Board of Directors. And he and his wife Esther were ACT members.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Esther and to daughters Pamela and Amanda and grandchildren Max and Emma.

### Welcome New and Returning ACT Members:

Marcielle Brandler, Sierra Madre  
 Sarah Gertmenian, Laguna Beach  
 Dr. Brice Harris, Pasadena  
 John Hinrichs, Los Angeles  
 Assemblymember Chris Holden  
 Sandra Kulli, Malibu  
 Alex Maltun, South Pasadena  
 Linda Wah, South Pasadena  
 Calvin Wells, Pasadena

### Special Thanks to Sustaining Members

Sally Beer, Altadena  
 Mayor Bill & Claire Bogaard, Pasa.  
 Marguerite Cooper, Pasadena  
 Marianne and Frank Dryden, Pasa.  
 Mark Esensten & Sandra Haynes-  
 Esensten, Pasadena  
 Yudie & Jane Fishman, Sierra Madre  
 Kathryn Fogarty, Pasadena  
 Andrea Gordon, Altadena  
 Victor Griego, South Pasadena  
 Mary Hayden & Carla Tomaso, Pasa.  
 Herb & Karin Meiselman, Altadena  
 Arnie Siegel & Susan Futterman  
 Betty & Norri Sirri, Pasadena  
 Laura Treister, Pasadena

### And Thanks to Members for Additional Contributions to ACT's Operating Acnt.

Sue Basmajian, Pasadena  
 Mayor Bill & Claire Bogaard, Pasa.  
 Susan & John Caldwell, San Marino  
 Beth Gertmenian, Pasadena  
 Gloria Molina, Los Angeles

### And Thanks to Members for Additional Contributions to ACT's Political Account

Mayor Bill and Claire Bogaard, Pasa.  
 Susan & John Caldwell, San Marino  
 Yudie & Jane Fishman, Sierra Madre  
 Beth Gertmenian, Pasadena

### Special Thanks to Our Patrons

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 Thomas Seifert, Pasadena

### And really special thanks to Our Benefactors

Steve English & Molly Munger, Pasa.  
 Betty Sandford, Monrovia



### Thanks to Bill Bogaard

Thanks to Pasadena's first elected mayor, Bill Bogaard, for four terms of exceptional leadership. Bill could always be counted on to be thoughtful and dignified. His shoes will be hard to fill. We wish him the best always.



### Hello from Guatemala



Your Editor Chuck Hains vacationing in Guatemala with a local Iguana reading the Phoenix over his shoulder.

**From  
43<sup>rd</sup> District  
Assemblymember  
Mike Gatto**



Greetings from  
Sacramento!

**Protecting Seniors a Top Priority**

Seniors are among society's most vulnerable communities. They often have limited mobility, a fixed income, and live alone or rely on others for certain aspects of care. Unfortunately, even when supportive family members are present, misinformation and fear often make seniors less likely to report when they are the victims of fraud or other types of abuse. Seniors worked hard their entire lives to care for us, and I believe that we have a responsibility to empower and protect them from abusive opportunists.

That's why I've taken proactive measures to educate, empower, and protect seniors from scams and other forms of fraud. In my very first term as a legislator, I authored AB 1624 (2012). This important legislation protects senior citizens and others from having their bank accounts drained by a co-signatory. I've also been teaming up with state and local organizations to host free "Senior Scam Stoppers" events and help seniors avoid becoming victims of fraud and financial abuse. The events feature a team of experts discuss fraudulent scams relating to home repair, finances, identity theft, Medicare, and other topics.

But financial fraud and identity theft are not the only ways that seniors can be abused. While running for office in 2010, I heard stories from constituents about their parents and grandparents having their right to vote stolen by caretakers. As we approach another election cycle, and with a rising number of our

seniors in living situations where they are under continuous care or supervision, some may feel intimidated or coerced when it comes to participation in elections. That's why I authored AB 547 (2011), which made it a misdemeanor for anyone providing care or direct supervision to a person who is at least sixty-five years of age to coerce or deceive that senior into voting for or against a candidate or measure contrary to the senior's intent.

I remain committed to protecting our seniors, and advocating on their behalf. If you have ideas for additional legislation or events on this topic, or if you are a senior in need of assistance with a state or local agency, please contact my district office at 818-558-3043. My staff and I will be happy to assist you.

*Mike Gatto is the Chairman of the Consumer Protection and Privacy Committee, and the longest-serving current member of the State Assembly. He represents Burbank, Glendale, La Cañada Flintridge, La Crescenta, Montrose, and the Los Angeles neighborhoods of Atwater Village, East Hollywood, Franklin Hills, Hollywood Hills, Los Feliz, and Silver Lake. Follow him on Twitter @MikeGatto [www.asm.ca.gov/gatto](http://www.asm.ca.gov/gatto).*



**Letter to the Editor**

I am disappointed in ACT that you endorsed Terry Tornek for Mayor. I thought ACT was a liberal, progressive organization. Reminds me of the Oscars.

Tornek's mailers showed he knew his neighborhoods; his adorable grandchild goes to local schools, he is marvelous at handling money. If so, why didn't he out the embezzler sooner.

Jacque Robinson is young, female and African American. We need a young person's point of view. She has been endorsed by the Los Angeles County Democratic party, SEIU local 721, AFL-CIO Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, National Women's Political Caucus of Pasadena, United Teachers of Pasadena.

She led the creation and adoption of the Lincoln Avenue Specific Plan (LASP). The LASP was adopted in 2013 to prioritize land uses and add design guidelines to serve families and stimulate economic development. That meant saying No to other uses, including liquor stores.

Pasadena is 14% African American and 50% female. It's our turn. We want to be represented. NOW.

...Think. About. It.

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### Take the 710 Extension Challenge

As a member of ACT's Coalition Building and Outreach Committee, I have recently become aware of Pasadena Councilmember Steve Madison's request to have the 710 issue be placed on calendar for the April 13, 2015, meeting for discussion and vote. Councilmember Madison will be taking the stand opposing the 710 tunnel proposal and supporting a light rail alternative. In the past, South Pasadena, Glendale and La Canada have taken an official stand against the 710 project.

As you all know the fate of the 710 extension has been discussed for many years. The Draft EIR has just become available both online and at libraries-Pasadena Central has a copy for the public to view. There are 5 options under consideration.

The 4.5 mile tunnel proposal involves double bores which would house a double decker freeway extension. The cities affected would be Alhambra, El Sereno, South Pasadena and West Pasadena. It would be the longest tunnel in the U.S.

FACTS: Whatever option is selected, it is first and foremost an environmental issue. The

increase in traffic generated by these vehicles will trigger two very important issues: Air quality will be greatly affected resulting from increased vehicle and diesel truck exhaust. Pasadena residents located in the area where the vehicles leave the tunnel to join the 210 North will have their quality of life immensely affected due to increase in pollution and noise. And, the influx of traffic going north on the 210 will affect several cities, Pasadena included. The 210 cannot handle any more traffic; we outgrew it many years ago. The tunnel only creates more congestion, more noise, and more air pollution. The object is to take vehicles off the road, not increase our already overburdened freeway system, thus making light rail an attractive option.

Construction for the tunnel is estimated at 5 years, light rail is 6 years.

Cost for the tunnel is \$5.65 Billion-twice as much as light rail at \$2.4 Billion. So far, \$780 Million is set aside via Measure R, which has been accumulating since 2008.

One positive: truck drivers would be happy!!

As an environmentally aware city, Pasadena needs to step up and oppose this tunnel option. It is time to stop investing in wasting billions of dollars on freeway lanes, look to the future by investing in clean, reliable and fast passenger rail.

You ask what can **you** do to support this important issue??? Please, take a minute: e-mail, call, write letters to your Pasadena Councilmember, keeping in mind the April 13th date. You can go online or phone City Hall to find out who your elected official is representing your District. Let them know you support Councilmember Steve Madison's proposal that the City of Pasadena takes a stand against the 710 tunnel option and supports the light rail alternative.

-- Barbara Paul

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the end of life as we know it on Planet Earth.

Mr. Prime Minister, you are a smart man. My suggestion is that you take a deep breath and find every possible way to extend an olive branch to your neighbors. You can find a way! My prayers go with you. One of your greatest prophets out of the past was Isaiah. He talked of beating swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks. Now is the time and the Middle East is the place. Hearing the voice of God saying "Whom shall I send and who will go for me," Isaiah responded, "Here am I. Send me." Sir, you are at the crossroads. I pray you take the high road of peace and say loudly for all the world to hear, "Here am I. Send me!"

--Inman Moore

**How to get appointed**

The National Women's Political Caucus and the League of Women Voters, Pasadena area, present a workshop on how to get appointed to boards and commissions, 6:30-8:30 pm, Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. at the Altadena Library Community Room.

Library Board Trustee Meredith McKenzie will moderate a panel and help you develop your strategy for appointment to municipal, county and state boards and commissions. Such service helps develop public policy, teaches you the nuts and bolts of government, and enriches your resume for a future political career.

Tuition is \$25 (some scholarships will be available). Light refreshments will be served, doors open at 6pm. Street parking and behind the library, at 600 E. Mariposa Street, Altadena (corner of Santa Rosa, just west of Lake).

Generously co-sponsored by the Honorable: Congresswoman Judy Chu, Senator Carol Liu

and Assemblyman Chris Holden; and the AAUW, 50/50 Leadership, WISPPA, YWCA Pasadena-Foothill, YWCA Glendale and YWCA San Gabriel Valley.

For information and to register email or call - [margueritec9@gmail.com](mailto:margueritec9@gmail.com), or 626/796-6573.

**Letter to the Editor**

Dear ACT Friends:

Terry Tornek, a long time ACT member and candidate for Mayor, was endorsed by 64.4% of our membership in a mail ballot. This vote was despite the fact that the Steering Committee did not follow the Research Committee recommendation that Terry was the most qualified candidate. Some members of the Steering Committee felt that another candidate should have been endorsed. The Steering Committee has now voted 11 to 10 that the \$2,000 we gave Terry is sufficient and no further ACT funds will be forthcoming for the runoff. Obviously, it is not sufficient and clearly reflects the view that the 11 people who were present for that particular meeting prefer the other candidate. That is their prerogative and I respect their right to have their own view. Terry, however, is the choice of our organization. I, therefore, urge you to make a generous donation to his campaign to ensure that the candidate who is the choice of our membership becomes the next Mayor. I make this request not only because I personally believe he is the most qualified candidate but because the will of the majority of our membership should be honored, if for no other reason than to maintain the efficacy of ACT.

-- Marilee Marshall,  
Chair ACT Research Committee.



## 2015 ACT and ADC Membership Renewal

Have you renewed your membership(s) for 2015? A red check on your address label on this **Phoenix** tells you that we haven't yet received your 2015 membership dues. Please use the form below and mail your check c/o ACT/ADC, P. O. Box 40074, Pasadena, CA 91114-7074 or renew online at [www.ACTpasadena.org](http://www.ACTpasadena.org). ACT and ADC dues are still a bargain, especially if you join both organizations. Your continued support is critical to our getting important work done.



Thank you to everyone who has already renewed. Your generous response is heartwarming!

P.S. If you have any questions about your membership contact Jon Fuhrman at 626-795-5255 or at [jon\\_fuhrman@charter.net](mailto:jon_fuhrman@charter.net).

### I'd like to join both groups for one low price! (Checks payable to **ACT/ADC**)

\$40 Single	\$70 Single Sustaining
\$25 Each additional member per household	\$90 Double Sustaining
\$15 Student or limited income	\$150 Patron
	\$275 Benefactor

### I'd like to join **ACT** (Checks payable to **ACT**)

\$35 Single	\$60 Single Sustaining
\$20 Each additional member per household	\$85 Double Sustaining
\$15 Student or limited income	\$125 Patron
\$20 Gift Membership (NEW!)	\$275 Benefactor

### I'd like to join the **Arroyo Democratic Club** (Checks payable to **ADC**)

\$35 Single	\$60 Single Sustaining
\$20 Each additional member per household	\$85 Double Sustaining
\$15 Student or limited income	\$125 Patron
	\$275 Benefactor

### **Extra Contribution**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Political Account (for endorsed candidates and issues)  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Operating Account (for organizational costs)    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total enclosed**

Name	Home Phone
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**Mail to ACT, P. O. Box 40074, Pasadena, CA 91114-7074**



### Calendar

- Mar 20  
Friday  
9 a.m. Progressive Discussion Group at Dupar's Restaurant, 214 S. Lake Ave., Pasadena. Contact Inman Moore at 626 795-2201 for details.
- Mar 24  
Tuesday  
7:30 p.m. C-B/Outreach Committee Meeting at Yuny Parada's office, 1015 N. Lake Ave., Suite 104, Pasadena. Parking available in the back.
- April 2  
Thursday ACT Endorsement ballot deadline.
- April 2  
Thursday  
7 p.m. ACT Steering Committee/ADC Meeting at the home of Anne & Roger Wolf, 1249 Canedo Pl., Pasa. Rozanne Adanto, Director of Villa-Parke Community Center will be our speaker. Carpooling advised. Coffee at 7 pm; meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.
- April 3 & 17  
Friday Progressive Discussion Group. Details same as 3/20.
- April 5  
Sunday eve ThePhoenix deadline. Send items to [hains27@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hains27@sbcglobal.net).
- April 21  
Tuesday Local Run-off Election for Pasadena Mayor and District 1.



### April Phoenix Deadline

The deadline for the April *Phoenix* will be Sunday night, April 5. Please send items to Chuck Hains at [hains27@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hains27@sbcglobal.net). Mailing preparation will Thursday, April 9 at 7 p.m. at a location to be determined.



### ACTpasadena.org

Check out our web page at [www.ACTpasadena.org](http://www.ACTpasadena.org). It includes the online *Phoenix* in color and sometimes has items that we couldn't include in the print version due to space limitations. There are also photos, links and other items.

Share ideas and suggestions for our web page with site manager Bruce Wright at [brucewright@sbcglobal.net](mailto:brucewright@sbcglobal.net).



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