



## Publisher's Perspective

### You Can Fight City Hall!

Most of us have heard the old adage: "You can't fight City Hall." Well, a lifetime of experience has taught me otherwise. **Not only can you fight City Hall; sometimes you must fight City Hall!**

#### >> A Victory for Free Speech

*Irvine Community News & Views* has been in a two-year battle with City Hall, including a major lawsuit in Federal District Court, that ended when the Irvine City Council finally agreed to pay *Irvine Community News & Views* \$350,000 for our attorneys' fees and to settle claims that the City intentionally violated *ICNV's* free speech, free press and equal protection rights. The City's hostility toward this newspaper — barring *ICNV's* distribution alongside other free newspapers available in the City Hall lobby — apparently stemmed from the fact that *ICNV* is often critical of the Mayor and certain pro-developer City Councilmembers. *Of course, criticism of government — at City Hall and elsewhere — is the time-honored role of a free press in a free society. See the full story on Page 10.*

#### >> A Fight to Save the Veterans Cemetery and Our Great Park

Here is another fight worth waging. Mayor Don Wagner and Councilmembers Christina Shea and Melissa Fox have vowed to follow through on the Council's 3-to-2 vote in June to kill the State-approved Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park. Apparently, these three Councilmembers intend to rubber-stamp a so-called "land-swap" — a scheme that dissenting Councilmember Lynn Schott has called a "giveaway of our Great Park" to developer FivePoint Communities. *This fight is far from over! See the full story on this fight — Pages 1-3, and Page 11.*

## Environment, Veterans Cemetery, Growth and Development

# Irvine's Summer of Discontent



*This is what citizen activism looks like. Irvine citizen-activists turn out by the hundreds, mostly to advocate for specific causes — but also to protest the elected officials who, they believe, are doing the bidding of powerful special interests while failing to represent the public interest.*

**Irvine is "ground-zero" for a surge in citizen activism. Many hundreds of outspoken civic activists are taking action on major issues — national issues, and state issues and local issues — often directing their anger at specific elected officials and the unpopular policies they are pushing.**

The 2017 Summer of Discontent came early to Irvine. It arrived on a scorching spring day, April 29th, one week after Earth Day. The temperature soared to 89 degrees, and Santa Ana winds made it seem even hotter. The Orange County Climate Action March was organized along Alton Parkway through the center of Irvine. Instead of the 300 to 500 people that march organizers hoped for, an estimated **2,000 citizens showed up**. Although the marchers were good-natured and the event took place without incident, there was a hard-edged political subtext that long-time environmentalists pointed out: President Donald Trump and U.S. Representatives — including Irvine's **Mimi Walters (R-45th CD)** — were part of what one marcher called a "do-nothing, good-for-nothing President and Congress that won't even accept the fact that we are facing a global climate crisis of potentially catastrophic proportions."

Just ten days later, on May 9th, Congresswoman Mimi Walters was a Town Hall "no-show," but that didn't keep **1,000 people** from gathering at Northwood High School gymnasium in Irvine for what was dubbed a "Town Hall Meeting — With or Without Congresswoman Mimi Walters."

Walters wasn't at the Town Hall, but



*Rep. Mimi Walters (standing, far-right), is pictured here in a May 4th Rose Garden ceremony. Walters championed the House healthcare bill, which President Trump lauded. Weeks later, learning of its devastating effects, he described the measure as a "mean" bill.*

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her record on healthcare was. In fact, Walters was ridiculed at the Town Hall for leading the effort to “repeal and replace” the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare), which would cause more than 50,000 people to lose their health insurance in her south Orange County congressional district, including an estimated 20,000 to 30,000 Irvine residents.

**The Veterans Cemetery**

On June 6, 2017, Irvine activists showed up again — this time 100 - 150 of them at City Hall on less than 24-hours notice — for a “special” hurry-up meeting called by Irvine Mayor Donald Wagner, with the support of Councilmembers Christina Shea and Melissa Fox. Their purpose? To kill the previously approved 125-acre Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery in the Great Park, so that the land could be given to developer FivePoint Communities with entitlement to build a massive, highly-profitable complex of offices, commercial/retail businesses, and thousands of residential units. This development would generate an estimated 10,000-20,000 daily auto trips, adversely affecting all of north Irvine. Meanwhile, the Veterans Cemetery would be “swapped” to an undesirable, less valuable site at the junction of the I-5 and I-405 freeways, two miles from the Great Park.

The proposed FivePoint land-swap scheme appears to be motivating many hundreds of citizens — especially in north Irvine — to get involved with the Veterans Cemetery issue, signing the Veterans Cemetery Petition (See page 11), and speaking out whenever possible. Many have vowed to show up at City Council meetings in August, September, and into the fall, addressing not just the Veterans Cemetery issue, but also the larger issue of uncontrolled growth and development that seems to be provoking anger in every corner of the City.

**2017...Fastest Growth Yet**

The first six months of 2017 may have been a period of the fastest residential growth in the City's history, with as many as 2,500 newly-built housing units occupied, producing an astonishing, additional 10,000 average daily rush-hour trips in Irvine, according to the “1-2-3-4” analysis developed by ICNV.

Confirming the veracity of the 1-2-3-4 analysis, a senior Irvine planning and traffic consultant, speaking on condition of anonymity, put it this way: “Irvine's unrestricted growth and overdevelopment of the last 5 years has produced a traffic tsunami. It's wrecking the City's reputation for good planning and diminishing the quality of life for residents.” The long-time consultant, noting that nearly 5,000 newly built residential units were coming on line each year, observed: “This rate of growth, coupled with Irvine's expanding job centers, means that by 2020 there will be an added 50,000 to 100,000 cars on Irvine streets during rush-hour every day.”

Asked about Mayor Donald Wagner's initiative to re-establish Irvine's Transportation Commission and hire a “traffic czar” to come up with solutions to Irvine's traffic nightmare, the consultant laughed. “Way too little. Way too late. It's like trying to stop King Kong with a pea shooter,” he said. [ICNV](#)

**GrowthWatch & TrafficWatch**

It's as simple as **1-2-3-4**.

When Irvine residents say that they feel that traffic in Irvine is getting worse every day, they are right — it is! It's as simple — and as scary — as **1-2-3-4**.

On average, with every **1** housing unit that is built and occupied in Irvine, there are **2** cars, **3** people, and **4** daily rush-hour automobile trips.



Over the past six months, as residents begin to occupy the **2500** newly built housing units approved in Irvine, they are generating the following impacts:



These apartments in south Irvine are among the thousands of units being built in 2017 and 2018.



**CityWatch** by Larry Agran

**The Great Park Veterans Cemetery — Serve the People, *Not* the Developers!**

American Democracy is founded on the hope and belief that our elected officials will stay true to their promises to serve the people, and not powerful special interests. President Abraham Lincoln's words at Gettysburg ring truer today than ever: Our government — at all levels — must be “of the people, by the people, for the people.”

**Serving the People of Irvine**

Here in Irvine, when we elect the Mayor and four Councilmembers, we expect our five-member City Council to serve the people of Irvine, not multi-billion-dollar developers. And because Irvine's Mayor and City Councilmembers constitute the five-member Board of Directors of the City-owned Great Park Corporation, they are also duty-bound to serve the people of Irvine in our shared mission to build and operate our 1,300-acre Great Park for the benefit of the people.

This includes maintaining fidelity to the Great Park Master Plan and the City's promised dedication of a 125-acre site in the Great Park to begin construction of a State and Federally-approved Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery.

**Serving Developer FivePoint**

But on June 6th, at a hastily called “special” meeting of the City Council, Mayor Donald Wagner and Councilmembers Christina Shea and Melissa Fox put the City and our Great Park on a radically different course. They took the first step to actually give away the 125-acre Great Park Veterans Cemetery site to mega-developer FivePoint, so FivePoint can reap hundreds of millions of dollars in windfall profits by quickly developing office, commercial, and perhaps thousands of residential units on the site.

In return, FivePoint proposes to “swap” land to put a Veterans Cemetery alongside the freeways at the junction of the I-5 and I-405 — on land that is clearly less suitable and less valuable, far removed from the Great Park. So, who is the big “winner” in this? Appraisals of the two sites will tell the final story, but pretty clearly FivePoint will be “swapping” freeway-

adjacent land worth maybe \$2 million per acre for 125 acres in the Great Park worth as much as \$6 million per acre. By my calculation, the windfall profit to FivePoint pencils out to about \$500 million — that's \$500,000,000!

Mayor Wagner admitted as much at the June 6th hearing when he said, “FivePoint is going to make some money off of this. Yep. Yep.” Then, he added, “I wouldn't expect them to be doing it otherwise. So what! Here in Irvine we actually encourage our businesses to make money.”

Look, Mr. Mayor: I know you are proud to declare yourself a “pro-business” Republican.



But since when in Irvine do we rush to enormously enrich FivePoint and other developers by giving away our valuable public parkland and doing away with the Great Park's most important and most inspiring major feature — the Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery?

**And Who Are the Losers?**

If FivePoint is the big winner, who are the losers? Clearly, if this deal is allowed to go through, the people of Irvine — especially the residents of north Irvine who live in Woodbury, Stonegate, Portola Springs, Beacon Park and Pavilion Park — will be the losers.

Instead of a beautiful and serene Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery within the Great Park, they will be saddled with a massive, mixed-use development project, generating an estimated 10,000 to 20,000 daily auto trips that further clog the already traffic-choked Irvine Boulevard and other major arterials throughout north Irvine.

Also losing out, of course, will be the veterans and their families whose long-promised Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park will be shunted off to a less desirable freeway site. Moreover, it will take years to gain all approvals necessary to even begin construction at the freeway site.

The shame of all this is that on June 6th — when Wagner, Shea and Fox held their hurry-up “special” Council meeting to abruptly change course, the Great Park Veterans Cemetery project had already received all the required City, State and Federal approvals. In fact, the City was just 9 days away from receiving a \$30 million State Budget appropriation to immediately begin construction of the Great Park Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery, expected to be operational in 2019.

If the City Council had simply stayed on course, bulldozers would be at the Great Park today, demolishing a number of old military buildings and preparing the site for first-phase construction of the Veterans Cemetery. Instead, Wagner, Shea and Fox are expected to push ahead with the unpopular land-swap — directing City staff and the Planning Commission to “do the deal” with FivePoint and quickly come back to the City Council for final approval.

Over the years, I've learned that it's important not to give up on a good idea. And the Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery in the Great Park is a very good idea. Stay tuned. Stay involved.

**SIGN THE VETERANS CEMETERY PETITION!**  
Make your voice heard...SEE page 11.

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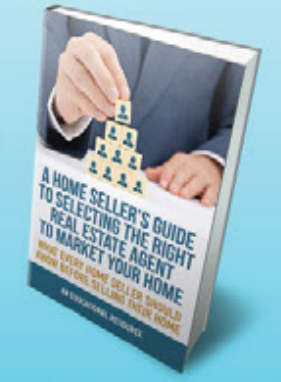
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**Jake's iPhone Tips: Hidden Features Revealed** by Jake Jacobs  
**TIPS ON USING THE IPHONE CALENDAR APP**



**#1: Time Zones**

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**#2: Drag Events to Change Times and Dates**

In the day or week view, change an event's time, date or duration by holding your finger on the event until the color intensifies. Drag the event to a new time, new day, or drag a handle dot on the top or bottom of the event rectangle to change the duration.

**#3: Show More or Fewer Hours**

Show more or fewer hours in the day view by pinching with two fingers in or out in the day or week view.

**#4: Custom Repeats**

Create custom repeats such as third Tuesday, or last weekday of the month, etc. In Edit → Repeat → Custom.

**#5: Week View**

From any view, rotate the iPhone to landscape orientation to see three to seven days, depending on your screen size.

**#6: Change the Time Selector Increments to One Minute**

When editing an event, double tap the time selector to select between

- 1-minute steps (...28 29 30 31 32...)
- Or
- 5-minute steps (...20 25 30 35 40...)

**#7: Enter Event Spanning Multiple Days**

Set an event that spans many contiguous days, such as a convention or vacation: set the end date of a single event to the last day, rather than setting a daily repeating event.

**#8: Add an Alternate Calendar**

There are three options for alternate Calendars: Chinese, Hebrew, and Islamic. When enabled, the alternate calendar's dates will appear underneath the Gregorian calendar dates in day, week, and month views. Go to Settings → Calendars → CALENDARS → Alternate Calendars → [Off, Chinese, Hebrew, Islamic]. In month view, the first day of the alternate calendar's month is highlighted.



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# August/September 2017

**ALL MEDIA 2017 EXHIBIT AT IRVINE FINE ARTS CENTER**

**ALL MEDIA 2017**

Exhibition: Aug. 26–Oct. 28  
Reception: Saturday, Aug. 26, 4–6 p.m.

Irvine Fine Arts Center is pleased to announce the annual juried *All Media* exhibition and invites Southern California-based artists to submit artwork for consideration. This year, the exhibition will be juried by multidisciplinary artist Kim Abeles.

Kim Abeles is a Los Angeles-based artist whose installations and community projects cross disciplines and media to explore biography, geography and environment. She has created projects with the California Science Center, air pollution control agencies, health clinics and mental health departments, and natural history museums. Abeles received fellowships from John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, J. Paul Getty Trust Fund for the Visual Arts, California Community Foundation, and Pollock-Krasner Foundation. Her work is in public collections including MOCA, LACMA, Berkeley Art Museum, California African American Museum, and National Geospatial Intelligence Agency. Abeles' journals, books, and process documents are archived at the Center for Art + Environment, Nevada Museum of Art.

**Admission and parking are free. The Irvine Fine Arts Center is located inside Heritage Community Park at 14321 Yale Avenue. For more information, call 949-724-6880.**

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<b>AUGUST</b>						
		<b>1</b> Tide Pool Tuesdays – Ocean Institute.  Pretend City Children's Museum. 10am-1pm. Info: 949-428-3900	<b>2</b> Wildlife Explorers – So Many Birds. OC Zoo. 10-11:15am. Info: 714-973-6846 	<b>3</b> Shh... Hike, Look and Listen. Black Star Canyon. 5:30-7:30pm. Registration Required. Info: LetsGoOutside.org 	<b>4</b> An Afternoon with Alan Drew. University Park Library. 3pm. Info: 949-786-4001 	<b>5</b> Full Moon Hike. Orchard Hills. 5-8pm. Registration Required. Info: LetsGoOutside.org 
<b>6</b> Sizzlin' Summer Concert: Neon Nation ('80s Music). Mike Ward Community Park. 5:30pm. Free. Info: 949-724-6900 	<b>7</b> Lecture: Importance of Good Sleeping Habits. Lakeview Senior Center. 10-11:30am. Info: 949-724-6900 	<b>8</b> City Council Meeting.  Irvine City Hall. 4pm. Info: 949-724-6233	<b>9</b> Billiards. Lakeview Senior Center. 8am-6pm. Info: 949-724-6900 	<b>10</b> Annual When I Grow Up Day. Pretend City Children's Museum. 10-2pm. Info: 949-428-3900 	<b>11</b> Sunset Cinema: <i>The Long Start to the Journey</i> . Irvine Regional Park. 7-9pm. Registration Required. Info: 714-973-6835 	<b>12</b> Senior Tennis. Woodbridge High School Tennis Courts. 8-11am. Info: 714-307-8072 
<b>13</b> Summer Craft Day. University Park Library. 12-2pm. Info: 949-786-4001 	<b>14</b> Mermaid Mondays. Pretend City Children's Museum. 11-12:30pm. Info: 949-328-4512 	<b>15</b> Short Story Book Group. Heritage Park Library. 2:30-4:30pm. Info: 949-936-4040 	<b>16</b> Preschool Program: Animals in my Backyard. OC Zoo. 10:15-11:15am. Info: 714-973-6846 	<b>17</b> Self-Paced Fitness Hike. Hicks Haul Road. 6-8pm. Info: LetsGoOutside.org 	<b>18</b> Flow Yoga in the Hills. Orchard Hills. 6-7:30pm. Info: LetsGoOutside.org 	<b>19</b> Americans United for the Separation of Church and State Monthly Meeting. Guest Speaker: Beckie Gomez of the OC Department of Education. IRWD Community Room. 1:45 pm. Info: 714-299-4551
<b>20</b> Farmers Market. OC Great Park. 10-2pm. Info: 866-829-3829 	<b>21</b> Solar Eclipse Event.  Pretend City Children's Museum. 9-1pm. Info: 949-428-3900	<b>22</b> City Council Meeting. Irvine City Hall. 4pm. Info: 949-724-6233 	<b>23</b> Water Safety Wednesdays – OC Fire Authority.  Pretend City Children's Museum. 12:30-1pm. Info: 949-428-3900	<b>24</b> Melon Tour. Tanaka Farms. 9:30-2pm. Reservations Required. Info: 949-653-2256 	<b>25</b> 2017 Senior Fitness Expo. Rancho Senior Center. 9am-12pm. Free. Info: 949-724-6800 	<b>26</b> All Media 2017 Opening Reception. Irvine Fine Arts Center. 4-6pm. Info: 949-724-6880 
<b>27</b> Park Exploration. OC Great Park Visitor's Center. 11-3pm. Info: 866-829-3829 	<b>28</b> Lecture: Personal Care Products & Household Cleaners. Lakeview Senior Center. 10-11:30am. Info: 949-724-6900 	<b>29</b> Twilight Hike. Orchard Hills. 6-8pm. Registration Required. Info: LetsGoOutside.org 	<b>30</b> Junior Chefs Cooking Class. Lil' Chef School Learning Center. 4-5:30pm. Registration required. Info: info@lilchefschooll.com 	<b>31</b> <i>The Tempest</i> . UCI New Swan Theater. 8pm. \$30+/ticket. Info: 949-824-2787 	<b>1</b> <b>SEPTEMBER</b> Labor Day Luncheon. Lakeview Senior Center. 11:30am-12:30pm. Info: 949-724-6900 	<b>2</b> Wilderness Access Day: Equestrian. Black Star Canyon. 8am-2pm. Registration Required. Info: LetsGoOutside.org 

## Adoptable Pet of the Month

Each issue we feature one "adoptable" pet from the Irvine Animal Care Center.

The Irvine Animal Care Center (IACC) is a progressive and innovative municipal animal shelter that continually strives to strengthen the human-animal bond and improve the welfare of animals by promoting their humane care and treatment. The Center's 3.73 acre, park-like facility cares for thousands of homeless, neglected abused animals every year. All animals in their care receive veterinary care, high-quality food, soft bedding and daily socialization.

"George" is a neutered male, white Terrier and Poodle - Miniature. He is about 4 years old.

**For more information about George and other adoptable pets, or the IACC, call 949-724-7740 or email info@irvineshelter.org www.cityofirvine.org/irvine-animal-care-center**




**When I Grow Up Day and Truck Touch**  
Thursday August 10, 2017  
Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

**Pretend City CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**  
949.428.3900 | www.pretendcity.org | 29 Huddell, Irvine, CA, 92618

**Annual When I Grow Up Day**  
PRETEND CITY CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

When I Grow Up Day at Pretend City lets children explore different jobs and get their little minds thinking big. Professionals from all over the community are coming to Pretend City to share their jobs with all our little friends! Maybe it's a firefighter, maybe it's a doctor, maybe it's a mommy! With this imaginative day, children get to explore the world without leaving Pretend City and get their creative minds dreaming big.

**Time: 10am-2pm**  
**Info: 949-428-3900**







**Child Health & Safety** by Phyllis Agran, M.D.

## The Tragedy of Toddler Drownings

It is with great sadness that I am writing this particular column. Even before we got to July 4th, we lost yet another young child to drowning, this time in an Irvine community pool. Despite CPR administered by a nurse who was at the scene, the child died at the Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) less than one hour later. The day before, a 2-year-old fell into a home spa and was pulled out by another child, according to the *Orange County Register*. And, elsewhere, a 4-year-old was found by his uncle, motionless in the pool. Fortunately, these two children were saved with CPR.

Last year, Eric Ball, MD — an Irvine resident and President of the American Academy of Pediatrics Orange County Chapter — was assisted by two CPR-trained friends, Steve Averill and Nathan Evans, in saving the life of a toddler at a Woodbridge Lake.

Drowning is the leading cause of death among California toddlers (1-4 years) — yes, drowning causes even more toddler deaths than motor vehicle crashes. Drowning took the lives of 52 children statewide in 2015, most of those here in Southern California. In 2016, a total of 43 children under 5 years old were treated as drowning survivors at the Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC); 22 were fortunate to be treated in the ER and discharged to go home; 21 were hospitalized.

So, how can these tragedies be prevented? Listen to Dan Cooper, MD, a long-time Irvine resident who is UCI's Associate Vice Chancellor for the Institute of Clinical and Translational Science. Dr. Cooper says, "We must tell our parents that there is no such thing as a safe pool or spa. It is our obligation to ensure the safety of children in water through the highest standards of supervision and, if necessary, access to immediate resuscitation."

### What We Can Do To Prevent Drownings

- Since many of these incidents occur at pool parties, where there are many children and adults present, supervision is difficult. One strategy is to hire a lifeguard, or assign a rotating "pool watcher" to keep a constant watch on each and every person in the pool.
- In the case of home pools, it's important that these pools be designed initially — or retrofitted — with four-sided fencing, including a self-closing, self-latching gate compliant with Consumer Product Safety Standards. The sad fact is that 1-and-2-year-olds all too frequently slip out of the house, undetected by adults, only to be found dead in an unfenced pool.
- When children are developmentally ready, swim lessons may help. But beware of thinking that your child is "pool safe." Swim lessons are not a substitute for fencing and vigilant supervision. No one is drown-proof.

For further information, see: <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/health-issues/injuries-emergencies/Pages/Drowning.aspx>

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## SchoolWatch: Limiting Screen Time

by Carolyn Inmon

It may surprise you to learn that Steve Jobs, the legendary high-tech marketing genius, was a low-tech parent. "We limit how much technology our kids use at home," he told a reporter many years ago. In recent years, a growing number of tech giants have begun to advocate for low-tech parenting. They have acknowledged that along with the many good things that come to us on computer and smartphone screens, there is a "dark side" too — addiction to the screen.

The light, images and messages that relentlessly beckon our attention to what's on the screen, often to the exclusion of the rest of what life offers is recognized by the American Psychiatric Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics, as a very real phenomenon, especially among children and teenagers.

So, what to do about it? Being a parent often entails making difficult decisions, and limiting screen time may be a very unpopular family decision. But parental responsibility includes setting limits — and then enforcing those limits. Fortunately, there is a considerable body of advice from experts that seems to be useful in dealing with the screen-time issue.

**Do As I Do.** This may be the hardest part. Parents need to model good media behavior. For instance, experts believe there should not be a TV in a child's bedroom. That may mean that parents need to think about removing the TV from their own bedroom to set a good example.

**Time Limits.** The best source of advice on this matter is the American Academy of Pediatrics. The AAP suggests age-specific



daily screen-time limits for children. Of course, ironically, this information is available — on your screen — at: <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/family-life/Media/Pages/Keeping-Technology-in-Check.aspx>

**Family Dinner.** Steve Jobs and his family had family dinners where they discussed books and history and current events. No one took a sneak peek at TV or their iPhone during dinner, because no phones were allowed at the dinner table. Period.

**Activities.** Kids need to have lots of alternatives to screen time. More physical activity makes kids healthier. They may also become happier as they move from the sedentary "zombie-like state" to more physically and socially demanding activities.

**Internet Safety.** Monitoring online content and explaining risk is important. It's essential that parents and other grown-ups talk to children openly and often about cyber-bullying, sexting, and the hazards of revealing private information. Parents need to be aware of what their children are seeing and doing online. It's probably worth looking into apps that are available to help control content.

**Family Plan.** Each family should make its own decisions based on values and goals. Many teachers, school administrators and experts are now differentiating between on-screen entertainment and screen time that is educational. A friend of mine declares a "tech-free weekend" for her family every now and then. Another friend pulled the plug for the entire summer and reported that everyone loved it. The important thing is to develop a plan that is good for your family — and then stick with it.

For help constructing a digital media plan for the whole family, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends using a Family Media Plan. See: [www.healthychildren.org/English/media/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.healthychildren.org/English/media/Pages/default.aspx).

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## Science & Technology A NEW ICNV SERIES ON CLIMATE CHANGE

ICNV's series on climate change began in June with the first article that illustrated how Irvine's past activism on an issue of global importance — destruction of the atmosphere's ozone layer — helped provoke a solution adopted worldwide. The second article, published in July, explained that although the climate crisis is global, it's time to act locally, especially since the national outlook under the current administration appears so poor. Sarah Mosko, the author of this, our third article, would welcome any comments at [Editor@IrvineCommunityNews.org](mailto:Editor@IrvineCommunityNews.org).

— Harvey H. Liss, Ph.D., ICNV editor for Science and Technology

## Climate Change: No One Is Exempt

by Sarah "Steve" Mosko, Ph.D.

The luckiest Americans are insulated from many everyday worries, like struggling to pay the rent or mortgage on time, and they enjoy luxuries such as fine dining and first-class travel. But, just as money is no guarantee of happiness, neither does it assure protection against all of the frightening impacts of unchecked global warming.

2016 was the third straight year that the Earth's temperature was the hottest on record. The United Nations and scientific organizations worldwide warn that effects of climate change are already being felt and that the Earth is more than half the way to a temperature increase of 2 degrees Celsius, beyond which runaway global warming will produce irreversible, catastrophic effects. If global greenhouse gas emissions remain on their current trajectory, children living today can expect to experience the fallout of a temperature increase topping 4 degrees Celsius by end of this century.

### Many Americans Believe Climate Change Is Not a Threat

Despite such dire predictions, Americans, rich and poor, overwhelmingly believe climate change is not a threat to them, personally. The difficulty Americans have in understanding their own vulnerability to climate change stems in part from failing to see beyond the direct effects of climate change — heatwaves, droughts, storms and floods — to appreciate all the indirect effects that also threaten their health and safety. And it's the indirect effects that ultimately place everyone at risk. For example, air pollution alone caused an estimated 5.5 million premature deaths worldwide in 2013.

### Future Effects of Climate Change

One alarming effect of a warming planet will be to foster the spread of infectious diseases. Altered ecosystems will encourage the breeding of vectors like mosquitoes responsible for outbreaks of vector-borne diseases (e.g., Zika, dengue, chikungunya). The incidence of both food-borne (E. coli, Campylobacter, Salmonella) and water-borne-infections (cholera, giardia) should increase

because warmer temperatures promote growth of bacteria and microscopic parasites.

Outbreaks of influenza will increase as people spend more time in close proximity indoors to avoid the weather. Exposure to zoonotic diseases carried by wild and domesticated animals (leptospirosis) might also increase from animal migrations or crowded living conditions. Moreover, in an increasingly interconnected world, there is the risk of spreading newly emergent diseases for which there is yet no cure. The recent scares over the Ebola and Zika viruses are sobering reminders.

By mid-century, world population is expected to approach 10 billion, and climate change will make meeting the resulting increased demand for food and water much harder. Harvest yields are compromised by not only freezes, floods and droughts, but also by simple heat. A recent study of the effects of global warming on staple U.S. crops found that yields of maize, soybeans and wheat all suffer when everyday temperatures exceed 30°C (86°F). Scarcity and price hikes of staples could become commonplace, even here in the United States.

### Current Effects of Climate Change

Much has been written about the role of food and water insecurity as sparking human migrations, civil unrest, international conflicts and spread of terrorism in the 21st century. Syria is a prime example of how climate change intensified the worst drought in the nation's history (2007-2010). The consequent food and water shortages fostered eruption of the ongoing civil war and spread of radical groups like ISIS and Al Qaeda.

### Take Action

Even if we remain unconvinced that climate change could negatively impact our own health and safety, it is incumbent upon us to leave future generations a livable world. All that's required is the political will in Congress to move from an economy based on burning fossil fuels to one based on clean, renewable energy sources.

**The most effective thing you can do is to act locally by asking the Irvine City Council to include a Climate Change Action Plan that is integrated with the City's General Plan and complies with State goals. Also, please take our Renewable Energy Poll.**

## What Do YOU Think?

As part of its required General Plan update, should the City of Irvine develop a Climate Action Plan committed to 100% electricity produced from renewable energy sources, similar to San Diego's plan?

**Take The Renewable Energy Poll: [IrvineCommunityNews.org/RenewableEnergy](http://IrvineCommunityNews.org/RenewableEnergy)**

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**Climate Change Activist Organizations**

Facebook group: OC for Climate Action (OCCA) or website: [occlimateaction.org](http://occlimateaction.org)  
[www.CitizensClimateLobby.org](http://www.CitizensClimateLobby.org)



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## Free Speech Forever!



Franklin J. Lunding  
Publisher

The Irvine City Council has agreed to pay Irvine Community News & Views \$350,000 to settle claims that the City intentionally violated ICNV's free speech, free press, and equal protection rights.

Beginning in early 2015, as ICNV's publisher I personally sought to place copies of our community newspaper in the news racks located in the Irvine City Hall lobby, alongside other free newspapers allowed there, including the Irvine World News, OC Weekly, and other publications friendly to the politicians at City Hall. In an act of hostility, the City repeatedly refused to allow display of ICNV, asserting ICNV was a "political related publication."

From the beginning, it was apparent that certain City Councilmembers and City management officials, motivated by animus, were discriminating against ICNV because of the paper's frequent criticism of the Mayor and City Council, and what we believe to be their misguided policies. Of course, criticism of government — at City Hall and elsewhere — is the time-honored role of a free press in a free society.

After fruitless negotiations lasting nearly a year, ICNV hired attorneys Fredric Woocher and Jenna Miara of Strumwasser & Woocher LLP, and sued the City in the Federal District Court in February 2016, alleging violation of the newspaper's First Amendment rights to freedom of speech and freedom of the press, as well as the right to equal protection under the State and U.S. Constitutions. Since that filing, instead of acknowledging any wrongdoing and taking corrective action, the City spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxpayer funds fighting the lawsuit. First, the City tried to have the case dismissed — a move that was denied in a stinging order and ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Andrew J. Guilford; next, the City demanded extensive and unnecessary discovery in an obvious attempt to overwhelm ICNV with legal fees.

In June 2017, after adding yet another lawyer to the four already defending it, the City requested mediation. The mediation resulted in the City of Irvine paying to ICNV a settlement in the amount of \$350,000, and agreeing to a revision in the City's policies, recognizing that ICNV and other newspapers must be treated equally at City Hall and in other City facilities — there can be no discrimination based on whether City officials like or dislike the "political" content of a newspaper.

During the pendency of the lawsuit, we discovered that there was a concerted effort to interfere with the publication and distribution of ICNV. We reserve the right to pursue claims against individuals at City Hall or in the community when those individuals unlawfully interfere with ICNV or with any other newspaper. **When we defend constitutional rights, we do so not just for ourselves, but for everyone in Irvine.**

We regret that it took two years — and the expenditure of many hundreds of thousands of dollars — to resolve this matter. We hope Irvine officials at City Hall, including the Mayor, City Councilmembers, City Manager and City Attorney, will demonstrate a renewed respect for First Amendment freedoms — showing a genuine commitment to protect and promote free speech and all constitutional rights in Irvine. That has been Irvine's proud tradition, until City leaders somehow lost their way in recent years.

— FJL



Beginning in 2015, Councilmember Christina Shea led a concerted effort — inside and outside City Hall — to damage Irvine Community News & Views and interfere with its distribution and advertisers. Also involved was her political ally and recent appointee to the Irvine Transportation Commission, Steve Greenberg.



WORDSWATCH  
by Harris E. Kershner

## A Waste of Our Tax Dollars

The chickens have come home to roost. In March 2016, I wrote an article about the City of Irvine's ill-advised actions that prevented the free distribution of Irvine Community News & Views in City Hall, while at the same time City Hall allowed the free distribution of other local publications such as OC Weekly and the Irvine World News.

Apparently, the City considered this paper to be too "political." My 2016 article included the following sentences: "It appears that the City Council is daring the newspaper to sue the City in Federal Court to have the restriction on distribution declared unconstitutional. This will result in a waste of your tax dollars and mine when the City is virtually certain to lose that lawsuit."

Instead of allowing the distribution of this newspaper, the City prohibited the distribution of all newspapers in City Hall. As you might expect, this newspaper picked up the gauntlet that was thrown down and sued the City to vindicate its right to be free from content-based discrimination. The City of Irvine (with the fig leaf that it was not making an "admission of fault") has recently agreed to pay \$350,000 to settle the lawsuit filed by the ICNV and its Publisher and Editor, Franklin J. Lunding. The City's own attorneys' fees and staff time probably added hundreds of thousands of dollars in Irvine taxpayer costs. Going forward, here's hoping that the City Council acts in a more judicious manner.

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Irvine's 2017 "Summer of Discontent" began in June with the City Council's 3-to-2 vote to refuse \$30 million in State funding and not go forward with construction of the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park. Instead, the Council voted to negotiate a "swap" of the 125-acre Great Park Veterans Cemetery site to FivePoint Communities. Mayor Don Wagner and Councilmembers Christina Shea and Melissa Fox are planning — later

this summer — to give away our parkland to FivePoint, along with zoning approval for massive office, commercial and residential development.

Hundreds of Irvine residents have since signed a Veterans Cemetery petition, calling upon the Mayor and City Council to keep the City's 3-year-old promise to build the Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery in the Great Park, as originally planned.

Please take this opportunity to join your friends and neighbors in signing our Great Park Veterans Cemetery petition. Add your name and comments in support of this important cause and ask your friends to sign, as well, at: [www.irvinecommunitynewsandviews.org/VeteransCemeteryPetition](http://www.irvinecommunitynewsandviews.org/VeteransCemeteryPetition)

## We ask the People of Irvine to join us — to sign our petition calling upon the Irvine City Council to honor our veterans and their families by keeping the sacred promise we made to build the Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery in the Great Park, as planned.

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## Comments, Notes and Letters

Here are a few of the hundreds of comments and letters received regarding the Veterans Cemetery. In the weeks ahead, we will publish as many as space permits.

My brother, who is a Vietnam veteran, passed away last November, and we are waiting to bury his ashes. I think it is absolutely ridiculous that we were approved for State funding, only to have Mayor Wagner and Councilmembers Fox and Shea now favor a land-swap. Shame on all three of you! Follow through on the original plan and represent the people of the City instead of the land developers.

— Sheila Nyberg

The Veterans Cemetery belongs in the Great Park, not stuck between freeways. FivePoint has bought Irvine City Councilmembers and Mayor

Wagner so they can continue to decimate the Great Park for their own benefit. The citizens of Irvine need to put a stop to this by whatever means they can, be that through legal action or through a recall of City Councilmembers and the Mayor.

— Suzanne Seidel

I am a veteran of the Vietnam era and am extremely disappointed that the land-swap was approved and the Veterans Cemetery is significantly delayed. I have lived in Irvine for more than a decade and, until now, would not have imagined it was corrupt. Unfortunately, that is no longer true.

— Dave Carlson

Fox, Shea and Wagner should be ashamed of themselves, especially Fox. She has always said that she would vote for the Veterans Cemetery and then changed her vote at the last minute.

— April Baldauf

remain as it was. We already had the Veterans Cemetery financing to go ahead.

— R. Dennis Porch

I am a Vietnam veteran. Not only have the veterans lost their Cemetery; the citizens of Irvine have lost their representation. FivePoint now controls the City of Irvine.

— Larry Bales

Stick to the original plan. Build the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park.

— Florence Cheng

My husband is a veteran and we'd like to see the Veterans Cemetery built on the original site. It seems like FivePoint is doing the swap just for their own advantage. The site off the freeways doesn't seem to be a good place for a Veterans Cemetery or any kind of cemetery. I hope that there will be many people signing the Veterans Cemetery Petition.

— Clarice Miyahira





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