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**Publisher's Perspective**

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**Mary Ann Gaido for Mayor**

Only one candidate for Mayor — Mary Ann Gaido — has had the wisdom, experience and courage to sound the alarm and say NO to thousands of new houses and apartments approved in the recent orgy of overdevelopment. As a long-time Planning Commissioner and former two-term City Councilwoman, Gaido promises to present a *Comprehensive Growth and Traffic Control Ordinance* to quickly restore Council and citizen control over our planning process.

**Melissa Fox for Council**

Melissa Fox, who fell just 210 votes short of winning a City Council seat in 2014, agrees with Gaido in her approach to controlling residential growth and development. But, she also brings special insights regarding parks and recreation, municipal services, and support for Irvine's small businesses.

**Two Campaigns for Mayor**

**GAIDO — Grassroots, Growth-Control**



*Face-to-face with voters. Mary Ann Gaido has been campaigning throughout Irvine: at Starbucks and shopping centers, door-to-door, and at UCI.*

**WAGNER — Pro-Growth, Developer-Funded**



*Shoulder-to-shoulder with developers. Donald Wagner (left) is seated next to Emile Haddad, President and CEO of developer FivePoint Communities. FivePoint is pressing for approval of more residential development in Irvine.*

**Developers Spending \$1 Million on Wagner Campaign**

Most analysts seem to agree that termed-out Republican State Assemblyman Donald Wagner — now running for Mayor of Irvine — has little to show for his six years in the Legislature. According to sources in the State Capitol, Wagner spent his years in Sacramento mostly warming a seat and collecting a \$10,000 monthly

paycheck for simply voting NO on just about everything: the budget, health care, education, roads and infrastructure, environmental protection, and gun safety.

In fact, some of Wagner's Orange County constituents regarded his performance in Sacramento as so lackluster that they dubbed him "Donald Do-Nothing." These same critics

**Gaido Calls for "Time-Out" and Halt to Irvine Overdevelopment**

While Mary Ann Gaido stands alone among the five Mayoral candidates in calling for a "time-out" to halt overdevelopment, she clearly is tapping into widespread voter resentment. The plain fact is that Irvine residents are simply fed up with horrible traffic, overcrowded schools, and the stress that comes from what Gaido calls "out-of-control" growth and development.

Her remedy? Gaido says, "If I am elected Mayor, I pledge that at the first City Council meeting, I will introduce a Comprehensive Growth and Traffic Control Ordinance — to take a 'time-out' from overdevelopment by strictly limiting the number of new residential building permits issued by the City, and by requiring voter approval before any major new residential project can move forward."

When challenged by other candidates, Gaido calmly points out that from time to time the City has deliberately slowed down growth and development, or even halted it altogether. In 1972, the very first Irvine City Council ordered a 90-day "freeze" on

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— watching Wagner essentially “outsource” his entire campaign for Mayor of Irvine to developer FivePoint Communities — are saying his lazy approach to running for Mayor is yet another example of a “Donald Do-Nothing” effort.

In what some felt was a snub to the Irvine Chinese community, Wagner was a no-show at the October 15th candidate forum held at the Chinese Cultural Center. And unlike former Councilwoman and current Planning Commissioner Mary Ann Gaido, who is taking her growth-control message

to voters everywhere in Irvine — door-to-door, at Starbucks, in front of schools and at shopping centers — Wagner is nowhere to be seen.

What Wagner *does* have is the knowledge that FivePoint Communities and other developers are spending an astounding \$1 million in unlimited “independent expenditures” — better known as “gray money” and “dark money” that is funneled through layers of committees to make its sources hard to trace — all calculated to elect him Mayor and also elect two pro-developer members of the City Council, Christina Shea and Anthony Kuo.

Most of the money so far reported has been spent on anti-Gaido TV attack ads and “hit-mailers.”

Why are they going to all this effort and expense? FivePoint and other developers

have made it clear they are prepared to spend millions to gain more entitlements, and an even faster pace of growth and development in Irvine, regardless of the City’s traffic crisis and other adverse impacts on residents’ quality of life.

Despite Gaido’s vocal opposition, FivePoint has already won Planning Commission and Council approval of 10,000 houses and apartments at the Great Park. It is an open secret that FivePoint wants to secure approval for yet another 5,000 to 10,000 units, including as many as 2,000 houses

on 125 acres of the Great Park previously dedicated for a Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery.

Gaido, known as the “Guardian of Irvine’s General Plan,” has repeatedly stood up to aggressive, uncontrolled development. That’s why FivePoint and other developers are working to defeat her on November 8th.

Compared to Wagner’s outsourced, developer-funded campaign, Gaido’s grassroots campaign seems almost quaint — relying on scores of volunteers and raising \$100,000 in small donations of no more than \$470, as prescribed under City law. Asked about the disparity, Gaido said, “This election will decide who controls Irvine, profit-driven developers or the residents who live here. I have faith in Irvine voters.” **ICNV**

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—Mary Ann Gaido



**Gaido Renews Call for Ordinance to End Political Sign Pollution**

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Mary Ann Gaido, speaking out at the Oct. 15th Candidate Forum at Irvine’s Chinese Cultural Center, noted that “overdevelopment hurts property values.”

development so that the newly established Council could begin to formulate plans and strategies to grow the City of Irvine, but at a reasonable pace, providing for adequate roads and infrastructure first.

And in the 1980s, the City Council imposed an informal moratorium on development — saying NO to developers — until a comprehensive Open Space Preservation Plan could be worked out with the Irvine Company, which finally happened in 1988; voters approved a detailed ballot measure setting aside nearly 16,000 acres of open space and wilderness areas for permanent preservation.

Speaking to the traffic issue, Gaido said she has a detailed traffic control plan that relies heavily on developing our own internal transit system — dramatically expanding our fleet of iShuttle buses. But, she noted: “Those are longer-range plans. *The truth of the matter is that traffic control begins with growth control.* And, we’ll need a new Mayor and new City Council to immediately adopt certain growth-control measures.”

City Council candidate Melissa Fox, who ran as part of a team with Gaido in 2014, is running an allied campaign once again. The two share views on the need for a new Mayor and Council majority to get to work on growth and traffic control. “But,” says Fox, “first things first — Mary Ann and I have to get elected on November 8th!” **ICNV**

**\$1 Million in Developer-Funded Attacks Threaten Irvine’s Local Democracy**

**A Public Service Editorial**

by  
*Irvine Community News & Views*

Irvine developer FivePoint Communities is funding a vicious \$1 million campaign of TV attack ads and “hit-mail” — including outright lies and smears — to defeat Irvine Mayoral candidate Mary Ann Gaido and City Council candidate Melissa Fox. Gaido and Fox are running on an honest and brave platform to control growth, development and traffic.

**When they spend more than \$100,000 per week on vicious TV attack ads and citywide hit-mailers, FivePoint Communities and other big developers violate our Irvine values and actually do violence to our electoral process and our local democracy.**

Why are they doing this? They want to elect their hand-picked pro-growth, pro-development candidates — Donald Wagner for Mayor and Christina Shea and Anthony Kuo for Council. These three, in turn, will continue to be cheerleaders for big developer

FivePoint Communities, destroying our Master Plan by fast-tracking and rubber-stamping each and every proposal for thousands more houses and apartments, no matter how much traffic they bring.

FivePoint Communities and their candidates — Wagner, Shea and Kuo — should be ashamed of themselves. Whether you agree — or not — with our endorsement of Gaido and Fox, Irvine voters should all be united in rejecting Wagner, Shea and Kuo, and their dirty, developer-funded campaign.

*Franklin J. Lunding*

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Sarita Sidhu

# Impressive in Irvine

by Sarita Sidhu

As our ICNV writers and contributors work their way around Irvine, they have the pleasure of meeting a remarkable array of people. Many are amazingly dedicated to their business, craft or special talent ... and willing to generously share their stories with others. We find these individuals — all of them neighbors, many of them our friends — to be “Impressive in Irvine.”

## Mahin Manzarpour

Mahin Manzarpour sold her businesses and moved to Irvine in 2003, to be geographically closer to her three children. She had lived in Northern California for nineteen years, and when I asked her which location she preferred, she smiled broadly and replied “Who doesn’t like Irvine?” At this time in her life, she especially loves the wonderful services for seniors, and the opportunities to volunteer.



Mahin spends many hours at the City’s Rancho San Joaquin Senior Center.

Jane Austin. Growing up in Tehran, Iran, all the books she read had been translated from English and Russian into her native Farsi. Before graduating from high school, she had finished reading Tolstoy’s War and Peace in her own time; it remains her favorite book to this day.

In 1953, the democratically-elected Prime Minister, Muhammad Mossadegh, was ousted in a coup, and power was returned to the Shah. (U.S. involvement is well-documented). Mahin lived through the violence and oppression that ensued, and when it became apparent that the Islamic Revolution of 1979 would not bring about the changes that had been sought, she began to think of starting a new life elsewhere.

In 1984 Mahin immigrated to Northern California with her three children; she went from sweeping novels (she was an English teacher) to sweeping floors in a hair salon. Her husband continued his work in Iran for six years, so that they could pay the foreign student university fees for their children. During this time, Mahin reread familiar classics, but this time in English.

One of her granddaughters is writing Mahin’s biography; I eagerly await its publication.



Mahin (left) as a teenager with her niece in Tehran.

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Need an extra boost to get through your week? Check out a variety of guided mid-week hikes through the City of Irvine's Open Space Preserve, including Bommer Canyon and Quail Hill. Take a break, get some fresh air, and hike away the stresses of the week, Wednesday mornings from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. All guided programs in the Irvine Open Space Preserve are free and open to the public — with required pre-registration. Learn more and register here: <http://letsgooutside.org/explore/iosp>

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# Community Calendar

# November 2016

## HOLIDAY FAIRE

### Holiday Faire

The Irvine Fine Arts Center will host its 34th annual Holiday Faire on Friday, November 4th from 5-9pm and Saturday, November 5th from 9am- 4pm. Talented Orange County artists will showcase unique handmade gifts for purchase, including holiday decorations, hand-blown glass, ceramics, jewelry, folk crafts, clothing and more.

**Admission: \$2 per person. Children 12 and younger are free. Info: 949-724-6880. Parking is free.**

## Holiday Toy Drive

Help make the season brighter for Irvine's adopted Marine Battalion families by donating a new, unwrapped gift suitable for infants or children through age 12. Donations will be accepted at the Irvine City Hall, Irvine Police Department and the Orange County Great Park Visitors Center. Donations will also be collected at the Winter Wonderland event on Dec. 4.

**Donations accepted Monday-Friday. November 7 - December 11th. 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>RHYTHM</b> SEPT. 3 - NOV. 13, 2016 Great Park Gallery at the Palm Court Arts Complex Free Admission	<b>1</b> Tuesday Morning Fitness Hike. Limestone Canyon Nature Preserve. 9-11:30am. Info: LetsGoOutside.org	<b>2</b> Bunco at the Rancho Senior Center. First Wednesdays. 12:30-3pm. \$5. Info: 949-724-6800 <b>BUNCO</b>	<b>3</b> Planning Commission Meeting. Irvine City Hall. 5:30pm. Info: 949-724-6465	<b>4</b> IFAC Holiday Faire. Irvine Fine Arts Center. The Irvine Fine Arts Center hosts its 34th annual Holiday Faire. Talented Orange County artists showcase unique handmade gifts for purchase. 5-9pm. Info: 949-724-6880	<b>5</b> IFAC Holiday Faire. 9am-4pm. <b>HOLIDAY FAIRE</b>
<b>6</b> Certified Farmers Market. OC Great Park. Rain or shine. 10am-2pm. Info: 866-829-3829	<b>7</b> Brainy Bookworms Club. Katie Wheeler Library. For kids in grades 2 and 3. 4-5pm. Info: 714-669-8753	<b>8</b> Election Day. Get out and vote! <b>VOTE</b> City Council Meeting. Irvine Civic Center. 5pm.	<b>9</b> OC Writers Read & Review. Katie Wheeler Library. 6-7:45pm Info: 714-669-8753	<b>10</b> Live Music at Eureka! 4143 Campus Dr. Each Thursday night Eureka! features Live Music at their University Town Center location! 8pm. Info: 949-596-8881	<b>11</b> Veterans Day. Women for OC Festive Holiday Gathering. In cooperation with Stop Hunger Now. Package 10k meals for school feeding programs, orphanages, and emergency crisis situations. The Duck Club, Irvine from 10:30am to 1pm. Lunch provided. Reg. fee: \$25. Info: WomenForOrangeCounty.org	<b>12</b> Common Wall Exhibit. OC Great Park Gallery. Artist Parichehr Namdar Freydooni. 10am-4pm. Info: 949-724-6247
<b>13</b> Certified Farmers Market. OC Great Park. Rain or shine. 10am-2pm. Info: 866-829-3829	<b>14</b> Tai Chi in the Hills. Orchard Hills. 9-11am. Info: LetsGoOutside.org	<b>15</b> IUSD Board Meeting. 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine. 6:30pm. Info: 949-936-5000	<b>16</b> Storytime in The Garden. OC Great Park Farm + Food Lab. 9-9:45am. Info: 866-829-3829	<b>17</b> Live Music at Eureka! 4143 Campus Dr. Each Thursday night Eureka! features Live Music at their University Town Center location! 8pm. Info: 949-596-8881	<b>18</b> Movie Matinee. Lakeview Senior Center. Fridays at 12:15pm. Info: 949-724-6900 <b>Lakeview Senior Center</b>	<b>19</b> New Dimension Opening Reception. Irvine Fine Arts Center. New Dimension focuses on art practices that bridge the disciplines of painting and sculpture. 4-6pm. Exhibit runs from November 19th to January 21, 2017. Info: 949-724-6880
<b>20</b> Certified Farmers Market. OC Great Park. Rain or shine. 10am-2pm. Info: 866-829-3829	<b>21</b> Page Turners Book Group. Katie Wheeler Library. For 4th and 5th Graders. 4-5pm. Info: 714-669-8753	<b>22</b> City Council Meeting. Irvine Civic Center. 5pm.	<b>23</b> After Work Fitness Hike. Paved Hicks Haul Road. 6-7:30pm. Info: LetsGoOutside.org	<b>24</b> Thanksgiving.	<b>25</b> Thanksgiving Wobble Walk. Laguna Coast Wilderness Park. 9:30-11:30am. Info: LetsGoOutside.org <b>HIKING &amp; FITNESS</b>	<b>26</b> Cardio Hike: Agua ChInon. Irvine Open Space Preserve. 7:30-11:30am. Info: LetsGoOutside.org
<b>27</b> Certified Farmers Market. OC Great Park. Rain or shine. 10am-2pm. Info: 866-829-3829	<b>28</b> Homework Help. Heritage Park Library. 4:30pm. Info: 949-936-4040	<b>29</b> Bingo at the Lakeview Senior Center. Tuesdays. \$8. Buy-in 12:30pm. 1-3pm. Info: 949-724-6900 <b>BINGO</b>	<b>30</b> Volunteer at the Native Seed Farm. Harvest seeds from robust native fall wildflowers and bushes. 8:30am-12pm. Info: LetsGoOutside.org	<b>New Dimension exhibit at Irvine Fine Arts Center</b> Image credit: Leanne Lee, Wall / (detail).		

## 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 and abused animals every year. All animals in their care receive veterinary care, high-quality food, soft bedding and daily socialization.

"Mickey" is a male, neutered, Jack (Parson) Russell Terrier and Chihuahua mix. He is about 6 years old.

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# VOTE TO Stop Over-Development In IRVINE



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### Education, YES!

Let's face it: Education is expensive. And a truly excellent education is even more expensive.

Public spending for quality public schools is an important and necessary investment that we make in ourselves and our society. The benefits to us as individuals are obvious. They range from the sheer joy that comes from learning, to the more concrete benefits of securing better jobs that dramatically increase lifetime earnings.

Sometimes overlooked are the benefits of education to our society. The truth of the matter is that a well-educated citizenry is essential to the survival and success of our 21st century American Democracy. In the end, we depend on one another to have critical thinking skills that enable us to analyze issues, address problems, and make sound decisions.

For every dollar invested today in education, the ROI — return on investment — in the years ahead is enormous. That's why I'm taking this opportunity to urge a YES vote on two Statewide ballot propositions — Proposition 51 and Proposition 55.

#### YES on Proposition 51 - School Bond

Proposition 51 would authorize \$9 billion in general obligation bonds for new construction and modernization of K-12 public school facilities, charter schools, vocational education facilities, and community college facilities. Right here in Irvine, where we have so many overcrowded and older schools, we will benefit from tens of millions of dollars to upgrade and modernize existing facilities, and of course to build new schools.

#### YES on Proposition 55 - Extends Tax on High-Income Earners

Proposition 55 extends by 12 years the personal income tax increases on high earners that the voters approved in 2012. This will apply to earnings of over \$250,000, with revenues allocated to K-12 schools and community colleges. This "millionaires' tax extension" is expected to provide an added \$4 billion to \$9 billion per year in overall State revenues. Billions of dollars will be shared with school districts throughout the State, including tens of millions of dollars for schools right here in Irvine.

Both Propositions 51 and 55 are structured and budgeted so that your YES vote today will NOT require any new State taxes.

The most important thing: Please remember to VOTE your entire ballot on November 8th!

*\*Carolyn Inmon is a retired Irvine teacher. She has taught at virtually every grade level, from K - 12, as well as community college. She served as President of the Community College Association from 2005-2007. Carolyn has recently co-authored a book with Tanya Brown, now available on Amazon. It is entitled "The Seven Characters of Abuse: Domestic Violence — Where It Starts and Where It Can End." Carolyn welcomes your comments and ideas at: Carolyn@IrvineCommunityNews.org*



SCHOOLWATCH  
by Carolyn Inmon\*



WORDSWATCH  
by Harris E. Kershner\*

### Vote Your Hopes, Not Your Fears

"May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears." — NELSON MANDELA

By the time many of you read this, you may have already cast your ballots. For those who already voted, and for those who have yet to vote, hopefully you have or will heed the premise of this quote. We should all make our choices, and cast our ballots, in a way that reflects our hopes for the future.

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CULTURECORNER  
by Marilyn Vassos\*

### OLLI

You may have heard the word OLLI and wondered if it was the latest fast food place in Irvine. Or, perhaps the title of a popular new book. Or a new singing sensation. Well, interesting guesses aside, OLLI is an acronym for Osher Lifelong Learning Institute — an amazing Irvine cultural treasure.

Bernard Osher, a resident of San Francisco, was interested in education for the "more mature" among us — in other words, older people. So, Osher generously founded and funded what has become a truly remarkable organization, the aptly named Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

Here in Irvine, in 1997, a small group of mature learners collaborated with UCI's Division of Continuing Education to form the Academy of Lifelong Learning. Connected to the University, with access to outstanding faculty presenters, OLLI established and has maintained a reputation for consistently high-quality classes and presentations.

Simply put, OLLI's goal is to offer the community experiences and lectures that promote intellectual growth for senior citizens. In a continuing collaboration with UCI, OLLI provides a very wide range of educational opportunities in a variety of fields. Quality speakers volunteer their expertise for classes and lectures in Arts and Humanities, Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics, Social Sciences, as well as for special events and trips to all sorts of venues in Southern California.



OLLI has found a permanent home at the Irvine Train Station — 1507 Barranca Parkway.

Maybe your interest is in what OLLI calls "OLLI Extras." For example, there is a Spanish Club, a Mah Jong group, and Travel Talk, where you can share your latest travel adventures.

There is also a group called Movie Talk, and the Gastronomers' Group — for those "foodies" who want to share both dining-out and cooking adventures.

In addition to classes and "OLLI Extras," OLLI sponsors luncheons and speakers at the University Faculty Club on campus at UCI, sometimes coupled with a tour of one of the special UCI research facilities.

While the age of OLLI members is generally over 55, some members are not fully retired. Many OLLI members have advanced degrees and multiple college degrees. As you might imagine, the lifelong learners attracted to OLLI include plenty of smart and interesting people.

For more information on classes, fees, membership and enrollment, visit the OLLI at: [www.olliuci.wordpress.com](http://www.olliuci.wordpress.com). Or call: (949) 451-1403.

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Joel Smith is on a break.  
His SportsWatch Column  
will be returning soon.



## Jake's iPhone Tips: Hidden Features Revealed

by Jake Jacobs

This is the fifth in a series of articles on how to get the most out of your iPhone. I have been using iPhones for more than five years and have discovered hundreds of useful features within this marvelous device. These articles will help you discover the hidden power of your iPhone.

### THE PHONE APP

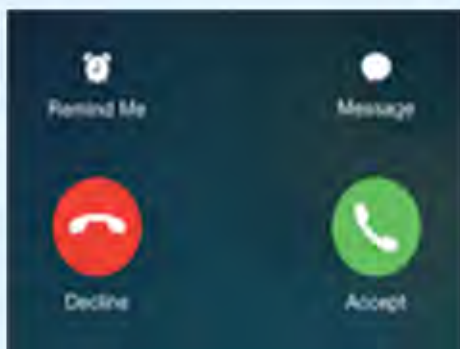
The iPhone is, after all, primarily a mobile phone, although it is much more than that. Let's examine the basic features of the Phone app.

**Make a call:** tap a phone number in the Phone app in Favorites, Recents, Contacts, or from the keypad, or in an email, a text message, a Web page — or almost anywhere in iPhone where a phone number is displayed in text format.

**Answer a call** when the iPhone is asleep: slide the slide to answer button to the right. When the iPhone is not asleep, tap the Accept button; tap Decline to send the call directly to voicemail.

Tap Remind Me to create a reminder one hour from now in the Reminders app.

Tap Message to reply with a



preset or custom text message. (Create up to three custom messages in Settings → Phone → Respond with Text.)

Now for some additional useful features. You are in a meeting, classroom, or theatre and your iPhone rings. You want to stop the ringing or vibrating, but not lose the incoming call. To silence the incoming call, press the Sleep/Wake (AKA power) button once (the iPhone will continue to "ring"

silently). After you walk out of the room, swipe slide to answer. To decline the call and send it directly to voicemail, press Sleep/Wake button twice.

To listen to a voicemail message in the Phone app, tap Voicemail at the bottom right side of the Phone app.

**How do you save or share a precious voicemail?** Tap the share button at the top right of an opened voicemail message to share it in Messages, Mail, Notes, Voice Memos, Messenger, WhatsApp, Dropbox, One Drive or others. It will be saved as an audio file that can be replayed later.

New in iOS 10, you have the option to read the transcribed text of the voice message instead of merely listening to it, which is useful in a noisy environment.



Jake Jacobs

Jake Jacobs, a retired electrical engineer, has worked many years in the high tech arenas of Silicon Valley, MIT, and Orange County, where he co-founded a medical device company. He has taught introductory computer science at Stanford University. He has created and taught iPhone workshops locally for three years. If you would like more information on Jake's workshops, check out his website at JakeAir.weebly.com for the Fall schedule. Email Jake at JakeAir@cox.net

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## IRVINE'S ELECTION OF MAYOR, COUNCIL AND SCHOOL BOARD CAN PROTECT LIVES!

The Nov 8th election will be changing the composition of the IUSD Board and the Irvine City Council. Hopefully, it will also change their politics and policies to be more resident-friendly and less developer-friendly.

What won't be changed is the fact that our City has serious toxic-contamination problems of still undetermined extent.

• First, there is the newly opened Portola High School (PHS), which we now know has been built on a site with widespread petrochemical contamination from decades of military aircraft operations and dumping of fuels and solvents.

• Second, the immediately adjacent property — slated for residential development — is untested for the toxic and carcinogenic volatile organic compounds (VOCs) that have already been found in large quantities on and near the PHS site.

The sad fact is that our entire community has suffered from an irresponsible School Board and a City Council beholden to the giant Irvine land developer, FivePoint Communities. As a result, the City has no capacity to deal intelligently

with the toxic contamination issue.

In the November 8th election for Mayor, only Mary Ann Gaido publicly declared that she would have the City pay for the required testing for VOCs on the PHS site to protect the health of the students, teachers and staff. Moreover, Gaido says she would have the City require FivePoint to pay for toxics testing on the adjacent properties before thousands of new houses are built.

Mary Ann, who was a City Councilmember for 8 years beginning in 1976, and then a Planning Commissioner for more than 20 years, was responsible for the original City ordinances that required developers to provide the many parks and trails in Irvine, and permanently set aside and preserve Bommer Canyon and thousands of acres of natural open space.

It's no wonder that FivePoint Communities and other big developers are spending more than a million dollars to defeat Mary Ann Gaido in her bid to become Irvine's next Mayor. Instead, they're funding Don Wagner's campaign for Mayor, and for Council they're bank-

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rolling Planning Commissioner Anthony Kuo and incumbent Councilmember Christina Shea, who support each and every developer demand.

To address this conflict-of-interest, the City of Irvine, once a leader in hazardous materials detection and management, used to employ a Hazardous Materials Program Administrator, Sylvan Hersh, who held a Ph.D. in chemistry. He truly represented the public interest. Unfortunately, his position was eliminated in the 1990s. If his position existed today, we would not have the toxic contamination scandal that is jeopardizing human health and also tarnishing our City's reputation for good planning. An IUSD candidate who has promised to do all in his power to address the PHS toxic contamination problem is Mark Newgent. Personally, I am also voting for Naz Hamid and Geri Zollinger, because they are not incumbents and are unconnected to the existing regime that is responsible for building a school on a contaminated site. Incumbents Paul Bokota and Lauren Brooks, running for re-election, have thwarted every opportunity to protect the school's coming generations of students, teachers and staff.

**VOTE EARLY IN-PERSON, AT:**  
**Irvine Civic Center (City Hall)**  
>> Drive-thru ballot drop-off available

**Sunday, Oct 30th to Friday, Nov 4th, 8:00am – 5:00pm**  
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Located in CTC Room near City Hall reception desk on the first floor.  
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## Mary Ann Gaido for Mayor

In making recommendations and endorsements in the Nov. 8th local Irvine elections, our editorial staff at *Irvine Community News & Views* uses a Candidate Comparison Chart — we compare the candidates' records on key issues of concern to Irvine voters. **Here is the chart we used — and the issues we researched — in reaching our decision to endorse former City Councilmember and current Planning Commissioner Mary Ann Gaido for Mayor of Irvine.** - FJL

### The Irvine Mayor's Race – Where The Candidates Stand on Key Issues

	Issue No. 1 Growth & Development	Issue No. 2 Veterans Cemetery	Issue No. 3 Gun Safety	Issue No. 4 Ethics
	<b>Do you favor specific, practical policies to control growth and traffic in Irvine?</b>	<b>Do you favor creation of the 125-acre Veterans Cemetery within the Great Park?</b>	<b>Do you favor the gun safety measures adopted by the State and on the Nov. 8th ballot (Prop 63)?</b>	<b>Did you sign the voluntary State Fair Campaign Practices Code?</b>
 <b>Mary Ann GAIDO</b>	<b>YES.</b> Gaido proposes a <i>Comprehensive Growth and Traffic Control Ordinance</i> that would take a "time-out" from overdevelopment by strictly limiting the number of new residential building permits issued by the City, and by requiring voter approval to build major new residential projects.	<b>YES.</b> Gaido has consistently supported and advocated for creation of a 125-acre Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery <i>within</i> the Great Park. She opposes any "land-swap" deal with developer FivePoint Communities that would derail and defeat the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park.	<b>YES.</b> Gaido supports strict gun safety policies, including the common-sense measures in Prop. 63 — requiring background checks for ammunition purchases and a prohibition on large-capacity magazines (more than 10 bullets). Gaido would have the City re-join the national organization, <i>Mayors Against Illegal Guns</i> .	<b>YES.</b> Gaido signed the pledge, promising to wage a tough campaign but to not engage in "scurrilous" or defamatory attacks, and to not enlist or permit others to use unethical tactics on her behalf.
 <b>Don WAGNER</b>	<b>NO.</b> Wagner says, "More than words are needed to fix the problems caused by uncontrolled growth" but he offers no specifics. He only proposes appointing a "transportation czar" who will "propose solutions to our gridlock."	<b>NO.</b> Wagner first opposed a Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park, but then supported State legislation to create the Veterans Cemetery. Now, he favors FivePoint-Christina Shea "land-swap" deal to derail and defeat the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park.	<b>NO.</b> Wagner, as a State Assemblyman, has voted against virtually every gun safety measure that has come to the floor of the Legislature, including background checks and a prohibition on bringing concealed weapons onto school grounds. He opposes the gun safety provisions included in Prop. 63 on the Nov. 8th ballot.	<b>NO.</b> Wagner was the only candidate for Mayor who refused to sign the State-prescribed Fair Campaign Practices Code, which bars specific unethical campaign practices, including having your supporters engage in unethical tactics.



Three lesser-known candidates for Mayor are: Gang Chen, an architect; David Chey, an entrepreneur; and Katherine Daigle, a small business owner. Gang Chen has been campaigning all year, posting political signs on Irvine streets since early 2016, and voicing his opposition to the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park.

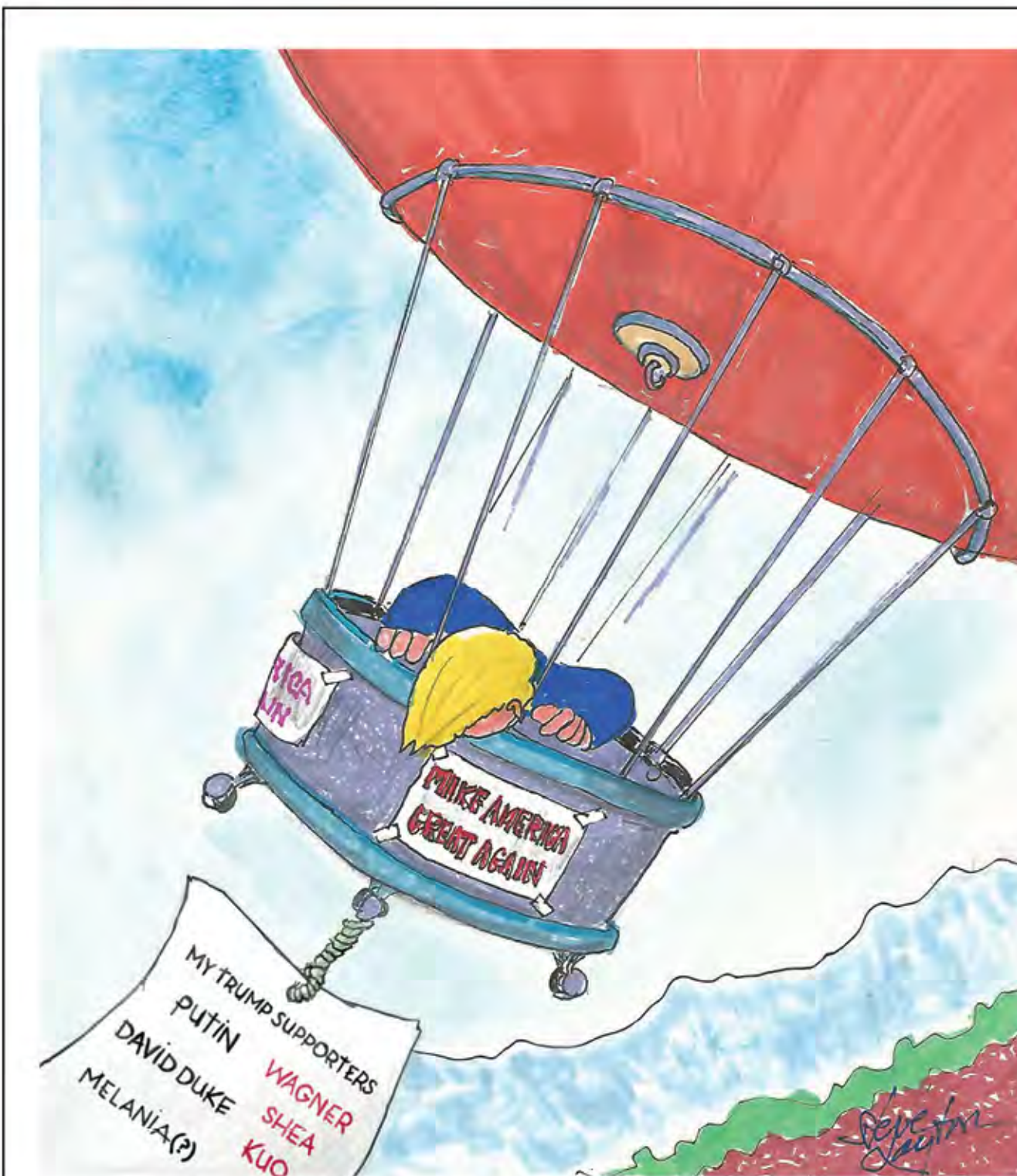
In their public statements, David Chey and Katherine Daigle have yet to provide specific positions on growth and development, the Veterans Cemetery, and gun safety. Chen, Chey and Daigle have all signed the State's Fair Campaign Practices Code.



## Veterans Cemetery

Election Day is November 8th. Veterans Day is November 11th. If the most capable people are elected on November 8th — **Mary Ann Gaido** for Mayor and **Melissa Fox** for City Council — we'll soon have our beautiful Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery on 125 acres of land in the Great Park dedicated for this purpose. However, if Donald Wagner, Christina Shea and Anthony Kuo are elected, they will vote to entitle developer FivePoint Communities — their big-money campaign supporters — to build thousands more houses on the Great Park land that was intended to be a final resting place for Orange County veterans. Vote wisely.

—Edward S. Pope, Spec. 5th Class, U.S. Army (1961-1963)



Donald Wagner, Christina Shea, and Anthony Kuo have been members and partisan activists in the Orange County Republican Party for many years. Wagner, Shea and Kuo support Donald Trump for President.

Mary Ann Gaido, when interviewed by *Irvine Community News & Views* last summer, was asked about her views on the presidential campaign. Gaido said this: "In our local races, I try to stay away from partisanship. But, since you asked, I'll give you a direct answer. I'll be voting for the Democratic nominee, Hillary Clinton. The alternative, Donald Trump, is simply unacceptable. To be honest, I find Trump's candidacy appalling. I'm committed to civility in public life. To watch Donald Trump disrespect women and bash immigrants and make fun of disabled people is contrary to everything I believe about leadership in public life. Leaders don't divide people and drive us apart. Even as we may disagree about public policies, true leaders should speak and work in ways that bring us together."

## Sign Pollution



So, I voted early for **Mary Ann Gaido** for Mayor. Why? Because she promised, if elected, to clean up this unbelievable sign mess — and make sure our parkways and streetscapes are forever restored to their original beauty, never again to be trashed in this way. If other cities can do it, why can't Irvine? Go, Gaido!

—Toni Ollvera



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Dear Irvine Neighbor:

It has been my honor to serve the people of Irvine and take the lead in the careful planning of nearly every village, neighborhood and park in Irvine. I also helped lead the fight to preserve our beautiful open space and wilderness areas, and defeat the proposed Airport.

**Now, I'm ready to continue my public service...planning for our City's future...this time as your Mayor. I would be honored to have your support and your vote.**

This election will decide who controls the future of our City — profit-driven big developers or Irvine residents. **I ask for your vote to put Irvine residents back in control of our City.**

I have lived in Irvine since our City was founded, and I have been privileged — as a Planning Commissioner and former two-term City Councilmember — to lead in planning our wonderful villages, parks, schools, community shopping centers, and open space preserves.

But now our quality of life is threatened by rapid, uncontrolled growth that has created a traffic mess and is causing our schools to be overcrowded.

**If I am elected Mayor, I pledge that at the first City Council meeting, I will introduce a Comprehensive Growth and Traffic Control Ordinance — to take a "time-out" from overdevelopment by strictly limiting the number of new residential building permits issued by the City, and by requiring voter approval before any major new residential project can move forward.**

We have ample legal authority to enact growth and traffic control policies. What's needed is a Mayor with the courage to stand up to big developers and do what's right for Irvine residents. **I promise to be that kind of Mayor.**

Thank you!

Mary Ann Gaido

### Voter Alert!

Irvine developers have launched a *\$1 million* campaign of vicious lies and smears against Mary Ann Gaido.

They've already spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on TV attack ads and a barrage of "hit-mail" to defeat Mary Ann, and elect their own hand-picked candidate, Don Wagner.

Let's reject the developers' big-money, dirty politics ... and their brazen attempt at a complete takeover of City Hall!