



Publisher's Perspective

Save the Great Park Veterans Cemetery! Save the Great Park!

In my 30 years in Irvine, I've been privileged to serve the public — first as president of my homeowners' association, then as Chair of the Irvine Transportation Commission and, later, on the Irvine Planning Commission. I've seen good development, bad development and, recently, lots of *over*development. But I've never seen anything like what's going on now.

Plied by massive campaign contributions and promises of more financial help, three members of the Irvine City Council — Mayor Don Wagner, and Councilmembers Christina Shea and Melissa Fox — appear determined to give away 125 acres of our Great Park to developer FivePoint Communities. Why? So FivePoint can build huge commercial and residential projects (generating more than 10,000 cars per day and hundreds of millions in profits!) on land that was set aside for a State-approved Great Park Veterans Cemetery.

What's more outrageous, these three City Councilmembers announced their Great Park giveaway scheme on June 6th, just 9 days before the State was set to send \$30 million to Irvine to immediately begin construction on the Great Park Veterans Cemetery. By the way, the State had agreed to maintain the Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery in perpetuity — forever — at absolutely no cost to the City of Irvine.

THIS FIGHT IS NOT OVER!

Here's what you can do: Read pages 1-3 in this issue of *ICNV*. Understand what's going on! Then turn to pages 10 and 11. Join your neighbors in signing the Veterans Cemetery online petition — and stay tuned!

Franklin J Lunding, Publisher and Editor

It's Decision-Time (Again) for the Veterans Cemetery and Great Park











In June, Irvine Mayor Donald Wagner and Councilmembers Christina Shea and Melissa Fox voted their "intention" to abandon the Great Park site for the Veterans Cemetery. The three voted, instead, to embrace developer FivePoint Communities' "land-swap" scheme. Councilmembers Jeff Lalloway and Lynn Schott have opposed the FivePoint land-swap, warning it would result in the permanent giveaway of 125 acres of the Great Park to FivePoint, while bringing massive office, commercial, and residential development—and traffic congestion—to north Irvine.

B aseball legend Yogi Berra, in the heat of a 1973 come-from-behind pennant race, sounded a hopeful note for his team when he told a reporter, "It ain't over 'til it's over."

Irvine Councilman Jeff Lalloway invoked Yogi Berra's now-famous remark as he spoke about the continuing fight to save the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park. Lalloway described the contentious issue as a vitally important land-use choice for the entire Irvine community: "Will the 125-acre Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery be built in the Great Park, as originally planned and approved by the City and the State dating back to 2014?" Or, alternatively, asks Lalloway: "Will three members of the City Council - Mayor Don Wagner and Councilmembers Christina Shea and Melissa Fox — double-down on their June 6th decision to derail the alreadyapproved and shovel-ready Great Park Veterans Cemetery project?"

Lalloway, joined by Councilwoman

Lynn Schott, has led the effort to get the Veterans Cemetery project approved — and built — since 2014.

Past and Future Decisions

The five members of the Irvine City Council will be re-visiting and deciding the matter again at Council meetings in September and October. The Council last addressed this issue three months ago. In a tumultuous June 6th "special meeting" of the City Council - called on just 24-hours' notice — Wagner, Shea and Fox adopted a hurriedly prepared "resolution of intent" to derail the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park; reject \$30 million in State construction funds; and prepare to transfer ownership of the 125-acre Great Park site from the City to developer FivePoint Communities — along with a grant of zoning rights so FivePoint could quickly develop huge commercial and residential projects on the property.

For its part, FivePoint has said it will make available a similarly-sized parcel

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of land at the junction of the I-5 and I-405 freeways for a Veterans Cemetery. Opponents of the FivePoint "land-swap" contend the FivePoint freeway site is noisy and inappropriate for a Veterans Cemetery especially when compared with the Great Park site. Moreover, opponents say, the FivePoint freeway site is years behind the Great Park site in gaining the necessary City, State and Federal approvals before it can be built.



The original Veterans Cemetery, which has been approved by the City, State, and Federal governments, is pictured here in diagonally-hatched, light-green, as part of the Great Park. The FivePoint land-swap property is pictured here (lower right corner) as the vertically-hatched, orange site near the convergence of the I-5 and I-405 freeways, known as the El Toro "Y."

Public Voices

Reacting to the Council action of June 6th, hundreds of Irvine residents, including many veterans and their families, have expressed disappointment, dismay, and even anger. The anger has been mainly directed toward the three Councilmembers who sided with developer FivePoint and voted to abandon the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park at the very moment when the City was about to receive \$30 million in State funds to begin project construction.

Referring to the Council's unpopular 3-to-2 vote in June, University Park resident and musician Payam Larijani said the Council should "stick with the original plan" to locate the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park. "The resting place for heroes is supposed to be a peaceful, quiet and beautiful place. Haphazardly moving these veterans to the I-5/I-405 freeway site is just plain disrespectful." Larijani added, "Shame on Fox, Shea and Wagner for essentially being a subsidiary for the developers!"

Along the same lines, Irvine resident Rosemarie Strauss said, "It's disgusting that we have given away so much of our treasured Great Park to FivePoint to make a profit. It's just wrong! I hope the names of the three Councilmembers who have betrayed the

public's trust will be etched on a wall of shame some day!"

And 30-year resident and Vietnam-era veteran Jim Swaniger said, "The Veterans Cemetery fiasco is heartbreaking for all local veterans, and in my view the motivation is clear — greed."

The Decision Ahead

Anticipating yet another contentious Council hearing on the Veterans Cemetery issue, Lalloway noted Councilmember Lynn Schott's memorable remark in June — that the proposed "landswap" is a "giveaway of our Great Park." At the time, Schott added, "I, for one, will not participate in it."

Lalloway says that, like Schott, he will continue to oppose the "giveaway," making the case yet one more time that the State-approved Veterans Cemetery belongs in the Great Park. Both Schott and Lalloway have said that once it's built and operational, the Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery will quickly be recognized as the Great Park's most important and most appreciated feature.

"And remember," says Lalloway, "once the State builds the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park, it will be operated and maintained to the highest standards by the State of California in perpetuity — in other words, forever — without any cost whatsoever to Irvine."

Lalloway added this thought: "To replace the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park with massive FivePoint development, would be a terrible land-use decision — bringing added traffic congestion to Irvine Boulevard, north Irvine, and, in fact, all of Irvine. It's clear to me that's not what Irvine residents want.

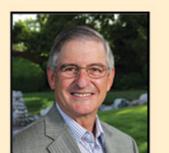
Sign Our Online Petition to Build the Veterans

Cemetery in the Great
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Sign our Veterans Cemetery petition and voice your support!

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CityWatch by Larry Agran

What's Happening to Our City?

Ithough it has been a number of years since
I was on the City Council, as a former
Irvine Mayor and City Councilmember
I'm frequently pulled aside by friends and
neighbors who complain to me about our City
— the density, the overcrowding, the horrendous
traffic. One way or another, they wind up asking
me: "What's happening to our City?"

Well, what's happening to our City is this: For the past 5 years, Irvine's Mayor and City Council have abandoned good land-use planning and strong environmental standards in favor of developer-driven, uncontrolled growth that is

seriously eroding Irvine's oncevaunted quality of life. A number of recent aggressive development proposals can best be described as land-use schemes that are all about scoring big profits, fast, in brazen disregard of the City's General Plan — doing major harm to Irvine residents and our quality of life.

The Veterans Cemetery

An immediate case-in-point is the Veterans Cemetery "land-swap" proposal some call it a "land-swindle" — that developer FivePoint Communities now has pending before the City Council. Mayor Don Wagner and Councilmembers Christina Shea and Melissa Fox — all three are FivePoint-friendly — are expected to soon follow through on their joint "Resolution of Intent," adopted in June, to halt construction of the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park and transfer ownership of the 125acre Great Park site from the City of Irvine to developer FivePoint. Along with ownership of the land, the City Council is expected to also transfer zoning rights so FivePoint can quickly develop huge commercial and residential projects on the property.

FivePoint officials have said they're prepared to "swap" 125 acres of their land at the junction of the I-5 and I-405 freeways, where a Veterans Cemetery could be built later. To hear FivePoint officials tell it, this is a simple, smooth, exchange of property. No problems. No muss, no fuss. No environmental studies. No traffic studies. FivePoint calls it a "win-win."

The On-the-Ground Reality

But wait a minute! That's just nonsense! The on-the-ground environmental reality is that the proposed land-swap will replace the low-impact Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park with massive new FivePoint development. Here's what this means: nearly 1 million square feet of office and commercial development (that's the equivalent of about 10 to 15 big-box stores!) generating about 10,000 average daily automobile trips and a whole lot of localized air pollution. Add to that the expectation that Irvine's pliant, pro-FivePoint City Council will stand ready to grant additional "upzoning" — say, 1,000 or 2,000 housing units — and there will be yet another 5,000 daily auto trips.



If you live in north Irvine — in Woodbury, Stonegate, Portola Springs, or the new communities of Pavilion Park, Beacon Park, and Parasol Park — the FivePoint land-swap means you are going to feel the impacts in a big way, especially along Irvine Boulevard, and on Sand Canyon and Jeffrey, where traffic is already a mess. Property values may be affected, as well, by adverse environmental effects.

Compare those massive, unwanted impacts with the modest land-use impacts of a Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery. A 125-acre State Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park is essentially a serene, open-space resource, attracting perhaps a few hundred people to the Great Park each day for memorial services, for visitations, and to simply experience the beauty of a remarkable public place.

Also, consider this: While FivePoint's ownership and intense development of the 125-acre site would burden the City with heavy costs for all kinds of municipal services, the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park would be operated and maintained in perpetuity by the State of California, without any cost to the City of Irvine.

A Giveaway to Developer FivePoint

At a public hearing last June, Mayor Wagner

implicitly acknowledged that the land-swap is a good deal for FivePoint (and a very bad deal for the rest of us), when he blurted out, "FivePoint is going to make some money off of this. I wouldn't expect them to be doing it otherwise. So what!"

Here's what! Experts estimate that FivePoint could net about \$500 million — yes, that's \$500,000,000.00! — in quick profits from the land-swap. But that's totally at the expense of the public. We're losing the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park; we're losing ownership of 125 acres of our Great Park property; and we're experiencing the further degradation of our quality of life from

mindless overdevelopment.

At a public hearing in June, Councilmember Lynn Schott voiced her opposition to the FivePoint land-swap proposal, correctly labeling the scheme a "giveaway of our Great Park." Also opposed is Councilmember Jeff Lalloway, who has repeatedly pointed out that the land-swap is about land-use entitlement and enrichment for FivePoint — at the

expense of veterans and their families, and the entire Irvine community.

Lalloway and Schott continue to assert that the land-swap should be rejected once and for all, and that the City should immediately begin construction of the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park, as promised. I agree. And I thank them for their steadfast leadership on this issue.

If you agree that the Veterans
Cemetery should be built on the
already-approved site in the Great
Park, and that the FivePoint landswap should be rejected, please
sign our online Veterans Cemetery
Petition. Make your voice heard!

www.IrvineCommunityNews.org/ VeteransCemeteryPetition

If you have already signed, feel free to go online again to make additional comments. And, tell others to sign the Petition, too.

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

A. Take a picture: tap the on-screen shutter button or press either volume button. Pictures are placed into the Photos app Camera Roll. You

can even use the volume buttons on the earbuds. B. Burst mode: Hold down the shutter release or a volume button.

C. Top Row feature buttons

1. Flash: Auto, On or Off. When should the iPhone's flash be used?

Answer: almost never! 2. HDR: tap to turn on or off High Dynamic Range, which takes three quick shots at long, normal and short exposures and blends them into a single, optimal photo.

3. Live Photos: On or Off. A snippet of animation is captured in each photo.

4. **Self-timer**: set 3 or 10 seconds. Takes a short burst.

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Tap or slide the selector labels above the shutter to select ...

6.TIME-LAPSE: the camera automatically selects the best

7. SLO-MO: select 120 or 240 fps in Settings.

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PHOTO: rectangular format pictures. SQUARE: format pictures (for Facebook and Instagram).

11. PANO: Hold the iPhone in the vertical orientation. Tap the shutter release or a volume button and pan left-to-right. The iPhone will automatically create a panoramic picture.

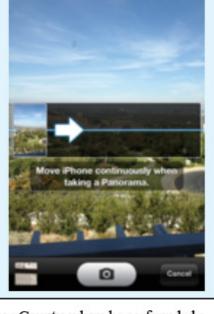
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fast, a prompt will warn you to

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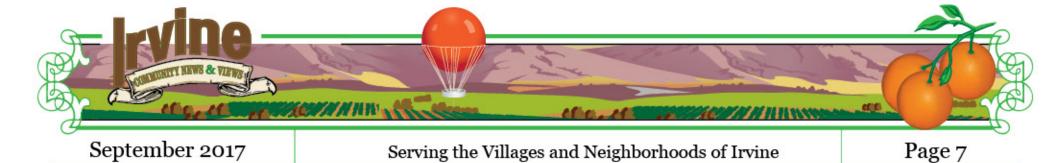


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RE-VISITING AND RE-THINKING SCHOOL ISSUES





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

Sleep Matters! Start the Irvine School Day Later!

How is your adolescent's sleep health? Does your teenager get the recommended 8 to 10

hours of sleep each night? Or, does your son or daughter have to get up too early — arriving at school sleep-deprived and too tired to learn?

Common sense, coupled with good science, confirms that sleep deprivation is a very serious problem. Children who do not get adequate sleep are more likely to suffer from poor physical and emotional health, as well as diminished academic performance. Daytime sleepiness also impairs athletic performance. Sleep deprivation is associated with high-risk behaviors, too over-eating, drinking alcohol, smoking tobacco, and using drugs.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention sets clear goals and objectives for sleep health for America's children. For adolescents, the national objective is to "increase the proportion of students in grades 9 through 12 who get sufficient sleep" (defined as 8 or more hours of sleep on an average school night).

One of the reasons adolescents do not get enough sleep is that school starts just too early in the morning. Based on powerful evidence, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the American Academy

of Sleep Medicine recommend that no middle or high school classroom instruction should begin before 8:30am.

Here is the good news. When teenagers get the sleep they need — perhaps getting an extra hour's sleep, getting up when it's light outside rather than dark — they, of course, arrive at school more rested; their academic performance generally improves; they tend to engage in fewer risky behaviors; they're less likely to suffer from depression or other disorders; their athletic performance improves; and they even have better driving records.

As pediatricians, we educate adolescents and families on the importance of adequate sleep. We understand that with crowded schedules and lots of demands on their time, the temptation for teens and parents, too - is to cut back on sleep. Parents can play a critically important role in promoting sleep health for the entire family by modeling and encouraging good sleep habits; setting a regular bedtime and rise time; and setting and enforcing

Here is some more good news: Policy-makers and educators have been getting the message. In Sacramento, State Senator Anthony Portantino (D-25th Senate District, Los Angeles County) and Senator Richard Pan (D-6th Senate District, Sacramento County) who is a pediatrician, have co-authored Senate Bill 328, "Pupil Attendance:

School Start Time," which would require that all middle schools and high schools in California begin the school day no earlier than 8:30 am. SB 328 is pending in the State Senate.



Of course, school districts don't have to wait for the State Legislature to act. In fact, school officials are initiating a pilot "late-start" policy in the La Cañada School District, taking on the formidable task of adjusting class schedules, school transportation, teacher contracts, and before-and-after-school schedules for sports and other activities.

This subject is too important to ignore. Our own School Boards here in Irvine — the Irvine Unified School District and the Tustin Unified School District — should at least begin to explore this issue ... and the sooner the better.

For further information, see: cdc.gov/features/ school-start-times/index.html

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Improving School Transportation Safety

There is nothing more important than keeping our children safe — and this includes in getting them to and from school safely each day. Here are some very troubling things I've observed when visiting Irvine schools:

· I saw a little school girl almost run-over by a speeding car — the driver ignored the school crossing guard.

- · I watched a parent park her car in the middle of the school block and then run across the busy street with her children
- I witnessed many parents disobeying rules about using special traffic lanes and designated school drop-off areas.

In Irvine, as elsewhere, times have changed when it comes to school transportation. My grandchildren are students at the same Irvine elementary school that my daughter attended, so our family has seen the evolution of this challenge over the years.

Decades ago, most children walked to school. As parents, we accompanied them until they were ready to walk to school (and walk home) on their own. But as the number of families with two working parents increased, the number of vehicles also increased. Now, the vast majority of Irvine school children arrive at school (and get home) in private cars.

This means that school traffic congestion and school traffic management have become complicated, costly matters fraught with danger. So, how do we improve the situation?

First, bring back a comprehensive school bus system. This would take a lot of pressure off the morning "crush" at dozens of Irvine schools. This improvement has been suggested to City leaders many times before, and yet the Mayor, City Councilmembers, and School Board members have let another year go by without rebuilding Irvine's comprehensive school bus system

Second, school officials should do more to join with parents and students to find — and use — safe walking routes to schools. Walking to school — with parents, with neighborhood schoolmates, and even alone - was once regarded as a safe, healthful rite of passage for children. It's time to rediscover the many benefits of walking to school every day.

Third, Irvine residents should take more responsibility for the safe transportation of children to and from school. For those who drive kids to school, this means planning ahead, avoiding being rushed, driving slowly and carefully at school sites, obeying all traffic rules and regulations, and paying special attention to Irvine's outstanding crossing guards.

Have a good — and safe — school year!

Carolyn Inmon is a retired Irvine teacher. She taught at virtually every grade level, from K-12, as well as at the community college level.



Irvine Community News & Views

Science & Technology an icnv series on climate change

ICNV's series on climate change began in June with an article that illustrated how Irvine's past activism on an issue of global importance—destruction of the atmosphere's ozone layer — helped provoke a worldwide solution to the problem. Subsequent articles have explained that although the climate crisis is global, it's time to act locally, especially since the national outlook under the Trump administration and Congress appears so poor. In this article, Dr. Sarah Mosko reveals how our Congressional Representative Mimi Walters (45th CD), is seriously out of step with her constituents on climate change. - Harvey H. Liss, Ph.D., ICNV editor for Science and Technology

Does Rep. Mimi Walters Represent Irvine and You on **Climate Change?** by Sarah "Steve" Mosko, Ph.D.

ontrary to the declarations and actions of President Trump, Americans everywhere want their government to tackle climate change. The Yale Project on Climate Change Communication, a remarkable national survey spanning 8 years and covering over 18,000 adults, found that in all 50 states a solid majority of the public believes global warming is happening (60 percent to 78 percent), and favors regulating CO, as a pollutant (66 percent to 81 percent).

Here in California, 75 percent of us believe global warming is happening, and 77 percent want the government to regulate CO, as a pollutant.

A nationwide breakdown by individual Congressional Districts revealed a similar pattern of opinions, even in historically conservative areas like Orange County. Irvine is the largest city in California's 45th Congressional District (CD) which also includes Tustin, North Tustin, Villa Park,

Rep. Mimi Walters (45th Congressional District). Behind the smile, a deplorable record on climate change.

Orange, Anaheim Hills, Laguna Hills, Lake Forest, Rancho Margarita and Mission Viejo. House Republican Mimi Walters has represented the 45th CD since 2015. Of people living in Walters' District, 71 percent believe climate change is happening, and 74 percent want CO, regulated as a pollutant, according to the Yale Project.

Walters votes against actions to combat climate change

In a representative democracy we should expect Rep. Walters to assume a stance on Resolution introduced on March 15th calling climate change that generally reflects the for action on climate change.

opinions of the majority of her constituents. The plain fact is that in word and deed she has failed to represent the people of the 45th CD.

In the last Congress, Walters voted in favor of repealing the rule establishing limits on CO, emissions from power plants, as set by Obama's Clean Power Plan (Senate Joint Resolutions 23 & 24). Three other Republicans also representing districts in Orange County voted with Walters to repeal the rule: Darrell Issa (49th CD), Dana Rohrabacher (48th CD) and Ed Royce (39th CD).

Worse still, Walters is currently co-sponsoring the Stopping EPA Overreach Act of 2017 (House Resolution 637) which is blatantly designed to block any national action on climate change. It amends the Clean Air Act to exclude CO, from regulation, and specifically nullifies any existing laws aimed at addressing global warming. Walters also co-sponsored an identical bill in the last Congress.

What Walters should do

Instead of actively thwarting the will of her constituents, Rep. Mimi Walters should be seizing new opportunities in the House that signal a long-overdue shift in the Republican Party — away from an intransigent stance against addressing climate change, and toward policies that acknowledge the magnitude of the problem and the need for bipartisan solutions.

Walters should follow the lead of fellow Orange County House Republicans Darrell Issa and Ed Royce who recently joined the Climate Solutions Caucus, a nascent and growing bipartisan coalition of more than 50 House members (evenly split between Republicans and Democrats) dedicated to addressing the climate change crisis.

Next, Walters should also step up and co-sponsor a first-ever all-Republican House

Walters scrambles to overcome her unpopular position

With the 2018 mid-term election looming, Walters seems to be scrambling to at least appear to be responsive to the massive public protests of her deplorable record on climate change. On July 13th, she voted with 45 other Republicans and every House Democrat to successfully block an extremist Republican amendment to an appropriations bill that would have stripped funding for the Defense Department to prepare for the impending damage to military bases as a result of climate change.

Previously in April, Walters posted a picture on her Facebook page of herself posing with representatives from the local chapter of the Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL), thanking them for the information they provided about climate change solutions. CCL lobbies House members nationwide to enact a national tax on carbon with the collections returned to every American household.

Climate change is the most serious environmental problem humankind has ever faced. It's deeply troubling that some of our representatives can be so out-of-step with their constituents on climate change. Are they genuinely clueless about what their constituents think, or do they just not care? Either is unacceptable.



Thousands have been protesting Rep. Mimi Walters' record on climate change, including here at this Irvine Town Hall meeting, where Walters was a no-show.



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n June 6th, the City Council voted 3-to-2 to refuse \$30 million in State funding and not begin immediate construction of the already-approved Veterans Memorial Park and 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 expected to soon vote to give away our parkland to developer FivePoint, along with zoning approval

for massive office, commercial and residential development

Many hundreds of residents have 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. If you haven't already done so, you may wish to take the opportunity right now to sign the Great Park Veterans Cemetery petition.

— FJL

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

7e 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

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- The Great Park is on land that was at the heart of the former El Toro Marine Corps Base. Of course, it is supposed to include the Veterans Cemetery! We do not need more houses, more traffic, more cars.
- Sandy Rushing
- I served the Army Medical Corps for over 20 years, caring for soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines. These brave patriots deserve to be laid to rest on the hallowed land within the Great Park and not somewhere between two noisy freeways! Anyone who thinks otherwise has obviously never served his or her country militarily (including Mayor Wagner) and should seriously feel some shame if they, in fact, have any feelings at all. What a disgraceful and cowardly stance by Mayor Wagner and Councilmembers Christina Shea and Melissa Fox!
- Col. Peter Fredericks, M.D.
- The Veterans Cemetery should be in the Great Park, as originally planned, to honor not only all veterans, but the ones who served at El Toro — and from Orange County. I am so disappointed in the Irvine Mayor and Council. I don't say "my Mayor" and "my Council" because they do not represent me. They lost my respect when they had the "special Council meeting" to change what Irvine people had voiced and voted for — a Great Park Veterans Cemetery.
- Judy Rodriguez
- Fs a veteran, I think that the Veterans Cemetery should be in the Great Park, as planned. It would be a much more desirable location than the area they plan to "swap" for it. As a member of the American Legion Post 133, I can report that other members of the American Legion — all veterans — feel the same.
- Robert R. Davis

— Al Nault

- The three Councilmembers who voted for the transfer of the Great Park Veterans Cemetery site to FivePoint appear to have acted as agents of the developer. They certainly did not act as representatives of the majority
- of Irvine citizens. This is confirmed, in my opinion, by Melissa Fox's vote for the transfer, after campaigning on the promise to oppose the transfer. Fox should be removed from the Council, and the transfer should be overturned

■ The City of Irvine is disgracing itself by not honoring the original plan to build the Veterans Cemetery at the Great Park.

Open Forum & Community Voices

- Terri Warstler Trent
- As a veteran, I want the Veterans Cemetery to be built on the already-approved 125 acres in the Great Park and not next to the I-5/I-405 El Toro Y interchange.
- Ralph W. Farrington
- "Betrayal" is an inadequate word for the actions of Wagner, Shea and Fox. That's how I feel as an "end-of-the-road" veteran! Doesn't a Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery on the Great Park site that is bought and paid for make more sense to Irvine than an indefinite vague promise of some future project of unspecified costs? The Great Park was born out of a pitched battle against greedy interests, not unlike what we're confronted with again. Let's not lose it all this time?
- George Baird
- A long tradition exists where cities all over the nation — indeed, all over the world — have set aside valuable public land to enrich the cultural and recreational experiences of their citizens and of visitors from other places. Irvine's Great Park offers a rare opportunity to continue in that tradition by providing quality and meaningful experiences to all, including a well-placed Veterans Cemetery. For the City of Irvine to do anything less is more than a missed opportunity; it is a travesty not to be dismissed lightly. We citizens of Irvine owe it to our neighbors and to future generations to fight for creating an honorable legacy by insisting that the Great Park Veterans Cemetery be located on the most cherished land, not some throwaway piece of property located in the least desirable area.
 - —James and Frances Antenore

- I am a veteran who served in the Vietnam War. We served our country in good faith. giving our lives to protect the Constitution of the United States. Don't just thank us for our service; keep the promises made to us as well.
- Caleb Taylor
- I am a Vietnam Veteran and was looking with great hope for a Veterans Cemetery at the Great Park. I have been an Irvine resident since 1979, and I am not happy with the backroom deals the Council people make. Shame on them!!
- Ronald Davis
- Keep the Veterans Cemetery at the Great Park, where it should be. Don't let the developers win. Shame on Melissa Fox for lying to get votes to become a Councilwoman She lied and said she was for the Veterans Cemetery at the Great Park. What a traitor!
- Cindy Davis
- We enjoy our freedom because of military servicemen and servicewomen.

Their sacrifices are unending. They should not be shoved aside to a less desirable place in our City. I voted for the wrong people. They lied to me about their intentions. So much for the moneyed people of our community getting their own way.

- Lorna Bacon
- The citizens of Irvine have made it clear that they want the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park, as planned. It's time for the elected leaders of Irvine to start representing and respecting the citizens of Irvine rather than the developers, such as FivePoint.
- Deborah Dutra
- The actions of our City Council are disgusting!
- Beverly Holmes
- The Veterans Cemetery belongs at the Great Park. We don't need more houses and office buildings. The traffic we now have is terrible, and we do not need more. It is affecting the quality of life.
- John Battey
- Mayor Donald Wagner should be ashamed. Before the Mayor encourages businesses to make money, shouldn't the residents of Irvine be considered first? I do not want to see any more commercial and residential areas expanded near the Great Park
- Albert Lee

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Korean War era and ended my service at

El Toro in 1956, I feel it only proper to

allow service members who were stationed

there to be interred there and not between

freeways that only came into existence later.

- Jack Tatham



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