



Publisher's Perspective

This really *IS* a very important election!

In light of all the craziness of our national politics, I'm inclined to agree with the pundits who say that the upcoming Nov. 6th mid-term election is hugely important in determining the direction of our country.

Well, that's exactly how I feel about Irvine's City election — also on Nov. 6th.

I think this is a profound moment of truth for Irvine voters: Is developer control of our City Council going to continue, with Don Wagner — the developers' best friend — as Mayor of Irvine for yet another term? Or, will Irvine voters elect a new Mayor and City Council that will actually honor last June's "NO on B" voter mandate by building the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park, rather than replacing it with massive development?

Irvine Community News & Views is Irvine's leading independent community newspaper — free of developer control. We are proud to reiterate our endorsements: Ed Pope for Mayor and Jaci Woods & Frank McGill for City Council. Of the 16 candidates on the Irvine ballot — four for Mayor and 12 for City Council — only Pope, Woods & McGill showed the courage to lead the NO on B campaign and say NO to overdevelopment. Irvine needs that kind of courageous leadership... for a change!

Vote for the "NO on B" Team
Ed POPE for Mayor

Jaci WOODS & Frank McGILL for City Council

Franklin J. Lunding, Publisher and Editor

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Nov. 6th City Election, the Voters' Choice:

Pro-Developer or Pro-Resident?





Pictured (left) in 2016 are **Donald Wagner**, now Mayor of Irvine, and Emile Haddad, CEO of FivePoint, a multi-billion-dollar land development company. FivePoint organized and spent \$1 million to elect Wagner in 2016; and another \$1 million last spring, backing Wagner's unpopular ballot Measure B, which would have replaced the planned Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park with massive FivePoint development. Pictured (right) are **Ed Pope**, **Jaci Woods** and **Frank McGill**, leaders of the successful "NO on B" campaign that prevailed in June with a 63% voter majority. Pope is now challenging Wagner for Mayor, and Woods and McGill are running for City Council.

Irvine City Council, and Mayor Donald Wagner seeking re-election, Irvine voters will be making a dramatic choice on Nov. 6th: to maintain a pro-developer Council majority under Mayor Wagner... or to elect a *new* pro-resident Mayor and City Council.

Ed Pope, who chaired the historic NO on B campaign last June, is challenging Wagner for Mayor of Irvine. Pope, a longtime Irvine resident, and a retired award-winning Orange County High School Teacher of the Year, has been campaigning since August, taking his

We pledge to fulfill the mandate of our historic, June 5th NO on B victory. If we are elected on Nov. 6th — and granted the privilege to serve — at our first City Council meeting, we will introduce and adopt a resolution to *immediately* begin construction of the Great Park Veterans Cemetery at its original, planned, funded and approved site.

We further pledge to direct the Irvine City Manager and Planning staff to cut the issuance of residential building permits in half — from 4,000 per year down to 2,000 — until the City's traffic emergency has been satisfactorily addressed.

Ed Pope • Jaci Woods • Frank McGill

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case to Irvine voters. At a recent campaign gathering, Pope said: "Every City election is important in its own way. But, I truly believe Irvine is at a crossroads. If we don't replace Wagner and elect a new pro-resident City Council majority, we are going to seriously damage our City and our quality of life with uncontrolled growth, development and traffic."

Speaking to supporters at a house party, Pope continued: "That's why I decided to run for Mayor, putting together our NO on B Team of Three that includes businesswoman Jaci Woods and urban planner Frank McGill, who are running for City Council."

The NO on B Campaign

Pope, Woods and McGill were all leaders in the NO on B referendum campaign. Measure B was the major zone change ordinance - put forward by Wagner and developer FivePoint — to actually replace the carefully planned 125-acre Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park with nearly 1 million square feet of office, industrial, and apartment development, bringing an added 10,000 cars and trucks to northern and central Irvine every day.

On June 5th, in what was plainly a voter revolt, the Wagner-FivePoint development scheme was defeated by Irvine voters, 63% to 37%, despite the fact that FivePoint and their developer allies spent more than \$1 million pushing Measure B on the Irvine electorate.

The Last Straw and The Campaign Ahead

Since the election, Wagner and his pro-developer City Council majority have refused to honor the will of the people and begin construction of the Great Park Veterans Cemetery. According to Pope, an Army veteran, "That was the last straw." Pope explained, "I talked to Frank McGill, a Vietnam combat pilot, and then to Jaci Woods. I recruited them both to run with me on a pledge that, if elected, we will immediately start building the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park. At the same time, we would put in place real controls on growth, development and traffic."

Pope added, "We're running a grassroots campaign — I'm sure we'll be outspent at least 10 to 1. But I think we have a good chance of winning, because Irvine voters understand what's at stake. Developers have controlled the Mayor and Council for years. Now, it's time to elect a strong pro-resident Mayor and Councilmembers."

FivePoint spent more than \$1 million to elect Wagner in 2016. Most observers believe FivePoint is prepared to spend the same amount all over again — not just to re-elect Wagner, but to support Anthony Kuo, Carrie O'Malley, and Lauren Johnson-Norris for City Council. All three publicly lined up in support of the Wagner-FivePoint Measure B development scheme. FivePoint and their political operatives have seen to it that Kuo and Johnson-Norris have received many thousands of dollars in campaign help. ICNV



Lawn signs, planted in hundreds of Irvine front yards, are part of the low-budget "grassroots" campaign run by the "NO on B" Team of Three that takes no money from big developers. (Note that this homeowner still proudly displays a "NO on B" sign from last June's election!)

The Wagner Record on Growth & Traffic, 2016 - 2018 Out-of-Control Development & Out-of-Control Traffic

Donald Wagner was elected Mayor in 2016 on a promise of traffic relief for Irvine residents. His extreme pro-developer policies have produced just the opposite. Wagner has doubled the issuance of building permits to 4,000 houses and apartment units per year, producing a citywide traffic emergency that is, literally, getting worse by the day. Below is ICNV's 1-2-3-4 analysis of Wagner's two-year record as Mayor.

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 two years, as residents have occupied the 8,000 newly built housing units approved in Irvine, these are the impacts











Daily Rush-Hour Trips



These south Irvine apartments are among thousands of units built in 2017-2018.

What do **YOU** think?

Take the online Irvine Community Poll at: IrvineCommunityNews.org/poll-election

Between now and the end of October, Irvine Community News & Views — through our online survey instrument, the Irvine Community Poll — will be conducting a continuing survey of Irvine residents who wish to voice their preferences in the important races for Mayor and City Council.

Unlike traditional polls, the Irvine Community Poll welcomes comments from participants and, with permission, publishes a representative sample of comments received.





<u>CityWatch</u> by Larry Agran

MEMO to Irvine Voters:

The Choice is Clear • The Decision is Yours • VOTE!

f you are an Irvine voter, concerned about the direction of our City, you can actually L help put Irvine back on the right track. And you can do it right away.

On November 6th, Election Day, you and your friends and neighbors can rescue our City from the kind of developer control that has corrupted our City Council and our planning process, bringing us rampant overdevelopment and the citywide traffic nightmare we experience every day. You can rescue our City from a Mayor and City Council majority that ignores the will of the people and arrogantly refuses to start building the long-planned Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park.

On November 6th, Election Day, you have the power to restore City Hall to its rightful owners — the people of the City of Irvine.

Every Irvine voter has THREE votes: ONE vote for Mayor and TWO votes to fill two City Council seats. In deciding among candidates for Mayor and City Council, Irvine voters should ask which candidates showed the courage to stand up for Irvine residents by standing against Measure B last June.

Measure B was the landswap-anddevelopment scheme to replace our longplanned Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park with 812,000 square feet of office and industrial development, bringing 10,000 added cars and trucks to Irvine streets every day. In fact, only three candidates - Ed Pope for Mayor and Jaci Woods and Frank McGill for Council - showed the courage to lead the fight to defeat Measure B, 63% to 37%. I decided weeks ago that they have earned my three votes. Have they earned yours?

Guide to Candidates

Where the candidates stood on Measure B on the June 5th ballot



NO on B



Yes on B

Undecided or not public

CANDIDATES for MAYOR

Katherine Daigle

Ed Pope

Donald P. Wagner

Ing Tiong

CANDIDATES for COUNCIL

David Chey

Gang Chen

Kev Abazajian

Lauren Johnson-Norris

John Park

Anthony Kuo

Farrah N. Khan

Mark Newgent

Jaci Woods

Frank McGill

Carrie O'Malley

Liqing Lee Sun



Larry Agran served on the Irvine City Council for almost three decades — including ten years as Mayor. He led the fight to preserve Irvine Open Space, and defeat an international airport at the former El Toro Marine Corps Air Station, creating the opportunity to build the Orange County Great Park and the Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery within the Great Park.

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SAND CANYON PLAZA

Sand Canyon & Irvine Center Dr.

Albertsons • Starbucks

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vine Bicycles • Juice it Up

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Starbucks • Yes Cleaners

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TUSTIN — EL CAMINO REAL

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UNIVERSITY TOWN CENTER

Campus Dr.

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Barranca & Von Karman

WALNUT VILLAGE CENTER

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Alton & Culver

Starbucks Coffee • Sprouts Farmers Market

WOODBRIDGE VILLAGE CENTER

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WOODBURY TOWN CENTER

Sand Canyon & Irvine Blvd.

· Albertsons · Dickey's Barbeque Pit

Champagne French Bakery Café
 Grocery Outlet Bargain Market

STONECREEK PLAZA

Barranca in Woodbridge

Oak Creek Pet Hospital

Sand Canyon Barber

Thai Kitchen



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Senior Life — Youthful Lifestyle

An ICNV Feature Series On Healthful Living As We Age

It still comes down to diet and exercise!

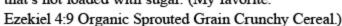
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Tt's hard to believe, but it was in the October, 2017 issue of ICNV that my first article in my Senior Life — Youthful Lifestyle series, appeared. LI began with my own background, and the luck I had to have been introduced to food awareness by my mother and aunt by reading food package labels and avoiding anything that had ingredients that didn't sound like food, especially hydrogenated oil, preservatives and coloring. There wasn't so much sugar added to food in the 1950s, but our family did stop drinking soda pop when I was about 12 years old, never to be resumed.

Healthful Diet

In fact, when I got into my 20s and 30s, I was amazed to see adults drinking soda pop, since I had always thought that soda was a drink for kids. I'm still amazed! Of course, soda pop has evolved into more acceptable "adult" versions claiming electrolyte replenishment and other health benefits; but, it's still soda pop, just with another name

My conclusion now is that not only is soda pop and its many incarnations, including so-called "diet" drinks, bad for you; it's the fact that they taste good to so many people that's a worse problem. And they taste good, really, only to people who have a bad, sugar-laden diet. The result for them is that healthful, wholesome food doesn't taste so good. The need for sweet (and salt), promoted by the so-called food industry, has become so ubiquitous an addiction, that it's difficult to find any packaged food product that doesn't have lots of sugar and salt added. And that's not just in cookies and cakes, but in soups and salad dressings. It's hard to find a breakfast cereal that's not loaded with sugar. (My favorite:



According to evolutionary logic, the most healthful food should also be the most tasty, more tasty than unhealthful food, once you get back to natural food cravings unaltered by extra fat, sugar, salt and added chemicals. That's good news!

Some people eschew a healthful diet because they believe it won't taste as good as their usual diet. And that may be true, at least for a while. A person's unhealthful food cravings are habits that are changeable with perseverance. In my own case, it took me six months to give up eating beef, when I was 29 years old. It was painful at first, but I gradually felt better and better about it. My cravings for beef diminished more and more, and I gradually lost that intense hunger that I would get when dinnertime came around and I wasn't home for my daily dose of prime New York rib-eye (I lived above a prime beef butcher shop).

I can't claim extraordinary willpower. What helped me break my beef addiction was that I was living a student life in France, eating meals in the university's student restaurant. The beef I was used to eating was just not

available there. And the cost for a great piece of beef, available only in a fancy restaurant, cost as much as 55 entire university restaurant dinners! I know, because after a month of deprivation I couldn't take it anymore, and went to that fancy restaurant and ate my terrific steak, or maybe it was a more appropriate filet mignon. After that meal, I had an ever-shrinking desire for it. My craving was gone, and remains gone.

Exercise

In November, 2017, I discussed exercise and the amazing Irvine Senior Centers' Fitness Centers, which have a wide variety of modern fitness equipment, available at a total cost of \$55 per year-a super bargain. I also referred to what should be a life-altering review article from 2002, by Booth, et al, Waging War On Physical Inactivity, in the Journal of Applied Physiology, covering 271 studies that clearly establish exercise as effective at preventing

> a wide variety of chronic diseases, typically thought of as diseases of the aged, and also putting them into remission. The article also makes a logical, evolutionary case for the necessity of exercise to maintaining health. And satisfying that exercise requirement means only a half-hour brisk walk, dailynot a casual walk, which, according to the article is relatively useless, although better than lying in bed. A link to that must-read article is at IrvineComunityNews.org/ senior-life-resources.

> In December, I continued the exercise theme, ending the article with the following: Being sedentary, although convenient, is a damaging addiction, and leads inevitably to the grossly inconvenient visits to the doctor's office [and consuming of pills], if you're

lucky!" In other words, if you're not already dead!

In January I wrote about eating a fabulous lunch at the Lakeview Senior Center for a pittance (\$4 for seniors), playing ping pong and then dancing to a professional caliber dance band, the "Senior Band." Did you know about that daytime nightclub at the Lakeview Senior Center, every Thursday at 2pm?

In August, I wrote about the extensive dance program at Irvine's Senior Centers, offering ten different dance classes, from ballroom to tap and country line dancing.

I'm still constantly reminded how many Irvine residents are unaware of the vast array of activities available to seniors. At any of Irvine's three Senior Centers (listed, below), pick up a free copy of the Irvine Senior Connection, published bi-monthly. Or go to: CityOfIrvine.org and under the Services tab, click on Senior Services at the bottom of the drop-down menu.

Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road 92604 • 949-724-6900 Rancho Senior Center, 2 Ethel Coplen Way 92612 • 949-724-6800 Trabuco Center, 5701 Trabuco Road 92620 • 949-724-7300



Harvey H. Liss, 76, is a 42-year resident of Woodbridge. He was a Project Engineer for that iconic Irvine village during the late 1970s. A licensed Professional Civil Engineer in California, Dr. Liss received his B.C.E. from The Cooper Union, in New York City, and his Ph.D. in Applied Mechanics from NYU. Dr. Liss has had a lifelong interest in maintaining the most healthful lifestyle possible.

When you actually look forward to a meal of fresh vegetables,

which may be steamed, and fruits, you will then know that you

have achieved a sustainable healthful diet.

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Community Calendar

October 2018

Saturday

Soweto Gospel Choir: Songs of

2018 Spooktacular Fun Days.

Irvine Barclay Theatre.

8pm. Tickets on Sale.

Info: 949-854-4646

the Free.

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OC Great Park. 9am-4pm.

Info: 949-724-6599

Pumpkin Centerpiece.

Farm + Food Lab.

Info: 949-724-6599

10am-11am.

Garden Workshop: Succulent



Come in costume and enjoy traditional family-friendly activities including games, crafts, inflatables, face painting, petting zoo, entertainment, food trucks, and much more.

Bring a Bag, Get a Bag! Help scare away hunger by donating a bag of nonperishable food to local food banks. Ticket holders with donations will receive access into the Pumpkin Patch and Treat Town, while supplies last. Prizes awarded to families donating the most food each day.

Tickets are required for participating children up to 12 years old. Adult tickets not required. Tickets are nonrefundable and may only be used for purchased time slot.

> Date: Saturday & Sunday, October 13 & 14, 2018 9:00am - 4:00pm

Location: OC Great Park, Balloon Park

Event Tickets \$5 for kids up to 12, adults are free:

Saturday, October 13: 9am, 12:30pm. Sunday, October 14: 9am, 12:30pm.



Children's Garden Workshop:

Planting Winter Vegetables.

Farm + Food Lab.

Info: 949-724-6599

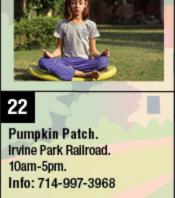
Irvine Barclay Theatre.

6pm. Info: 949-854-4646

NTL Screening: Frankenstein.

10-11am.







Homework HELP.

University Park Library.

Info: 949-786-4001



Causes of Influenza &

Lakeview Senior Center.

Info: 949-724-6900

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Prevention.

10-11:30am.

Tuesday

Exercise to Improve Balance.

Lakeview Senior Center.

Info: 949-724-6900

City Council Meeting.

Info: 949-724-6205

Irvine City Hall.

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Scrabble.

Rancho Senior Center.

Info: 949-724-6800

10-11:30am.





Halloween.

Builder's Club.

3:30-5pm.

Heritage Park Library.

Info: 949-936-4040

Wednesday

Play & Learn.

10:30-11am.

Heritage Park Library.

Info: 949-936-4040

Japanese Storytime.

Info: 949-786-4001

Pajama Storytime.

University Park Library.

Info: 949-786-4001

6:30pm.

University Park Library.





Platform to Create Healthy Lives.

Thursday

Fast paced hike, not for beginners.

Info & Reg: LetsGoOutside.org

Fitness Hike.

8:30-10:30am.

Little Sycamore Canyon.

Minority Reportz Live.

Info: www.monashaikh.com

Caspian Restaurant.

Prepare Irvine.

10-11:30am.

Trabuco Center.

10-11:30am.

Live Music.

8-10:30pm.

Eureka! Restaurant.

Info: 949-596-8881

Trabuco Senior Center.

Info: 949-724-7300

Disaster/emergency preparedness.





Friday

Scams Against Seniors.

avoid being a victim.

Info: 949-724-6800

Pumpkin Patch.

Tanaka Farms.

Info: 949-653-2100

Lego Block Party.

University Park Library.

9am-6pm.

10-11:30am.

Rancho Senior Center.

Learn warning signs and how to

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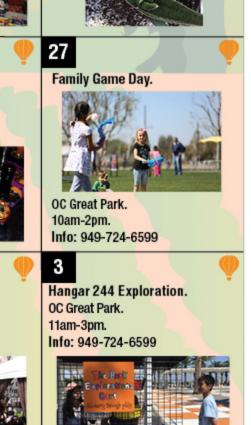
3:30pm.

Trick-or-Treat.

9:30-11am.

Lakeview Senior Center.





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.

Sammy is a spayed female, seal point Siamese. She is about 11 years old.

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



Support hunger relief efforts by donating canned goods or nonperishable food items to benefit local food banks. Donations will be accepted Oct. 13-Nov. 18 at the Orange County Great Park Visitors Center during the following hours:

Thursdays and Fridays, 10am - 10pm. Saturdays and Sundays, 9am - 10pm. **Info**: 949-724-6247

Great Park Balloon Ride open Thurs.-Sun., weather permitting. ____ 7 Call (866) 829-3829.

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SchoolWatch

by Carolyn Inmon

An "Area 2" School Board Election ... and a Solution for all of Irvine



s I've reported in this column, the Irvine Unified School District (IUSD) is transitioning from "at-large" elections of School Board members to a system of five geographically distinct, smaller "Area" elections. This year, just one area — Area 2, which includes University Park and the southern half of both Woodbridge and Westpark — has a contested

election on November 6th. Long-time School Board incumbent **Sharon Wallin** is being challenged by **Jean Anne Turner**, a lifelong educator who was Irvine Middle School Teacher of the Year, not just once (in 1988), but also in 2000.

Jean Anne Turner's slogan — "It's Time to Put a Teacher on the School Board!" — really resonates with me. Jean Anne has long been concerned, as I have, that the Irvine School Board tends to spend a lot of time patting itself on the back, when it should be spending more time (and money) tackling some of the very serious issues facing IUSD and our entire Irvine community.

Let's take something very familiar to just about everyone in Irvine — TRAFFIC. Yes, traffic is a school issue. I'm referring to the every-day traffic mess at and around our schools, Monday through Friday, mornings and afternoons. The problem — and the public safety hazard — is obvious. A solution is obvious too: It's time to reinstitute a comprehensive school bus system in Irvine!

I'm pleased to see that **Jean Anne Turner**, running for a seat on the School Board, and City Council candidates **Frank McGill** and **Jaci Woods**, have all picked up on this idea, noting that it's one way to significantly reduce Irvine traffic and improve public safety, especially in the 7:30 – 8:30 peak morning rush. But all three have noted that reinstituting a comprehensive school bus system will require planning, money, and — most important — some real leadership on both the School Board and on the City Council.

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Sad to say, that kind of "get-it-done" leadership has been lacking on the IUSD Board and on the City Council for years now. That's why I'm encouraging friends and neighbors to vote for Jean Anne Turner for School Board (Trustee Area 2)...and to cast their two City Council votes for Frank McGill and Jaci Woods. Full Disclosure: All three are friends of mine. But, more important, they are wonderful, capable people who are devoted friends of the Irvine community!



Reinstituting a comprehensive school bus system will go a long way towards alleviating morning traffic jams and safety hazards around Irvine schools.



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

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Science, Technology & Environment

Pope, Woods & McGill's Veterans Cemetery adds "Trees & Trails"

by Harvey H. Liss, Ph.D.

ast month's article in this space was titled "Build the Great Park Veterans Cemetery, NOW! And let's surround it with an urban forest!" My article prompted a remarkable outpouring of community interest, including the idea of a "Trees and Trails" plan put forward by **Ed Pope**, who is running for Mayor in our November 6th election.

October 2018

Pope, of course, led the historic "NO on B" campaign — to save the planned Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park from a giveaway and massive development scheme concocted by Mayor Donald Wagner and developer FivePoint. Pope is now running for Mayor on a pledge to actually start building the Great Park Veterans Cemetery immediately, something Wagner refuses to do. Pope and his two running mates — Jaci Woods and Frank McGill, who are running for two open City Council seats — have pledged to immediately begin construction of the Veterans Cemetery with demolition, site cleanup, and preliminary site preparation. But now, the "NO on B" Team of Three has added a commitment to include in their "immediate" construction plans a comprehensive Trees and Trails Plan that can be ready for implementation right away, in a matter of months. "Let's face it," Pope declared, "the sooner we can get thousands of trees planted, the sooner we can begin to enjoy the benefits of a magnificent urban forest — a collection of trees and trails that surrounds the beautiful Great Park Veterans Cemetery, which will gradually grow to more than 100,000 gravesites over the next 100 years."

Good idea, Ed! Good luck!



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Channeling Voter Anger



Franklin J. Lunding

Tell, it's election season again, and letters, notes, and comments from readers are crossing my desk at a record rate. Most of our ICNV readers are Irvine voters, and they seem in a very angry mood. And most of their anger - about traffic, overdevelopment, and the efforts to derail the Veterans Cemetery — is directed at the Mayor and City Council...and their cozy relationships with developers. Here at ICNV, we urge Irvine voters to channel their anger in constructive ways. And the

most immediate way to do this is to vote for a new Mayor and elect a new City Council majority on November 6th. That's why we continue to urge our readers to vote for Ed Pope for Mayor and Jaci Woods and Frank McGill for City Council. Apparently, many of our readers are going to do just that. Below is just a small sample of the hundreds of communications we have been receiving.

-FJL

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Reader Letter and Comments

From a Vietnam We are tired of the current City leadership selling out to Big Business!

Wayne Walloch

Irvine traffic is miserable. We need to stop, or at least slow down, the construction.

— Abdul Ahussainx

I am furious that the majority of Irvine voters are being ignored by the Irvine City Council regarding the Veterans Cemetery. Do our views no longer count?

Lynne Russell Ruedy

It's about time to replace the old team with new elected officials who will listen to the voters and do some good for Irvine, which has been drowning in traffic and new residential building in every corner of our City.

— Bella Yaffi Sevy

Why I'm Supporting Ed Pope, Jaci Woods & Frank McGill

I have decided to offer my support — and my votes — for Ed Pope for Mayor and Jaci Woods and Frank McGill for City Council in our November

All three have provided real public leadership and have supported the decision of Irvine residents who voted in June — 63 percent to 37 percent to defeat the plans of developer FivePoint to relocate the already-approved Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park so they could develop the 125-acre Great Park site for private profit.

All three — Ed Pope, Jaci Woods, and Frank McGill — were as shocked as I was when Mayor Wagner and Councilmembers Christina Shea and Melissa Fox voted in July to completely ignore the will of the majority of Irvine voters and try, yet again, to move the planned Great Park Veterans Cemetery as part of a development program favored by developer FivePoint.

Ed Pope, Jaci Woods and Frank McGill have publicly pledged to NOT take money or support of any kind from big builders, developers or their surrogates. Many other candidates are supported by, and will be manipulated by, developers.

Ed, Jaci and Frank are not career politicians. They are citizen volunteers. I know them all to be very intelligent. They will bring their knowledge and expertise — and, of course, their records of citizen activism — to the job of governing our City.

Many of the other candidates see election to local office as a stepping stone to higher office. Therefore, they need and take the money and support of those who do not support the best interests of the residents of Irvine.

Ed Pope, Jaci Woods and Frank McGill will tackle the issues that are important to my family, to me, and to the vast majority of Irvine voters. They will really support our City's General Plan, and not just when it's convenient. They will implement policies and controls for slower, more careful City growth. They will work for effective and creative traffic solutions.

Right now, our City government is heavily influenced by builders and land developers. The election of Ed Pope for Mayor, and Jaci Woods and Frank McGill for Council, will put the influence back in the hands of Irvine residents...WHERE IT BELONGS!

- Jane Olinger

The trio ICNV is supporting appears to be better suited for office in Leisure World.

— Jim Druding

Editor's Reply: The question isn't how old you are. The question is who has the courage to stand up for Irvine residents rather than developer FivePoint?

I am so proud that quality individuals - Pope, Woods and McGill — have stepped forward at this crucial time to bring some common sense leadership to our City.

— Robert E. Patton

Wagner must be defeated! I will only vote for candidates who either voted "NO on B" or who are actively supportive of implementing the NO on B mandate to build the Veterans Cemetery within the Great Park, as originally planned! — David Proctor

One More Reader Letter

The NO on B campaign was a learning moment. I had suspected that developer FivePoint was the financial supporter of Wagner, Fox and Shea. PAC money spewed lies against some fine people. Subsequent actions by these elected officials, along with the proof of financial backing by FivePoint for their so-called "land swap" was the last straw. The Measure B land swap and development plan, rejected by Irvine voters, could never have happened without Wagner, Shea and Fox. We need honest people representing the citizens of Irvine! We should vote for those outstanding people who fought so hard for us, not the developers! Don't let them change our General Plan to suit the greedy developers.

—Patricia Kennedy

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A TRIBUTE TO STEVE LAYTON, *ICNV* CARTOONIST

We are sad to report that Steve Layton, a longtime Irvine resident, civic activist, and contributing cartoonist to Irvine Community News & Views, passed away this summer after a long illness.

Steve Layton contributed to the betterment of the entire Irvine community in many ways. A family man and a successful businessman into his eighties, Steve made time to be active in his homeowners association, supportive of the theater arts at UCI, and a remarkable contributor to Irvine Community News & Views.

His cartoons appeared frequently in ICNV, helping to highlight troubling issues in Irvine (and sometimes beyond) in colorful and typically humorous ways.

Steve leaves a rich legacy of cartoons from the past several years a few of them re-published here. Where appropriate, we will continue to re-purpose and re-publish his cartoons. We are grateful that Steve Layton was — and still is — a part of our extended ICNV "family."

– FJL

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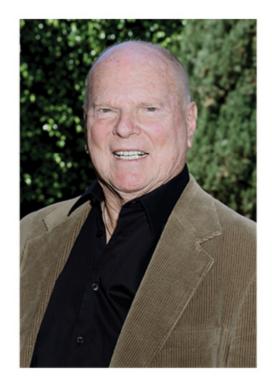
Steve Layton's "Snailpace," a car perfectly suited for Irvine

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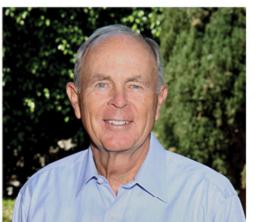


Ed Pope for Mayor of Irvine









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Our Pledge to Irvine Voters

We pledge to fulfill the mandate of our historic, June 5th NO on B victory. If we are elected on Nov. 6th — and granted the privilege to serve — at our first City Council meeting, we will introduce and adopt a resolution to *immediately* begin construction of the Great Park Veterans Cemetery at its original, planned, funded and approved site. We further pledge to direct the Irvine City Manager and Planning staff to cut the issuance of residential building permits in half — from 4,000 per year down to 2,000 — until the City's traffic emergency has been satisfactorily addressed.

Ed Pope

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Honoring and Respecting the Will of Irvine Voters

Beginning last year, when Mayor Donald Wagner and two Councilmembers teamed up with developer FivePoint to replace the long-planned and approved Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park, three community leaders stepped forward to say "NO" to the corrupt landswap-and-development scheme — known as Measure B.

On June 5th, a majority of Irvine voters — 63 percent — voted "NO on B!" This was an overwhelming Irvine voter mandate against massive development and for construction of

the Veterans Cemetery at its originally planned and approved location, in the Great Park. Mayor Wagner and two City Councilmembers — Christina Shea & Melissa Fox — have refused to honor the will of the people.

Now, three courageous "NO on B!" leaders have stepped forward once again — this time as candidates for Mayor and City Council — with a solemn pledge to fulfill and implement the voters' mandate by immediately beginning construction of the Veterans Cemetery at its original site in the Great Park.

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