Committee to City Council: Stop Putting off Road Repair

by Ryan E. Alcantara, Chair, Citizens Infrastructure Review Committee

Last week during Public Comments at the Fullerton City Council Meeting, I shared four recommendations recently passed by the Citizens Infrastructure Review Committee (CIRC) to address the failing streets in our City. The quality of our roads has long been a concern of city residents and businesses alike, and it has been an important issue for the members of the Citizens Infrastructure Review Committee, which I have been a part of over the past eight years. The solution, as CIRC sees it, is that Fullerton must spend an additional $10 to $12.5 million annually to make a marked improvement in our roads. This can come by redirecting general funds, identifying new sources of revenue, or a combination of both.

City Staff provided a comprehensive set of options for the City Council to consider this past summer, but we have yet to see action.

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MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES IN TOWN

by Jesse La Tour

Since 2017, the city of Fullerton has investigated 38 illegal marijuana (cannabis) dispensaries, and has successfully shut down 31. The city has also closed down five cannabis growing facilities. Currently, there are seven dispensaries that are still open and operating in Fullerton, despite the fact that these businesses are not allowed in the city.

But wait, one might ask, didn’t the voters of California approve Prop 64 in 2016, which legalized recreational cannabis statewide? Yes, but cities have the option to ban dispensaries that are still open locally. Despite the outcome of Prop 64, marijuana dispensaries remain illegal locally, and the city has been trying to shut them down.

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Council Candidate Ends Campaign

by Matt Leslie

Four candidates, John Ybarra, Vicki Calhoun, Ahmad Zahra, and Sabrina Narain are running for a seat on the city council in the 5th District. However, though a fifth candidate’s name will still appear on the ballot, she has dropped out. Paulette Marshall Chaffee announced, in an October 8th email to the Observer, and supporters, that she was suspending her campaign for Fullerton City Council. In her announcement Chaffee wrote that she was “disappointed” that her candidacy had “generated so much animosity, negativity, and corrosive discourse in our community,” and that it had “devolved into a debate about race and ageism,” in apparent reference to criticism of her recent move into a largely Latino district created in 2016 in response to a lawsuit citing the historic lack of diversity on Fullerton’s City Council.

The announcement was sent days after the online posting by the Friends for Fullerton’s Future blog of a surveillance video appearing to show her stealing a sign critical of her campaign from the front parkway of Bushala Brothers, Inc. on E. Walnut Ave. In the video a figure seen stopping her car across from the business, walking to the building, pulling up a sign, placing it in her car, and driving away.

Removing signs from private property is an infraction or misdemeanor punishable, upon a second conviction, by up to a year in jail, a fine of up to $2,000, or both. A second surveillance video posted to the Facebook of the Fullerton Observer appears to show Paulette Chaffee removing another one of the signs from the public property pedestrian bridge over Harbor Blvd. near the train station. The blue and orange signs, labeling her a “carpetbagger,” were paid for by the Fullerton Taxpayers for Reform PAC, with major funding by George Bushala.

George Bushala’s brother Tony told the Observer that 180 of the signs distributed around the district
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When council approved the ban, City Attorney Richard Jones added that most cities in Orange County “are doing exactly what we’re doing, which is essentially a ‘Wait and See’ approach.” The city is going to wait and see what the state regulations are, and how they play out in other cities first.

This was not the first time the question of cannabis dispensaries had come before council. In June of 2016, former Community Development Director Karen Halaza presented council with an ordinance and a recommendation to place a local measure on the November 2016 ballot to legalize nine medical dispensaries from neighborhoods, schools, and parks.

The proposed ordinance also provided strict standards, regulations, and tax structures for these dispensaries.

At that meeting, then-Mayor Jennifer Fitzgerald said she did not support the ballot measure, adding, “I would like to see this continued until the meeting after the November election.”

Councilmember (now Mayor) Chaffee said, “I’d like to continue our policy of not allowing marijuana in any form, period... I don’t all for postponing it as long as we can, and maintaining our current policy of not allowing it.”

The motion to deny the ballot measure passed 5-0, and the matter did not come back to council until 2017, when council voted for the total ban.

In January of 2018, the state of California’s newly created Bureau of Cannabis Control began issuing licenses for dispensaries to open and operate in cities that allow for them to exist.

Here in Fullerton, the ban is still in effect; however, it has not stopped dispensaries from opening up, which has created a difficult legal situation for both the city and the dispensaries.

I sat down with Code Enforcement Supervisor Guillermina Tortico, Director of Community Development Ted White, and acting Fullerton Police Chief Bob Dunn to learn about how the city enforces its cannabis ban ordinance.

“If someone comes in and reports a dispensary, or if we see on weedmaps.com there’s another one within proximity, code enforcement staff will research the business and do an inspection to confirm the use,” explained Tortico.

Once the use is confirmed, the business is given notice to either obtain a city permit (which, of course, they cannot obtain) or cease operations.

If city staff is denied entry to the business, they may obtain an inspection warrant, and that’s when the police department comes out with city staff to do an inspection and report findings back to the court.

At this point the court may issue an abatement order or the city may go through a “public nuisance hearing.”

Meanwhile, if the business doesn’t cease operations, the city will start issuing citations.

I asked Chief Dunn, “Why don’t you just send the police to bust in and shut them down?”

“We take guidance from our city attorney, and right now the city attorney’s guidance has been to go through the administrative process with them because a lot of this is in a state of flux with court decisions, and we do not want to infringe upon someone’s right of due process,” explained Dunn.

White said, “That’s the thing with this is that so much of it is not legally settled, so we’re trying different things constantly to see what will work, and a lot of it is unknown at this point, so it’s a bit of experimentation to see what kinds of remedies we can come up with.”

After a public nuisance hearing, a dispensary may be ordered closed. At this point, however, they may appeal the decision.

And on Wednesday, October 10th, that’s just what happened. There was a Public Nuisance Appeal hearing for a local dispensary which the city has been trying to shut down since 2016.

A code enforcement officer made the case that the dispensary is a “public nuisance” because it’s in violation of zoning, has made unpermitted alterations to the building, and is operating without a business license.

The hearing officer noted that, despite being served with numerous administrative citations, the dispensary continues to operate. In August 2018, a public nuisance hearing was held—and the public hearing officer ordered an abatement.

At the appeal hearing before the Planning Commission, the city’s attorney called an undercover police officer to the stand, who testified that he purchased marijuana from the dispensary—to prove that they are in fact selling marijuana.

Jesamyn Schneider, the general manager of the dispensary, presented a stack of petitions with signatures of over 1800 patients/clients of the clinic, urging the city to allow them to remain open.

“I asked every patient who walked into our shop to sign a petition,” Schneider said, adding that most of the patients come for medical reasons, from all over, because there are no other marijuana dispensaries close by.

Roger Diamond, the lawyer for the dispensary, disputed the notion that the business is a public nuisance.

“The establishment has not caused any harm to the community,” he said, noting that the tenants of the other units in the building all favor the dispensary, and that there is no noise or smell from the operation.

He argued that by doing so, the city was essentially saying, “No. We’re not going to give the people of Fullerton the right to make this issue, because we do not trust them. We, the political forces, the political elite of Fullerton, believe that we know better than the people. So, we’re not going to give this measure a chance.”

Diamond argued that, until the city gives its residents a chance to vote on this measure, the dispensary should be allowed to operate.

Ultimately, the Planning Commission voted to deny the appeal, on the grounds that it is a legal use.

After the Planning Commission’s ruling, Diamond said that they will be appealing the decision to the O.C. Superior Court.

Not all cities in Orange County have banned dispensaries. Santa Ana, for example, allows dispensaries, with certain restrictions and regulations.

City Manager Domer believes the question of dispensaries will come back to city council, when state regulations have had time to be figured out.

“The Department of Cannabis Control—they’re still kicking out regulations,” said Domer. “I’d rather see how other cities comply and work, and then take that information back to the council at a future date, so that they understand what the impacts are going to be to a city.”
**District 3 Candidates**

- **Jesus Silva** said after growing up the son of immigrants and now being elected to the city council, he is “Living the American Dream.” His top issues are finding grant funding for the Fox Theatre, saving the Hunt Library and Coyote Hills. As a council member he was the only one who voted to accept the $15 million from SB74 to help purchase West Coyote Hills. He said he is waiting to hold town hall meetings at a study session scheduled in 2019 before determining how to best to fund road repairs.

- **Nickolas Wildstar** said he is a Hip-Hop recording artist who has lived in Fullerton for five years. He is a Libertarian candidate for Governer. He described himself as a community activist who attends protests and rallies. H e is running to “represent disenfranchised” people. He supports budget cuts and 3D printed houses for homeless people that cost $5,000 each.

- **Greg Sebourn** said he is a third generation Fullertonian who has been on city council for six years. Over his tenure he said he has opposed bonds, refunded water ratepayers, and opposed the 10% transferred from the water fund to “backfill pensions.” He said he is cause director College Stadium project. He identified his accomplishments as providing bodycam worn for police, consolidating the fire command staff with Brea, overseeing grade-separation projects, coordinating city and county projects to pave portions of State College and Yorba Linda Blvd, and consolidating “The overly bureaucratic commissions and committees.”

**District 4 Candidates**

- **Amad Zahra** described himself as an immigrant who has been here 22 years. He said he and his spouse, who is Mexican, are a bicultural family, diverse like much of the community. Amad was a neuropathologist before coming to the U.S where he now owns an educational film making company. He said he established “Ahmad’s School Drive” to deliver school supplies after seeing two little girls digging for recyclables in a dumpster. He said ending child poverty is his “passion.” His plan includes business development, housing for every income level, lowering fees charged to access the community centers and after-school programs, and lifting up every corner of the city.

- **Vicki Calhoun** grew up in District 5 and attended public schools. She said that residents in her district have been neglected and “lack a voice.” She said she “will listen and speak” and fight on their behalf. She said she will prioritize infrastructure and the budget deficit, homelessness, and the need for safe water as problems.

**District 5 Candidates**

- **Amad Zahra** said he is a realtor with a business in District 5, who grew up “speaking Spanish like the majority of residents in the district.” He said District 5 roads, parks, and water are neglected. He says he is “the most qualified” candidate for city council because he says he has the most business experience.

**High Density Housing**

- **Mr. Ybarra** said there are impacts to existing residents like visibility into people’s yards. Ms. Calhoun recommended opportunities for local jobs. Mr. Ybarra said the city should “help fix the roads and that road projects contracts should be available for workers not under labor agreements.”

- **Mr. Sebourn** said the “one-time” funds from surplus property will be used for roads and the city will need to find more grant funding.

**Developer Donations**

When asked whether the candidates had accepted donations from developers, each gave a one-word answer. Mr. Sebourn said, “Yes.” Mr. Silva said he needed to check whether one of his contributors had any development business. All others said, “No.”

**Police Oversight**

All candidates said they support civilian police oversight – but to varying degrees.

The two who are currently on City Council, Mr. Silva and Mr. Sebourn, said the City Council already provides oversight.

Mr. Zahra said the commission should be made up of professionals who understand law enforcement and those who are civil rights advocates.

Ms. Calhoun and Mr. Wildstar said they supported oversight by residents, stating that they had personally experienced unfair treatment by police. All said that employee discipline records are not publicly by state law, but Mr. Silva pointed out that there are efforts at the state level to make police officer discipline records public.

**District Elections**

The candidates were asked if they preferred five or seven districts or whether there should be a mayor elected at large. All said they liked the five district system.

Mr. Sebourn said that candidates can now run a campaign on $5,000 to $10,000. Mr. Wildstar and Mr. Silva noted that the boundaries were gerrymandered and all agreed they were poorly drawn.

The District 5 candidates agreed that there were more important issues to work on now and that the district boundaries could be fixed later.

**Budget Cuts and Revenue**

Name three budget cuts or new sources of revenue that you support.

Mr. Zahra, Ms. Calhoun, and Mr. Silva said that there was nothing more that could be cut from the budget and recommended more economic development as a source of revenue.

Mr. Ybarra said he would “find the poor people, help the poor people” and hire a budget director who will fire captains. He said that fire captains are costing too much and pensions should be transferred to an insurance company.

Mr. Sebourn supported business development and said that the city should “reformulate the pension structure.”

**College Town**

Would you support the College Town project if it were “brought back” and do you support closing Narwood?

All the candidates were in support of student housing at the site. But, all they all seemed surprised that the project could come back.

Mr. Calhoun said student housing should be located at the Kimberly Clark site when it closes in three years and that public transit could transport students to and from campus.

No one supported closing Narwood, though Mr. Zahra said it could make sense in the future if traffic demands were decreased.

**Creating New Business**

When asked how to bring new business to the city, there was consensus that city processes should be made easier for new businesses and industrial and manufacturing zoning should remain in place.

Mr. Silva said he expects process improvements now that there is a new Community Development Director.

Ms. Calhoun said that Fullerton “has the workforce” to attract technology businesses.

Mr. Ybarra said the city needs a “business liaison expert.”

Mr. Zahra said the city should recruit green energy and biotech businesses, downtown should be more than a “flat scene,” and the Orangeheath corridor should be made “more attractive” to attract customers to existing and new businesses.

Mr. Wildstar said that the city should be open to all businesses including recreational marijuana for adults.

**New FC Stadium**

All candidates were sympathetic to neighborhood concerns about the noise, traffic impacts, and traffic impacts associated from the Fullerton College stadium project.

Mr. Silva who lives two blocks from the college said he has realized after campaigning in his neighborhood this year that, “We need to re-watch the stadium.”

Mr. Zahra who is running in a district not impacted by the stadium took a more wait and see perspective saying that he wants to see impact studies before taking a position.
Currently our roads carry a Pavement Condition Index (or PCI) of 64.7 on scale of 0 to 100. Over 58% of all city streets are Fair, 11% Poor, with 27% being in the Very Poor category. Our current annual allocation to roads will not sustain this current “fair” rating. To see actual improvements, CIRC recommends an investment of an additional $32.5 million annually—$2.5 million of which comes from SB 1 funds (if SB 1 funds continue to be available, as Proposition 6 weeks to reverse SB 1 funding)—which means that the City must find an additional $10 million annually. This investment will help us to achieve a PCI of 72 within the next seven years. Additional funding does seem to indicate a tax increase of some sort and different cities have addressed their roads in different ways (i.e., gas tax, gas tax bond, dedicated sales tax, parcel tax). Funding can also come from city general funds, which is currently around $93 million. Unfortunately, Council discussions about a general fund funding strategy also suggested restricting the funds to less than 30% of the City budget, which does not seem like a viable option.

We all share a concern for the quality of our roads. Please know that the complaints have been heard and there are strategies available. I encourage all of us to ask and understand from our Councilmembers, particularly as we head into the election season, how they would solve the problem. How will they generate the $10-12.5 million needed to fix our streets? Which tax strategy seems most feasible? What city budgets would they cut? And when can we expect these decisions to be made? Let’s make the coming year the year we invest in our roads.

**Keynote Discussion**

**Pushed to 2019**

The Pathways of Hope efforts to partner with the City of Fullerton to build Permanent Supportive Housing at the city-owned site at 1600 W. Commonwealth (Keystone) have been put on hold. The City has agreed to return to this discussion at a later date in 2019. Pathways of Hope Director David Gillanders said, “this does not stop our desire to continue to work with other cities and we look forward to continuing expanded conversations with other local municipalities on both Shelter operations and Permanent Supportive Housing.”

**Agenda Forecast**

To view the whole agenda for these meetings visit www.cityoffullerton.com on the Friday before the meeting date as sometimes forecated items change.

**October 16: Report of investigation into Chief Hendricks and Captain Olivares actions while off duty in Irvine; Security Guard for the Community Center and Main Library; Designation as a Recycling Market Development Zone; First Quarter Financial and Treasurer’s Report; Monthly Report from city lobbyists, and more.**

**Nov. 6: Council meeting canceled due to Election Day. Remember to get out & vote!**
**Candidate Ends Campaign continued from frontpage**

had been stolen. He filed a complaint with Fullerton police and on October 9th sent a letter directly to OC District Attorney Tony Rackauckas requesting that the D.A. “initiate an independent criminal investigation” citing Mayor Doug Chaffee’s “fundamental conflict of interest,” in the matter.

In an October 9th answer to questions from the Observer, City Manager Ken Domer and FPD spokesman Jon Radus confirmed that the case had been referred to the OCDA. The following day the FPD issued an official press release that the case had been sent to the D.A. “for follow up and further investigation to avoid any potential conflicts of interest,” because it had been “alleged that the potential suspect may have ties to Fullerton political contests…” The D.A’s office confirmed to the Observer that the referred case, dated October 9th, is currently under review by the Special Prosecutions Unit for filing consideration.

Mrs. Chaffe, a Fullerton attorney, has been widely criticized for moving from the Chaffe’s 4-bed home in the 2nd District to a 677 sq foot condo apartment in the 5th District - purchased by the Chaffees in April 2018 - from the Chaffee’s 4-bed home in the Fullerton’s 5th District. Her campaign was financed by $57,000 in loans to herself, and $2,000 raised from a handful of other contributors. She has spent $4,408.

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**Follow the Money Behind Candidates (Part 2)** by Jane Rands

For Part 1 of this series see page 9 of the Early October Observer available online under Past Issues at www.fullertonobserver.com.

OC Supervisor financial filings are available on the city website at www.cityoffullerton.com under the Elections link. School District Board candidate financial filings are available at the OC Registrar of Voters. The second pre-election Form 460 filings are due on October 25.

**Fullerton City Council District 5**

Pre-election filings from Calhoun & Ybhara are now available on the city website.

- **VICKI CALHOUN:** $6,672 (includes $2,000 she has loaned to her campaign, and $218 in non-monetary). Her first pre-election Form 460 and Form 497, available on the city website, show contributions of $1,000 from Michael Kelly of Mission Viejo; $500 E. S. Stainsmi of Irvine who owns apartments in District 5; five contributions from downtown restaurant/bars; and a few local individuals. She has spent $4,408.

- **JOHN YBARBA:** $10,701 (includes $6,851 he has loaned to his campaign). His largest contribution is $1,000 from a resident of Villa Park. The next highest are $500 each from retires in Brea and in Fullerton, a teacher in Downey, and Al Bushala of Fullerton. His largest expenditure is $2,162 for signs. In total he has spent $4,757 and has $6,608 remaining.

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**FJUHSD Board Candidate Forum**

by Vivien Moreno

The League of Women Voters and the Fullerton Council PTA cohosted the Fullerton Joint Union High School District candidates’ forum on October 3rd. Seven of the eight candidates running for district areas 1, 4, and 5 attended (Nate Vestri, area 4, failed to participate). The LWV consolidated audience-submitted questions into popular topics. Candidates are presented here by area and in alphabetical order to give a sense of their positions. While the candidates agreed on many of the issues, those included here are the ones they had differing opinions on.

**Where’s my District?**

See the district map on the FJUHSD website. Or visit www.ocvote.com to see who is on your ballot.

Also see the spread on pages 10 &11.

**FJUHSD DISTRICT AREA 1**

- **Regina Cuadra** is educated in child development and married to a high school teacher and has three children attending public schools. She is a PTA leader and LCAP committee member. In addition to 21st century skills, she supports greater technology (with a representative experience, multiple years from various volunteer positions as well as vast knowledge of the district including knowing why decisions were made in the past). Buchi brings a proven record of fiscal responsibility and participation in Board decisions that have led to consistent strong student outcomes and multiple major Bond project decisions. “It is all about the kids,” has been her motto for years.

- **Chester Jeng** is a practicing dentist and lawyer. He is against charter schools, but admits that his child attends a private school. He wants to go back to basics along with utilizing technology. He feels that in the past 40 years public education over-emphasized college entry and he wants to provide vocational training for students not cut out for a college degree. He believes the board is responsible for keeping the district solvent while paying staff enough to retain talented teachers. He stated that he would honor the mandated state law protecting LGBTQ students but feels that it is government overreach. He feels his planning commission experience and business skills will be an asset to the board. Dr. Jeng wants to bring diversity to the board and make the board answerable to the community.

**FJUHSD DISTRICT AREA 5**

- **Marylin Buchi,** incumbent, brings over 30 years of experience to the school district and wants to keep FJUHSD a destination school district where families wish to move, students wish to attend, and teachers wish to be employed. Buchi emphasized that school districts are not a business in any regular sense, and maintaining student enrollment numbers means spending a majority of the money on salaries and benefits to recruit and retain highly qualified teachers and efficient support staff. Teacher support creates successful core programs including arts and athletics. Buchi brings Rob and CSBA representative experience and a strong professional development. Education for students is the product, and fiscal responsibility keeps the lights on. Her credo is to “leave a place better than you found it” and she volunteers through PTAs, grant writing and budget creation efforts. Her goal is to bring greater transparency to the board and strengthen the district to provide a backbone to the community. She has “skin in the game” since her children will be attending the district schools.

- **Bridget Donoghue Vornholt** works in education and wants to make FJUHSD a cutting-edge school district for current and future students. Her children attend public schools. She is concerned that the school board represents the district’s entire community. She and Buchi agreed that charter schools have not proven to be effective, where test scores and graduation rates are equal or less than public school rates. She wants to provide education that has inherent flexibility that school children have for lifelong learning, emphasizing critical thinking, self-esteem and resilience. Highly qualified teachers require adequate salary and benefits, as well as strong professional development. Education for students is the product, and fiscal responsibility keeps the lights on. Her credo is to “leave a place better than you found it” and she volunteers through PTAs, grant writing and budget creation efforts. Her goal is to bring greater transparency to the board and strengthen the district to provide a backbone to the community. She has “skin in the game” since her children will be attending the district schools.

The next FJUHSD board meeting is October 16th at 7:30pm at district headquarters, 1051 W. Bostanchury Road, Fullerton. See that report in the Nov. 5 issue.

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**FJUHSD DISTRICT AREA 4**

- **Lauren Klatzker** is a special education program specialist for Anaheim Union School District. Married to a high school administrator, her 3 children attend both Fullerton Elementary schools and high schools. She is strongly against charter schools, stating that they take money and resources away from public schools and selectively serve children by choosing who can attend, often not choosing to accommodate children with special needs with an equitable learning environment. She supports college and career readiness collaboration. She wants all students to feel comfortable reaching out to adults on campus to report issues and she supports safety drills. She would bring many years of community service, managerial skills, mental health service experience, and collaborative group expertise to the board. She strongly believes that education is not a business and that educators make best decisions about education while business- men will make business-motivated decisions.

- **Mike Oates** is a business owner and adjunct Community College professor with children attending both Fullerton elementary and high school districts. Oates likes the competition charter schools bring but noted that the existing open enrollment policy of FJUHSD already supports strong competition. He believes today’s students need connections and real skills that will provide for a strong future. He believes in fiscal conservatism and would like to forecast budgets not just 3 years but 5-7 years out. He says the district should be investing 65% of received money paid out to salaries and programs each year. He wants expanded local business relationships through internships and apprenticeships. He promotes open communication between students, teachers and administration. He speaks Spanish and enjoys creating opportunities for outreach and connecting with stakeholders in the community. Oates believes he balances the board with his business experience, long history embodied in the community, educator’s point of view, and parent’s perspective.

- **Chris Thompson** currently serves on the Fullerton elementary School Board. His children attended Troy High School within the past 5 years. He supports charter schools mainly to remove teachers’ ability for collective bargaining. If elected, he plans to focus on identifying and firing bad teachers, limiting government interference in public schools, and supporting charter schools. He dislikes the label of 21st century skills. He believes school districts are businesses. Thompson declared that all students will not go to college and the current environment makes them feel failures if they do not attend college. Although he opposes the recent law mandating protection of LGBTQ identifying students, he feels that every child should feel safe and accepted on school sites. Thompson stated that if he is not voted in, the FJUHSD board will do well without his trustee experience, business skills, and involvement with education-al governance.

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Recent FSD Highlights

- **Agreement Between FSD and National Cenmedia for Movie Theater Marketing (NCM) Campaign:** The proposed item to increase public communications features a Dream Big video spot and poster at local theaters and will provide the community and parents insight into Dream Big, a new initiative to strengthen personalized learning in the district.

- The initial marketing will highlight the innovation and accomplishments of FSD students in a 30 second spot and a physical display in theater lobbies that will run for sixteen weeks at a cost of $19,200 to be paid from the superintendent’s budget.

- The advertisement by NCM will be aired 1,376 times on 42 movie screens reaching over 600,000 people at the Fullerton AMC 20, Brea Edwards 12, and Brea Edwards 10 West.

- **District Extends Speech & Debate:** Mr. Sal Timajos, former Fullerton High, Speech & Debate coach and coach at Santa Ana schools, has been the volunteer coach for the winning Nicolas Jr. High Speech and Debate program. The district has decided to have him and his staff provide Speech & Debate training at schools throughout the district.

Fullerton School Board Candidate Forum

The League of Women Voters hosted the Fullerton School District Candidate Forum October 10 in the district board room. About fifty people attended the event which included both boardmember incumbents Bev Bertram and Janny Meyer and their challengers Jennifer Harris and Shana Charles.

Answers to the various questions presented showed the noticeable experience of the incumbents and very few complaints from the challengers.

All candidates praised numerous district programs including All the Arts, the Nutrition Program, and school safety. All were concerned about the district’s deficit spending, agreeing it was a major challenge. All thought dangerous teachers should be terminated but that it is a difficult process and must be based on accurate information.

All agreed the LCAP (Local Control Accountability Plan) process is a priority and needs to be expanded. All agreed that an anti-cyberbullying campaign is needed and all said they are supportive of the Healthy Youth Act which protects LBQG students.

Berryma remarked that “the state of California has the highest ever suicide rate for transgender/LBGQ students. We need to abide by the new law,” she said. Her challenger Harris said that “We need to provide age-appropriate information with parent consent.”

Incumbent Meyers said “I support following the state guidelines and making sure we are addressing the needs of all students.” Her challenger Charles said that he has looked at the program and was happy with it.

Both challengers Jennifer Harris and Shana Charles felt there needed to be more communication among the parents, community members and the district. Both questioned the recent district board decision to spend $20,000 on advertise in local movie theaters, saying it would be more effective to communicate through social media (see report above for more on this). Harris thought bringing in more mental health staff especially into junior high schools and a “Being kind is cool” attitude needs to be fostered along with a way to report online bullying. Charles said “creating a culture which is sympathetic and supportive of each other is important.” Both felt that changes in leadership can bring new insights and prospectives to the board.

The incumbents both mentioned the importance of having trusted leaders with experience, knowledge, and a long term vision on the board.

See page 9 for the candidate spread.

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Walk to School Day!

Students in the Fullerton School District, including those pictured above from Mrs. Curley’s 3rd Grade class at Laguna Road, participated in the 2018 Walk to School Day. The annual event is an opportunity for schools, the community and local government to work together to focus on a healthy lifestyle for our children and a safer, cleaner environment for our community. - PHOTO CHARIS SEIDERS

Save West Coyote Hills

Four years ago I wrote my first column about saving West Coyote Hills. I am celebrating my fourth year as a columnist this month by writing again about this precious 510-acre property. I also invited my friends to hike with me to this place and shared with them the story behind these rolling hills.

Recently, I read an article in The Observer (published in the early September issue) about the 19.8 million dollars that was granted to the California State Coastal Conservancy in order to develop and open West Coyote Hills. Whoa! That’s a whole lot of money. Thanks to the people who worked hard to make this possible. First of all, to the Friends of Coyote Hills volunteer group for their strong support to preserve this property as a nature park. Secondly, to assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva and state senator Josh Newman for pushing to get the funding for the project.

Does this solve the problem? No, not yet. I checked with my dad and found out that the average cost of land in Fullerton is about one million dollars per acre. That means that the total cost of the property is around 510 million dollars. (Sigh!) Now I realize that $19.8 million dollars is in fact barely any money to buy the whole Coyote Hills. The good news is if we keep working to get more funds, we can make this project succeed.

What exactly is Coyote Hills? Why is it so important to save it as a nature park? The first time I wrote about it when I was in third grade, I only knew it as a nice place for hiking and enjoying nature. Now that I am older, I have learned more about it including many interesting facts that will make you want to support this project. Some of the things I discovered by visiting www.coyotehills.org are that the West Coyote Hills:

- a biodiversity hotspot where many endangered species (plants and animals) call their home. Because of this, West Coyote Hills is also considered a critical habitat. Some of these species are the white tailed kite, the California quail, the Cooper’s hawk and more. There are also endangered plant groups like the coast prickly pear, coyote brush, California sagesbruch, and southern willow brush. Without our support, these species may not live any longer.
- a watershed which means that it helps drain water into a creek, lake, bay, etc.
- a place where people hike, ride bikes, watch birds, or just enjoy nature.
- a place where students can study nature, wildlife and the ecosystem.

These fun facts about West Coyote Hills are what make this big piece of land so precious. For those who want to know more about this place, you can watch a guided nature walk held every month from 9am to 11am. The next nature walk is on November 10. Meeting place is at the Laguna Lake Equestrian Center along Lakeview Drive corner Euclid Avenue.

Below are the thoughts of my friends Alii and Isabelle.

Save Coyote Hills.

We should save Coyote Hills because we need more parks! It’s a good place to hike. Once you get to the top of the hill, you get a beautiful view. It is near the neighborhood so residents don’t have to go far to hike. Plus, if we have fewer parks, it is not healthy for the environment and the people.

-isabelle Madrid, 12 years old

I love Coyote Hills.

I had a very fun experience going to Coyote Hills. It is good to have a place like Coyote Hills. Great weather, quiet atmosphere. Perfect. I also think that it is a great place to calm yourself. Just imagine this being taken away.

Alii Sanga, 12 years old

**Kids Rule! by Francine Viodoti © 2018**
Navy Veteran ★ Education Advocate ★ Husband & Father ★

The son of a public school cafeteria worker and a Vietnam veteran, Gil Cisneros understands the challenges families from our community face. Gil knows we need to get serious about providing access to affordable, quality health insurance, better jobs for middle-class families, a pathway to quality higher education, and immigration and gun control reform. Gil is running for Congress and refusing contributions from PACs because he will put people ahead of big corporate interests and work to provide more opportunities for families to prosper.

Build opportunities for better jobs by investing in education and by making college and trade school more affordable.

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### Fullerton School District Board Candidates

**JENNIFER HARRIS**  
Parent of 4 young children  
28 years in District 3  
www.JenniferHarris.com

**BEVERLY BERRYM AN**  
Incumbent  
22 years in District 3  
www.beveryberryman.com  
& Re-elect Beverly Berryman on Facebook

**JANNY CATLIN MEYER**  
Incumbent  
Over 50 years in District 4  
www.jannymeyer4fuller.org  
& Re-elect Janny Catlin Meyer on Facebook

**SHANA CHARLES**  
Dept. Public Health  
Professor CSUF  
Over 3 years in District 4  
www.shanacharlesboard.com

### District 3 - FSD Board Candidates

**Challenges:**  
- Mental health is an important physical health. Students should have access to nurses, counselors, and therapists - and benefit from programs focusing on healthy lifestyles.
- Mental health services should be offered to all students in Fullerton School District. I support the recent expansion of our mental health staffing.

**What mental & emotional health services should be offered?**

- A mental health counselor should be available for all students in Fullerton School District. I support the recent expansion of our mental health staffing.

- Yes, open enrollment allows families to find the school that best fits their individual needs and allows schools to diversify programming options.

**Is “open enrollment” a good idea?**

- Dual Immersion provides an additional educational choice, promotes cultural diversity, and fosters bilingualism at the age the brain is most receptive to language development.

**What is the importance of the Dual Immersion Program?**

- I support teachers supplementing curriculum in culturally relevant ways to teach diverse populations. I need more information on parents’ in support of a Day of Recognition.

**Do you support a day of recognition for Cesar Chavez?**

- The school site budgets in FSD vary widely across the District. I would like to see equity for every school and to reduce parent fundraising.

**Are educational resources equal between schools in wealthy vs. low income areas?**

- Declining enrollment from demographic shifts presents enormous challenges to the budget. Capital improvements to schools mostly built in the 1950s/60s are also a challenge.

**How should the district support immigrant and undocumented students?**

- Educating all students and providing them necessary resources to achieve both academic and social-emotional success will continue to be the critical issue.

**What is the most critical issue facing the district?**

### District 4 - FSD Board Candidates

**Challenges:**  
- Fullerton’s current system provides a fair way for parents to access preferred schools. We should keep it, but also improve schools with declining enrollment.

- Dual Immersion provides an excellent option to parents looking to foster bilingualism in their children. If successful, it could be broadened throughout the District.

**Follow the Money:** continued from page 3

- Candidates receiving and spending $2,000 or less on their campaigns are not required to file financial disclosures.

- Among all school district board trustee elections on the ballot, including community college, high school, and K-8, only two candidates for Fullerton Joint Union High School Trustee Area 4 have reported receiving and spending campaign money.

- See page 10 for the Fullerton Joint Union High School District Follow the Money

**Funding:**

- All children have a right to a free and public education. Schools should be a safe and welcoming place regardless of citizenship or immigration status.

- Engaging all students in learning in a safe environment is a critical issue for all districts and one that needs careful attention and focus.

**District 4 - FSD Board Candidates**

**Supportive community:**  
- Our community is diverse, as are our children. My priority is to ensure every student has a chance to succeed, regardless of student needs.

**What is the importance of our diverse community?**

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**What is the most critical issue facing the district?**

### About Fullerton Observer Free Candidate Spread

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<td><strong>• MIKE OATES</strong> has raised $3,048 of which $2,000 is from John Phelps whose family foundation makes significant contributions to local charities such as the Boys and Girls Club. Oates’s largest expenditure is $1,290 for yard signs. As of the Sept. 22 filing, he has $352 remaining unspent.</td>
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**DISTRICT 4 - FULLERTON JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT CANDIDATES**

**NATHAN VESTRI**

CSUF student Part-time temporary employee of FJUHS
Over 15 years in District 4
Nathan4SchoolBoard (Facebook)

Students in our district should have access to onsite licensed professionals at any time and should be encouraged to see them to fight stigmas.

**MIKE OATES**

Businessman, Parent
45 years in District 4
OatesForSchoolBoard.com

Proactive counseling and mental health referral services which always seek to inform and empower parents to take the lead on their child’s needs.

**CHRIS THOMPSON**

Implant Dentistry manager
19 years in District 4
citfullerton@gmail.com

Teachers need to identify warning signs. School counselors and psychologists must be available. FJUHS could contract with local universities for mental health interns.

**LAUREN KLATZKER**

Special Ed Program Specialist
Over 6 years in District 4
www.laurenforfullertonschoolboard.com

ABOUT FULLERTON OBSERVER FREE CANDIDATE SPREAD

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**WHAT WOULD YOU USE BOND MEASURE 1 MONEY FOR?**

The bond should be used to update our facilities for the students and teachers, so that cutting-edge teaching can be side-by-side with cutting-edge environments.

**WHAT CAN WE PREPARE STUDENTS FOR CAREER & COLLEGE READINESS?**

Plummer, our school’s symbol, is a wealth of both knowledge and income opportunities for our students and community. We must keep it top notch.

**HOW HARD IS UPGRADING PLUMMER AUDITORIUM?**

I do not support charter schools. They siphon funds from public schools, are often unstable, and unequal throughout the country often leading to closures.

**DO YOU SUPPORT CHARTER SCHOOLS?**

As a businessman, I’ve always believed in healthy competition. The possibility of charter school presence should be a motivator for our public schools to provide the best education possible for all students.

**HOW SHOULD DISTRICT SUPPORT IMMIGRANT & UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS?**

Immigration status should be a matter regulated by other government entities, not the school board. If a student is enrolled in our school district, we teach them.

**WHAT IS THE MOST CRITICAL ISSUE FACING THE DISTRICT?**

Children, whether citizens or not, should be allowed to go to our schools so they can learn good American values and paths to citizenship.

**MAINTAINING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS. ACCESSIBLE COUNSELING FOR AT-RISK STUDENTS HELPS REMOVE PSYCHOLOGICAL BARRIERS AND ENCOURAGES STUDENT LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT.**

Though the district currently offers a myriad of academic, fine art and elective courses, I’d like to see more campus-wide programs focused on “life-skills” learning.

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**MAINTAINING OUR DISTRICT’S HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS.**

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**ALL STUDENTS SHOULD BE TREATED EQUALLY. IT IS ALREADY ILLEGAL TO CONSIDER IMMIGRATION STATUS IN CALIFORNIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS. IMMIGRATION POLICY IS OUT OF DISTRICT HANDS.**

All students should be treated equally. It is already illegal to consider immigration status in California public schools. Immigration policy is out of District hands.

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**WHAT QUESTIONS WOULD YOU ASK?**

How long have you been in District 4? Contact info.

**TOPICS OF CONCERN TO OUR DISTRICT?**

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**WHEN WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE STUDIO EDGE?**

While I’d like to see the Studio Edge, I’d rather see the arts infrastructure, which always seeks to inform and empower parents to take the lead on their child’s needs.

**WHY SHOULD TAXPAYERS SPEND MILLIONS ON LONG-TERM PROJECTS SUCH AS CAMPUSS INFRASTRUCTURE, PAYING CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE USEFUL LIFE OF THESE PROJECTS AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH LONG-TERM BORROWING?**

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**WHY WOULD YOU VOTE FOR THE BOND MEASURE?**

Absolutely, educational choices and creative approaches to education with the reduced influence of self-serving special interests are beneficial to kids and the public good.

**WHAT ROLE DO YOU SEE FOR PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS?**

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**WHAT SHOULD THE DISTRICT DO TO BUILD COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BOARD AND THE COMMUNITY?**

Solvency. We have a great district with great opportunities. We need to make sure those opportunities will be there next year, the year after, and beyond.

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<td>Parent Volunteer</td>
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<td>Chester Jeng</td>
<td>Dentist, Attorney, Educator</td>
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**How do you support immigrant & undocumented students?**

- **Our district does not need any Charter Schools. Our district has a reputation of providing quality education and programs. Charter Schools would not benefit our community at all.**

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**Do you support Charter Schools?**

- **No.**

**How is Plummer Auditorium being upgraded?**

- **Improving the Plummer Auditorium should have the same priority as our other improvement programs.**

**What would you use Bond money for?**

- **Further spending of bond money should be spent to ensure that school facilities are prepared to meet current and future needs of students and community.**

**How to prepare students for career & college?**

- **Creating a strong foundation in collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking can help students move forward and adapt to an ever shifting job market.**

**What mental & emotional health services should be offered?**

- **Schools provide a broad curriculum of academics, the arts, and career technical education. Challenges for us are students and engaging them supports their future.**

**How to prepare students for Bond money should be spent to ensure that school facilities are prepared to meet current and future needs of students and community.**

- **Every school is getting a major project of their need and choice. An oversight committee assures that money is used as promised to the community.**

**What is the most critical issue facing the district?**

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### Register to Vote Before October 22 & Where You Can Do That

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- **Tuesday, November 6, 2018** is Election Day. Polls will be open from 7am to 8pm.

  - Voters who have recently changed their names or moved from one address to another in Orange County and who have not re-registered may fill out a provisional ballot at the polling place for their new address. If for some reason you are not listed at the polling place ask for a Provisional Ballot.

  - **Questions? Call the OC Registrar of Voters at 714-567-7600 or visit www.ocvote.com.**
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MEET JENNIFER HARRIS:
• A Fullerton native, with 3 children in elementary school, and a 4th child entering kindergarten next fall
• Board Member of the Acacia Elementary Foundation and School Site Council, Chairwoman of the annual Acacia Jog-A-Thon
• Leadership team for the Acacia Gala And Acacia Fall Festival

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Fullerton Joint Union High School District Board Elections
Fullerton Community Members,
On behalf of FSTO the Fullerton Secondary Teachers Organization, whose members are the Fullerton Joint Union High School District (FJUHSD) teachers, I want to thank you for your interest in education, whether it is because you have a son or daughter in one of our FJUHSD’s great schools (Buena Park High, Fullerton High, La Habra High, La Sierra High, La Vista High, Sonora High, Sunny Hills High or Troy High), or because as a citizen you are concerned about educational issues and how they affect the community.
As the representative organization for the FJUHSD’s teachers, FSTO takes part in contract negotiations, grievance processing, training and development of current members, and selecting and endorsing FJUHSD school board candidates.
For this election cycle the residents of the Fullerton Joint Union High School District will be voting by areas and not at-large.

THE ELECTION IS NOVEMBER 6, 2018.
The Fullerton Secondary Teachers Organization has endorsed and is supporting for election to the Board of Trustees:
REGINA CUADRA (AREA 1),
LAUREN KLATZKER (AREA 4),
AND BRIDGET VORNHOLT (AREA 5).

John Marvin, President
Fullerton Secondary Teachers Organization

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TUES, OCT 16
• 6:30pm: Fullerton City Council Meeting at City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth.

WED, OCT 17
• 8am-1pm: Every Wednesday Farmers Market at Independence Park, next to the DMV on Valencia between Euclid and Highland in Fullerton. Fresh produce including fruit, vegetables, eggs, flowers, plants, baked goods, nuts, and more from the farmer.

THURS, OCT 18
• 4pm-8:30pm: Every Thursday Fullerton Downtown Market on E. Wilshire between Harbor and Pomona features live music, produce, food and craft vendors, children’s activities, Wine & Beer Garden.
• 6:30pm: Code Enforcement presented by Code Enforcement Supervisor Guillermena Torrico at Neighborhood Watch Meeting at Fullerton City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth.
• 7pm: “Psycho” at the Fox Theater A screening of Alfred Hitchcock’s 1960 classic will be preceded by a preview short horror film “The Shroud” shot inside the Fox by the local filmmaker Cory Reeder. Proceeds go towards the next phase of restoring the theater. The Fox is located at the corner of Harbor Blvd and Chapman Ave. in Downtown Fullerton. $20 tickets available at https://hollywood-magazine.com

FRI, OCT 19
• 5pm-9pm: Raymond’s Fall Carnival located at Raymond School, 517 N. Raymond Ave, Fullerton. Features delicious food, haunted hallways, Silent Auction, Cake Walk, Costume Contest, Games & Prizes and more. Entertainment includes the Arty Loom Show! Spooky Adventure from 8pm to 9pm with amazing magical feats and not-so-scary treats in a fun for the whole family show (seating limited). Everyone is welcome!
• 8pm-11pm: Comedy Show for Autism Fundraiser featuring headliner Jay Mohr at the historic Fox Theatre, 512 N. Harbor Blvd., with pre-show reception next door at Angelo’s & Vinci’s. The show is for 21 and up. Proceeds support autism charities and special education programs. Joining Mohr will be Erica Rhodes, Keith Reza, Amir K., George Perez, and Shannon Penrod. Tickets are available by visiting https://www.eventbrite.com/e/comedy-show-for-autism-2018-tickets-4907236761

SAT, OCT 20
• 7am-1pm: Fullerton Community Nursery School Huge Rummage Sale at 2050 Youth Way (off Valencia Mesa), Fullerton. 70 Family rummage sale with proceeds supporting the non-profit, www.fcns.org at 714-525-1251
• 10am-1pm: Free Family Fall Festival features music, entertainment dance demonstrations, face painting, pumpkin decorating, safe trick-or-treating, games, costume contest for those 12 and under, student showcase, health screenings, employment & education information, and more. Apply for a free student ID, participate in the BookSwap (bring one take one). Food available for purchase. North OC Continuing Education Anaheim Campus, 1830 W. Romneya Dr., Anaheim CA 92801 (off N. Harbor)

SAT, OCT 20 continued
• 9am-Noon: Spooky Halloween Train features rail cars decorated for the Halloween holiday, free tours of the Lounge Cars, games, and trick-or-treating. Wear your costumes! Fullerton Train Museum at Fullerton Train Station, 200 E. Santa Fe, fullerrontrainmuseum.org

THURS, OCT 25
• LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE in Upcoming Election: You can register to vote online at www.scvote.com

MON, OCT 22
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Olli Authors at Fullerton Public Library Authors Day October 27.

The Fullerton Public Library Annual Authors Day is from 11am to 5pm on Saturday, October 27. The event is sponsored by the Library and CSUF’s Other Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). This is a day for readers, authors, writers, poets and illustrators.

Books may be purchased at authors at the event. The Fullerton Public Library is located at 353 Commonwealth Avenue, Fullerton. The event is free.

Internationally best-selling author Lisa Lemon will discuss The Bay on the Wooden Box co-written with her late husband, Holocaust survivor Leon Lemon. National best-selling author Dr. Debra Holland will talk about writing the Montana Sky romance series. Ron Bales, Jeanette Reese, Rayleen Williams, Fritz Von Coelln, Shirley Jordan and nine other local authors will sign and discuss their books, from fiction to memoir, from children’s books to poetry. And John Fox, of Bookslips, a professional editor, will let participants put their pen to paper and possibly read a few lines of their work.

MON, OCT 29
• 1pm: League of Women Voters Pros & Cons of Ballot Initiatives Morningside Main Hall, 800 Morningside Dr, Fullerton. Public invited.

WED, OCT 31
• 8am-1pm: Every Wednesday Farmers Market at Independence Park, next to the DMV on Valencia between Euclid and Highland in Fullerton. Fresh produce including fruit, vegetables, eggs, flowers, plants, baked goods, nuts, and more from the farmer.
• Halloween Trick-or-Treaters will be out on the street. Drive extra carefully!

SAT, NOV 3
• 11am-11:45am: Author Panel Four authors will share why they selected their topics, and their personal experience writing their books. Audience questions are welcome.
• 12pm-12:45pm: Poetry for Pleasure Panel: Poets on the panel and poets in the audience will share words that dance off the written page.

TUES, NOV 6
• 7am-8pm: Election Day Polls Open Visit www.scvote.com for information.

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The Historic Downtown Fox Fullerton Theatre will host special screenings of “Psycho” and “Halloween” to raise money for restoration. The Fox will host Alfred Hitchcock’s classic “Psycho” (1960) on October 18th, and John Carpenter’s original “Halloween” (1978) on October 25th. Both movies will have a preview horror short film called “Trick” that was shot inside the Fox Fullerton and written, directed and produced by local Fullerton filmmaker, Cory Reeder. These two screenings will be part of a limited number of events to be held inside the Fox before the next phase of renovation construction begins utilizing a recent $2.5 million state grant that was awarded with the help of State Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva. Tickets can be purchased for $20 at https://hollywoodinfullerton.tix.com. Proceeds go to restoration.

The Box Office opens at 6:30pm with the short preview film beginning at 7pm.

“Psycho” Thursday, October 18
and “Halloween” Thursday, October 25
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“Night of the Living Dead” @ MAVERICK THEATER
110 E. Walnut Ave. Fullerton
Tickets: (714) 526-7070 www.mavericktheater.com

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The play, directed by guest director, author & actress Saundra McClain, opens October 26 with performances through November 11 in the Little Theatre on campus.

““Children of Eden” @ CSUF LITTLE THEATRE
CSUF Performing Arts Center, 800 N. State College Blvd. Fullerton
Tickets: (657) 278-3371

Cal State Fullerton’s Fall musical is “Children of Eden,” which tells the stories of Adam and Eve, Noah and the Ark and others from the Book of Genesis. Music and lyrics are by Stephen Schwartz, (creator of the Tony Award winning Wicked,” “Pippin” and “Godspell”) with a book by John Caird. Directed by Rufus Bonds, Jr.

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“Bee-luther-hatchee” by Thomas Gibbons performs through October 28 in the Hallberg Theatre on campus. The play, directed by guest professional director, writer and actor Sandra McClain, follows Shelita Burns, an African-American editor who publishes “Bee-luther-hatchee,” the award-winning autobiography of a reclusive 72-year-old black woman named Libby Price. Having never met, Shelita decides to deliver a copy to Libby. The fateful meeting between the two stirs and challenges preconceptions. 514.

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A Class Action: The Grassroots Struggle for School Desegregation in California

Through October 20th @ Brea Museum

495 S. Brea Blvd, Brea, CA www.breamuseum.org

In March 1945, five fathers in Orange County, California brought a class-action lawsuit against four school districts on behalf of their own children and 5,000 other children that were being forced to attend segregated “Mexican schools.”

This exhibition tells the story of their landmark lawsuit, Mendez et al. v. Westminster School District et al., and reveals how community organizing and grassroots activism can produce positive change in schools and communities across the US. Experts have called this the most important court case about segregation before Brown v. Board of Education.

Presented by the Museum of Teaching and Learning (MOTAL) in conjunction with the Brea Museum and Historical Society, come learn about the court case that led to the desegregation of schools in California, the first state to do so. Visitor comments often include the exclamation, “I never knew this happened right here in Southern California!”

“The Brea Museum is open Wed, Thurs, Fri. 2pm–8pm and Saturday 10am–5pm.”

Fullerton Friends of Music Announces 60th Season of Free Concerts, and a New Venue

“Music from Copland House” October 28th @ 3:30 pm

The venerable chamber music society will present five free concerts, with music ranging from the early 18th to the early 21st centuries, in its new home, the Wildshire Auditorium, 315 E. Wildshire Ave. (at Lemon) in Downtown Fullerton.

The first concert, on October 28, 2018, will feature Music from Copland House, the acclaimed resident ensemble at composer Aaron Copland’s National Historic Landmark home in New York. The concert will include the California premiere of Fragrance of the Sea, a work commissioned from composer Angel Lam.

The Wildshire Auditorium, located on Lemon (at 315 E. Wildshire) between Chapman and Commons is part of the Fullerton College campus. It has more seating than Fullerton Friends of Music’s previous venue, and better sightlines as well.

For more information, go to www.fullertonfriendsofmusic.com, or call (714) 526-5310, or (562) 691-7437.

“Luz: Exploring Light” @ Fullerton College Art Gallery

800 N. State College Blvd. Fullerton

Curated by Rody N López, this exhibition features over 60 artists and pays homage to distinguished collectors of ceramic artwork of local, regional, national, and international significance with a wide range of traditions. Gallery hours are Mon-Thurs: 12-4pm; Sat: 12-4pm; Closed Fri, Sun, and holidays. Runs through November 17.
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If you think the war between liberals and conservatives is nasty, destructive and bad for the nation, you’re right, but that is only half the story. The internecine, take no prisoners, battles within each party are violent, sharp and tell a very different story, but they run not to their own respective trenches but stampede to form their own circular firing squads.

Our two major political parties seem to be in a race to self-destruction. There are reasons, good reasons, that the fastest growing political affiliation is “Decline to State.” The symptoms were clear in the last Presidential election when the most passion from Democrats was for Bernie Sanders—never a registered Democrat. And the most passion among the Republicans was for Donald Trump—most of his life a Democrat (by registration if not conviction).

Today the Republicans, under Trump, seem bound and determined to alienate women and minorities. As America “browns and beigs,” as Hispanics, Blacks and Asians increase in population, and we intermarry across old artificial lines of race and ethnicity, alienating and narrowing our political edge is not a promising strategy.

Try as they might, and they do try mightily, to purge voters lists, close polling places in minority areas and gerrymander districts to reduce the voting impact of minorities, this cannot, in the long run, succeed. Democrats are destiny.

The Democrats would clearly have a great long-term future and a short-term advantage were it not for their equally short-sighted and suicidal tendency to fracture their own coalition. One rule of building a political coalition is not hating, mocking and demonizing your constituent part, Democrats break this rule constantly.

If you think Trump was causally rough on his primary opponents with insults and name calling, liberals seem to be copying his approach.

I don’t know how many times I’ve heard and read the term “Old White men,” used to attack both Democrat and Republican leadership and particularly right now on the Senate Judiciary Committee. Yes, their leadership deserves mocking, but why do it with gender, age and race? Why model or follow the model of making gender, age and race legitimate categories to be attacked?

Bi-Partisan Madness

Surely it wouldn’t be okay to attack Senator Feinstein because she’s an elderly woman (Though some Dems are doing exactly that). We would not support deri- sively referring Black Lives Matter leader- ship as “Immature black girls.” We’d be, I hope, sensitive to, age, race and gender. Similarly, attacking Wall Street for being “too damn rich” and “scum of all white Jews” should be off the table.

Both Democrats and Republicans should stop splitting us apart with age, racist and sexist labels. Attack ideas, challenge policies. Examine motivation. But do it to individuals, parties and coalitions, not to anyone’s intrinsic characteristics.

The foolishness of attacking a big part of your own coalition is demonstrated by the actual data. It’s easy to generalizethe that the older demographic votes Republican. We don’t look more closely at the internals and just write whole groups off. But 40% of voters born between 1929-1945 are Democrats. It’s also true that white men voted in the majority in this year’s midterm elections. However 44% of them voted Democratic. Do Republicans really want to marginalize these old white men, their votes and their contributions? In my view, this is neither smart nor right.

If, as I asserted earlier, demographics are destiny America is in not only turning col- ors but also aging. Democrats are doing to an important and growing demographic (old men) what Republicans are doing to another growing demographic (women of all colors).

Democrats must be struck by the irony that two leading contenders (whom I’m sure we all get to vote for in the Primary) are as unlikable as they can be. Every time we vote for Donald Trump, I was sure that Trump couldn’t get either Sanders or Hillary. It’s also true that Sanders never a registered Democrat! And the most passion amon the Republicans was for Donald Trump—most of his life a Democrat. Democrats must be struck by the irony of making gender, age and race legitimat categories to be attacked?

How To Write Your Opinion

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Traffic Circle Confusion

The new “traffic circles” certainly have created some confusion! I see the chaos many times where I walk often at Wildshire and Wildwood. The intent is well-founded, but people don’t always stop (including bicyclists).

Your picture (Early Oct page 7) clearly shows a stop sign in the background, but then there is the other sign that shows direction of flow. I’ve seen multiple times where there were very slow flow and a lot more drivers who never stop.

I agree that slowing down traffic is a good idea anywhere, but trying to understand the circle is a problem when observing from the side-walks.

Jack Crawford Fullerton

Roundabout Kool-Aid

I am in agreement with Jane Rands on most issues, but I can’t believe she swallo w the city’s Kool-Aid in regard to the roundabouts on Wildshire.

As someone who recently attempted to ride bike down Tustin Ave through the Wildshire intersection on my way to the library, I can testify that the roundabout is a nightmare for cyclists.

The road narrows to such an extent at the roundabout that I was forced to pull off to the side and wait by the curb while a large truck drove past. There was no room for both of us at the same time - a problem I never had on that street before.

It made me wonder how a large hook and ladder truck would be able to pass through that intersection. I foresee later arrival times for emergency vehicles, especially fire engines, which have to navigate the round about.

And with Fullerton’s streets in such terrib le disrepair, it is a complete slap in the face to waste money on something this unnecessary.

Lastly, Rand’s observation that the roundabouts are more cost-effective “than paying for a police officer to manage the street for traffic enforcement” made no sense. We live in Fullerton in 2018, not a Keystone Cops movie from the 1920s. We need to require that all traffic into the middle of intersections directing traffic as Laurel and Hardy spatter by in their jaunty. We have stop signs.

David Otano Fullerton

ED: A couple of clarifications:

1) The roundabout system was built with a Bicycle Blvd. grant to the city that could not be used in any other way - though it did include rebuilding the road over Wildshire which took much to get by (though many maneuvering around the traffic circles are amazed by that).

Where are Joyce, Mike, Emerson, and Jere?

The Observer received numerous letters and phone calls wondering where Joyce Massey’s Hints & Movies Review, Mike Riley’s DownTown Report, Emerson Little’s Video Observer and Jere Greene’s columns, photos and reports were.

The columns will all be back in the Nov. 5 issue. We ran out of space with all the election coverage. And, Joyce took some family time off - see Page 18.

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City Answers About Hillcrest Stair Safety

The Observer asked current City Manager Ken Domer about the issue and he sent over some documents from May 2017 in which former interim City Manager Allan Roeder, spurred by photos and questions from local citizen Joshua Ferguson, asked and received assurance from the engineering company that the stair supports were structurally sound.

According to the information sent:

• Footings: The “Contractor requested to construct 24" diameter" footings for the stairs at no extra cost to the city. “The post has a minimum embedment of 4’. The concrete footing has a minimum depth of 5’ from the lowest slope face to more than 15’ depending on the location/soil conditions.

• Rebar: All concrete footings have a rebar cage fully reinforced per structural and geotechnical engineer’s specifications. #4 steel rebar clearance allows for a 1 1/2 inch clearance from edge of footing.

• Direct Embedment of Post: “The direct imbedding of posts was intended and designed by the structural engineer to provide optimal lateral and seismic support. The posts are treated lumber as well. The tops of the concrete footings are troweled with a pitch falling away from the post as is the construction standard to deter water/moisture away from the post.”

• Hairline Cracks: “Hairline cracks are a common occurrence in concrete construction due to shrinkage as concrete cures. The hairline cracks in the footing do not pose any threat or compromise the structural integrity of the footings.”

In a follow-up email from IDG Structural Engineering sent on May 30, 2017 to client Mia Lebher & Associates about the Hillcrest (Pine Forrest Stair - Foundation) the engineer Farshid Behshid states that “shrinkage cracks have formed in some of the concrete piers under the new stair sections (primarily at the north-ernmost stair run). We understand that this stair run was the first of the four runs in some of the concrete piers under the new stair sections (primarily at the north-ernmost stair run). We understand that this stair run was the first of the four runs in

and post, the piers were enlarged in later runs significantly reducing the development of shrinkage cracking in those later installations.

“The foundation design for the stair uses the timber posts as embedded poles to provide lateral support. The concrete serves largely as cover over the wood providing a broad bearing surface to push against the earth. The observed cracking in its current state should not impair the function or the structural integrity of the stair system.”

“The stair structure was designed with the use of pressure treated timber regularly used in projects where the timber is exposed to the elements such as moisture; however, we do believe a grout/mortar should be used to fill the cracks and prevent moisture from penetrating the surface of the pier thus mitigating any possible concern of premature degradation of the wood post.”

City Manager Domer said, “The project, as with all city projects, was run through the same plan check and inspection process that all private projects go through. That means that the structural calculations and specifications met code and inspection.”

“There are over 180 pilings with an average depth running from 5 feet to over 9 1/2 feet, all with structural rebar in the cement piers.”

“Not 100% of them are dead center, however, from the one attachment that was a response to material sent in by Josh Ferguson, the size of the piles was increased from a planned 18-inch diameter to 24-inch diameter due to the conditions present. The structural engineer signed off on those not centered due to the sizing and rebar.”

He said there is a plan to increase the maintenance budget for the stairs and the monitoring of them to see how they stand up to heavy use. Also the stairs will be included in the new Facilities Master Plan which includes evaluation of city facilities.

ACROSS
1. Rounded hairsto
2. Banana-related plant
3. Thrice repeated word
4. Not fooled by
5. “All kidding ___...”
6. Plucked instruments
7. Kind of sax
8. Actor Grant
9. Hacienda brick
10. —– the jackpot!”
11. San Francisco Bay island
12. “Insecure” creator Rae
13. “Go on ...”
14. Boxer Spinks
15. Caesar or Cobb
16. Ken of “harrywomerng“
17. Surveyor’s map
18. Preface
19. La Jolla sch.
20. Canded co-host of “The View!”
23. Middle grade
25. Fact-check Yankovic?
26. C D predecessors
27. Fluminox
28. Dr. Frankenstein’s workplace
29. John Wayne Airport code
32. —— throat
33. Hubbub
35. “Psych” network
37. Franken and Gore
38. Candied actress of “Laugh-hi!”
39. Pellet or B B gun, e.g.
40. Don’t waste
41. Organization protecting workers
42. “World Famous” San Diego
43. Turkish title
47. Like some lines
48. Inquire
50. Chooses
52. ___ is Coming!” (first episode of “Game of Thrones”)
53. Sea (between Turkey and Greece)
54. ___ Bunny
56. Third largest island in the Philippines
58. Beginning
61. Tropical root
62. “The Sopranos” actress de Matteo
63. “Insecure” creator Rae
64. Karate outfit
65. Anthony and Jacobs
66. Leave in, to an editor
67. Catalina, e.g.
68. Mountain ridge
69. Navy commando
70. Outbuilding
71. Friars Club event
72. Obama’s Secretary of Education Duncan

DOWN
1. Llama relative
2. Cut down (as a tree)
3. Wandered
4. Not fooled by
5. “All kidding ______.”
6. Plucked instruments
7. Kind of sax
8. Actor Grant
9. Hacienda brick
10. —– the jackpot!”
11. San Francisco Bay island
12. British PM before Gladstone
13. “Go on ...”
14. Poor
22. Helms and Sheeran
26. CD predecessors
28. Dr. Frankenstein’s workplace
30. C疾病
31. Baseball bat wood
34. Mine find
36. Marge’s father-in-law on “The Simpsons”
Frederick Taylor Mason

Born in Los Angeles, where his father taught at Los Angeles City College, Fred spent his elementary school years in Los Angeles until World War II when his father enlisted in the military. In order to live near him at the El Toro Marine Base, his mother moved Fred and his sister to Newport Beach, where Fred attended and graduated from Newport Harbor High School. After the war, the family moved to North Hollywood, and Fred attended Los Angeles City College, then U.C.L.A. Knowing since childhood he wanted to be a lawyer, Fred headed for Boalt Hall, UC Berkeley’s Law School.

Three years later, after passing the Bar Exam, Fred was immediately inducted into the Army and sent to Germany, where he served in the Judge Advocate General’s office in Frankfurt and got valuable experience defending GIs. He was always proud that he got three out of five acquittals within the entire Northern European Command that year. Having met Joyce McKinney at U.C.L.A., she asked him to fly to Frankfurt, where they were married by the German Stadtsammel, with a marriage license in German. Plans to marry in the States never materialized but the marriage lasted 63 years.

Back in the States, Fred took a position practicing business law in Los Angeles and later joined the Launa, Chaffee, Hanna Law Firm in Fullerton, where he practiced general law. Moving to Fullerton in 1962 with Joyce and 2-year-old Pamela became a good life decision. Living in a smaller town, where an individual can make a difference, Fred became active in civic life. He joined the Optimist Club and did pro bono work for the Girl Scouts and the Children’s League. Soon a second daughter, Laurel, was born. With Cal State Fullerton growing rapidly, Fred helped start the first campus support group, Patrons of the Library, writing its Articles of Incorporation and becoming one of its first presidents.

Fred was also an active member in the Orange County Bar Association, serving as its president in 1974. With a third daughter, Karen, graduating from Fullerton High School in 1977-1990. One of the accomplishments that Fred found the most gratifying was to help save the old library building at the corner of Pomona and Whilshire. After the new and larger library on Commonwealth was completed, the City of Fullerton had plans to sell the old structure, built in 1956, by the 1980s.

Working with Dave Wolkington, a science professor at CSUF, the two had plans for the building to house a South Science Center and/or a Museum. Thanks to the efforts of this hard-working duo and the cooperation of the City, along with Fullerton College, Fullerton now has more than Fred and Dave had ever dreamed—not only a Museum but also the Museum Plaza, today an active gathering center for the people of Fullerton.

In 1994, the Fullerton Chamber of Commerce chose Fred as their Man-of-the-Year. Still eager to serve his community, Fred accepted an appointment from Councilman Buck Cadin to serve on the Library Board of Trustees. Fred’s last advisory role was on the Board of the College of Optometry. He retired from practicing law in 2008 and enjoyed his grandchildren, four of whom live in Fullerton. Fred is survived by his sister, Martha; his wife, Joyce; three daughters—Pam, Maureen, and Laurel; five grandchildren—Emily Wagner, Eleanor Nunez, Francisco Nunez, Jenna Estrada and Lila Estrada. His memorial service was held October 14 in the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fullerton.

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Janice Elaine Smith Ballard

Janice (known to her friends as Jan) was born September 23, 1935 in El Segundo, California. She passed away in Fullerton, September 26, 2018.

Her parents, Wilber and Ellen Smith, made their home in El Segundo, where during WWII Wilber worked for the Standard Oil Refinery and Ellen was a “Rosie the Riveter” working at Douglas Aircraft. Jan was 12 when the family moved to Bakersfield where she went to school and quickly made friends. She was a junior at Bakersfield High School with the corner of Pomona and Whilshire. After the move, she attended classes at Los Angeles City College, then U.C.L.A. Knowing since childhood she wanted to be a lawyer, Jan began her legal studies at UC Berkeley’s Law School and later joined the Launa, Chaffee, Hanna Law Firm in Fullerton, where she practiced general law. Moving to Fullerton in 1962 with Joyce and 2-year-old Pamela became a good life decision. Living in a smaller town, where an individual can make a difference, Jan became active in civic life. Jan accepted and lived in Santa Monica while Bob attended classes. In 1954, their son Steve was born. When Bob graduated, they moved back to Bakersfield to settle in and raise a family. Happily, they added Karen and Dennis to their family in 1955. Jan attended the First United Methodist Church of Fullerton until her retirement in 1995.

Janice’s most notable achievement was her marriage to her husband, Robert “Bob” Ballard. They married on Valentine’s Day in 1953 and Jan graduated in June. Bob and Jan continued their married life at UCLA where Bob had been accepted and lived in Santa Monica while Bob attended classes. In 1954, their daughter, Karen, was born. When Bob graduated, they moved back to Bakersfield to settle in and raise a family. Happily, they added Karen and Dennis to their family in 1955. Jan attended the First United Methodist Church of Fullerton until her retirement in 1995.

Attending the First United Methodist Church of Fullerton met her life-long friends. Through one of these friends, Jan was asked to join PEO Chapter Y. Jan jumped right in...Always ready to serve, always ready to volunteer her time and expert Jan made technical edits to Chapter Y’s newsletter and to the newsletter for PEO chapters in Jan’s beautiful life. Her Fullerton days were marked by her loving care to her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Jan leaves cherished memories to her husband, Bob, his children, Steve (Paula), Karen McDowell (Doug) and Dennis. She leaves her heartfelt love forever to her granddaughters, Wesley and Lindsey and the joys of their life, her great-grandchildren Penny Jo and Harlow. The memories she created for her family will never be forgotten. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations made to PEO Chapter Y Scholarship Fund c/o PEO Chapter Y, PO. Box 5633, Fullerton, CA 92838.

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ANSWER KEY to the puzzle on page 7: “BEFORE & AFTER, SWEETLY.”
Selected Ballot Initiatives: What They Are About (Part 2)

by Jane Rands

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tisements (and even pro and con state-
ments in the ballot) about the initiatives
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to be truthful. They sometimes use
tricks to reflect the correct information.
Voters discern the truth.

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to improve mental health care. The
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Prop 6: Dialysis

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Significant funding changes for the propo-
sitions reported in Part 1 on page 20 of
the Early October Fullerton Observer.

Proponent and Opponent Finance Reports:

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