

To Our Friends & Supporters

There has been a lot going on atop the Peninsula.

First the PVPUSD School Board. This is something all might wish to observe. The RPV Council decided to insert themselves into the PVP School Board process. At the first meeting of the new Board of Trustee's in early December, RPV Councilman Tom Long, RPV Councilman Larry Clark's wife Becky and their *friend* Tom Redfield (Renaissance and Revival Coalition) appeared before the new School Board. Their purpose was to question the Board Officer election process. Their position was that Board Member Dave Tomlin should be elected President. That did not occur.

The January 17th RPV Council meeting had an agenda item concerning RPV school boundaries. The Eastview area is within the LA Unified school boundaries. About 8 years ago legislation was enacted that allowed RPV students in the Eastview area the option to attend either PVP schools or LA schools. About 1,000 children in Eastview have elected to attend PVP schools. It is unknown how many remain in LA Unified schools. It should be noted that the LA Unified elementary (Crestwood) & Dodson middle school are located in the Eastview area.

Apparently there are some in Eastview that consider themselves 2nd class citizens as they cannot vote for the PVP School Board or PVPUSD school bonds / taxes. During the January 17th Council meeting, Councilmen Clark & Gardiner were extremely concerned that anyone in Eastview would, "during their watch", consider themselves 2nd class citizens. Interestingly, there were just two speakers at that meeting concerning this matter. Don Schultz, an Eastview activist and Christine Schmitz. It was later reported by the Daily Breeze that Christine Schmitz was Councilman Gardiner's daughter. One wonders why this fact was not announced in the Council meeting when Ms. Schmitz gave her testimony? Readers may find it interesting that the Council rearranged the agenda, presumably, to accommodate speakers such as daughters and friends of the Council. The school boundary matter was discussed for about 1½ hours. This left other RPV residents to wait until late in the session to present their business to the Council. Undoubtedly, we will be hearing a lot more on this subject.

There are a number of issues including possible costs that all PVP residents may have to bear if Eastview school boundaries are changed. The issue of legal precedence concerning Eastview school boundaries and funding is very complex. PVP Watch will seek documents of public interest for posting on the pvpwatch.com web site.