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November 7th - Election Day in Rancho Palos Verdes

PVP Watch invited all six (6) City Council to be interviewed concerning their opinions why they are pursuing a Council position. Following is PVP Watch's findings of those discussions.

2017 Rancho Palos Verdes Municipal Election

On November 7, 2017, the citizens of Rancho Palos Verdes (RPV) will elect two new city council members to replace current council members Anthony Missetich and Brian Campbell. There are six candidates on the ballot and PVP Watch applauds all of them for putting forth the effort it takes to run a campaign for a job that demands countless hours of dedicated work and service, which is all too often not recognized by the community. PVP Watch invited all the candidates to be interviewed to discuss their qualifications for the office and their views on issues facing our city. Five of them accepted our invitation. Here are our conclusions and recommendations.

John Cruikshank, his wife and son have resided in RPV for 13 years. He has bachelors and master's degrees from the University of Southern California in civil engineering. He is the chief executive officer of a local civil engineering firm. Cruikshank is currently chairman of the RPV Planning Commission and has volunteered on local business, education and athletic boards. Cruikshank will bring a business acumen and civil engineering expertise to the council when confronting issues that come before them. He is aware of most, if not all, of the current problems facing our community through his position on the planning commission. For these reasons PVP Watch feels Cruikshank will bring impressive credentials to the council and deserves consideration of your vote in this election. www.johncruikshank.us

Krista Johnson has lived in Rancho Palos Verdes with her husband and two children for 17 years. Johnson is a current member of the RPV Finance Advisory Committee, served on the city's Storm Drain Oversight

Committee, is on the board of the Council of Homeowners Association of RPV and has been president of her neighborhood homeowners association. She has acted in a position of leadership in her children's Parent Teacher Associations here on the peninsula, as well as being active in her church, local athletic leagues, Boy Scouts and other organizations in our community. Johnson also brings a background of 30 years in the business community. Based on her longevity and activities in our community, plus a business background PVP Watch feels Johnson is well qualified for the council and deserves consideration of your vote in this election. www.kristajohnson4rpv.com

Dave Emehiser and his wife moved to RPV in 2000, where they have raised two sons who are now adults. Emehiser was educated at Indiana University where he earned his undergraduate degree, two master degrees and his doctorate in education. He is a retired executive from the telecommunication industry and the author of three books on management and organizational development. He is a current member of the RPV Planning Commission and has served as the chairman of that body, as well as being a former chairman of the RPV Finance Advisory Committee. Emehiser has served on his neighborhood homeowners association board of directors for the last 12 years and has been a representative to the Council of Homeowners Association of RPV. Emehiser ran for a council position in 2011. PVP Watch feels that with this civic, business and educational background Emehiser will bring a unique and valuable insight to the council, and deserves consideration of your vote in this election. www.daveemehiserforrpvcouncil2017

Matthew Vitalich is a 26 year old graduate of California State University at Long Beach who has lived in Rancho Palos Verdes his entire life. Vitalich has a good sense of the community, but has not held any of the positions that are critical to provide background as to how a city of approximately 42,000 people is run. Once he serves on some of the various municipal commissions or boards and gains this knowledge he might be a viable candidate. www.facebook.com/Matthew-Vitalich-for-RPV-City-Council-2017

Eric Alegria has a wife and three young children. He ran for the council in 2011 shortly after moving to RPV. Alegria has Master's in Public Administration from the University of Southern California. He is an articulate businessman who has served in various civic capacities in the communities that he has lived, including being a current member of the RPV Finance Advisory Committee. - <https://www.facebook.com/alegriaforrpv/>

Ben Kelly is the candidate who did not meet with us, so our observations are taken from his campaign literature and web site. Kelly is a recent graduate of Palos Verdes Peninsula High School and currently enrolled at El Camino College. While we commend his effort to instill political awareness in young voters we feel he does not have the civic, business or educational experience to lead our city. - www.facebook.com/KellyforCouncil2017

All candidates were queried about their fund raising and ability to fund a viable campaign. Mr. Alegria responded that he had received a “substantial contribution from a major elected official” but did not identify that person. A concern is that Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi who represents the 66th AD which includes RPV has made it known that he was going to help fund a Democrat for the RPV Council. We do not have any positive data that indicates Mr. Alegria is that person. However, with the current design of the 66th AD, Mr. Muratsuchi, aided by public employee union funding, was an enabling vote that gave the Democrats in Sacramento a super majority vote that is now increasing taxes for Californians and will likely eradicate the power of Prop 13. Assemblyman Muratsuchi is no friend to RPV and voters should be aware the Muratsuchi represents the potential dismantling of Prop 13.

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Chamber of Commerce – Friday September 22nd – Hesse Park 4:30 PM to P PM

Long Point HOA’s – Wednesday October 11th – PVIC (Point Vicente Interpretive Center) 7 PM

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The Saga(s) continues..... It was April 27th 2016 when the DTSC and other state agencies raided the PVP Unified School District facilities. After a year of bureaucratic delay, May 30th 2017, a DTSC approved soil test process was conducted and reported that results would be posted in 30 / 45 days. It is now over 100 days and no posted results. The DTSC has never posted the results of the soil samples gathered on the April **2016** raid, so who knows when the latest results will be posted??

The DTSC website - http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=60002419

Wireless Service in RPV

For those who have been following the wireless antenna caper (cell phone) at RPV City Hall, a new wrinkle is likely. California Senate Bill 649 has been approved by both the Assembly and the State Senate and is headed to the Governor’s office where approval is anticipated. One likely result is negating the current RPV wireless antenna ordinance enacted in early 2016 moot. A concern is that past regulations allowed cities to have some control over “Aesthetics” and how this will play out going forward is presently unknown.

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