



Special November 2012 Election Edition

Menlo Park resident creates moving billboard

By Isaac Ontiveros
East Palo Alto Today

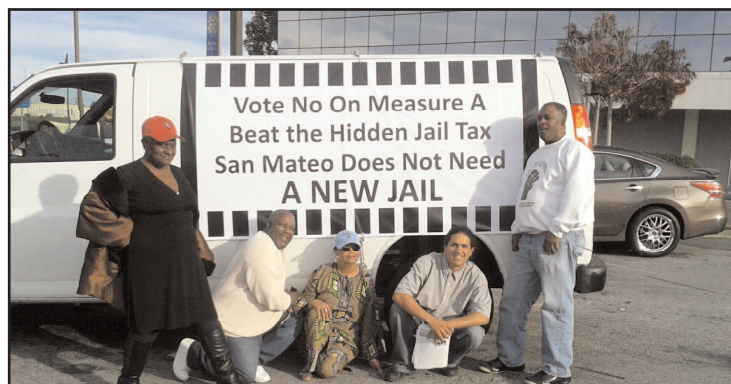
With the election just days away, one Menlo Park resident isn't resting until as many San Mateo County residents as possible know to vote against controversial Measure A. Dorsey Nunn will be crisscrossing the county this weekend in a van decorated with a simple message: "No Jail Tax". "I am tired of elected officials prioritizing imprisonment over education, jobs, healthcare

and other services," says Nunn. "I am tired of the county crying broke when we call for services and programs that help our community then suddenly wasting hundreds of millions of dollars to build a new jail to lock up those people instead. I am sick and tired of the damage this does to San Mateo County. And I'm not alone."

Nunn will be driving to neighborhoods, business districts, farmers' markets, and the site of the new jail to educate resi-

dents about Measure A's hidden agenda. Measure A, otherwise known as the Jail Tax, is a sales tax increase proposed by San Mateo County Board of Supervisors that would allot as much as \$30 million a year to staff a proposed new jail in Redwood City. As resistance to the jail construction has been growing, residents have expressed outrage over how the funding for the jail has been buried in

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Pam Strong, Dorsey Nunn, Ora Colbert Johnson, Manuel La Fontaine, and Richard Stamper, all residents of San Mateo County

Issues, not race, drive ethnic media endorsements for Obama



President Barack Obama

New America Media, News Report, NAM staff, Posted: Nov 02, 2012-EDITOR'S NOTE: New America Media surveyed some of the nation's leading ethnic media outlets and editors to see who, if anyone, they are endorsing in the 2012 presidential election. What NAM discovered is continued strong support for the incumbent. Much more interesting, however, are the reasons the media gave for their endorsement: While ethnic media editors cited Obama's policy positions and accomplishments during his first term, issues of race or identity politics were scarcely mentioned.

Following are excerpts of endorsements taken from a variety of Latino, Black and Asian media, with links to the complete articles and programs, where possible.

Vida en el Valle: "Obama deserves 4 more years"

The President has shown real political backbone when it came to dealing with this nation's worst economic crisis since the Great Depression; to hunting down and killing Osama bin Laden; to ending the war in Iraq and starting to bring back our troops from Afghanistan; and to passing healthcare reform, among other achievements. That he accomplished all of these despite the Republican obstructionists is a big credit to his role as a leader.

Job creation is on the increase, the mortgage mess is stabilizing, and the stock market has rebounded to pre-2008 meltdown levels.

Gov. Mitt Romney's... stances on various issues have been all over the map, in his quest to paint himself as a "moderate." It is too risky to wait until he is in the White

House to know what the Republican presidential candidate would do with immigration reform, relations in the Middle East, or economic stability.

Obama will need to lobby the American people to get a stubborn Republican Party to contribute to solving issues like immigration reform, continued economic recovery, and the implementation of healthcare reform.

Read more at: <http://www.vidaenelvalle.com/2012/10/30/v-print/1351939/obama-deserves-4-more-years.-html>

Eastern Group Publications: "Obama for President"

Medicare we believe is safe, as is Social Security, with a Democrat as president.

Probably one of the most important tasks the president will have to decide on will be the appointment of two and perhaps

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Millions of felons denied voting rights

By San Quentin News Staff

On Nov. 6, an estimated 5.85 million Americans could be kept away from the ballot box due to felony convictions, according to a report by a criminal justice reform advocacy group. The Sentencing Project estimates 75 percent of disenfranchised felons are no longer incarcerated.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1974 that states have the constitutional authority to restrict voting by convicted felons.

The voting irregularities of the 2000

and 2004 presidential elections drew nationwide attention to the estimated five million Americans barred from voting by a variety of state laws that deny people with criminal records the right to vote — sometimes temporarily, sometimes permanently.

Voting rights of felons and ex-felons are restricted in 48 states. Maine and Vermont are the only states that extend voting rights to incarcerated Americans.

Californians can vote only after they get off parole; however, Pennsylvanians can register to vote when they

are re-leased from prison.

Mississippi has 22 ways to disenfranchise potential voters. Stealing timber is one of them, while manslaughter is not. Disenfranchised Mississippians who want their voting rights back must get the approval of two-thirds in both houses of the state Legislature, and then go through a gubernatorial process that includes the power to veto.

If you distribute pornography in Alabama, you will be disenfranchised, according to an on-line article by

News21.

In Kentucky, ex-cons must get the approval of the governor to restore their voting rights.

"When people are punished for crimes that they've committed, that should not involve forfeiting their basic rights of citizenship, which is what felony disenfranchisement does," said Marc Mauer, executive director of The Sentencing Project.

This article was reprinted from the October issue of the San Quentin News.

Election Day 2012 - National, county and state issues

PRESIDENT

President/Vice President of the United States (Vote for 1)

Roseanne Barr/Cindy Sheehan, Peace and Freedom
 Thomas Hoefling/Robert Ornelas, American Independent
 Gary Johnson/James P. Gray, Libertarian
 Barack Obama/Joseph Biden, Democratic
 Mitt Romney/Paul Ryan, Republican
 Jill Stein/Cheri Honkala, Green

US CONGRESS

United States Senator

Elizabeth Emken, Republican
 Dianne Feinstein, Democratic

United States Representative; District 14

Deborah "Debbie" Bacigalupi, Republican
 Jackie Speier, Democratic

STATE SENATE

State Senator; District 13

Jerry Hill, Democratic
 Sally J. Lieber, Democratic

COUNTY

Supervisor; County of San Mateo; District 4

Shelly Masur
 Warren Slocum

STATE ASSEMBLY

Member of the State Assembly; District 24

Richard S. Gordon, Democratic
 Chengzhi "George" Yang, Republican

SPECIAL DISTRICT

Commissioner; San Mateo County Harbor District (3 Elected)

Sabrina Brennan	Neil Merrilees
Will Holsinger	Leo Padreddi
Brandon Kwan	Pietro Parravano

STATE PROPOSITIONS

Proposition 30 Temporary Taxes to Fund Education. Guaranteed Local Public Safety Funding

Should the California Constitution be amended to (a) temporarily increase sales and personal income tax rates; (b) guarantee certain revenue transfers to local governments; and (c) eliminate state funding of certain mandates to local governments?

Proposition 31 State Budget. State and Local Government

Should the state constitution and law be amended to require government performance reviews and two-year budget cycles, to prohibit the Legislature from creating certain expenditures unless offsetting revenues or spending cuts are identified, and to make changes in certain responsibilities of local government, the Legisla-

ture and the Governor?

Proposition 32 Political Contributions by Payroll Deduction. Contributions to Candidates

Should unions, corporations, government contractors and state and local government employers be prohibited from using payroll-deducted funds, or in some instances their own funds, for political expenditures?

Proposition 33 Auto Insurance Companies. Prices Based on Driver's History of Insurance Coverage

Should automobile insurance companies be permitted to offer a discount to drivers who have continuously maintained their insurance coverage, even if they change their insurance company?

Proposition 34 Death Penalty

Should the death penalty be repealed and replaced with life imprisonment without possibility of parole when someone is convicted of murder with specified special circumstances?

Proposition 35 Human Traf-

ficking. Penalties

Should the definition of human trafficking be expanded, penalties for traffickers be increased, convicted sexual traffickers be required to register as sex offenders, and additional training for law enforcement officers be required?

Proposition 36 Three Strikes Law. Repeat Felony Offenders. Penalties

Should California law be amended to provide that a life sentence should not be imposed for a third felony conviction unless the third conviction is for a serious or violent felony?

Proposition 37 Genetically Engineered Foods. Labeling

Should labeling be required on foods containing genetically modified ingredients when such foods (whether raw or processed, plant or animal) are offered for sale to consumers in California?

Proposition 38 Tax to Fund Education and Early Childhood Programs

Should California's personal in-

come tax rates be increased during 2013-24 to provide funds for public schools, early childhood education programs, and state debt payments?

Proposition 39 Tax Treatment for Multistate Businesses. Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Funding

Should the California tax code be changed to require multistate firms to pay income taxes based on a percentage of their sales in

California, with roughly half of the resulting tax increase to be used to fund clean/efficient energy projects for five years?

Proposition 40 Redistricting. State Senate Districts

Should the current state Senate districts be retained?

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Election Day 2012 - Local issues and candidates

SCHOOL BOARD

County Board of Education; County of San Mateo; Trustee Area 7 (Vote for 1)



Joe Ross



Jo-Ann "Sockolov" Byrne

Board Member; Ravenswood City School District (Vote for 2)



Marco A. Chavez



Robert Gomez



Marilu L. Serrano



Sharifa Wilson

EAST PALO ALTO CITY COUNCIL (Vote for 3)



Bernardo Huerta



Larry J. Moody



Laura Martinez



A. Peter Evans



Jorge Prado



Donna M. Rutherford



Lisa Yarbrough-Gauthier

Local measures

Measure A Transaction and Use Tax – County of San Mateo (Majority Approval Required)

To ensure San Mateo quality of life by retaining critical facilities/services such as: child abuse prevention, 911 dispatch, fire prevention,

after-school library reading/homework programs; keeping parks open; maintaining seismically safe hospital/emergency rooms which may include substantial funding to replace Seton Hospital/emergency room for low-income

children/seniors/disabled; and other County services, shall San Mateo County levy a half-cent sales tax for ten years, which the State cannot take away, with oversight/independent audits?

Measure B Amending the Charter concern-

ing Election of its Members – County of San Mateo (Majority Approval Required)

Shall the San Mateo County Charter be amended so that each member of the Board of Supervisors will cease to be elected by an at-large vote of all the voters in the County but is instead elected only by the voters

of his or her district?

Measure C Charter Amendment for Appointed Controller – County of San Mateo (Majority Approval Required)

Shall the San Mateo County Charter be amended to change the elected position of Controller to an appointed position?

East Palo Alto City Council makes appointments

2012 Newly Appointed Boards, Commissions and Committee Members

Planning Commission

Court Skinner – Appointed to seat 3 for a 3 year term ending May 31, 2015

Richard Sherrard - Appointed to seat 4 for a 3 year term ending May 31, 2015
Jorge Prado – Appointed to seat 5 for a 1 year term ending May 31, 2013

Alex Quezada - Appointed to seat 7 for a 3 year term ending May 31, 2015

Tameeka Bennett – Appointed to alternate seat 8 for a 1 year term ending May 31, 2013

Public Works and Transportation

Commission

Al Barlevy – Appointed to a seat 1 for a 3 year term ending May 31, 2015
Richard Tatum - Appointed to seat 4 a regular 3 year term ending May 31, 2015
Arthur "Lee" Gray – Appointed to seat 7 to fill an unexpired term ending May 31, 2013

Braulio Gonzalez – Appointed to alternate seat 8 for a term ending May 31, 2013

Rent Stabilization Board

Midge Dorn – Appointed to seat 1 for a 3 year term ending May 31, 2015

Sonja Spencer - Appointed to seat 3 for a 3 year term ending May 31, 2015

Anna Turner – Appointed to seat 4 for a 3 year term ending May 31, 2015

Shyree Randolph - Appointed to seat 5 for a 3 year term ending May 31, 2015

Brenda Naranjo – Appointed to alternate seat 8 for a 3 year term ending May 31, 2015

term ending May 31, 2015

Senior Advisory Committee

Richard Tatum – Appointed to seat 2 for a 3 year term ending May 31, 2015

Ruth Cossey – Appointed to seat 4 for a 1 year term ending

May 31, 2013
Michael Francois – Appointed to seat 5 for a 3 year term ending May 31, 2015

David Tschang – Appointed to seat 7 for a 1 year term ending May 31, 2013
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even three new Supreme Court Justices. We feel that there needs to be more balance on a Court that in recent years has moved far to the right on matters of corporate responsibility and rights for workers and women. We believe Obama's appointments (to the Supreme Court) will be more centrist.

Read more at: <http://egp-news.com/2012/11/ballot-recommendations-%E2%80%93-tuesday-nov-6-election-3/>

La Opinion: "There is no clearer choice for Hispanic voters than to re-elect President Barack Obama"

In the face of fierce opposition, the President managed to pass a healthcare bill that will extend benefits to many in our community. The Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare, adds 9 million Latinos currently without coverage to the health care rolls – a life-saving boost for a community that suffers the highest uninsured rates in the country. The very idea of repealing this law, which Romney proposed, is nonsense.

On health care, there is also a big difference between both candidates when it comes to women's reproductive health. With Romney, women are at risk of losing ac-

cess to important services in employer-provided health insurance, like the option to make decisions about their bodies and health.

The President recognizes the needs of our community and the brilliance of our sons and daughters. His historic appointment of Justice Sonia Sotomayor to the Supreme Court is the brightest example of this. Left up to Romney, Justice Sotomayor would not be sitting on the Supreme Court. The Republican candidate has said that given the chance, he would have voted against her nomination.

The blunt reality is that Romney has not worked to gain the trust of Latinos.

Read more at: <http://newamericamedia.org/2012/10/la-opinion-endorses-obama.php>

La Voz del Pueblo: "Being Republican is synonymous with being anti-Hispanic."

Ed. Note: Fernando Sergio, host of Denver's La Voz del Pueblo radio program on Que Bueno 1280 AM, has endorsed President Obama. The excerpt below was taken from a column he wrote for Viva Colorado:

Romney simply can't connect with the average voter,

and even less with the Hispanic voter. Eight years ago George W. Bush conquered 44 percent of the Latino vote and Republicans spoke of a new national majority, but their optimism was a myth. Hard to believe, but a few years later the GOP and its stubbornness has led to a profound disappointment in our community. Now being Republican is synonymous with being anti-Hispanic.

Everything points to a comfortable victory for President Obama in the Hispanic community; almost 70 percent of Latino voters support him. Let it be clear that no one here is talking about idolizing Obama; the failure of many of his promises have caused a lot of disappointment. But Romney, followed by [Arizona Republican Gov. Jan] Brewer, [Arizona immigration law SB 1070 author Kris] Kobach and [Maricopa County Sheriff Joe] Arpaio, represents an unthinkable nightmare.

There is one guilty party, and his name is Mitt Romney, who, in seeking to win at all costs has reached extremes that have caused a sharp rejection by Latino voters.

Read more at: <http://www.vivacolorado.com/o>

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Hear more at: <http://www.radioquebueno.com/indexFlashEng.html> Watch more at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0gYIEpF-6N8>

Beirut Times: "Obama's economic plan will get 1.5 million more people working"

Ed. Note: In an emailed response, Beirut Times Editor Mona Smith told NAM that her paper will be endorsing President Obama for his economic plan.

Beirut Times will endorse President Barack Obama, because according to the Economic Policy Institute, the Romney-Ryan economic plan would cost Americans a net 4.1 million jobs. On the other hand, Obama's plan to continue the stimulus will get 1.5 million more people working.

All those people who are going back to work will have more cash to spend, which means they'll further boost the economy. Obama will reduce taxes on the middle class, while increasing them on the

wealthiest Americans, who use the infrastructure disproportionately and can well afford to pay for it.

Last but not the least, he chose his main opponent, Hillary Clinton as the Secretary of State -- she has been a strong voice in support of women, children and democracy throughout the world.

Sing Tao: "President Obama's plan could grow the economy in the next four years."

Ed. Note: In a phone interview, Sing Tao Editor-in-Chief Joseph Leung told NAM that the daily newspaper's editorial board is endorsing President Obama.

Many voters...blame [Obama] for the weak economy, but our editorial board thinks the problem is not only [the fault of] the Obama administration, but also the Bush administration.

Our team wants to endorse a candidate who offers a clear vision for solving the country's problems. Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney has changed his agenda on tax plans to please voters in order to get more

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votes. During a GOP debate in Arizona in February, Romney said, "We're going to cut taxes on everyone across the country by 20 percent, including the top 1 percent." However, during the first presidential debate, Romney said that he would "absolutely not" support a plan that cuts taxes on the wealthy.

Romney said he would label China a currency manipulator on his first day in office. He also said that a cheap Chinese Yuan matters, because it gives China a competitive advantage, making it easier for Chinese manufacturers to sell their exports inexpensively. However, Romney himself has long invested in China and put millions into Chinese firms.

New Pittsburgh Courier: "Obama is fighting for the middle-class...where the vast majority of Black people are"

There's a clear difference between President Obama and Mitt Romney. Obama is fighting for the middle-class, and low-income citizens, where the vast majority of Black people are, whereas Romney believes in the top down theory.

Boosting the economy for the middle-class, which will lead to more jobs is Obama's top priority. As proven in the Clinton administration, when the middle-class grows so do the minority communities. There were more Blacks and other minorities and women move into the middle-class than in any other time in history.

Obama is working on getting more innovative, and creative new manufacturing jobs instead of the Romney method of buying up companies for profits then outsourcing the jobs.

Romney ...will increase military spending which will take funds from the social programs Blacks so desperately need and

you don't spend more on something unless you plan to use it.

One of those cuts most likely will be education, which would be devastating to the Black community. Obama understands the importance of education to the growth of this country and how every child should have access to it, K-12, college and trade schools, regardless of income, whereas Romney lives in a different world. He says students should borrow from their parents. That's great if your parents are rich, but most middle-class parents simply don't have it.

Read more at: http://www.new-pittsburghcourieronline.com/?option=com_content&view=article&id=8498:this-vote-is-critical-relect-obama-our-endorsements&catid=40:opinion&Itemid=54&fontstyle=f-smaller

Cleveland's Call & Post: "We believe this president [Obama] is cut from an entirely different cloth"

In the wake of a severe storm that paralyzed many of our eastern states in the blink of an eye, President BObama is on the case with all the federal resources that he can muster and at the same damn time, he's working hand-in-hand with governors of the affected states.

While we can't help but to recall the aftermath of hurricane Katrina and the ineptness that President George W. Bush displayed – costing lives and affecting the displacement of a myriad of Gulf Coast residents (many of whom are still disenfranchised) – on the other hand, we believe this president is cut from an entirely different cloth.

Time and again, President Obama has faced down circumstances both critical in national magnitude and world-changing in tone and timbre. Need we add that President Obama has been able to redirect our nation from the brink of collapse despite a

GOP-led U.S. Senate of obstructionists?

Too late, we already did. But, we must also say shame on a political party who has collectively decided to go against whatever the president is for, even if some of the things he's for are things they too had been for – and all of this for a one-term agenda to defeat an Obama re-election. In a world of swindlers it's what they call among grifters, a "long con." *Read more at: <http://www.callandpost.com/index.php/news/politics/2983-the-call-a-post-endorse-president-barack-obama-for-re-election>*

The Washington Afro American: "His healthcare reform was the signature accomplishment of his administration"

President Barack Obama is running for a second term on the strength of his health care reform, his foreign policy initiatives, job creation, the auto industry bailout, banking industry reform and passage of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009. Among many African Americans, his healthcare reform was the signature accomplishment of his administration—providing care at a lower cost; allowing children to remain covered on their parents' insurance plans up to the age of 26; and covering people with preexisting conditions.

We are not surprised that Obama hasn't fulfilled a number of his 2008 promises. The mountain of uncooperative, disrespectful—at times insulting—tactics, schemes etc., he has been subjected to, almost since the inception of his term, exceeds anything any other President in recent memory has had to endure.

We recognize that once re-elected, this environment will not

likely change—at least immediately.

However, we believe that a 2nd term itself will be a mandate that it is his vision and actions the American people support as opposed to those championed by the intractable conservative Republican blockade currently in Congress.

While Obama has been criticized by some African Americans for not moving faster to address our concerns—the staggering 14 percent Black unemployment rate, to name one—we believe him to be more sensitive to these

issues. We realize that in spite of his hands being congressionally tied in addressing our community's specific issues, Obama nevertheless represents a far better chance for these concerns to be addressed than would be the case were Mitt Romney our President.

Read more at: <http://www.afro.com/sections/opinion/story.htm?storyid=76485>

I am proud to represent the East Palo Alto community in the State Assembly, and I look forward to serving you in the new 24th Assembly District. Please remember to vote on November 6th.



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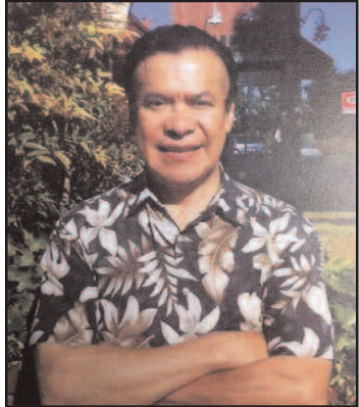
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Lifecycles

Obituary: Raphael Miranda

October 24, 1948 - October 13, 2012



Raphael Miranda

Raphael Miranda was a very enthusiastic, positive, hard-working, and giving person. He always tried to help others to make their lives better and happier.

He was also a dreamer but was able to accomplish many of his dreams by preparing himself in the fields he was in-

terested in doing.

In his late years, he was diagnosed with diabetes and became more health conscious and tried to spread the word to others to help improve people's health.

One of his dreams was to become a chef and began training so he could start working in that field for which he did during his last years.

He also loved to produce community television and became very active and involved in the production of several TV shows.

He was very active in the production of "Frente Unido," a TV show that promoted art, culture, and important health or political information for the Hispanic and Latino community in the Bay area.

Raphael Miranda was an avid and quick learner and an eager reader. He was also very dedicated to his family

and was one of the youngest brothers who always look after the elder sisters.

He gave comforting words to the elder and encouraging words to the young.

He was also kind and generous person that will always be remembered by those who met him, loved him, and cared about him.

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Bob Gomez has been honored for his work in the City of East Palo Alto by various organization, including **Nuestra Casa**, by the **Peninsula Interfaith Action**, by the **Prenatal Advantage and Black Infant Health Project**, the **Reclaiming Fatherhood Group** and the **East Palo Alto Police Department**.

Bob also received special **U.S. Congressional recognition** from Congresswoman Anna Eshoo for his volunteer service to the East Palo Alto community.

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Election Day - A few political quotes

Leadership can not be measured in a poll or even in the result of an election. It can only be truly seen with the benefit of time. From the perspective of 20 years, not 20 days.

Marco Rubio

If everybody that voted in 2008 shows up in 2010, we will win this election. We will win this election.

Pres. Barack Obama

This is a frightening statistic. More people vote in 'American Idol' than in any US election.

Rush Limbaugh

A politician thinks of the next election. A statesman, of the next generation.

James Freeman Clarke

People know something has gone terribly wrong with our government and it has gotten so far off track. But people also know that there is nothing wrong in America that a good old-fashioned election can't fix.

Sarah Palin

A citizen of America will cross the ocean to fight for democracy, but won't cross the street to vote in a national election.

Bill Vaughan

In every election in American history both parties have their cliches. The party that has the cliches that ring true wins.

Newt Gingrich

It would be a much better country if women did not vote. That is simply a fact. In fact, in every presidential election since 1950 - except Goldwater in '64 - the Republican would have won, if only the men had voted.

Ann Coulter

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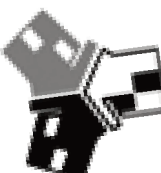


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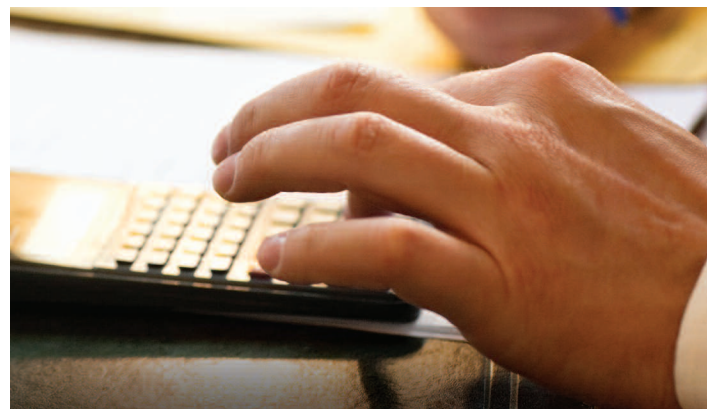
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From the Editor's Desk

How will Californians vote on November 6?

Well, the nation is literally on "pins and needles," so to speak, wondering who will be elected as this nation's next president. Some political observers say that the presidential election has stirred up more excitement than past presidential elections have. I heard just today that the divisiveness in the country is such that whoever wins will leave half the voting electorate disappointed and even angry. In a few communities, the police departments might be preparing for riots to occur depending on which candidate loses.



Henrietta J. Burroughs

(1,510). The 45-54 year olds are next with 1,455 and the 35-44 year olds come in next with (1,219).

Of these groups, 733 are Latino voters, 434 are African Americans, 312 are white and 301 are Pacific Islanders. Of all of the voters in East Palo Alto 6,518 are of unknown ethnicity, which might mean that those in this category declined to state. So, we really do not have an accurate breakdown by ethnicity of all of the voters in East Palo Alto.

According to the latest statewide statistics, there are 18.2 million Californians who are registered to vote in a statewide population where there are nearly 24 million who are eligible to vote.

The latest data from the San Mateo County Registrar's office shows that there are currently 361,486 newly registered voters in San Mateo County.

Of this number, more than half, 185,331, are registered as Democrats and 70,346 are registered as Republicans. Of the total number of voters registered, 91,994 have registered with No Party Preference (NPP).

Looking at only the City of East Palo Alto, there are a total of 8,402 newly registered voters, which is a number that increased from the 7,297 who registered last year. Within these numbers, there are 5,401 registered Democrats and 729 registered Republicans with 1,986 who are NPP.

Surprisingly, these numbers are lower than they were in November 2008, when there were 6,295 registered Democrats and 1,285 registered Republicans out of a total of 10,034 newly registered East Palo Alto voters. In 2011, the number of registered voters dropped to the lowest number than it has been since the 2008 election.

These figures support the idea that more people come out to vote during a presidential election than they do during the primary elections.

One can get a lot of information by looking at statistics, assuming that they are accurate. For example, in East Palo Alto, the largest number of newly registered voters are between the ages of 25-34 (1,824). The next largest group is between the ages of 18-24

This past October, the California Secretary of State's office released statistics showing that in the state as a whole, 43.7% of the voters were registered as Democrats, while 29.4% were registered as Republicans. In 2008, those numbers were 44.4% and 31.4% respectively.

In the 2008 election, there were 26 California counties where the majority registered as Democrats and 32 counties that had Republican majorities. This year 28 California counties have democratic majorities and 30 have Republican majorities.

In short, California is a state where Democratic voters outnumber Republican voters. But contrary to one report that I heard, it is too early to declare that the Republican Party in California is becoming an endangered species.

I don't generally write an article that has so many statistics, but the statistics speak for themselves when it comes to giving a picture of what is going on locally and in California as a whole.

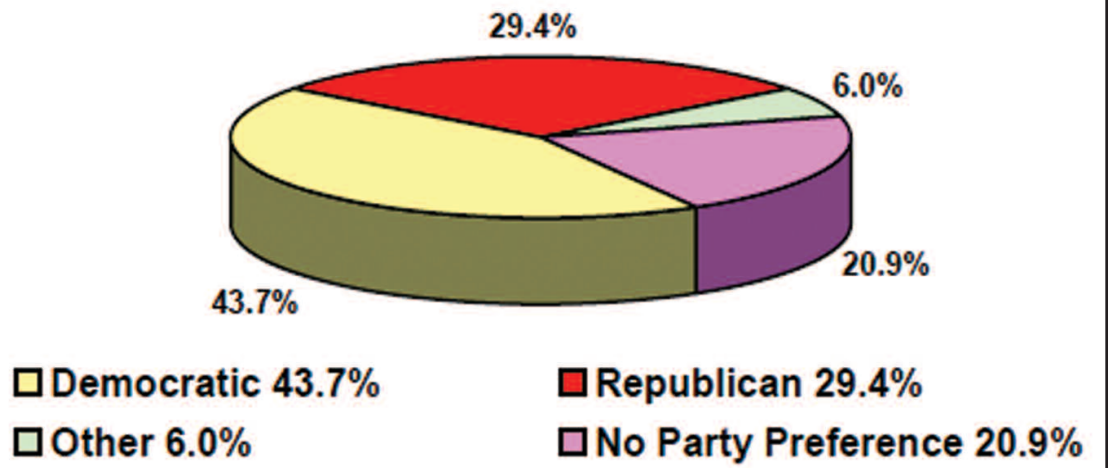
East Palo Alto is changing and the State of California is changing. Given the numbers, it is quite clear why California is listed among the blue states. The presumption is that California voters will vote to re-elect President Obama.

Life is full of surprises, but another outcome in California is not expected to be one of the surprises we can expect in the upcoming November 6 election.

Given the fact that the presidential candidates are said to be running neck and neck in the race, the biggest surprise might be in which candidate will be selected.

Half the nation will be joyous and the other half sad. That, in itself, is a big statistic to comprehend.

Political Party Registration Percentages



Graph and statistics courtesy of the Office of the California Secretary of State

Letters in East Palo Alto Today

Pulling the district from the "sewer"

Dear Editor,

Two articles have recently appeared in your paper regarding the East Palo Alto Sanitary District.

The first on October 1 was an article that reported on the 4-0 vote by the Sanitary District Board to censure one of its directors.

While as the president of the current board, I am appreciative of the attention your paper has found necessary to give the agency, it is unfortunate that the good work the board has done since the dysfunctional period that characterized the district's operations prior to 2002 has received little coverage.

We have as a board, working together, pulled the district literally from the "sewer", if you would excuse the pun.

The last few boards have brought back the district to financial solvency through astute financial stewardship as well as implementing capital projects that would in the long term save the district thousands of dollars.

For instance, the district recently completed Sewer Rehabilitation project that refurbished a 24 inch 5,000 feet long trunk-line is expected to save the district an estimated \$180,000 per year. This in both reduced water flow to the treatment plant and operations and maintenance expenses.

The district was able to get a

\$1.7 million at 2% interest loan to complete the project, a loan possible only because of the excellent financial standing the district has.

We have restored the staff of the district to full time work after previous mismanagement had necessitated furloughs that in our mind deprived ratepayers of essential services because staff was not available.

Staff morale is high and the litigious environment that characterized the district in previous regimes is truly in the "sewer".

All of these achievements have been possible only because we have a board that generally works well together regardless as to who is the president. There are of course disagreements but the general expectation or rule that most directors abide by is that we can disagree but we do not have to do it disagreeably.

Directors on the board have full time jobs. As such it is very difficult for them to breakaway or take time off from their jobs frequently to participate in committee meetings. In an effort to be efficient with their time as well as to meet appropriately their obligations to their jobs and supervisors, the directors agreed to consolidate their meetings such that instead of taking time off of their regular work several times a week, they would schedule multiple district meetings on the same day. In making that decision the board and staff did not make note of the

state law and or the board's policies regarding the number of meetings that can be held on one day.

The board has since corrected the error.

On the second article, Directors have been encouraged over the years to take advantage of district related conferences as a means of familiarizing themselves with the best practices in the area of sewer and special district management, environmental regulations, waste, wastewater treatment, recycled water etc. Information garnered and education received from these conferences only contribute to the pool of knowledge within the district, knowledge that can only better the directors' ability to serve the needs of residents in our district.

This encouragement has been inspired by several reasons, the most important one of which is that directors are elected officials! They get elected into office not because of their extensive knowledge of sewer services but because of their interest, as ratepayers, on having some control on how the services are provided to them. They, as such, may come with not as much knowledge of the details of their mandate. Conferences and workshops, associations with similar colleagues from all over the country are critical in making them into the effective directors

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The realities of a Romney, Ryan White House

By Laura Savage
East Palo Alto Today

Abortion, immigration and Romney, Oh my!

The Romney Ryan campaign has a huge hill to climb courting women, people of color and other minority voters.

Romney's out-spoken beliefs on women's issues: whether women should be afforded the right to choose abortion or not and have access to health care, as well as his comments about the bottom 47% of Americans being dependent on government is a sure sign of what's to come, if he's elected our next president.

Ryan as a running mate isn't helping much either. His involvement on the senate budget committee leaves a trail of overtly discriminatory policies that dispropor-



Laura Savage

tionately affect low income and people of color.

Romney on Women, and access to Health Care

When it comes to women, Romney stated in the GOP Presidential Nominee debate that he wants to repeal Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court ruling that solidified a woman's right to an abortion and would pull funding for Planned Parenthood, which

serves as the only medical care provider for many low-income woman and people of color.

Romney critics say his stance on Planned Parenthood constitutes a 'war on women', but in reality it furthers his stance on minorities and people of color.

Planned Parenthood provides breast, cervical and ovarian cancer screenings that save lives, it also provides prostate and testicular cancer screening for men; access to birth control and low-cost abortions to patients who qualify; and is often the only source for wellness checks many low-income men and women receive.

Romney also confirmed his desire to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA), signed into law by President Obama. The law is popularly known as ObamaCare.

Romney wants to leave it up to individual states to create a health plan, which was the case before the ACA.

States had a difficult time delivering. To make matters worse, according to Seattle news site Crosscut.com, he wants to distribute Medicaid in block grants to states. Since children make up the majority of Medicaid recipients in forty-four states, minority children may be grossly affected. It also means a set amount of money for each state to deliver health care. Someone is sure to be left without coverage.

In the second 2012 Presidential Debate, Town-hall, Romney proved just how clueless he is in regards to women and their social-economic position in America. When asked by Katherine Fenton how he would assure her

that the pay-differential between women and men, currently the scale shows that women make \$0.72 for every \$1.00 a man makes in the same position, Romney bursts into a rant about hiring women during his gubernatorial tenure in Massachusetts from 'binders full of women'.

Yes, he probably meant binders full of women qualified to serve in his cabinet, but that does not answer the question. What made it worse was the anecdote that followed in which, to paraphrase, he mentioned adjusting the workday to accommodate working mothers who needed to get home.

Laura Savage is a native East Palo Altan with a passion for social justice journalism.

This is the last call to vote!

By J. Samuel Díaz
East Palo Alto Today

HOW IT WAS IN THE PAST

Elections are tricky and can be confusing, especially for first time voters. It seems tedious filling out the paperwork and election ballots need to be correctly filled out or else they may be discarded. And though it seems as if all citizens had the right to vote since the nation's inception, that is not true! It was only with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 that African Americans, Mexicans, Native Americans, the poor and Latinos became enfranchised with the right to vote.

Prior to that, U.S. citizens arbitrarily had their right to vote contested. In some cases, folks were denied the right to register to vote. And when they would show up to vote they would be told they could not vote if they were illiterate or innumerate. Considering how schools back then did a poor job of teaching students how to read and how to count, that excluded many potential voters. Then voters were told they could not vote if

they did not speak English and that again excluded many residents, especially those living in rural areas and on reservations.

And if that weren't enough, the final obstacle to voting prior to 1965 was the infamous poll tax. The poll tax. It prevented the poor from voting if they could not afford to pay and helped the rich elite leverage their numbers and maintain their status quo. And finally, the rich elite of the past used misinformation and discouragement as final measures that kept poor potential voters disorganized and confused about their rights.

As part of his Great Society initiative, President Lyndon B. Johnson fought to get the Voting Rights Act of 1965 legislated and passed. And because of that effort, all U.S. citizens today have the right to vote and the right to register to vote. # It is one of our many civil rights!

TODAY'S CHALLENGE TO OUR RIGHT TO VOTE

Unfortunately, twenty-three states are currently promoting



J. Samuel Diaz

laws that would bring back all of the pre-1965 obstacles – along with all the veiled threats that go with them. And if that happens, the nation will regress to what it was before 1965.

So if there ever were a time to organize and vote, it might just be now. If this current trend of disenfranchising voters succeeds, then six million African Americans and ten million Latinos may simply lose their right to vote.

VOTE ON ELECTION DAY WITH A PROVISIONAL BALLOT

And yet there is hope. It is now possible to visit your voting place

on election day and request a provisional ballot. Call San Mateo County's Clerk office at (650) 312-5222 to find out which voting location you need to go to. You can also talk with them in person at one of San Mateo County's two voting centers.

San Mateo County's voting centers: 555 County Center, Redwood City, CA and at 40 Tower Road, San Mateo, CA.

Now keep in mind that stopping in to vote on election day does not mean you get registered to vote! No! What it means is that San Mateo County election officials will provide you with a provisional ballot. Following the instructions of the personnel working at your voting place, you fill out the provisional ballot and turn it in. Now, if no one else votes using your name at your correct voting place, then your provisional ballot should be counted in this election.

So remember that if you ask for a provisional ballot on election day, you will not be registered to vote, which means you will not get called up for jury duty! Jury duty is

a civic duty extended only to those who register to vote, because jurists only get assigned from the pool of registered voters.

To find out more, consider visiting one of the websites listed below. And remember that your vote is your vote and no one else's. You don't have to vote along party lines if you don't want to. But if you vote on local, state and national issues that are important to you, then you are exercising your civil right to vote, a right granted to all U.S. Americans in 1965.

San Mateo County Clerk's office: (650) 312-5222

Website: www.ShapeTheFuture.org

League of Women Voters website: www.SmartVoter.org

To learn more about candidates: www.SmartVoter.org/vote

Election Protection Hotline: 1 (866)

OUR-VOTE

Provides details on voter rights in Florida, Colorado, N. Carolina & other states.

Menlo Park resident creates

out that the county is still tens of millions of dollars short on construction costs for the project, while exposing that location for the new jail has been condemned as an environmentally toxic site.

"The message is simple," says Nunn. "San Mateo County can't afford a new jail, doesn't need a new jail, and doesn't want a new jail. Defeating this jail tax is good step toward pushing the Supervi-

sors to listen to residents, abandon this destructive project, and prioritize healthy solutions to our community's problems."

Dorsey Nunn will be driving across the county Friday, Saturday (meeting others at 10am at the Kiwanis Club Farmers Market in Redwood City), Sunday, and Monday morning. Call the contact above to catch up with Dorsey Nunn and learn more about his route.

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Isaac Ontiveros is the press contact for Californians United for a Responsible Budget. He can be contacted at 510.517.6612

Pulling the district

that their fellow rate payers in the district would want them to be.

Where directors stay is usually something that staff handles. In my experience as a director, I have not heard of a board member insisting on staying at a spe-

cific hotel or requiring specific accommodations. Where directors stay is usually determined more by the proximity to the conference location.

We, I believe, all want the district to be the best it can be in its

delivery of services to ratepayers. We want, now and in the future, a district that is fiscally sound, well run and not beset by decisions and practices that, in the not too distant past, plunged the district into a financial quagmire leading to

calls for merger with a neighboring district or absorption by the city.

I believe we are on our way and have made significant progress in service delivery, human resources and fiscal management, relationship with other public and

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private agencies and a mention of that in your esteemed publication would be most helpful.

Sincerely,
Joan Sykes-Miessi, Pres. 2011-12
East Palo Alto Sanitary District
Board of Directors

EPA TODAY Financial Practices and Services Survey

EPA Today, in conjunction with Secure Future, is conducting a brief five-question survey of financial practices and services used and desired by East Palo Alto residents. Secure Futures is a free Financial Education program designed to help individuals manage their money and increase savings. Secure Future is led collaboratively by three local non-profit agencies: Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center, Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto and Nuestra Casa. You may complete the survey anonymously. Information obtained from this survey will be used to help create and improve programs and services to benefit all East Palo Alto residents. Survey results will be published in an upcoming issue of EPA today and on-line at www.epatoday.org. Mail this survey to the EPA Today office at 2111 University, #160, East Palo Alto, CA 94303 or drop it off at any one of the above mentioned agencies.



1. Within the past twelve months I have (check all that apply):

- Obtained my credit score from FICO or a free on-line service like Credit Karma.
- Obtained a free credit report.
- Tracked my spending.
- Used a monthly budget.
- Paid a bill on-line.
- Received my paycheck via direct deposit.
- Increased my savings.
- Paid an overdraft fee.
- Paid other banking fees and penalties.
- Taken out a payday loan.
- Paid a fee to cash a check.
- Sent money to friends or family abroad.

2. I currently use the following financial services (check all that apply):

- Bank Checking account
- Bank Savings account
- Credit Union Checking account
- Credit Union Savings account
- Overdraft Protection
- Money Orders
- Pre-paid debit card
- Credit Card
- Payday Loan (storefront)
- Payday Loan (on-line)
- Check Casher
- Pawn Shop
- Auto Title Lender
- Other _____
- None of the Above

3. Of the financial services checked above, I most frequently use (check three):

- Bank Checking account
- Bank Savings account
- Credit Union Checking account
- Credit Union Savings account
- Overdraft Protection
- Money Orders
- Pre-paid debit card
- Credit Card
- Payday Loan (storefront)
- Payday Loan (on-line)
- Check Casher
- Pawn Shop
- Auto Title Lender
- Other _____

4. I am interested in using or learning about (check all that apply):

- Free financial education
- Building savings
- Tracking my spending
- Creating a budget
- Repairing credit
- Building credit
- Direct deposit
- On-line bill pay
- Free savings account
- Free checking account
- Low cost checking account
- Small personal loans (under \$500)
- Student loans
- Credit repair loan products
- Savings incentive programs
- Savings for youth/minors
- Car loans
- Small business loans
- Home purchase loans
- Emergency savings
- Emergency loans
- Retirement savings
- Remittances
- Money orders

5. Of the products and services checked above, I am most interested in learning about (check three):

- Free financial education
- Building savings
- Tracking my spending
- Creating a budget
- Repairing credit
- Building credit
- Direct deposit
- On-line bill pay
- Free savings account
- Free checking account
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Yes, please email me a list of local Financial Education and Money Management resources. I understand that my name and email will not be used for any other purpose than to receive a one-time email from EPA Today:

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EPA TODAY Encuesta de Prácticas y Servicios Financieros

EPA Today, junto con Futuros Seguros, esta llevando a cabo una encuesta breve de cinco preguntas acerca de las prácticas y servicios financieros usados y deseados por residentes de East Palo Alto. Futuros Seguros es un programa de educación financiera gratuito diseñado para ayudar a personas manejar su dinero y aumentar sus ahorros. Futuros Seguros es dirigido por las tres organizaciones sin fines de lucro locales: Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center, Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto y Nuestra Casa. Usted puede completar esta encuesta de forma anónima. Información obtenida de esta encuesta será utilizada para crear y mejorar programas y servicios que beneficiarán a todos los residentes de East Palo Alto. Los resultados de la encuesta serán publicados en una de las próximas publicaciones de EPA y por el sitio de internet: at www.epatoday.org. Envíe esta revisión a la oficina EPA Today en 2111 Universidad, *160, East Palo Alto, CA 94303 o déjelo en cualquiera de las agencias arriba mencionadas.

1. Durante los últimos 12 meses yo he (marque todo lo que corresponda):

- Obtenido mi puntaje de crédito de FICO o de un servicio gratuito por internet como Credit Karma.
- Obtenido un reporte de crédito gratuito.
- Revisado mis gastos.
- Utilizado un presupuesto mensual.
- Pagado una factura por internet.
- Recibido mi saldo por depósito directo.
- Aumentado mis ahorros.
- Pagado un cargo por sobregiro (overdraft)
- Pagado algún otro cargo de banco.
- Recibido un préstamo sobre sueldo.
- Pagado para cambiar un cheque.
- Mandado dinero a familia en otro país.

2. Actualmente utilizo los siguientes servicios financieros (marque todo lo que corresponda):

- Cuenta de cheques de un Banco.
- Cuenta de ahorros de un Banco.
- Cuenta de cheques de Unión de Crédito.
- Cuenta de ahorros de Unión de Crédito.
- Protección contra sobregiro.
- "Money Orders."
- Tarjeta de debito pre-pagada.
- Tarjeta de crédito.
- Préstamo sobre sueldo (en persona).
- Préstamo sobre sueldo (internet).
- Cambiador de cheques.
- Casas de empeño.
- Préstamos sobre título de auto.
- Otro _____
- Ninguno de los anteriores.

3. De los servicios que utilizo, los que uso con más frecuencia son (marque tres):

- Cuenta de cheques de un Banco
- Cuenta de ahorros de un Banco
- Cuenta de cheques de Unión de Crédito
- Cuenta de ahorros de Unión de Crédito
- Protección contra sobregiro
- "Money Orders"
- Tarjeta de debito pre-pagada
- Tarjeta de crédito
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- Préstamo sobre sueldo (internet)
- Cambiador de cheques
- Casas de empeño
- Préstamos sobre título de auto
- Otro _____

4. Me interesa utilizar o aprender mas acerca de como (marque todo lo que corresponda):

- obtener educación financiera gratuita.
- aumentar mis ahorros.
- vigilar mis gastos.
- crear un presupuesto mensual.
- reparar mi crédito.
- crear crédito.
- utilizar depósito directo.
- hacer pagos por internet.
- obtener una cuenta de ahorros gratuita.
- obtener una cuenta de cheques gratuita.
- obtener una cuenta de cheques de costo bajo.
- recibir préstamos pequeños (menos de \$500).
- obtener préstamos escolares.
- recibir productos de reparación de crédito.
- participar en programas de ahorros con incentivos.
- participar en programas de ahorros para menores de edad.
- obtener préstamos de auto.
- obtener préstamos de negocios.
- obtener préstamos hipotecarios.
- crear ahorros de emergencia.
- recibir préstamos de emergencia.
- crear ahorros para la jubilación.
- utilizar remesas.
- "money orders."

5. De los productos y servicios seleccionados anteriormente, me interesa aprender más acerca de (marque tres):

- obtener educación financiera gratuita.
- aumentar mis ahorros.
- vigilar mis gastos.
- crear un presupuesto mensual.
- reparar mi crédito.
- crear crédito.
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**EAST PALO ALTO SANITARY DISTRICT
APPROVED BUDGET SUMMARY FOR ALL FUNDS FY 2012-2013**

Budget Based \$520.00 Rate Per Residential Unit

Revenue For The Fiscal Year 2012-2013

	2545	2541	2542	2544	2546	2547	2548	2549	EPASD
	General	Connection	Rebate	Payroll	Construction	Lateral	Treatment	Rate	All Funds
	Fund	Fee Fund	Fund	Taxes	Replacement	Replacement	Plant	Stabilization	
				W/H Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Total
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 3,382,172	\$ 741,500	\$ 28	\$ 61	\$ 475,560	\$ 130,650	\$ 613,600	\$ 76,160	\$ 5,419,731
Sewer Service Charges	4,057,560	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,057,560
Property taxes	250,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250,000
Connection Fee	-	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,000
Interest Income	42,000	7,500	1	2	3,000	150	3,600	160	56,413
Other Revenue	26,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,400
Total Projected Revenue	4,375,960	107,500	1	2	3,000	150	3,600	160	4,490,373
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	600,000	150,000	50,000	-	800,000
Total Available Revenues	\$ 7,758,132	\$ 849,000	\$ 29	\$ 63	\$ 1,078,560	\$ 280,800	\$ 667,200	\$ 76,320	\$ 10,710,104

Expenditure For The Fiscal Year 2012-2013

	2545	2541	2542	2544	2546	2547	2548	2549	EPASD
	General	Connection	Rebate	Payroll	Construction	Lateral	Treatment	Rate	All Funds
	Fund	Fee Fund	Fund	Taxes	Replacement	Replacement	Plant	Stabilization	
				W/H Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Total
Personnel & Other Operating	1,897,192	-	-	-	80,000	-	-	-	1,977,192
Employees' Post Employment Benefits	80,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80,000
Engineering Services	-	-	-	-	185,000	-	-	-	185,000
Treatment Plant (RWQCP)	1,160,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,160,000
Total Operating Expenditures	3,137,192	-	-	-	265,000	-	-	-	3,402,192
Long Term Debt Service	366,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	366,000
Treatment Plant (UV Project)	140,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	140,000
Fixed Assets/Equipment	80,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80,000
Capital Projects	300,000	120,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	420,000
Vector Truck Lease	40,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,000
Total Budgeted Expenditures	4,063,192	120,000	-	-	265,000	-	-	-	4,448,192
Interfund Transfers	800,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	800,000
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 2,894,940	\$ 729,000	\$ 29	\$ 63	\$ 813,560	\$ 280,800	\$ 667,200	\$ 76,320	\$ 5,461,912

**EAST PALO ALTO SANITARY DISTRICT
Approved Budget - General Fund #02545
Fiscal Year 2012-2013**

	Actual Expenses 2010-2011	Approved Budget 2011-2012	Proposed Budget 2012-2013
EXPENDITURES			
CODESALARIES & EMPLOYEE BENEFIT			
4111 Wages	790,176	785,000	820,000
4192 Directors Fees	46,029	56,500	55,000
4631 Employees Benefits	355,805	509,850	495,000
SUB TOTAL	1,192,010	1,351,350	1,370,000
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE			
5188 Other Operating Supplies	407	5,292	5,292
5193 Office Expenses	20,429	35,000	35,000
5314 Election Expenses	-	16,000	-
5332 Membership	13,452	16,500	15,500
5341 Publication & Legal Notice	11,753	13,500	14,500
5416 Gas, Fuel	10,258	13,000	13,000
5459 Repair & Maintenance	43,311	47,000	45,000
5521 Rents & Leases	10,138	15,000	12,000
5638 Utilities	32,866	41,000	33,000
5721 Travel & Meeting	40,211	54,000	45,000
5731 Training & Education	21,293	25,000	25,000
5817 Contract Sewage Services	902,172	1,160,000	1,160,000
5858 Contractual Services	78,126	90,000	95,000
5861 Engineering Services	10,481	15,000	15,000
5872 Prof & Spec Services	70,800	85,000	92,000
5876 Professional Services	26,839	25,000	25,000
5958 Research & Monitoring	-	400	400
5966 Operating Supplies	2,522	7,500	7,500
5969 Special Expenses	23,826	46,000	40,000
6731 Insurance	44,221	45,000	45,000
6732 Legal Services	43,924	44,000	44,000
6814 Prior Year Expenses	-	-	-
SUB TOTAL	1,407,029	1,799,192	1,767,192
CAPITAL & DEBTS			
7211 Gen Fac Financing Corp Bnd	281,265	281,000	281,000
7311 Equipment Expenses	56,824	115,000	80,000
6322 Repay Treatment Plant	56,495	85,000	85,000
SUB TOTAL	394,584	481,000	446,000
OTHER CHARGES			
8810 Contingency	-	-	-
SUB TOTAL	-	-	-
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS			
7541 Construction/Replacement	400,000	150,000	600,000
7541 Treatment Plant Reserve	100,000	100,000	150,000
7541 Rate Stabilization	-	50,000	50,000
SUB TOTAL	500,000	300,000	800,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 3,493,623	\$ 3,931,542	\$ 4,383,192

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East Palo Alto Center for Community Media OUR CALL FOR FALL Please Support Our Fall Internship Program and Keep Community Journalism Alive!

This fall, the East Palo Alto Center for Community Media (EPACCM) will provide up to 10 of our local students with communications internships, and we need your help to do it! With schools limiting or eliminating journalism and communications classes, EPACCM can provide our students with the hands-on training, work experience and college prep opportunities that prepare them for the future!

EPACCM is a 501c3 founded in 2003 to produce media outlets serving East Palo Alto and Belle Haven.

The organization provides news, information and community connection through its newspaper (East Palo Alto Today, website (epatoday.org), and the television show (Talking with Henrietta).

East Palo Alto Today is distributed to more than 8,000 residents, businesses, senior and youth centers, houses of

worship and other gathering places.

The website is viewed more than a thousand times per month. Talking with Henrietta, more than 100 episodes strong, features guests who discuss and debate current topics and is broadcast every two weeks on local cable access channels throughout the Peninsula.

We're expecting our fall interns – like our previous 30 interns – to help produce each of these important, community-based vehicles. They will learn or practice skills in new and traditional media. They will conduct research, write, report, interview, design and innovate, developing proficiencies in communication.

The internships will be paid, part-time positions, up to 10 hours per week, depending on the student's schedule and availability. The hands-on experience – not easily acquired

as a student or beginner – has proven to be a stepping stone to college or university and employment for many of our past participants.

Like many non-profits, EPACCM depends on grants and donations to continue its work in the community and fund these internship positions.

A small donation can make a big difference. Please donate before November 20, 2012 to the East Palo Alto Center for Community Media, via the enclosed form or the epatoday.org website. Your contribution is tax-deductible.

Thank you for making our fall internship program a reality.

Please don't hesitate to contact the East Palo Alto Today office regarding your donation or for more information. Call us at (650) 289-9699.

Talking with Henrietta Protecting the Rights of Voters



Photo courtesy of Talking with Henrietta
From left, Robert Rubin, show host Henrietta J. Burroughs, Robert Barrett and Phyllis Cassel are shown on the set of the Talking with Henrietta television show after the taping of their discussion on October 30, 2012. Get more details about the show below.

This edition of the Talking with Henrietta show will air until Saturday, November 10, 2012.

This show can be seen on Sundays at 5 p.m., Tuesdays at 8 p.m., Wednesdays at 3 a.m. and 11 a.m., Thursdays at

8 p.m., and Fridays at 3 a.m. and 11 a.m. The show streams on the web at the above days and times at www.midpen-media.org and on Channel 27 on Comcast on the Midpeninsula.

Support the East Palo Alto Today newspaper

The East Palo Alto Today newspaper is published by the East Palo Alto Center for Community Media, a nonprofit agency that was formed in January 2003 to create media outlets in East Palo Alto and provide the type of positive, relevant information about the community that is not easily found elsewhere. If you like what you see in East Palo Alto Today, then we ask that you enable us to serve the community better. You can do this by completing the partnership card below and mailing it with your tax deductible donation which will go directly to the center's media efforts. You can read more about the East Palo Alto Center for Community Media online at www.epamedia.org. You can also donate to the center at the EPA Today and the EPA Media websites. Please contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you.



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