



You Could Lose This

Save Our PVE Parkland Preserve Our Home Values

Incumbent Palos Verdes Homes Association Directors:

- Sold 1.7 acres of parkland to an encroaching private resident in 2012 -- sale was declared illegal by a Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge in 2015
- Improperly told court PVHA has the right, but not duty, to protect the parkland
- Appealed 2015 court ruling that declared their sale of parkland illegal despite overwhelming community opposition
- Offered funds and supported to block access to a portion of the popular Paseo Del Sol Fire Road Trail through Parklands with a fence -- contrary to deed restrictions. Proposal failed due to strong community objections
- Reappointed themselves in January 2016 (after lack of quorum) -- as they have for years
- Misrepresented that the latest vacancy would be filled after publicly soliciting and interviewing all candidates. Instead, the Board used a non-public closed process -- as they have for years
- Failed to work together to align the PVHA view and tree policy with the City policy -- thus pitting neighbor against neighbor in endless expensive disputes

Enough is Enough - Vote for New Leadership

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Addressing the PVHA Board at the January 14, 2014 PVHA Annual Meeting,
Lin Melton (former President of PVHA) said:

"If Harry Brandel [longest serving former President of PVHA with over 40 years on the Board] knew what you've done in selling parkland, he'd be spinning in his grave so fast you couldn't even count the revolutions. If I were still on the Board, I would ask every one of you to resign. You should be ashamed."

The current Board and legal counsel have been embarrassingly inconsistent and wrong on several issues including 1) supporting then not supporting a rezoning request, 2) denying a legal standard in one case then advocating it in another, 3) filing with the court that they had voted for appeal then denying they had done so, and 4) citing that the PVHA had rights under the Stirling-Davis Act then later denying that the Stirling-Davis act applied to them. Other embarrassments include trying to redefine the word "shall" as meaning "may" and hence "optional".

The consequence of "status quo" actions of the incumbents can be:

- Loss of open space parkland through further sales and reduced public access
- Further drain on public resources by defending lawsuits brought on by illegal actions and ill-conceived policies at PVHA
- Erosion in property values as PVE's premium over surrounding communities goes away with the loss of Protective Restrictions and open space
- Risk of Palos Verdes Estates losing open space feel and turning into any other town

As a consequence, a group of concerned residents formed a group in 2015 called ROBE (Residents for Open Board Elections) to nominate and elect a new set of leaders to the PVHA Board that care about PVHA's true mission and commitment to parklands. ROBE proposed nominating alternative candidates, but were told by the PVHA that only they can select nominees for the ballot. We then cited CA Code, whereby a name can be added to the ballot with 100 signatures. ROBE collected over 200 petitions in both 2015 and 2016 and the PVHA is now accepting nominations from the public that will be included on the official ballot for the first time.

Among the signers in the past year are five former Palos Verdes Estates mayors, one former PVHA President, one former PVHA Director, and the widow of another former President of the PVHA, as well as two former Board members for PVP Unified School District — indicative of the depth and breadth of concerns by recent leaders in our community. Former Mayor Joe Barnett (recently deceased) also spoke out against the sale of parkland at a City Council Meeting in 2012, so if he were included, it would be six former PVE Mayors dissatisfied with the decisions made by the current PVHA Board.

ROBE's Candidates



Marlene Breene



Dick Fay



Ried Schott

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Bios of candidates, names of steering committee, positioning statement, documents, press articles, etc.

- Events such as a Meet the Candidates night will provide opportunities for you to learn more
- When you receive the PVHA Ballot in the mail, vote for the ROBE candidates
- Tell your friends -- the election is valid only if more than 50% of PVE homeowners vote. Last year, our ROBE candidates got more votes (when the last vote cast was counted), but the election was nullified for lack of a quorum -- existing Directors re-appointed themselves

For more info about PVHA's illegal sale of parkland to a private individual in 2012, see:

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