

Neighborhood Association Meeting August 5, 2013

7PM- Rich Gordon State Assembly Member district 24

Area from North of Menlo Park to Sunnyvale -- including half moon bay to Santa Cruz County Line
5 years minister united methodist church, 20 years providing services to young people
San Mateo County Board of Education, and then Board of Supervisors (1997)

2010 elected to State Assembly

80 members in the Assembly who represent 470,000 people average in each district. Our district is most diverse... from major high tech companies, to coastal area that has 80% of brussel sprouts grown in the US!

3 primary responsibilities of the Assembly

- Approve and adopt state budget by June 15th.
- Review and vote on proposed new laws for CA-- 2-3,000 proposed new laws last year. The Governor signed almost 600 new laws.
- Serve constituents -- office in los altos which handles employment development, dmv and all state agencies.

Legislature convenes in Sacramento 8 months of the year. Starts January concludes in Sept. July is recess.

--- we have achieved a balanced budget, and this year for the first time we have money for reserves

Factors that made this happen 1) reducing state spending (by 20 billion), 2) the approval of Proposition 30 temporary tax increase and 3) the growing economy.

Legislation from Rich Gordon focuses on:

- greater disclosure for election campaigns
- recycling bills
- healthcare

Serves on several committees- budget, local government, revenue and taxation, business profession and consumer protection, and chair of rules committee-- sets rules for how the institution functions-- who gets which office, etc.

Assembly Member Gordon answered many questions concerning: why so many laws, the proposition culture in CA, Ca budget- are we balanced or are we going bankrupt (we do have debt and must have income to pay it), mobile home parks-local control, plastic bag ban statewide? (not yet) , government inefficiencies? (lots of partisanship) water (an issue that needs to be addressed), high speed rail projects (gave three options that are being worked on and each could be part of a bigger high speed rail project or be productive on their own), manufacturing back to CA? (sales tax exemption for new manuf equipment in CA)

Rich Gordon is struck by the partisanship in Sacramento

Campaigns- you focus on what makes you DIFFERENT, once you are in office, you need to focus on what makes you the same... commonalities. But our culture doesn't help with this.

8PM Mayor Tony Spitaleri

Raising Readers in Sunnyvale - San Miguel teacher was tutoring kids in reading before class. 70% of the prison population reads at lower than a 3rd grade level.

How do we share the importance of reading from birth? Critical that kids learn to read by 3rd grade because it's much harder to read after that. There is a correlation between illiteracy in 3rd grade and prisoner rates. Parents are key. Created a bi-lingual flyer to encourage reading early. 42% of children in sunnyvale are at-level reading. That means that 57% are lower than their grade level. We need a community effort to "Raising Readers" in Sunnyvale.

If you are interested in volunteering to tutor children in our schools, please consider Reading Partners which is running in 4 of our local schools.

<http://info.readingpartners.org/volunteer-in-silicon-valley>

Sneak Peak of Measures on November Ballot-- Verbiage at the end of this email.

8:15pm Apple Campus II Update, Eric Morley

Planning is in final phase. 4,000 workers in Sunnyvale, new building will house 12,000 employees.

30+ % will use alternative transportation, lots of work will be done on traffic, building new roads, etc. Working on access points- spending 60 million on roadway expenditures to address traffic.

Multi-year traffic studies, etc. Sound wall during construction throughout the process. Retaining perimeter trees and relocating some trees. Will go from 4,500 to 7,000 trees. Dust control protocol, street sweeping, etc.

Announcement from Lydia Harry SNAP

Would like to tie into our neighborhood associations and get a contact at each one for SNAP.

September 17th there will be a Summit of SNAP Captains.

Save the Date-- Tuesday September 17th 7-9pm. Sunnyvale Community Center 550 E. Remington Drive /Community Room

Next SNAP classes start September 26th- Thursday. see snap.insunnyvale.com (see details below in announcements)

Announcements:

1) SNAP (Sunnyvale Neighborhoods Actively Prepare) will hold a SNAP-2 Summit on Tuesday, Sept 17, 7 - 9 p.m. at the Sunnyvale Community Center. This is for all SNAP Captains, SNAP Buddies and Neighborhood Association SNAP Liaisons. To RSVP, contact Priscilla Luckey at (408) 730-7190 or pluckey@sunnyvale.ca.gov

2) For anyone interested in signing up for the upcoming SNAP Training (begins Thursday, Sept 26), please visit and/or register at SNAP.inSunnyvale.com or call (408) 730-7190.

3) Sunnyvale Theater has announced the 2013-14 Evenings of Cultural Arts schedule. Information about upcoming performances can be viewed online at Arts.inSunnyvale.com. Color brochures with the FULL schedule are available at City facilities, such as the Community Center. For questions, please call (408) 733-6611.

4) City of Sunnyvale Public Input Meeting -- The Sunnyvale Landfill, located near the SMaRT Station at Borregas Avenue and Caribbean Drive, is open to the public for activities like hiking, bicycling and birding. The City is now exploring the possibility of using the site for additional recreational uses, such as therapeutic animal interaction services by Animal Assisted Happiness, sports fields and fenced dog runs (Study Issue DPW 13-13). Please attend the public input meeting on Thursday, Aug 15, from 7 - 8 p.m. at the Sunnyvale Senior Center (550 E. Remington Drive). Questions? Call Dept. of Public Works at (408) 730-7415, TDD (408) 730-7501.

Notes submitted by Reid Myers, August 5, 2010

Measures on the November 5th Ballot

City of Sunnyvale Measure _____

Shall the City of Sunnyvale adopt a gun safety ordinance to require; 1) reporting to police, within 48 hours, known loss or theft of a firearm; 2) storing firearms in residences in a locked container or disabling them with a trigger lock when not in the owner's immediate possession; 3) prohibiting the possession of ammunition magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds, with certain exceptions; and 4) logging and tracking of ammunitions sales within the City of Sunnyvale?

City of Sunnyvale Measure _____

To help reduce the City's elections costs through consolidation with County and State elections, shall the Sunnyvale City Charter be amended to change the City's general municipal elections from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years, with the next general municipal election scheduled for 2016, and to provide a one time, one year extension to councilmember terms, and create a temporary one year mayoral term to enable the transition to even-numbered year elections?

City of Sunnyvale Measure _____

Shall the Sunnyvale Municipal Code be amended to increase the transient occupancy tax rate (commonly called "hotel tax") charged to persons who occupy hotel or motel rooms in the City for 30 days or less from 9.5% to 10.5% in order to help maintain the City's ability to fund basic services such as public safety and streets, trees, and sidewalk maintenance, and to keep parity with neighboring cities' hotel tax rates, effective January 1, 2014?

Sunnyvale School District Measure _____

To continue critical renovation, modernization and safety needs at the district's schools and to make needed upgrades to classrooms, libraries, science and computer labs, improve student access to computers and instructional technology and continue to improve the energy efficiency of classrooms and buildings, shall the Sunnyvale School District issue \$96,000,000 in bonds at legal interest rates with funds monitored by an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee and no funds spent on administrators?"