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**INVESTIGATE ANALYZE EXPOSE PUBLICIZE -- BRIBERY CORRUPTION FRAUD GRAFT**

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"I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them." – Thomas Jefferson.

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If you have given, donated or contributed any money, service or thing to a candidate for public office or a City Official on behalf of or for any person or entity with the expectation of being reimbursed or paid back, now is the time to step forward. You could be charged with money laundering. Ask Council member Weaver why he had to pay a \$9,000 fine.

**Contact Barry Allen at 818 243 1502 for information on what to do and who to talk with.**



[Builder got millions from Glendale despite concerns about project](#) Los Angeles Times

... **John Drayman**, who, as a member of the Glendale Housing Authority board, has voted to approve several ADI projects. Drayman acknowledged having hired an...

**Houston** – Cities all over the Country have spent themselves out of money so they decided to tax non-profits, churches and schools that provide many of the social services. Local legislative bodies are not accepting blame for the financial shambles they created. [Wall Street Journal for more.](#)

**The Federal Bureau of Investigation reports on its role in the investigation of public corruption:  
Why it's their #1 Criminal Priority**



Public corruption is a breach of trust by federal, state, or local officials—often with the help of private sector accomplices. It's also the FBI's top criminal investigative priority. To explain why the Bureau takes public corruption so seriously and how we investigate, we talked with Special Agent Patrick Bohrer, assistant section chief of our Public Corruption/Civil Rights program at FBI Headquarters.

**Question: Why is public corruption so high on the FBI's list of investigative priorities?**

**Answer:** Because of its impact. Corrupt public officials undermine our country's national security, our overall safety, the public trust, and confidence in the U.S. government, wasting billions of dollars along the way. This corruption can tarnish virtually every aspect of society. For example, a border official might take a bribe, knowingly or unknowingly letting in a truck containing weapons of mass destruction. Or corrupt state legislators could cast deciding votes on a bill providing funding or other benefits to a company for the wrong reasons. Or at the local level, a building inspector might be paid to overlook some bad wiring, which could cause a deadly fire down the road.

**Q: Can you describe the kinds of public corruption that the FBI investigates?**

**A:** It really runs the gamut. Bribery is the most common. But there's also extortion, embezzlement, racketeering, kickbacks, and money laundering, as well as wire, mail, bank, and tax fraud. Right now, based on our intelligence on emerging trends, we are focused specifically on several major issues: corruption along our national borders; corrupt officials who take advantage of natural disasters or economic crises to divert some of the government's aid into their own pockets; and a myriad of officials who may personally benefit from the economic stimulus funding.

**Q: Where do you find this corruption?**

**A:** Just about everywhere—at the federal, state, and local levels throughout the country. And I should point out, the vast majority of our country's public officials is honest and work hard to improve the lives of the American people. But a small number make decisions for the wrong reasons—usually, to line their own pockets or those of friends and family. These people can be found—and have been found—in legislatures, courts, city halls, law enforcement departments, school and zoning boards, government agencies of all kinds (including those that regulate elections and transportation), and even companies that do business with government.



**Q: How does the FBI investigate public corruption?**

**A:** We're in a unique position to investigate allegations of public corruption. Our lawful use of sophisticated investigative tools and methods—like undercover operations, court-authorized electronic surveillance, and informants—often gives us a front-row seat to witness the actual exchange of bribe money or a backroom handshake that seals an illegal deal...and enough evidence to send the culprits to prison. But we have plenty of help. We often work in conjunction with the inspector general offices from various federal agencies, as well as with our state and local partners. And we depend greatly on assistance from the public. So let me end by saying, if anyone out there has any information about potential wrongdoing by a public official, please submit a tip online or contact your local FBI field office. Your help really makes a difference.

**Stop the abuse:** A week after a report by the state controller labeled the independent audits of [Bell](#) a "rubber stamp," several cities are questioning their relationship with the well-known accounting firm responsible for the work.

Officials in Riverside decided last week not to include Mayer Hoffman McCann among firms it has asked to submit proposals for a new auditing contract, even though the firm was the city's auditor for the last five years.

[Cities look to Bankruptcy](#) -- Anyone who has taken even a passing glance at the news this year knows well that many cities are in deep financial distress.

In case you forgot, however, the Wall Street Journal and New York Times both have articles today ([here](#) and [here](#)) that touch on some of the recent austerity moves by cities, including taxing religious groups and slashing budgets for tree trimming and grass cutting.

So why don't cities just follow the well-worn path taken by other distressed organizations and file for bankruptcy? It's not so easy, it turns out.

Municipal bankruptcy is a rare phenomenon, spurned by state and local leaders as an admission of failure that could wreak havoc on the municipal bond markets, the Times reports. Some states have laws that require an elaborate approval process before a city can head to bankruptcy court and at least one state, Georgia, bans municipal bankruptcies.

All told, fewer than 250 cities, towns, and counties have filed for bankruptcy in the last 30 years, the Times reports, quoting Chapman & Cutler bankruptcy lawyer [James Spiotto](#).

[16 East St. Louis police officers lose their jobs](#) The **city** cannot function like this." Councilman Delbert Marion suggested the **city consider bankruptcy**. "We are not going to fix this," he said. ...

[Here are a few highlights from 2010](#) At its July **City** Council meeting the **City considered** a 2010-11 fiscal year ... "There are rumors stating the **City** is facing **bankruptcy**," said Mayor Pro Tem ...

[Pension "Armageddon" Hits Pittsburgh As State Threatens Takeover ...](#) The **city** should be talking with Tom Corbett's transition team regarding **bankruptcy** right now. I bet the governor would **consider** it. **Bankruptcy** and killing ...

[Transmissions from a Lone Star: Is America becoming more Texan?](#) The **cities** of Austin, Houston and Dallas were three black holes sucking in ... in **California**; a bloated state sector is driving the state to **bankruptcy**; ...

[States of Pain: Chapter 8 Bankruptcy Bandage?](#) Technically, states cannot go bankrupt now like **cities** and counties under Chapter 9. But, the federal **bankruptcy** code, like the constitution itself, ...

**SAMUEL ADAMS: It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people's minds.**

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# 1 COMMENTARY

*You may agree or disagree with the views below. Feel free to comment on them. The commentaries do not necessarily reflect the position of Vanguardians*

## From the Publisher... SITTING IN THE CAT BIRD SEAT



The article in the LA Times about the ADI shenanigans created more questions than answers. Let's take the easy ones first. John Drayman told everyone that he had a 'flood' at his condo in Montrose and while it was being repaired he rented a house on Cedar St. that was listed at \$3,500 a month. Who paid for the rental?

Apparently rather than having his insurance company pay for repairing or restoring his condo he decided to remodel and upgrade so he talked with his friend Khachik Zargarian, who at the time worked for ADI and he started working on Drayman's condo, with lots of the subcontractors. Why on Earth would the fastidious elected official use a commercial fire suppression company as a General Contractor?



In an LA Times article Drayman acknowledged that Zargarian and he had been friends for many years but when Mike Mohill said that Drayman wasn't getting a Christmas present from Khachik on December 14<sup>th</sup> Drayman's memory faltered.

Anyhow there are two ways to put together a list of contractors working on the condo. One is to look up the building permit. Oops, just like Council member Weaver, there is no building permit that was issued. The other is to ask around. Vanguardians did and we developed the entire list. In our discussion with some of them we found out that some weren't paid; that National Fire, where Mr. K now has an office, was going to pay the subs and get the money back from ADI/PHD for a piece of the action. Records showed that National was owed \$1.8M by ADI/PHD.

According to the Receiver's report ADI/PHD defrauded the taxpayers of the City of Glendale by submitting invoices that were changed in order to enrich ADI/PHD. The City has had knowledge of this for months yet has taken no action to submit this fraud to the Glendale cops according to inside sources. The question arises, why wouldn't they start an investigation to recover up to \$6,000,000?

Let's take a guess...the GPD would discover a lot more than did the LA Times reporters. They would ask why a top housing administrator went to Salims house for a Christmas party; they would interview the

subcontractor's working on Drayman's abode as I did; they would wonder why Rodney Khan, one of the first interviewed, was no longer included in the story.

If there was a flood at Drayman's condo, where is the insurance claim report to Drayman's insurance company and the payment for repairing the flood damage?

Where is the contract with National Fire to remodel Drayman's condo?

Where is the loan note or payment plan worked out with Mr. K or National Fire? This 'loan' didn't show up in Drayman's 700 form.



Where is the building permit for the remodel job at the Drayman homestead? If officials can remove a record (see Insider) they can slip in a building permit.

The people's hero John Drayman is leaving this city in a worse condition than he found it and yet he wants to run again.

According to public documents here are the laws that have been broken...

**Federal Statutes**

- RICO (18 USC §§ 1961 *et seq.*)
- Mail Fraud (18 USC § 1341)
- Wire Fraud (18 USC § 1343)
- Bank Fraud (18 USC § 1344)
- Hobbs Act Extortion (18 USC § 395)
- Criminal Tax Fraud (26 USC §§ 7201, 7206)
- Immigration Fraud

**State Statutes**

- Bribery (P.C. § 85)
- Money Laundering (P.C. § 186.10)
- Forgery (P.C. §§ 470, 471)
- Grand Theft (P.C. § 487)
- Embezzlement (P.C. § 503)
- Extortion (P.C. § 518)
- State tax fraud (Rev. & Tax. Code § 19706)
- Campaign finance violations (Govt. Code § 84301)

How does corruption start? To me it is simple. Let's take as an example the City of Glendale. For years the City maintained its fiscal conservancy and then in the 90's a council member realized that he could help himself to the buffet of opportunities presented to policy makers. He became another 10 per center. He justified it by telling himself that was his investment in making a Glendale a better city.

Then benign Council meetings were moved to 6PM while the money makers, Redevelopment and Housing and the Closed Sessions, remained in the afternoon when stakeholders were working.

Then the darkness fell; the curtain closed when strong advocates for fiscal accountability started speaking out on real financial issues. The Council and Management responded with preventing media to be displayed at City Hall, to remove legally mandated Oral Communications to the end of the sessions.

The Council ordained that the City Manager could make his own policy with regard to the Americana and gave him complete control over his staff.

Then Council appointed people they could trust, including family members, to boards and commissions.

Then Council took to pointing their fingers at their accusers in order to deflect the abdication of their own rights and privileges. They started threatening, accusing and defaming those who came before them.

Next they created and trained their own performing pets to take up the cudgel and berate those coming before them

The City Manager took the local Times Community Newspaper under his wing and now has their obeisance.



So, is Glendale any different than Bell? Read the story below about how it started in Bell...

**Bell CA – [How it started](#)...**How Rizzo evolved from an obscure civil servant into what a prosecutor called an "unelected and unaccountable czar" may never emerge in granular focus. But the broad contours are clear. Ambition and opportunity aligned in a place that allowed him to be both ever-present and invisible.

The normal checks and balances, from a robust local press to engaged civic groups, had largely vanished before or during Rizzo's long reign as city administrator. And the grim climate in which he arrived made him seem, for a time, like the man Bell needed.

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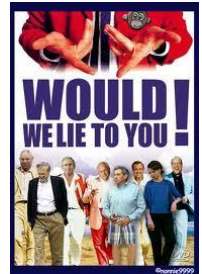
**About the ADI issue regards a lawsuit and a legislative hearing under subpoena...**

Talk about chutzpah, the remarks of various council members and management define it.

First off every one of the Council members voted on and received money from or behest of ADI/PHD which would be a conflict of interest for them to investigate themselves.

Second the issues that will be brought forth by the City Attorney need to be brought forth in the light of day in an open session not under the cloak of secrecy giving those people affected within the sphere of ADI influence an opportunity to view of the case against them.

Third, no one involved has the investigative knowledge or expertise to conduct a criminal investigation.



Fourth, the City needs to have the Superior Court appoint a receiver to investigate the criminal and civil issues and the conduct of City officials.

We need to remember the El Tovar investigation by an outside law firm, retained by the City Attorney at the request of the then City Council, that stopped the investigation prior to showing a possible conflict of interest between the El Tovar developer and a high ranking City Official.

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**The penalty good men and women pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men. PLATO**

*Most people want the benefits of an accountable government but are afraid to work for accountability or to support those that do often because they fear retaliation or are the beneficiaries of the largesse or corruption of government*

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**A CHORUS LINE – OFF BROADWAY**



Behind the stage at 633 East Broadway, the dancers, actors, drama queens, and hamsters are rehearsing. Their show has been exposed by the critics as camp – superficial, poorly acted, and laughably absurd. Except for the fact that Federal investigators are taking the show seriously, we would all be laughing at their incredible contortions to bend reality.

At the center of this show is Glendale's prima-donna. The city's baritone-voiced, suit-wearing; drag boy councilman – John Drayman. He wants us to believe that the full renovation of his condo by contractors aligned with the city's ADI projects was a "pay-me-later" favor by unknown subcontractors. It is as preposterous as Victor-Victoria was to movie goers. Believable only to romantics and fools.

Let me see if I can replicate the script of this preposterous show:

Man speaking on a phone with a falsetto voice: "Hello? Mr. Contractor man? You don't who I am. My name is Jeannie Drayman and I was given your name as the ideal go-to guy to renovate my condo. I'd like to redo the whole place, top-to-bottom. Rip out everything and make it all new – kitchen, bathroom, and living room and, naturally, the bedroom."

Contractor: "Call me Burlyman, Miss Drayman. So who referred you to me and what is your budget?"

Miss Drayman: "I think it was the city's mayor. Maybe it was our city manager. But I can't really remember. Maybe it was someone in the planning department or building and safety. I get so confused sometimes with all these city projects like "City Lights" this and "City Lights" that.

Burlyman: "Those sound like the ADI projects we are working on. I don't know if those are good references to me. They're behind in their payments. We haven't gotten paid in months."

Miss Drayman: "Not to worry, I heard the mayor and the city manager were going to approve a project cost overrun this week, about a couple of hundred thousand dollars worth of change orders."



Burlyman: "Well, we could certainly use a couple of hundred grand to tide us over. Have you any influence with the city?"

Miss Drayman: "Let me say that I have friends who can be very persuasive with the city manager. When can you start?"

Burlyman: "I'll need some up-front fees. We need to get permits, you know."

Miss Drayman: "Permits? That's such a formality. Let's talk about that later. How soon can you start?"

Burlyman: "How exactly are we getting paid? This job could easily run \$200K and I'll need at least five sub-contractors."

Miss Drayman: "Do you smoke? Could I interest you in a pack of "City Lights?" There is a store down by San Fernando road that specializes in exotic brands. You know, imports from India."

Burlyman: "Ok. I get it. Look, I can work on your place between major jobs. But, listen, I want no trouble. Is everyone on board with this?"

Miss Drayman: "Let me say that my four sisters know all about it. Besides, our governess is fully on board. She's been taking care of us for the past decade."

Burlyman: "Do all your sisters sound like you? Your voice sounds awfully masculine."

Miss Drayman: "It was a freak accident. I was running late to catch an airplane and fell off the jet way."

Burlyman: "That's really funny. I saw that in a Jim Carrey movie once. I think I am gonna like you."

Miss Drayman: "Everybody does, Mr. Burlyman. By the way, shirts are optional."

**HERBERT MOLANO** [Click here Glendale Today](#)

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## **CHUCK BERRY FINDS "JOHNNY B. GOOD" IN GLENDALE CA**

Deep down in Louisiana close to New Orleans  
Way back up in the woods among the evergreens  
There stood a log cabin made of earth and wood  
Where lived a country boy named Johnny B. Goode  
Who never ever learned to earn money so well  
But he could play the bribes like in the city of Bell

Go, go, go Johnny go go  
go Johnny go go  
go Johnny go go  
go Johnny go go  
Johnny B. Goode

He used to carry his bribes in a gunny sack  
Or count his money by the railroad track  
Oh a civil engineer could see him sitting in the shade  
Strummin' to the rhythm the contractors made  
People passing by they would pay to play  
Oh my but that little country boy could play

Go Johnny go go  
Go Johnny go go

His mother wished that "some day you will be a man"  
And you will be the leader of a five-man band  
Many people coming from miles around  
To pay to play till the sun go down  
Someday your name will shine in City Lights  
Sayin' 'Johnny B. Goode tonight'



Many in the media will come from miles around  
To watch as law is going to take you down  
The Feds are coming down 'cause they got good reason  
To haul his cheating butt into a long-term prison

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Go Johnny go go  
Go Johnny go go

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## WEATHER FORECAST FOR GLENDALE – JANUARY 1, 2011

The New Year may be sunny with clear skies for the Rose Parade, but sunshine won't be in the forecast for Glendale city hall. Heavy snow and chill winds have been expected from the Glendale City Attorney's office.



We've known those conditions in the past. Ask a councilman a pointed question on accountability, or bring up several issues about transparency and the councilmen will turn to the city attorney for what is often a flurry of snow that will cover up the truth.

Documents requested on the ADI low income housing compliance with state and federal guidelines are often delayed or responded so ambiguously that by the time we get an expert to render an opinion, the statute of limitations has kicked in.

Requests for public records often come back with; "No records responsive to your request" as they misinterpret the request to deny access to information or postpone answering the real intent of information sought from them.

Recently I've asked the city attorney to provide me a list of the Public Records Act requests I made in 2010 so that I could get further corroboration that my requests were properly recorded and complied with. Such a request would serve me in a lawsuit claiming their resistance to complying with the CPRA. Their answer was that the information is "privileged".



Expect the same for efforts by the public to get at the ADI project costs and the documentation linking purchases of materials that probably wound up at John Drayman's condo, or the request for the source documents for the payment to ADI subcontractors who performed the work on a vague assurance that, according to Drayman, they'll be paid later.

We now forecast heavy snow flurries from the city attorney's office. It's another reason why we need a new Sunshine Amendment to the city's charter now. The city's efforts and increasing costs to protect the misdeeds of city councilmen gives us plenty of justification to elect a city attorney accountable to the public instead of the city council. This week, expect a chilly reception from council members and hot temperatures from city stakeholders and activists who want to fight the city's corruption, fraud, and waste of taxpayer's money.

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## TAKE ACTION – GET INVOLVED – BE INFORMED – SHARE VANGUARD – VOLUNTEER

### 2 Shout Box

ED – Letters published do not necessarily express the opinion of Vanguardians, Vanguard News Service, the organization or Barry Allen. Names are used only when requested. Initials are used as there are people, believe it or not, who are concerned with retaliation or have issues before a legislative body. Letters will be published that are signed and are not hate oriented.



I have been reading about Glendale and ADI. Now the City wants to subpoena people and records. As it seems all the council has taken money from the ADI folks can they be objective? I don't think so. It is akin to the Fox in the Henhouse. We are really lucky to have the Vanguard team working for us. Please accept my check for all the work you do for all of us stakeholders. **GP**

- J Drayman must be tossing about in his grave watching what he built be torn down by a person without a conscience, his son, John, who has none of the values his father had; none of the drive; none of the entrepreneurship. When he took the oath of office he invoked his father's name even taking it for his nameplate

on the dais. What a terrible disappointment to those of us who knew his family and supported him for Council. It is time for us to throw him out of office with the rest of the trash. **KL**

- Now the City is accusing the accuser instead of owning up to their own transgressions. Can you imagine the City starting its own lawsuits and having the Council issue subpoenas? Apparently there have been lots of Brown Act violations as there have been no meetings yet these decisions were made, no doubt, in secret. A serious case of deflection. **AK**
- It was really strange that the News Press didn't carry the entire article about ADI that was in the Times and directed readers to the Times or go online for the entire article. There was no mention of Drayman in the GNP article and he is the most corrupt. **PH**
- I am mystified by Laura Friedman's claim that people who run for public office should not be held accountable for the financial contributors to their campaign. That might be acceptable for someone running for a state-wide office or a federal office, but not for a city council. After looking at the money Laura received from ADI and its subcontractors, she had to say something in an effort to deflect the obvious. It was Drayman who guided the ADI money to Laura's campaign. **DM**
- Not knowing, not caring who is giving you money in your election campaign is just about as hard to accept as Drayman's claim that he has known a key member of ADI for many years as a friend. It wasn't until he was elected that he became acquainted with this man. ADI had no interest in him until he became a member of the city council. He became a target, he was vulnerable, and he crossed the moral and ethical line. The FBI will determine if he crossed the criminal line. There will be much more to follow as this case develops. One would have thought that after Weaver paid a \$9000 fine for money laundering and not knowing who gave him money, others would be more aware. **JT**
- A subcontractor to ADI claims that ADI pressured him into giving money to a list of elected officials, including Drayman and Friedman. The ADI spokesman told the subcontractor, "We need to keep our political people happy". Mr. Drayman seems to be happy around town, but I am now shocked to know why he has been in this state of euphoria. How quickly fate can turn. He now realizes that the old adage 'Pay to Play' has unintended and adverse consequences. **RP**
- Let me get this straight, Drayman received tens of thousands of dollars for upgrades in his private residence from an ADI subcontractor who has never done a private residential upgrade before and only did so once he was assured ADI would pay him for the work. Now Drayman owes a lot of money to these folks and hasn't paid them. Doesn't it seem obvious that Drayman never intended to pay for the work because he expected it to be part of the quid pro quo game? He voted millions of extra taxpayer dollars to ADI for substandard work and he gets a new interior to his condo. **SW**
- I am so happy for Darlene Najarian for taking the steps necessary to divorce Mayor Ara Najarian to get out of a mentally abusive marriage. **CJ** [ED – The writer went on to cite examples of abuse that Vanguard chose to redact as they would further inflame an already volatile situation.]
- Great job of reporting on ADI – City Council. Without Vanguard the truth would not be told to the general public. GNP continues to act like a branch of the City Council. Expect readership to go up as more and more people look to Vanguard for the real 'ins and outs' of City Government. Glad to send you my ck for \$150. **MN**
- I can see Drayman's letter to the News Press..."Dear Editor...Your writer misquoted me. You are no different than the Pasadena Weekly. That wasn't me...that was my colleague Mr. Weaver. Please make the necessary corrections, support my campaign for re-election and endorse me. I am the best thing that ever happened to Glendale. JD" submitted by **JD**
- Oh how cloying is this ADI/City of Glendale/City Council/City Manager complicit or asleep at the wheel stinking mess of political corruption.. The perfect storm of greedy politicians, incompetent bureaucrats, developers handing out horse choking wads of campaign contributions and special favors in exchange for access to Glendale's taxpayer cookie jar. Predictably followed by finger pointing, declarations of shock and surprise, denials, self-justification and worse from the City Hall crowd that roams downtown like a pack of hungry zombies



with their hands perpetually extended to receive cash from anyone with a plan to sell. Take a look beyond ADI to New Horizons, Caruso and his sweet deals, threats of eminent domain and bullying of small businesses trying to make it outside the inner circle of robber barons. I hate to say we told you so, but what else is there to say. Bring on the criminal indictments and put these bums where they belong--on the cell block in their orange jumpsuits next to Rizzo and their buddies in Bell.NAJ



- Perhaps ADI just gave Drayman a debit card on one of their many bank accounts and told him it would always be there. NN
- **A letter to the Glendale News Press:**

"For many years few residents have attended the Housing Authority and Redevelopment meetings at the city council chambers. Now, with the front page story by Melanie Hicken ("ADI Deal Raised Eyebrows" GNP Wednesday Dec. 29). We find how elements of fraud and illegal conduct cost taxpayer millions in waste and abuse annually. Public participation and public awareness are essential expressions of good government that these agencies have rarely encouraged.

The rest of the story that appeared on the Los Angeles times, allows us to follow the cookie crumbs implicating council members. Their quoted expressions of surprise, shock and denial are as laughable as the expressions of innocence from a chocolate-smear child after raiding the pantry. **Herbert Molano**"

### 3



### Public Information



"Just the facts"

In response to your request for certain documents pertaining to ADI, see below:

Provide documents relating to Advanced Development and Investment Inc., and related companies, developer of affordable housing projects on South Brand and on San Fernando Road at Glendale, (Vassar) specifically:

#### 1. Invoices submitted to City

We are still getting these documents together and anticipate they will be available at the end of the day Monday December 27, 2010. We will contact you when ready.

**[Barry Allen]** Not rec'd Documents were not ready.

#### 2. Sub contractor agreements

The City does not maintain the agreements between ADI/PHD and its subcontractors.

**[Barry Allen]** Understood but next time maybe you should so they can be compared with the invoices

#### 3. Proof of insurance

Documents responsive to this request will be available in the clerk's office by 10 a.m. on Monday December 27, 2010

**[Barry Allen]** Rec'd

#### 4. Correspondence from City employees and consultants and to David Pasternak the Court Appointed Receiver

Correspondence from the City to David Pasternak have been prepared in anticipation of litigation and are thus exempt from disclosure. Gov't Code Section 6254(b).

**[Barry Allen]** According to what I read, there has been no direction for litigation.

#### 5. Reports from and to David Pasternak the Court Appointed Receiver

Responsive documents not exempt from disclosure will be available in the Clerk's office by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 27, 2010. They consist of the document requested in No. 6 below.

**[Barry Allen]** There are no other documents?

#### 6. The report from the Receiver to the Court as provided to the City

This document will be available in the Clerk's office by 10:00 am. on Monday, December 27, 2010.

**[Barry Allen]** Document rec'd

#### 7. Construction photographs sent to Chris in the Inspection Department or in another department during October 2010

The responsive document will be available in the Clerk's office by 10:00 am on Monday, December 27, 2010.  
[Barry Allen] Document rec'd but difficult to decipher

Michael J. Garcia Chief Assistant City Attorney City of Glendale (818) 548-2080

"All truths are easy to understand once they have been discovered; the point is to discover them." - Galileo Galilei.

### Agendas for the City of Glendale CA



Click to view the agenda [City Council](#) [Housing Authority](#) [Redevelopment Agency](#)

Meetings at City Hall (CH) are in the Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor at 613 E Broadway.

Meetings at the Municipal Services Bldg. (MSB) are in room 105 at 633 E Broadway.

Meetings at the Perkins Bldg (PB) are in the Conference Room at 141 N Glendale Ave.

Phone numbers are in area code 818 unless noted otherwise

#### Monday, January 3

Water & Power Commission – 4:00 pm, CH 548-2107

City Council – 6:00 pm, CH 548-4844

#### Tuesday, January 4

Housing Authority – Redevelopment Agency – 2:30 pm, CH

#### Thursday, January 6

Committee for a Clean & Beautiful Glendale – 8:30 am, PB 548-3700

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## 4 *Vanguardians*

Vanguard archives are available by clicking – [Home Page of Open Government \(???\) in Glendale California](#)

People from all over LA County are asking for Vanguard and Vanguardians training. We are expanding our coverage of LA County activities to accommodate the needs of the community.

Vanguard is following these lawsuits and others: the 5 GPD officers; Rodriguez; Gillespie; Hayn; Hunter; Mendoza. The cases cited are from the Randy Adams regime and continue under Chief DePompa.

### *VANGUARDIANS needs your Continuing Financial Support*

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- [www.maplight.org](http://www.maplight.org) to follow the money trail from special interests to the policy maker

To become more involved in your community, to learn how to use these important tools, call 818 243 1502

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## 5 the Insider

is written by city employees that care about the way the City is run. As they are concerned about retaliation, their identities are secret. Vanguard provides them the opportunity to have this forum. The comments are their own.



Some of the subs that have been stiffed by Drayman and/or National Fire are getting ready to picket City Hall with signs that say "Pay Up or Get Out".

In the afternoon of December 16, 2010 Lt. Fox who is on the promotion list for Captain, struck an elderly person in a wheel chair while driving out of the police station in a city vehicle. A police report was taken then just weeks later management ordered the officer who took the report to cancel the report number and to write an internal memo so the accident would not go into the state data base to show that a GPD future Captain struck a pedestrian in a wheel chair.

**Your employee Association doesn't support you, DON'T support them. Instead, send your union dues to Vanguardians as allowed by the [Meyers-Milias-Brown Act](#) for LOCAL PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS**

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# 6 THE DENIZENS ON THE DAIS



Over

the last two weeks people member from its various resources.

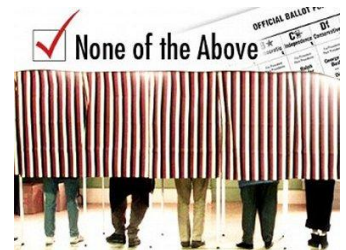
have been asking what Vanguardians believes about each city council

Dave Weaver – the oldest member of the Council and the oldest – worked for the Corps of Engineers for 37 years; he has caused the City Manager frustration and headaches regarding sexual harassment issues involving not one but two hits on the same employee in the City Manager’s office. There’s a lot more but you get the picture. Weaver has no investment in the community.

Frank Quintero – the next oldest used to have a dba of ‘Alliance for Education’, that drew in excess of a million dollars (give or take a few hundred thousand), from the Verdugo Workforce Development of which Glendale is a member. Pressure caused him to walk away. Now Quintero has no investment in the Community.

Ara Najarian – presently the Mayor, came to the Council from an unfinished term as a Trustee of Glendale Community College. He either owns or manages his family’s (parents) apartments in Glendale and leases property on Brand for his law practice.

John Drayman – AKA the ‘Actor’ lives in a condo that was owned by his parents. He claimed to have a business but City records show that he quit a few years ago. Records do not substantiate any business or source of sustainable revenue other than the \$40,000 derived from the City. Drayman has no known lawful investment in the City.



Laura Friedman – operates a business that sells glass on the Internet. She recently acknowledged that her husband handles the finances and she doesn’t have the financial acumen or any real investment in the community to understand what the business community goes through.

## VOTING RECORD – HOW THE FISCAL MESS STARTED BEFORE THE RECESSION

April 2001 – Weaver and Quintero voted to increase public safety pensions to 90% allowing those who worked for the City for 30 years prior to be eligible

2005 – Najarian, Weaver and Quintero voted to give GCEA a 40% increase in their pensions.

September 2007 – Drayman joined his ‘brothers’ Weaver, Quintero and Najarian in approving the GMA as the bargaining unit for Managers.

All this was before the recession those same council members blame for today’s fiscal disaster that they caused.

*“You can’t win an argument with a Moron, an Idiot, or a Political Bigot” Kraft*

When it began?

Weaver*	Quintero	Najarian	Drayman*	Friedman
1997	2001	2005	2007	2009

\* Drayman and Weaver terms end in April 2011

The Lie-O-Meter moves from week to week showing the official telling the most outrageous lies.

# 7 DAVIS VIEW OF THE WEEK



DAVIS -- [Vanguard Work in Davis Helps to Get Rid of Corrupt Superintendent in East Bay](#)

Monday, 27 December 2010 In the past week the Vanguard received a letter from a thankful individual in [South San Francisco](#) expressing appreciation for an article written in March of 2008 on former Waterford Superintendent Howard Cohen. That article apparently helped tie together enough threads between Mr.

Cohen's conduct in Waterford and his conduct in South San Francisco to force his resignation on December 17, amid among other things allegations that he tried to hire an old associate from Total School Solutions to a new position during a time when the district was forced to lay off and cut salaries of teachers....**David M. Greenwald, Executive Director, [The People's Vanguard of Davis](#)**

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## 8 BELL RINGER



**A review of 2009 expenditures by the City...In May they paid \$10,175.50 for disposable shopping bags.**

**In November the city reimbursed Chief Adams \$790 for Taser training and in July the City paid for Code 3 installation in his 2009 Chrysler 300 for \$2654.**

**March they spent \$1490 on Angel's baseball tickets**

**July Luis Artiga got \$20,000 for an Admin Agreement**

**Oscar Hernandez got the same but Angela Spaccia received \$100,000.**

**The Bell Chamber of Commerce picked up \$71,000 for the year**

**Danny Lopez**

**LETTERS:** Enjoyed your piece on Bell in the latest Vanguard News but more, I enjoy the rest of the stories about the challenges in Glendale. Your accounts are another demonstration of the fact that CA laws seem to protect the bad guys in local governments instead of requiring their accountability and transparency; is doing us all asunder!

It stymies the mind that the state controller must be **invited to audit**, by the bad guys, instead of simply marching in under State authority, to demand accountability to CA communities. It is time to reverse state laws so that charter cities are accountable to state law and not the reverse and to structure the law so that councils are strictly accountable and answerable to residents, not the reverse as is now.

As you know, I am convinced that the hidden bonds of Bell (done by the city council without voter approval), are how Rizzo was able to pay the high everything these last 10 or more years, rising to more than \$10-million per year deficit these last 5-6 years. Wait until the county tells us what they have thus far hinted. **It will be over \$10-million per year deficit.** The average spending per year for the last 6 is over \$32-million per year and that includes 2010. That is why there is no money. Rizzo does not have all that stashed away somewhere. He, our 2 city-councils during that time, key city directors, and city managers, spent it these last 10-12 years on major deficit spending! **ON THEMSELVES!!** And disastrously, I think they may have done most of it within the loopholes of CA law!!!

The problem in all these cases is the fact that CA law sets these charter cities above CA laws and CA law provides mechanisms like the power of **city-authorities** to make voter unapproved debt (in Bell's case \$169-million, 2003-2007).

**Bell's bonds are what is going to do in the Bell Pd; very possibly, Bell, the city in 2011!**

Current CA law makes it easy for city-councils, even entities like DWP, to transact lethal instruments and decisions outside of community participation and approval, as if accountable only to themselves!

Bell is one heinous example but cities like Vernon, Huntington Park, Glendale, and shall we go on, are bigger problems but also a much bigger political risk and greater required fixes eh??

Anyway, hang in there and keep up that splendid work. I am going to put a link to you and any other city watchdog blogs you know of and like, on my blog this weekend! In other words, could you send me any good links you like - THANKS?

**HAPPY NEW YEAR! BBSTEVE**

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## 9 OXNARD SPEAKS

**[The entire story for the day is right here.](#) Martin Jones**

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