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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 other 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.



[Former State Employee Who Inspected Rehab Clinics Sentenced to 41 Months in Prison for Taking Cash Bribes](#)

[Lead Defendant in Massive Racketeering Case That Targeted Hawaiian Gardens Gang Sentenced to 30 Years in Prison for Wide-Ranging Drug Trafficking Activities](#)

[State Pension Funds: What Went Wrong](#) – This Calpensions article is the most comprehensive breakdown of the flaws that have led to the pension crisis. Analysis involves looks at all of the major California pension systems.

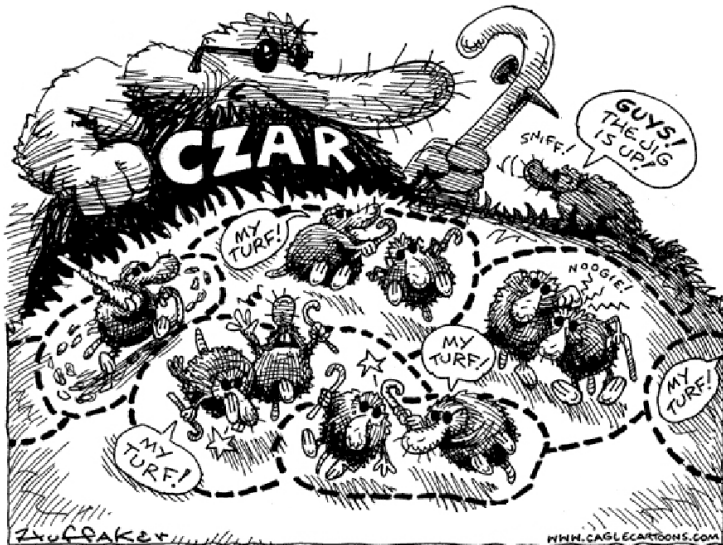
[JPMorgan Chase & Co.](#) Chief Executive Officer [Jamie Dimon](#) said he expects more U.S. municipalities to declare bankruptcy and urged caution when investing in the \$2.9 trillion public-debt market. "There have been six or seven municipal bankruptcies already," Dimon, 54, said.

[Long Beach Mayor stands up to the City Fire and Police unions.](#)

[Glendale Police placed](#) three officers on Administrative leave and the Chief isn't talking, according to Channel 7 news. Vanguardians sources report that three officers from the COPS unit took a black & white for a joy ride to Stateline so they could take a picture of the 'Welcome to Nevada' sign. Sources say this occurred on or about December 29, 2010. The question arises about who paid for the gas.

[The Role of the City Manager](#) by [Jennifer Baires](#) Through a combination of politics and structure, the strongest position in local government could easily be considered the city manager. A council-manager form of government means that the city council is responsible for providing political leadership and policies, which are then implemented by the city manager.

The council-manager form of government first came about during the progressive era of politics in the early 1900s. Corruption and nepotism by council members lead voters throughout California to adopt a new reform style government where a city manager was appointed to control much of the city.



UC Berkeley professor of Urban Politics Margaret Weir said, "The city manager is the expert who is supposed to implement the wishes of the city council and offer advice to the city council about how to run their program-- and then to oversee them. To make sure that the programs are carried out in a non-partisan, A-political and expert way."

However, experts like Weir see that the popularity for council-manager form of government is changing, "City after city in California is starting to shift to a strong mayor form of government because people want that democratic check."

A strong mayor form of government means that the mayor is elected directly by the citizens and that he/she is responsible for appointing department heads and running city hall on a much more intimate level. This

form of government is especially popular in larger cities.

[Tom Petrino in the LA Times](#): There is a move afoot to persuade Congress to pass a law expressly permitting any of the 50 states to seek bankruptcy protection, a right that municipalities now have in about half the states.

Proponents of the idea say they're doing California and other deficit-ridden states a huge favor. Given the severe budget shortfalls facing many governors and legislatures in 2011 and 2012 — and their massive unfunded employee pension and healthcare liabilities — the argument for bankruptcy is that it would allow a state to put everything on the table at once and plot a sustainable long-term financial recovery plan.

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

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



Civil Disobedience (*Resistance to Civil Government*) is an essay by [Henry David Thoreau](#) that was first published in 1849. It argues that people should not permit governments to overrule or atrophy their consciences, and that people have a duty to avoid allowing such [acquiescence](#) to enable the government to make them the agents of injustice. Thoreau was motivated in part by his disgust with [slavery](#) and the [Mexican-American War](#).

The 1st Amendment to the Constitution of these United States: ***Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.***

Section 1 of the 14th Amendment causes the States to abide by the 1st Amendment - ***All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.***

With the above background I want to share my observation about ‘Civil Disobedience’ as I see it today. The FBI statistics show that the number of threats to members of Congress has seriously increased.

I attended a gathering convened by Cong. Adam Schiff in Alhambra last spring to learn about the health care reform. This was not an event where Schiff was promoting himself or partisan politics. Yet when speakers were explaining about the legislation, small groups of people throughout the crowd started yelling and screaming, to drown out the speakers. Others in the audience asked them to tone down to no avail.

Even though that was the 1st Amendment right of those obnoxious people because it was sanctioned by a Member of Congress, those that I knew and met from Glendale that represented both major political parties were disgusted with the actions of a few.

Fast-forward to January 10, 2011 at the Glendale Homeowners Coordinating Council meeting where an invited guest speaker was heckled and cajoled by several obnoxious loud-mouthed people akin to those of the Adam Schiff event, but without the same 1st Amendment protections. Because this gathering was not one sanctioned by the government but by a private group, they do not have to follow the Constitutional dictates and could have exercised their right to escort these people out of the meeting in the same fashion they did to Peter Musurlian, a bonafide member of the press, for exhibiting the same characteristics of those who disrupted the January 10 meeting.

§ 42.05. Disrupting Meeting or Procession.

(a) A person commits an offense if, with intent to prevent or disrupt a lawful meeting, procession, or gathering, he obstructs or interferes with the meeting, procession, or gathering by physical action or verbal utterance.

(b) An offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor.

It should be noted that one of those people that disrupted the meeting is the Chair of a Glendale City Commission and thus represents the City of Glendale where ever he goes and speaks.

Shouting ‘FIRE’ in a crowded auditorium is not protected speech. A proper admonishment should entail to the disrupters and to the Commissioner about the need for the proper decorum as an appointed official. The perception is that all the appointed and elected officials can reject the civilities that are demanded of the public.

I filed a complaint about the lack of a building permit for the work done on Council member John Drayman’s residence after checking with the permit department to determine whether there was a permit taken out by anyone. The answer was, ‘no’.

I provided the Neighborhood Services code enforcers with the names of the contractor and the subcontractors for their records.

I called the code compliance person assigned and he said he didn’t get around to making the inspection. I waited a week and called him back and was referred to Sam Engle, the head of that section.

Mr. Engle said, “The city’s research and investigation are ongoing at this time.” He indicated that once he got the green light from his bosses they would follow up on my ‘assertions’.

One of the subcontractors I spoke to with regard to the permit issue told me that Mr. Drayman said he would take care of the permit.

According to the LA Times in an interview with Drayman, he selected National Fire as the general contractor. My independent research that I shared with the Times turned up the names of the subcontractors for electrical, plumbing, HVAC and carpentry (floors, cabinetry etc.). The ADI controller even took a picture of the architect that worked on the project.



But the question remains, 'Is Drayman the only elected official that has circumvented the permit process?'

A check on the permits for Mr. Weaver, also a Glendale Council member, shows that he has taken out no permit for the addition on his house where there was a dumpster sitting on Haverkamp filled with demolition debris and stacks of construction material in the backyard.

Then, according to nearby residents, Ms Friedman, another Glendale Council member had a new bathroom installed. Permit records only show the replacement of an exterior staircase last October.

Permit fees are getting higher and higher but I do believe that the stakeholders in Glendale are owed the obligation of City officials to follow their own dictates.

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

JOHN DRAYMAN

THE RISE AND FALL OF GLENDALE'S FAVORITE SON



This was a week of mourning for the country and for contemplation of the national political dialogue. The events in Tucson, Arizona gave us pause as a respected congresswoman, an admired judge, and a beloved child were shot by an angry assailant.

The voices of reflection and empathy imbued with maturity rose slowly at the memorial service into a crescendo of unity. We felt united in a vision of what we could be as a nation – a place where our common interests should guide our policies. That is the role of cultural and religious ceremonies. These events help us identify with each other. These common beliefs help us weave the fabric of one nation.

But the language of our common interest was absent from the dialogue last week at the city council session, and it deteriorated into foul epithets being shouted out during a presentation by Dan Evans, the editor of the Glendale News-Press. We turned to a nasty page in the history of the Glendale Homeowners' Coordinating Council (GHCC.)

The supporters of John Drayman came out to the meeting itching for a tussle. There is nothing like a good verbal sparring to set the tone of the presentation into a contentious one. Inquiry and reasoning was tossed aside in favor of a shouting match where the accusations from the strongest lungs prevail. At the heart of the discussion was the investigative story by the Glendale News-Press of the alleged fraud and abuse by Advanced Development and Investment, a long-time city contractor that is accused of defrauding the city and the federal government out of millions of dollars.



The alleged fraud, by itself, was reason enough for the Glendale News-Press to energize a thorough investigative report. The issue, front-to-center, is the apparent collusion by top city officials in ignoring the warnings of a seasoned and responsible city analyst on the workings of ADI and their projects rife with questionable billing and performance practices. In a nutshell, whatever ADI wanted, they got. If they wanted dozens of fewer parking spaces, they got it. If they wanted hundreds of thousands of dollars more for the project on the strengths of just a few words on paper, they got it. If they wanted to declare cost overruns in the millions of dollars before the project even broke ground, they got it. If neighbors against the project protested about traffic, parking and the size of the project, ADI prevailed. What then was the source of the power and influence of ADI? Federal authorities were going to find out and the GNP with the Los Angeles Times were reporting on it.

But at the GHCC meeting with the editor of the GNP supporting his paper's diligence and disinterest, there would be no such evaluation. The GNP reported on the investigation and quoted city leaders. But in the audience, the protesters took a cue from John Drayman who earlier in the week had called the leading reporter on the story a muckraker. The GNP had, for probably the first time in nearly four years, failed to place John Drayman in other than laudatory words. Logically sound inferences based on the circumstances could be made implicating Drayman and the other council members in making ADI the untouchable contractor.

A significant portion of the campaign donations given to councilmen in prior council elections came from the subcontractors ADI hired. The stench of corruption of our political process was palpable by the elements that made up the story. It was nothing new, just newly visible. The immediate denials and verbal sparring by the councilmen that they could not possibly know the relationship between the generous campaign contributions they received and the ADI connected donors was suspect.

Anyone with any inkling of campaign finance knows that the most challenging part of any campaign is in fund-raising. It is tough. Companies and organizations don't just open their purses on the vague promises that a candidate is earnest, prudent, or conscientious. They give money because they want a piece of the government's money for themselves, or a favorable law that would give them an economic edge.

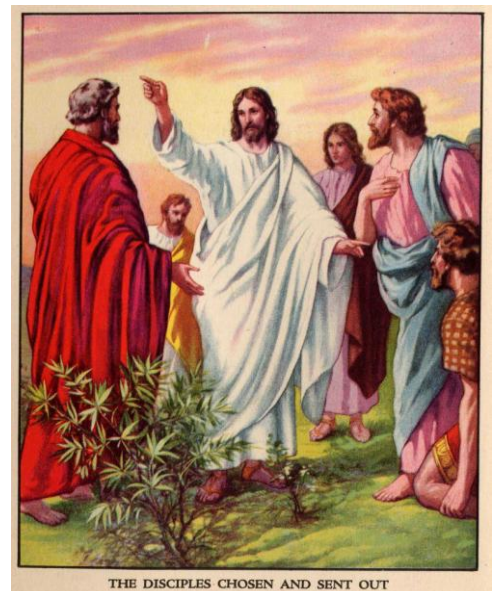
Politics is the exercise of leverage in deciding who gets what. More precisely, it is the process by which some people benefit from our tax dollars, often at the expense of many others. The corruption we don't tolerate is the practice by some politicians of making those decisions when the beneficiary is narrowed down to himself and his friends.

And it appears that there was a direct benefit to one councilman in particular – John Drayman. Here was the man who four years ago conveyed great promise. I swallowed his story hook, line, and sinker. We'd finally found a man of such integrity, such devotion to good government, such empathic vision that we were on the dawn of a new age for Glendale. With Drayman, the people of Montrose would finally become part of the Glendale family. They would be step-children no more. They had their spokesman and their banner carrier. They've found their man of integrity raised within their city boundaries. He would be tuned in to the needs of the common man. He was the genuine article. He would raise their expectations and make their city whole again. They could claim him as their own, and he sealed their identity to his with an easy flair of English that was flawless and naturally delicious.

Drayman portrayed himself as everyman. He believed in council districts. He believed in strict campaign contribution limits. He believed in neighborhoods keeping their historic character. He believed in open space and parkland for everyone. He believed in restraining the increased density of neighborhoods. He believed in improving our quality of life. With Drayman we would get a government attuned to the needs of the shopkeeper and the small businessman. He would make sure our streets would be well-lit, our sidewalks repaired, and friendly patrolmen would walk our community streets and keep us safe. But we would get a lot more. We would look at him and see integrity exuding from his every pore. We knew that decisions would be made from the ground up – from the grassroots. Mayberry would be made whole again.

Drayman delivered his message in an earnestly-smooth baritone. His voice resonated with the silky delivery of a radio announcer, his voice rich and his demeanor empathic. He was the son of an admired shopkeeper. Johnny was taking the mantle of a beloved community leader, making it his own, and taking his message all the way to the city council dais. Like daddy, like son.

I ate it up like a fresh stack of pancakes smothered in syrup. A new renaissance would come to Glendale. Everyone would be welcomed to the



breakfast table. The aroma of eggs frying with fresh bacon would be on the plate. Hash-browns steaming on the side and a cup of American-blend coffee would round out the ambiance of the early morning. It would be a fresh new day. Drayman was elected to office. Decent people everywhere were invited to break bread with him. Corn muffins were steaming hot.

I could not believe my eyes the first day Drayman sat behind the dais. We had elected the people's choice. But within a few months, my vision would change. Try I as could not to believe my ears, a new man emerged. It takes dozens and dozens of meetings to paint a more realistic picture of the real man behind the carefully crafted image. If you only see him once a month, you'd miss it. You need to track words into results. Something was amiss. The real John Drayman was emerging before my eyes.

This past week was a week of mourning. It was the official passing of the man who held so much promise four years ago and who turned out to be someone other than the man he portrayed himself to be. This was no Bernie Sanders standing his ground for fair taxation. This was no Henry Waxman introducing legislation against tobacco and big oil. This was no Harvey Milk introducing a city to a new level of tolerance and consciousness. This was the real John Drayman, earth-bound, self-serving.

But in the eyes of those who love him faithfully, no evidence would ever be enough. Faith requires a dismissal of the evidence. Faith requires an allegiance to a belief that you repeat with your eyes-closed. This religion requires a mantra or prayer that must be repeated faithfully and repeatedly. "I believe in Johnny almighty, benefactor of Glendale and ADI, and all the things visible and invisible."

Today we lay that image to rest. We too are in mourning. A beloved figure of great promise succumbed to the essential sin of man – a self-centered view of the world.

HERBERT MOLANO [Click here Glendale Today](#)

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

2Shout Box

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Dan Evans, editor of the Glendale News-Press (GNP), came to the Glendale Homeowners Coordinating Council on Monday night at the request of the president, Al Hofmann, and was on the agenda to speak about the ADI scandal as reported in the GNP. A City Commissioner kept interrupting Evans as he spoke; this Commissioner was the epitome of rudeness. Evans challenged him to give examples where the GNP erred in its reporting. Of course this Commissioner was unable to. He exuded the arrogance as found in those sitting on the dais.

Lenore Solis and Patrick Masihi were former Commissioners who were 'fired' by the Council for their speech. Maybe this is what the Council should do with the loudmouth TPC Commissioner. He certainly brings no credit to Council member Quintero who, I believe, appointed him.

I expect to see letters citing the Constitution on Free Speech. The issue is one between Government and the people, not between people and a private organization. WG,

The GOP is going to introduce a bill to give state governments authority to file for bankruptcy. They should also streamline current bankruptcy laws for cities and counties, making the process easier. This is one GOP bill I could support. It will allow for reductions in salary and benefits, including pensions to a level of affordability. This will be a major factor in returning state governments and hopefully locals as well, to fiscal balance and affordability. The Democrats in both houses of congress should support this legislation as fervently as the Republicans but they will be held back by public union influence. It's going to hurt them politically but some and maybe many will break rank and support this bill. It is a prescription for defeating the fiscal beast that has been holding the taxpayer hostage and stripping the public of services.

JN

Regarding the Bell Ringer, Danny Lopez: Your article was interesting on "How the L.A. Times got it Wrong." It was a good read.

Just one pointy thought. While I get the reference "The only whites that didn't give flight stayed to exploit." and how that does have a certain application to the Bell situation with respect to the Werleins, etc.--the phrase is a

little 'edgy when applied to all.

I'm white, and was raised in Bell from 1961 and forward. For whatever reason, God called me to be the Senior Pastor of the Southland Christian Church on the corner of King and Randolph where I have been serving since 2000. The English speaking congregation (We have a Spanish ministry, as well) is mostly Latino but more comfortable in English. Though there are some 'whites' in the minority. There are more than a few in the city, for whatever reason, who give selflessly to edify rather than exploit others in their community. There is a tall 'white' man, Dan Allen, who for ten years has run an after-school homework club at the church called 'S.A.Y. Yes!' Thirty local kids from K through 8 benefit from his care and the care of his small staff every single week. I think the program charges about ten dollars a semester.

Well...anyway, I think you get my point. I submit this respectfully and do appreciate your article. Pastor Jeff Cox

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Public Information



“Just the facts”

“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, 2nd 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 17 City Offices and Library branches closed – Martin Luther King, Jr., Federal Holiday

Wednesday, January 19
Planning Commission – 5:00 pm, MSB 548-2140

Tuesday, January 18
Housing Authority – Redevelopment Agency 2:30 pm, CH
City Council -- 6:00 pm, CH 548-4844

Thursday, January 20
Design Review Board #2 – 5:00 pm, MSB

4 *Vanguardians*

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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.


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- The [Political Reform Act of 1974](#) allows public access to the financial reports of public officials.
- www.maplight.org to follow the money trail from special interests to the policy maker

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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.



They took the week off...

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6 THE DENIZENS ON THE DAIS



Early start for spoilers: As of distribution time, 13 people have picked up packages to be able to collect signatures to be on the ballot to run for just two Council seats belonging to two incumbents that are among those planning to run. It just takes 100 valid signatures and \$25 along with being a Glendale registered voter to run for office. It appears at this juncture that there are enough people who intend to run that will guarantee that the two incumbents will return to the Council.

"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 VIEW FROM DAVIS



It has been a busy week in the People's Republic; we have spent some time [reacting to the new governor](#), but a lot of action on the local front as well.

[UC Davis Chancellor Linda Katehi responded](#) to the increased pension demands by a group of 36 top UC executives. She released a statement agreeing with the interpretation of events as laid out by President Yudof and Chairman Gould. "I personally agree with and strongly support President Yudof and Chairman Gould's position. While I have great respect for the four UC Davis leaders who signed this letter and understand their perspective, this demand comes at a time when our university is being asked to make many sacrifices and, as such, I do not support a change in the university's policy that would increase their retirement benefits," the Chancellor said in a statement.

The City of Davis is a self-proclaimed biking capital of the country and yet, we allow people to dump their [green waste in the bike lanes](#). And when the city tried a containerization program, the residents revolted.

Davis has had an affordable housing scandal and this week responded to public criticism toward the cooperative housing project DACHA and other criticisms about the [City Affordable Housing Program](#).

The city is moving forward with an appointment process to fill a council vacancy created when a member of the council was elected to the County Board of Supervisors. On Monday, there was a [sparsely attended information session](#). The city has also set up a website to track [the applications; so far just one has applied](#).

A big continuing issue is a proposal railroad fence along [Olive Street](#). Contrary to prior reports, the City of Davis may have a good deal more leverage than first believed about the fence that goes up along the Union Pacific tracks, at least in

terms of the type of fence and the possibility of creating some sort of bike and pedestrian crossing.

Without city approval, the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority would not approve government funding for a fence. On Tuesday night, representatives from the railroad giant Union Pacific vowed to work with the city as the council unanimously rejected the current proposal and called for future study. Mayor Pro Tem Rochelle Swanson moved to oppose the current proposal and direct staff to work with Union Pacific and other entities to create a more appropriate plan for Davis.

We also have a proposed parcel tax generating controversy. The schools are hurting. [But residents are complaining about a proposed 54% hike in the existing tax](#). To their credit, the district has taken steps to insure [accountability and transparency](#). They have even done what the city refused to do and post updates on the progress of their collective bargaining with the two main bargaining groups.

We wrote about the Governor's proposal to [eliminate redevelopment and how that would impact Davis](#). We are basically favorable to it, though concerned about the loss of the pass-through agreement protecting the city from county imposed growth on its boundaries.

We closed the week with a report about further allegations into [Brown Act violations by the County Board of Supervisors](#). A letter sent by an attorney alleges a Brown Act violation occurred at the Yolo County Board of Supervisors Special Meeting on December 17, 2010, where the Board took up the issue of an agreement with Conaway Ranch and a group owned by developer Angelo Tsakopoulos.

The letter alleges "the notice for the December 17, 2010, Special Meeting violated the requirements of the Brown Act, Government Code, section 54956."

According to Mr. Mooney, "The Brown Act mandates written notice must be sent to each member of the legislative body (unless waived in writing by that member) and to each local newspaper of general circulation, and radio or television station that has requested such notice in writing. (Gov't Code, § 54956.) This notice must be delivered by personal delivery or any other means that ensures receipt, at least 24 hours before the time of the meeting."

The County failed to provide the mandated 24 hours of notice to Board members or the media, the group charges, citing the December 22, 2010 article in the Davis Enterprise where Supervisor Jim Provenza charged that he had not received notice of the meeting until roughly 4:52 pm on Thursday, about 21 and a half hours prior to the meeting.

Finally we previewed a discussion on the [city's pensions and unfunded health retirement liability](#). We laid out some suggested improvements to the city's current situation before we get hit with insolvency

David M. Greenwald, Executive Director, [the People's Vanguard of Davis](#)

8 BELL RINGER



The Community of Bell and their campaign "Justice for Bell" cordially invite you to their fundraiser for the Bell City Council race.

There will be food, music, Karaoke, friends and neighbors. There will also be an 8 minute trailer of a documentary on the Bell Scandal. There will be pictures and a raffle!

Join us as we support candidates to the Bell City council that will bring transparency, good government and pride to our community!

Date: Friday, January 14, 2011 Time: 6:30 PM
Location: El Palmar Restaurant, 5147 East Gage Avenue, Bell, CA 90201
Suggested donation: \$25 per person

The whole city wins when electing representatives from the community! Together we will change the destiny of our beautiful city of Bell. The elections are fast approaching and we need your support and help to move forward from the scandal to success. This event is for a good cause and we will all become winners. For more information, contact Alma at (323) 332-7918 or Nora Saenz at (323) 286-2118.

Families are welcomed! Send this email to your family and friends. We stand together!

The Bell Business Association (BBA) will hold a Council Candidates Forum on Tuesday, February 1, 2011.

The objective of the event is to provide an open forum for all council candidates seeking office in the upcoming City of Bell elections. We invite all City of Bell businesses and residents to this important meeting.

City of Bell Council Candidates Forum at Bell Community Center / 6250 Pine Ave. 7:00 PM Tuesday, February 1,

The City of Bell and the local businesses are confronting major economic trials. The BBA is seeking to hear the viewpoints and opinions of every candidate on how best to address these challenges, and in particular, their vision to sustain and promote commerce within the City of Bell. The BBA believes in full transparency in this process and as such, via this newsletter, ALL COUNCIL CANDIDATES reading this invitation are more than welcome to participate. This event will not be allowed to become a debate. The forum will be an opportunity for all candidates to make known their talents, experience, and skills that will aid in the economic recovery of our community.

This is a free public event. For more information, please call the BBA at (323) 773-7940 or (562) 644-4511.

We thank the office of the Interim Chief Administrative Officer Pedro Carrillo for their assistance with the use of the Bell Community Center.

DANNY LOPEZ is off today and in his place the editors have published important community events.

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