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## THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE

**Vanguardians Purpose:** To Inform, Educate, & Motivate the people for their Non-Violent Involvement, Engagement & Advocacy in local government.

As there has been much rhetoric about the ADI scandal encompassing the Drayman renovation, our advisory board suggested that this letter be made public. As I have spoken on many of the issues mentioned below and have only been met with ridicule by those involved it is time for everyone to learn about the extent of the activities. While this is not only an election issue, it is one that goes to the heart of government; a government that many distrust. Barry Allen, Publisher

Mr. Allen – Thank you for listening and taking action. I am just one of the sub-contractors that had the honor and privilege of turning the home of Mayor Drayman into a masterpiece. All of us worked hard to do that. We took off from work at Vassar Villa to do this work. You have seen some of the pictures and now with this letter you have even more showing the finest Mahogany and the finished product. We are all proud of our workmanship but not of the outcome.

Khachik promised us to be paid. We weren't. Some of us are not yet complete but those that interviewed us said we would be paid. We didn't give money to the councilmen because we wanted to, but because we were told we had to and that we would be paid back with our checks which basically stopped when Ajit was caught.

No one at the City would listen or even look at the invoices. Like the cut rebar. We all think that those employees were involved. Mr. Drayman told Khachik that he would take care of building permits and seeing that we got paid. From what we read there were no building permits. I never saw an inspector.  
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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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**FORMER CORONA CITY COUNCILMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO LYING TO FBI AGENTS INVESTIGATING HIS BANKRUPTCY CASE** LOS ANGELES – A former Corona City Councilman pleaded guilty this morning to a federal offense of lying to special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Jeffrey Bennett, 57, of Corona, who for a time served as the city's mayor, pleaded guilty in United States District Court to one count of making false statements, a felony charge that carries a maximum statutory penalty of five years in federal prison.

**EDUCATION LAW, LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAW** [CSEA v. Governing Bd. East Side Union, No. H034866](#)

In a labor and employment dispute implicating Education Code sections 4529 and 45113(a), denial of petition for a writ of mandate by trial court is affirmed where the permanent status of an employee is restricted to the position or class in which it was attained and is not retained when the employee is reemployed in a different, lower position. [Read more...](#)

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If you have given, donated or contributed any money, service or thing of value 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.

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

**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



People like Rob Ryan and Tad Jefferies have asked that Vanguard jump into the fray involving the private life of candidates for Glendale City Council. Our response to Jefferies can be found in the 'Shout Box'.

Council member Drayman has the use of his bully pulpit to eviscerate and villify anyone that disagrees or questions him. Is this like the golden days of John Edgar Hoover who used public resources to get the goods on his excellency's nemesis? Is Drayman illegally using the resources of the Glendale Police Department to do his bidding? Remember Randy Adams the well paid Police Chief of Glendale and Bell? The one who received Performance Bonuses whenever his Boss' bidding was done. Of course if the Glendale Police Department is guilty of using law enforcement tools for the personal profit of any person they could face the loss of federal funding.

In the past Maria Rochart whose organization received hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars did her own investigations using the Moon Detective Agency of Pasadena CA and provided those investigative reports to certain elected officials. The taxpayers now know that money that was given to Rochart's organization has yet to be recovered.

I watched the pain of the City Attorney when he agreed with Mr. Drayman that Drayman did the right thing coming to the City Attorney regarding the failure of his ADI contractor, National Fire, to get building permits. If just an ordinary resident came to the City Attorney to ask for the same thing do you think the City Attorney would do what he did for Mr. Drayman's private and personal business? The City Attorney is the attorney for the council persons in their roles as elected officials. Does that make the City culpable for the private actions of an elected official because Mr. Howard expanded his role? Or does that elevate the City Attorney's role to that of co-conspirator?

I certainly would not want to be in any role that placed me as a co-conspirator in the cover-up of fraud. What could this mean other than the loss of the employer paid pension, license and living at the expense of taxpayers without the freedom to come and go at your pleasure if convicted?

Someone who knows the content of every issue of Vanguard and yet is ignorant of the people doing his renovation is someone who must be a pathological liar, a habitual liar or a compulsive liar. They all add up to the same. From my interviews with members of the public that have had just a minor involvement in the Drayman Affair and those that are calling for guidance, I know that there are many worried people.

Don't fret, when Drayman is returned to office, all will be painted over and no one will know...except....

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"Politics is entertainment. It's a sport. It's for the well groomed and well heeled. The impeccably dressed. Party animals. Politicians are interchangeable." - Bob Dylan

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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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### **GLENDALE RESIDENTS ASK: "WHERE DID WE GO WRONG?"**

***Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson ponder the problem.***



Dr. Watson and Sherlock Holmes are back in London after a visit to Glendale, California. Dr. Watson is prodding Holmes for his observations on the questions posed to him by Glendale residents. "It's superficial, my dear Watson," the detective said as he leaves his trusted aid puzzling his answer for a while. At 221b Baker Street, Holmes would lean back on his chair, light up his pipe, and proceed to recount the logical steps missed by everyone else.

"The reason why you can't see the answer," Holmes would start, "is a problem with bias." Watson would look puzzled, and demand an explanation.

"Me? Biased? All of my training in medicine was aimed at developing deductive reasoning in my approach to the diagnosis of disease. That claim hurts."

Holmes, looking out the window, replies nonchalantly to Dr. Watson, "It's not deductive reasoning we are looking at here, it's inductive. People think they make educated predictions about candidates for office, but often have very little information. The information they often have is nothing more than the candidate's statements or claims he's made."

Watson, still puzzled asks, "Where is the bias, then?"

"Confirmation bias, my dear Watson. People rely on the information that is easily at hand like the endorsement picture on the postcard, or the claims the candidate makes about himself on his political brochure. The various claims about the candidate are not verified, and clues that show inconsistencies are not pursued. People want to be convinced."

"But voters are not so sure about many of the candidates. They are skeptical," says Watson.

"Except where confirmation bias comes into play. All things being equal, a voter will vote for the candidate whose last name is similar to his. Not only is it easier to remember, it gives him the comfort that the familiar name would render the candidate more attuned to his needs."

"But that could be said of the other voters who select the candidate with the name that is unfamiliar to us but familiar to them." replied Watson.

"Precisely. In a city where there are two major factions, heuristics come into play. These are rules of thumb we use to avoid having to think too much about everything. If all the candidates were of the same ethnicity, people would start to look for other clues to differentiate them, but since the most obvious distinction is the name, weak and unqualified candidates are drawn into the race. The more candidates run for office, the more difficult the task of differentiating them."

Watson, brings his hand to his chin, "I see. But what about the candidates that get re-elected time and time again. Don't we have their record to draw on?"

“Not really, my dear Watson. Once elected, the name of the incumbent becomes more familiar and heuristics come into play again. If nothing significantly bad has happened, then the rule is to re-elect. If the incumbent shares your ethnicity, then it becomes even easier to vote for the same candidate again. The problem is that few people bother to look at the record carefully or even listen for inconsistencies.”

Watson interjected, “You mean like the statements David Weaver made at the Brand Library forum?”

“You noticed? Did you Watson?”

“I was almost floored! I could not imagine any candidate making such an admission of consistent failure and then use it as a rationale for his qualification for office.” Watson exclaimed.

“That statement goes beyond confirmation bias. Here is a candidate that told the audience that in his thirty years working as a project manager for the Army Corps of Engineers, he had never had a project completed on time nor on budget. But we didn’t hear a communal gasp of astonishment.” Holmes concluded.

Watson replied, “It is as if the heuristic used by Weaver is one of tolerable failure. If the city staff fails to bring projects on budget or on time, then those failures fit the councilman’s basic expectations and there are no actionable corrections to be made.”

“Quite right, Dr. Watson.” Holmes continued, “If failures and cost over-runs, are the norm, then pay and other forms of compensation will be based on criteria other than job performance. So it makes sense that managers’ pay is based on collective bargaining and comparisons to salaries at other cities.”

“So, that’s why the city’s budget has ballooned to such incredible heights!” Watson explained.

“Bingo!” Holmes exclaimed. “The money in the budget is being sucked out in huge amounts for ever larger pay and pensions while the voters are only looking at the ethnic name on the ballot as the criteria for selecting the candidate.”

“So that’s why Glendale is in such a financial mess!” Watson concluded.

Holmes pulled his pipe away to observe the swirls of smoke coming out, “So long as voters don’t go beyond the superficialities and self-claims of the candidates, the smoldering problem will only get worse.”

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**“NEVER WAS SO MUCH OWED BY SO MANY TO SO FEW”**

***HINT: IT’S NOT ABOUT ENGLAND***

Those words by Winston Churchill could just as easily apply to the taxpayers and rate payers of Glendale. The Glendale city council has put Glendale into such debt for the benefit of so few, that the devastation of the city’s finances will leave the infrastructure of the city in shambles.

London may have been bombarded from the air relentlessly, but at least for the inhabitants, there were sirens to warn the residents of the incoming damage. In Glendale, not only were the sirens silent, but the efforts at installing such early warning signals was stopped again and again by the sitting council members.

The debt and obligations that have piled up in the last decade did not come in a barrage of bombs. It came silently and landed as if with a timing device to release its damage years later. In April 2001 the Glendale city council approved the largest and most massive taxpayer giveaway in the city’s history. It was not the subsidy of the town center or Americana. It was a pension obligation so luxurious that taxpayer, residents and stakeholders will be paying for decades to come. The pension change called “3% at 50” is a pension so outrageous, that if Glendale voters had known, they would have thrown all the rascals behind the dais out. But we didn’t know. Some councilmen, today, who voted then, tell me they didn’t know.

That pension obligation of 2001 changed the rules and benefits of the pension to employees of the Fire Department and Police Department to incredible levels. With that rule change these employees could retire with 90% of their last highest base salary as their annual compensation for life. That annual pension would then be adjusted for inflation.

But the damage was even worse than just described. The law was made retroactive to 1971. The pension expectation that many employees had for decades since the day they were hired was made luxurious in an instant. The city council

changed the rules of an existing contract to hand out what would be for many employees hundreds of thousands of dollars in additional pension benefits to each one. For a selected few with very high incomes, the gift amounted to over a million dollars each.

A few years earlier, another change had stacked the benefits. The city would give the portion of the benefits it paid directly to CalPERS and give it, instead, to the employees. They would then pay the pension system. That has allowed the city councilmen now running for office, as John Drayman has done numerous times during this election cycle that the city employees of Glendale are possibly the only ones who pay for their own pension.

You could not have a more explicit deception of the public than with those words repeated to the unwary voter again and again. But the financial impact to the city is no less staggering.

In the 1990s before this change, the city paid CalPERS, less than six million dollars per year according to the annual budgets. Today in the 2011 accounting year that figure is 24 million dollars, and according to the notes on the financial statements, that figure is expected to reach over 42 million dollars per year by 2014.

But three members of the current city council repeated that mistake in 2005. Najarian, Weaver and Quintero approved a major pension increase to the rest of the city employees that now allow them to retire with 75% of their last highest base compensation. At that instant, that pension change added to the then assistant city manager another one million dollars in retirement compensation. Just like that, on that day, with those five signatures, nearly every member of the city management staff sitting alongside the council members became close to one million dollars richer.

The safety pension change idea originated in Sacramento and it is a major reason for California's budget shortfall. In Glendale, it is a major source of the current and impending higher deficits. What is astonishing to find is that all five current council members are driven to support that pension gift at every political opportunity. These councilmen, in-effect, do more to represent the Interests of the public employee associations than they are in supporting the general public.

To fund the budget deficit, the city transferred the money from the electric and water utility. Tens of millions of dollars needed to repair, maintain, or replace essential infrastructure was transferred to the general fund. As the state of disrepair of the utility became worse, the staff of GWP came to the city council to beg for funds. The city complied by borrowing close to 150 million dollars to replenish the capital improvement reserves.

Today, both Drayman and Weaver make the claim during the campaign forums that the budget is balanced. But the indubitable reality is that when you borrow money from one city entity and then transfer the money to pay for your operational expenses for the general fund, it means that you are spending beyond your means. You are borrowing to pay for your daily expenses just like some people use credit cards now to buy groceries. The fact that they filter the borrowing through the GWP does not make it any less irresponsible.

But even the 350 million dollars the city council has authorized in additional borrowing this past decade is not enough to account for the hundreds of millions in infrastructure upgrades to keep the city's water lines, pumps, valves, and generating facilities in a truly reliable state.

Drive down Central Avenue today below Lexington towards Colorado. Drive Doran street between Brand and Jackson. Drive La Cañada between GCC and Verdugo Road. Drive to the corner of Ocean View and Sunview in Montrose. The state of disrepair of those roads is nothing less than astonishing for a city that once had a proud reputation for prudent and wise governance.

If what you can see directly with your own eyes is bad enough, imagine what the conditions are for the things that you can't see below the cracked roads and potholes.

What so many residents can't bring themselves to see is that we have voted in council members so indebted to the city employee associations, that the core essentials that make a city livable have been put in jeopardy.

Never have so many taxpayers owed so much in pensions to so few. Who will rise up and face an enemy so well polished, so well organized, so ingrained into the fabric of society, that they feel entitled to select their own candidates and continue to drive the city's infrastructure and quality of life into the ground?

This is a call to either the Royal Air Force or voters with the integrity and temerity to fight the audacity of financial debauchery they've perpetrated on us.

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## **HURRY, HURRY, HURRY, COME AND GET IT**

If you'd ever wonder what is the real reason why the current five council members ran for office, you need to come to the Redevelopment Agency Meeting on Tuesday afternoons. It's where the action is.

Last Tuesday the chambers were nearly packed with builders, developers, architects and the well-connected. They were eagerly awaiting the results of the urgent discussions taking place behind closed-doors during the real estate negotiations taking place before the public meetings started.

Not only is the redevelopment agency on its last legs politically as Jerry Brown is looking at closing that major city revenue loophole, some councilmen, who may not be around for more real estate deals after the election, are taking their last desperate shots at major development agreements.

In come the variance requests. Out go the participation agreements. The goal of every builder is to reduce his costs as much as possible and there is no better place than these sessions to reduce parking requirements and save a few million dollars per project. For others, the chance to get another ten million in subsidies is too tempting to ignore. For council members who ran for office on empathic words of Democracy, this is the real name of the game. This was their reason for running for office. If the urgent crowds not lining up at the Redevelopment Agency are not convincing enough, then another council-member filled committee would serve as contrast.

Since 2002 when the city had last conducted a full quality of life report, it had failed to fund a similar study. After years of pleading and hounding the city to conduct another, they relented but refused to fund it. The city staff proceeded nonetheless.

When the results were finally released a little over a year ago, all the council members, including Friedman and Drayman, relentlessly attacked the report and the staff. Obesity and drug use among Glendale's youth are up significantly in the past few years. Other dire trends looked troubling if not ominous. So what did the city council do as members of the Housing Authority? They trashed the reputation of the city staff and then proceeded to file the report away.

Drayman keeps telling us at every campaign forum that all politics are local. But nothing tells us more about the results of local politics than the resident's quality of life. The fact that all city council members trashed the Quality of Life Indicators report, while lining up the developers for major subsidies at the Redevelopment Agency is all the essential transparency we need to understand why they all ran for office in the first place.

Hurry up and line up to vote. Just don't show up at the Housing Authority asking for any improvements in your local quality of life.

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## **NONE OF THE ABOVE? THINK AGAIN**

The absence of endorsements by the Glendale News-Press for any of the city council candidates follows the trends of at least three city council homeowner forums in depicting all city council candidates as equally deficient. But the GNP failed to make a substantial case against all the candidates.

Now that the darling of many voters, John Drayman, has been tainted, probably beyond repair, the GNP seems to imply that all the candidates are equally lacking in ethics. It is an astonishing lack of analysis. They can report the news, but making sense out of it is escaping them.

Councilman David Weaver has, very likely, been the most damaging public official in Glendale's history. Under his stewardship Glendale has had the most reckless rise in the size of its budget, increased the city's debt like never before, and shown so little for that huge expenditure. The fact that he has never failed to vote for salary and benefit increases, often well above the inflation rate, is testimony that his credentials as a Republican are as thin as his declared competence as a middling life-long bureaucrat himself. His declaration last week, that as a project manager he never had a project completed on time or on budget, is testimony to his astonishing cluelessness.

During councilman John Drayman's term in office, the city has spent nearly three billion dollars. Yet, the major accomplishments he touts as successes when on his forum summaries are also very thin. The Laemmle Theaters are not a reality. The Rockhaven Park and library will not have funding for years to make that a viable reality for the Montrose community. The purchase of the land is but a fraction of one percent of the total budgets Drayman has approved. As a declared Democrat, Drayman has failed to take much interest until just this past week on the staggering number of city residents who've received a 48-hour notice of impending utility shut-off, or the numerous times he approved high water rate

increases. ADI aside, the uncontrolled budget growth during his term and the impact on the unemployed and families at risk is sufficient to label this councilman as unacceptable for re-election.

Rafi Manoukian has a burden to share in both the 2001 and 2005 pension increases that are crushing the city's budget. He is now running as a reformed candidate, more aware of the responsibilities that he had been handed at the previous two elections, and claims he is ready to take his CPA, MBA and financial management experience and turn the city around. Whether he has the stomach to confront the city employee associations for real reform is debatable. But his years as city councilman and two years as mayor he always displayed propriety, decorum, and respect for the public.

Chahe Keuroghelian can be faulted for not reaching out to the non-Armenian community in his three previous attempts at reaching the council dais. But he's got a long record of community involvement nearly unmatched by current candidates. That his candidacy is aimed at the most politically and historically neglected geographic parts of the city is not a demerit. He does not have the depth of accounting or fund-accounting to keep the city managers honest, but he knows his way around the city governance better than most candidates have in decades.

Mike Mohill. You can say anything regarding the unpolished delivery of his presentations. But, you can easily label them as brutally honest. There is no hidden agenda with him, and there is no hint that he is playing to his audience with just the right twist of the truth. I don't think he could even if he wanted to. My guess is that the complexities of the council packets may be a tall order for him. He is like a mixture of George Bush with his malapropisms and Ginger Bremberg with her candid outbursts. If he can line up with a councilman who can guide him on the nuances and implications of the city's ordinances, he will make a credible and responsible council member.

Garen Mailyan. Most people who run for city council have a long history of civic involvement (even if contrived). Residents, regardless of their ethnicity, expect a certain history of involvement in their communities or neighborhoods. Mr. Mailyan shows none. Even on his most passionate topic - to bring reconciliation between the Armenian and non-Armenian communities - he is devoid of even a single meeting of the Glendale Human Relations Coalition. I can't understand the reasoning of anyone jumping from having a degree in political science, as he claims he has, to participating in giving direction to a city of 200,000 without the requisite experience in dealing with the complex issues that require thoughtful exercise of reasoning capacity.

Those of us who know the staff of the Glendale News-Press know that it is comprised of young, albeit eager journalists. But that eagerness has yet to be tempered by the wisdom that experience can bring when coupled with the rigors that expository public writing adds. A local newspaper may not afford the insight of a David Brooks, or a Paul Krugman of the New York Times, or a Carl Hiaasen of the Miami Herald. But bringing in a young writer with a recent degree in moral philosophy and logic might compensate for their lack of depth.

The Glendale public has reasons enough to go to the polls and make reasoned decision on the current choices. We have the failures of the past and the promise of the future. It may not be sufficient, but that is already a basis for making a reasoned choice.

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## **CONDO-GATE**

**'I had no idea'**



The ADI/condo-gate scandal continues to haunt Drayman. Every new article in the GNP or LA Times or Vanguard reveals more information pointing to fraudulent collusion between the two. What the evidence has so far revealed is that Drayman entered into an unholy alliance with ADI: Drayman gets a complete renovation of his condo at ADI's expense while ADI gets millions in overbilling for projects before the Glendale city council. Prior to the scandal going public, ADI was attempting to get Glendale to approve a sixth project slated for Montrose where Drayman controls the politics.

All would have gone unnoticed if it hadn't been for an ugly divorce proceeding of one of ADI's principals. The wife spilled the beans of millions in fraudulent over billing and Drayman got caught in the web. The Deal: Drayman assures approval of ADI's overbilling in exchange for a \$200,000 renovation of his condo.

As the details continue to unravel, Drayman's efforts to excuse his behavior gets more suspicious and absurd. He has asserted that all six contractors who did the extensive work in his condo just happen to work for ADI on the Glendale projects he approved. The probability of that occurring is close to zero. The probability of the unholy alliance for personal gain is nearing 100%.

Drayman claims he was unaware that the unlicensed contractor who was assigned by ADI to do his condo remodel failed to take out a building permit. So, as a responsible citizen, he had the contractor file for the permit months after the work was completed and only after the scandal was made public. But the permit that was filed only described about 10% of the

actual work done. He is still trying to hide the extent of the work and the extent of the cost that he expected ADI to cover with a non-existent 2<sup>nd</sup> mortgage.

He is also trying to transfer responsibility of most of the work onto the condo association. But the repairs done by the HOA were so minor that they did not see a need to take out a building permit to complete the work in the common area. Their CC&R's require them to have a licensed contractor file for building permits before they start work in the common areas. They have been consistent in doing so. But now Drayman and the HOA are headed for a showdown of truth finding and placing accountability where the facts point.

Mr. Drayman has only begun to go down this road and there are plenty of hidden explosive devices that are guaranteed to derail his fraud and cover up.

Bottom line: Drayman attempted to get ADI to finance a complete renovation of his condo in exchange for his support to get ADI a sixth project in Montrose and to approve payment of at least \$6.5 million in over billing to taxpayers. When this story started to become public, he tried to spin a story of a strange coincidence between the six contractors he obtained for his remodel and their connection to ADI – "I had no idea". Then, with emails between a senior designer of ADI and Drayman over the selection of finishing materials for the renovation of his condo were made public, Drayman again said, "I had no idea". Then when he learned that no building permit was filed for his condo work, he said, "I had no idea". Faxes were obtained from ADI's senior designer giving instruction to the primary subcontractor on Drayman's condo. And John Drayman said, "I had no idea".

This troubling information is further exacerbated by the leadership on the city council and the city manager and city attorney, who, in the presence of overwhelming evidence pointing to fraud and cover up, continue to deny their responsibility to conduct a thorough investigation. Meanwhile, the public trust continues to erode. What does Scott Howard, the city attorney, not understand about equal enforcement under the law?

The water leak in the unit above him gave Drayman the idea to use it as a subterfuge to have his condo completely renovated for free. Now he is going to have to spend a lot of money he doesn't have in an attempt to show the public he is acting responsibly and doing the right thing.

Even if Drayman is reelected, these issues will not go away. Truth will prevail. **STEVE STONER**

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

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### 2 Shout Box

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Mike Lawler's two-part homage to Council member John Drayman in the Crescenta Valley Weekly was a nice fluffy piece of puffery, but did little to explain the pettiness and pure meanness of the man unless the public is to believe he suffered permanent brain damage after getting dropped on his head in a second story fall a few years ago.

Only that unfortunate accident in tandem with recent reports on the discovery of an 'empathy' region in the brain could explain Drayman's behavior. His below-the-belt pummeling of Mike Mohill at last week's Council meeting was one of the dirtiest political attacks ever seen in these parts. Like a true bully, Drayman delighted in smearing a defenseless Mohill with lascivious speculation about the conduct that formed the basis of decades-old alleged misdemeanor convictions.

It was local government at its worst. Kinda' like watching a building fall on a guy. Or more like a dude ranch hunter shooting prey in a fenced enclosure where escape is impossible. Not a pretty sight.

Drayman played his part to a 't' and loved every minute of his time behind the Gatling gun just cleaning the little old guy's clock over and over again. It was blood sport and for what?

To ridicule a hapless everyman who dared ask a few questions of a politician who presided over the ADI mess and seeks reelection to another four year term. A quirky guy with a passion for local politics who wasn't going to win anyway so why pillory him? Just pure damn meanness.

So now Drayman can coast to victory over the rest of the field in his quest for reelection having bested the pesky gadfly who spoke the truth to power, but had an old blemish on his resume.

The bar has been lowered and the limbo contest winner is none other than Council member Drayman--you'll recognize him as the one with the damaged empathy center. One good thing has come out of all of this, at least with all these eyeballs on him he should be above reproach in his second term. NAJ

**Re: Mohill -- Mohill and his family are to be commended for their honesty, family support and character as demonstrated by their presentation at this week's meeting. It was as impressive as Drayman's response was petty and mean-spirited. Drayman should be as honest. GK**

You hang and bag on the council and the people who run the city, yet your pal Mike mohill gets arrested not once but twice for lewd conduct and falls back on that he is now a homosexual??? Do you use the term pitcher and catcher like you have posted in your news letter about dreyman [sic] or does pitcher and catcher only apply when you are posting??? Tad Jefferies [ED – The ‘pitcher and catcher’ refers to a letter writer. Unlike this writer we refrain from the caustic comments that Jefferies writes about. Vanguard could write about Mr. Drayman’s partner who we understand is a school teacher. At the last council meeting Mr. Drayman also referred to a letter in Vanguard where the editor redacted the name of a City Council member yet Mr. Drayman referred to that Council member by name which now leads us to believe that that letter may have been written by Council candidate Drayman so he could later refer to it.]

A writer to the GNP while mentioning one candidate’s BK forgot to include Drayman’s BK. Is that what you get with the GNP when Drayman’s friend is the City Editor and fact checker? SV

**Can I get an autographed copy by the artist of the Weavanomics cartoon from last week? GG**

Thought I would share this with you. Council member Drayman is now saying that Barry Allen and Vahik Marcarian are colluding to extort money from him and that he has several emails to prove it. He said that he didn’t pay Marcarian because his work wasn’t good. Marcarian was a sub of National Fire. When he didn’t pay Marcarian he was told that unless he paid him for his work Marcarian was going to the press and they would help. Now I am not the brightest bulb but I know that if Marcarian was owed money it would be by National. An elected official like Mr. Drayman wouldn’t lie, would he? TJ [ED – Some questions for the letter writer...Did you see the emails? Did Drayman make a police report about the extortion? Did you check to see if there was a police report? Did you see the contract between Drayman and the Contractor? Did Drayman get lien releases? How much is speculation or hyperbole?]

Has anyone besides me noticed that no one on the dais has ever challenged or denied the accuracy of the financial information provided by Herbert Molano? I believe he is very accurate especially when he uses the documents created by the City staff. If they were to admit that the financial information they provided is wrong, it is like sharing the fact of their incompetency. Vanguard, I appreciate your providing this forum and I would like to become a supporter. Thank you. RK

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**Public Information**



“Just the facts”

**The City Attorney in charge of PRA is on vacation until March 31.**

“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**



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**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, March 21**

Glendale Audit Committee – 8:00 am, MSB 548-2085

Parks and Recreation Commission – 2:30 pm, CH 548-2000

**Tuesday, March 22**

Glendale Housing Authority -- 2:30 pm, CH 548-2060

Glendale Redevelopment Agency – 2:30 pm, CH 548-2005

**Joint Meeting** – Glendale City Council/Glendale

Redevelopment Agency RE:

- Parking Standards in the Downtown Specific Plan;
- the Museum of Neon Art; and,
- the east side of Brand Blvd. Improvement Project – 2:30 pm, CH 548-4844

Glendale City Council -- 6:00 pm – CH 548-4844

**Wednesday, March 23**

Glendale Planning Hearing Officer – 9:30 am, MSB 548-2140

State of the City Luncheon – 11:30 am, Hilton Hotel, 100 W.

Glenoaks Blvd., 240-7870

**Town Hall Meeting** -- Glendale Police (West Command Area) – 6:30 pm, Keppel Elementary, 730 Glenwood Road, 548-3140

**Town Hall Meeting** -- Glendale Police (South Command Area) – 6:30 pm, St. Mary’s Armenian Church, 500 S. Central Ave., 548-3140

**Thursday, March 24**

Design Review Board #1 -- 5:00 pm MSB 548-2140

**Town Hall Meeting** – Glendale Police (South Command Area) – 6:30 pm, Pacific Park Community Center, 501 S. Pacific Ave., 548-3140

**Community Meeting** – Community Services & Parks Annual Plan – 2011-2012 –7:00 pm, Pacific Park Community Center, Sycamore Room, 501 S. Pacific. 548-2000

**Friday, March 25** No Meetings Scheduled

**Saturday, March 26**

**Commemoration of the Birthday of Cesar Chavez** – 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Edison Pacific Elementary School, 501 S. Pacific Avenue, 548-4844

## 4 *Vanguardians*

Vanguard is accepting reduced rate ads from Criminal Lawyers. A number of 'victims' have already 'lawyered-up' and there may not be enough lawyers to go around.

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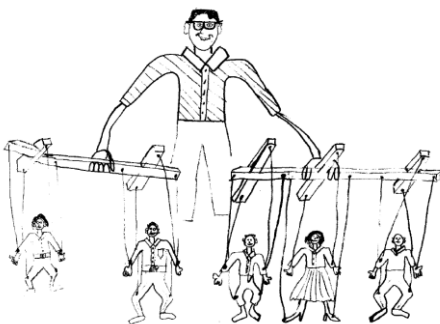
**5**  **the Insider** is written by city employees that care about the way the City is run. As they are concerned about retaliation, their identities are secret. Vanguard provides them the opportunity to have this forum. The comments are their own.



Looks like Zurn is not to be left out of the promotion of staff carnival. He is going to add a new Public Works Administrator position. \$140k + position. Seems like every executive is out to "get theirs" before the City goes on to screw the GCEA staff.

## 6 **THE DENIZENS ON THE DAIS**

Jim Starbird, the City Manager controlling his decision makers.



As the election season draws to a close and the chairs on the dais are shuffled the Council can get back to business. They will shine the light on all the things covered up during the election campaign.

The Beeline route changes that will disenfranchise more low income bus riders. This actually came out when the Council was giving ADI the Salem Street property. It even caught Rodney Khan, the ADI consultant, off guard. He took a quick trip to the Beeline Administrator to verify.

Then the public will be given a first glimpse of a budget deficit that could be as much as \$30,000,000 – 4 million of which is dependent on how the Governor treats the RDA.

Councilman Drayman now claims that management needs to do more to protect public officials from tripping over their own feet by creating a database of all contractors and subcontractors. Then the City will have to provide the elected Council with more staff. Bottom line is that Drayman admitted he has had a long time relationship with former ADI money man Khachik Zargarian. To believe that Drayman didn't know the pecking order is the epitome of stupidity by Drayman and his lemmings.

Weaver is another story. He knows nothing about finance except how to spend taxpayer's money and how to nag people to give him money. Check his phone records. See how many times he called Mr. K to find out when his addition was going to be completed. Glendale is not Bell.

*"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 expire April 2011

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