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## TIME TO SPEAK UP OR PAY UP

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

### Weekly Glendale Vanguardians Meetings are coming back

Our first program will host an elected official while discussing the merits of the Drayman investigations: Why it started and when; the subject of the investigation including photographs and more. Due to space limitations you must make reservations by calling or emailing Barry Allen.  
Fridays, 8AM – Foxy's Date TBA

### HELP WANTED

The Glendale Select Committee is looking for successful entrepreneurs that have reached the pinnacle of their careers and are ready to serve their community. People who agree that the community comes first, technology is embraced, integrity is maintained and vision for the future of Glendale is foremost. Apply to Select Committee c/o Vanguard.

### Glendale Stakeholders Needed

On Wednesday the Glendale City Council will be deciding your future and the future of Glendale. City services are at stake, Pensions and Payroll that are growing every year. Increases in fees are being recommended. One department alone is recommending a \$107,000,000 projected revenue based on fee increases. Be involved. Show up at City Hall Council Chambers at 9AM Wednesday.

"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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**Take Action: Cities Encouraged To Oppose Public Safety Contracts Bill AB 1087** Assembly Member Julia Brownley's (D-Santa Monica) AB 1087 just cleared the Assembly floor and heads to its first committee hearing in the Senate shortly. City officials are urged to write opposition letters to ensure cities retain full decision-making powers when it comes to providing public safety services, including law enforcement. [\[FULL STORY\]](#)

**AB 438 Moves Off Suspense With Substantial Amendments** Voting Requirement Removed

One of the League's Hot Bills, AB 438 (Williams), was moved off of the Assembly suspense file today. The positive news is that the bill has been substantially amended to address a number of the League's concerns, including the requirement that voters approve city council contract decisions. [\[FULL STORY\]](#)

**Request Governor Brown Veto on AB 455** authored by Assembly Member Nora Campos (D-San Jose), is currently pending before the Senate but likely headed to Gov. Jerry Brown for action. This bill is sponsored by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSME) and is supported by several other labor organizations. The Governor enjoyed strong union support during his gubernatorial race last fall, but it remains unclear how selective he will be when labor-backed legislation reaches his desk. AB 455 requires 50 percent of the membership of a personnel or merit commission that administers personnel rules or a merit system to be appointed by the governing body of the local agency. The other 50 percent of members would be selected from a list provided to the local agency governing body by the largest public employee organization. The Public is opposed to this bill because it takes away local agency authority to appoint all of the members to merit or personnel commissions established by local agencies. Additionally, this bill interferes with constitutionally protected municipal affairs related to employee matters.

**Tales of Two Cities: How Lancaster and Beaumont Boosted Their Local Economies** Learn how two cities implemented local economic stimulus programs in response to the recession. Lancaster's program was designed to create \$110 million in local economic activity by leveraging \$400,000 in redevelopment funds and ultimately generated \$123 million. The city of Beaumont reduced building fees for new homes and businesses and cut processing fees for existing businesses and residents, based on the theory that making development more affordable would boost the local economy. Beaumont's economic stimulus program also emphasized sustainability and energy conservation. Read these articles in this month's *Western City* magazine: "[Lancaster's Economic Stimulus Package Pays Dividends](#)" and "[Beaumont's Economic Stimulus Program Produces Results.](#)" [\[FULL STORY\]](#) **Not in Glendale**

[San Jose Mayor Proposes Fiscal Reform Package](#) A fiscal emergency may be declared in San Jose, setting the stage for a massive fiscal reform package that includes changes to current and future employee benefits. [Read more.](#)

[Costa Mesa Takes Stand on Cost of a Public Workforce](#) There is a cost associated with large labor forces, and Cost Mesa has taken a stand to address those, through outsourcing and privatization. [Read more.](#)

[Second Los Angeles City Building Inspector Pleads Guilty to Federal Bribery Charge for Taking Thousands in Cash](#)

Ted Stevens was a Senator from Alaska and he was convicted of bribery. On July 29, 2008, Stevens was indicted by a federal grand jury on seven counts of failing to properly report gifts,<sup>[71][72]</sup> a felony,<sup>[73]</sup> and found guilty at trial three months later (October 27, 2008).<sup>[73]</sup> The charges relate to renovations to his home and alleged gifts from VECO Corporation, claimed to be worth more than \$250,000. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ted\\_Stevens#Trial\\_and\\_aftermath](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ted_Stevens#Trial_and_aftermath)

Civic Watchdog Training

Vanguardians has received a grant for materials and facilities to provide training and educational materials for training in the Sunshine Laws to prepare watchdogs for public advocacy in California local government. Contact Barry Allen at 818 243 1502 or email him at [info@vanguardians.org](mailto:info@vanguardians.org) for more information.

**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

This Memorial Day holiday while we pay homage to the troops that gave their lives to defend our Constitution and our way of life, we must remember those on the Glendale City Council who will speak reverently about the sacrifices made by others while they, in turn, have done their best to ignore and repudiate what those we remember have accomplished for our Country. Demonstrated by their actions on the Dais, specifically the attack by the Mayor and two council members on the public records act and those who use it to gather and share information to make government more transparent. Our hats are off and our thanks to Council members Frank Quintero and Rafi Manoukian for serving our Country with Honor and Integrity in the Military service.



Theater has come to the Glendale City Council chambers. Since Rafi Manoukian has returned to the stage after a four year hiatus theatergoers have been lining up to lash out at the man they accuse of unseating the old box office favorite. They are not willing to bash Dave Weaver who is the one that defeated the now beleaguered ex-council member Drayman-who has his own theater. Each day he gives another newspaper a different story. The current one about his condo has it built in 1930 and a renovation cost of over \$200,000.

I digress.

Tuesday night there was an attack on Manoukian for sending his kids to school. The attacker said Manoukian couldn't vote on an issue coming to the Council on an appeal. That attack set a new standard for ignorance and arrogance. The question to ask is, "Does Mr. Manoukian have a personal financial interest in the outcome." Then by extension, according to the flawed statement by the speaker, if a council member has kids in a GUSD school then they would have to recuse themselves; or use the services provided by the GWP they couldn't vote.

Then a Draymanite attacked both Quintero and Manukian about their choices for boards and commissions. At least she didn't attack Weaver who had to pay a \$9000 penalty for violations of the Political Reform Act. Instead she attacked the Armenian nominees, an Armenian Councilmember and an honorary Armenian, Frank Quintero. Had you been watching you could have seen the hatred in her eyes.

It was a display of bigotry worthy of an academy award!

All day, save for a Police Awards Banquet, Wednesday was a budget study session where the Police Budget was on the docket for the morning followed by the Fire Budget in the afternoon. Mr. Weaver was looking for those who were at the study session based on a request from Vanguard [Glendale Stakeholders Needed -- On Wednesday the Glendale City Council will be deciding your future and the future of Glendale. City services are at stake, Pensions and Payroll that are growing every year. Increases in fees are being recommended. One department alone is recommending a \$107,000,000 projected revenue based on fee increases. Be involved. Show up at City Hall Council Chambers at 9AM Wednesday.]

Police Chief DePompa acknowledged that the \$36,000 Willdan 'User Fee Study' was flawed under questioning by Rafi Manoukian. Members of the public, among a score of city employees, I recognized in attendance were Herbert Molano, Harry Zavos, John Kraft, Aram Kazazian, Bruce Philpott and Cynthia Lloyd-Jones.

As I knew I would be unable to attend the afternoon session due to prior commitments I asked City Clerk Ardy Kassakhian if I could submit my comments to him for distribution to the City Council. The answer was, 'Yes'. When he sent my comments to the Council Mr. Weaver who earlier was upset as he questioned speakers to determine if they were Vanguardians threw a hissy-fit and threatened to take his toys and leave the sand box. Barely two months after the election and Weaver is back to his old self again.

Here's what got Weaver to blow: "I would like to address issues regarding the GFD."

*I have a difficult time accepting the numbers thrown out by Fire Management. In the past [in 1998 Chief Hinz of] the GFD convinced council to throw out the \$475,000 a year contract for an outside ambulance service as if the GFD did the ALS and transport it could earn \$17,000,000 in 5 years. As we have seen, that was not the case as the GFD RAs had to be subsidized. [Instead of an increased revenue stream to the General fund, what we now have is a four million dollar a year subsidy for the paramedic service run by the fire department.]*

*Today they are asking to turn the clock back with the exception that they will turn the RAs [Rescue Ambulance] into transport vehicles and use \$10 an hour people that can only work a limited amount of time before they can be recruited into the GFFA.*

*The numbers they provide can't be trusted. The Willdan report on fire indicates that if council approves the recommended fee hikes to full cost recovery the GFD will be able to bring in \$107 million dollars a year.*

*I suggest a look at the Willdan report on p.60 item 41 where the GFD states the full cost recovery for inspections of hi and mid rise buildings is \$5325 while they charge today \$1440. They propose to raise \$28,356,564. Per year.*

*P.61 line 59 inspections of 100 bed acute care hospitals they propose to raise \$28,356,564 out of the taxpayers' pockets and then reduce life support services. Thank you, Barry Allen"*

Then on Thursday the Fire Department came back and Retired Police Chief Bruce Philpott came back with reports and numbers to challenge what Chief Scoggins proposed: a cutback in EMS Services which are 90% of the calls for help. Shortly after that Mr. Manoukian challenged the Fire Chief and that is when Mr. Weaver made good on his previous hissy-fit and packed his toys and left. NAJ in the Shout Box provided a much better description than I could.

On Friday Weaver got the 'hat trick' for hissy fits. He yelled and screamed about the cost of Democracy and challenged the California Constitution Article I, Section 3(b) which states: ***"The people have the right of access to information concerning the conduct of the people's business, and, therefore, the meetings of public bodies and the writings of public officials and agencies shall be open to public scrutiny."***

In fact Vanguardians gives training in the use of the Public Records Act, Government Code Section 6250 et seq.

Records were responsible for noting that the almost 400 p-cards (credit cards) were used for purchase of supplies that didn't go through the purchasing procedures; that p-cards were used to buy \$500 gift cards for other employees and retirees; that they were used for expensive restaurants and more. Often their use is approved by the user.

For instance the number of purchases of the LA Times and even for advertising which should have been made through the purchasing department. PayPal and EBay also show up. Our estimate is almost \$6,000,000 per year is spent on p-card purchases!

Or how about the \$400 purchases at Honey Baked Ham?

In response to an interested citizen we found that the GPD were called to Council member Weavers house for spousal abuse according to those present.

Public records also showed how Weaver stalled his \$9,000 FPPC penalty for 5 years and that he refused to cooperate with the police on a related matter of criminal activity.

Public records showed that Weaver bounced a \$550 check to the City and that the GWP gave Miss Asia city resources and that Weaver got \$30,000 in behest payments from Glendale developers and the GWP for his favorite charity. No wonder Weaver is complaining.

Vanguardians worked for 3 years to get all the information on the performance bonus; The City of Burbank forced the LA Times to sue and now Burbank may have more than \$37,000 in plaintiff's attorney fees to pay. The efforts of the Times will prod more cities into releasing public information.

Through public records we learned that a commissioners' company did millions of dollars of construction for the City resplendent with change orders.

And we learned that the San Fernando bus shelters cost \$7,000 each when another contractor told us that the cost should have been more like \$1,000 including solar lighting. We also found that the 2005 Chess Park was rebooked financially in 2008.

The above is just a thumbnail. We reported on this in Vanguard and, in many instances, to the former internal auditor of CoG.

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*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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## **THE AMBULANCE CHASER**



In the world of law we have the general counsel, the trial lawyer, and the law professor. The Brits have their solicitors and barristers and in politics we have a menagerie of legal beasts itching to leave the confines of the legal zoo for the fertile lands of elected positions.

We have lizards, snakes, and various reptiles yearning to be rich. We have vultures cleaning up our bank account through higher taxes and fees, and other generally elected skunks stinking up representative government. We have sharks of various shapes and sizes and all kind of analogous transformations of the basic sociopath/psychopath personality whose core skills at lying, pretense, and deception make them suitable candidates to seek public office.

In Glendale, California, we suffer the psychopath whose expertise is a new version of ambulance chasing. Instead of chasing the victim inside the ambulance, this unctuous species focuses on chasing the driver of the vehicle – the paramedic inside the public Emergency Medical Response vehicle.

The tactics are the same. He ingratiates himself to his target in the hope of extracting for himself special favors and considerations. Take our over-the-top, prima-donna, feeble-legal councilman, Ara Najarian. A few weeks ago after a mild expose in these pages of his nefarious tactics, he pleaded for a truce. He would conduct himself with decorum during council sessions, and I'd keep the focus of my observations on his like-minded colleagues – Weaver and Friedman. But that agreement went out the window when the Fire-fighter-paramedics showed up during the budget study session. Ara needed to pursue a little ambulance chasing and attacking my presentation would serve his interests before his favorite audience.

The Glendale Fire Fighter's Association has been quite successful in supporting candidates for office financially, providing endorsements, sending out their crews door-to-door during the political campaigns, and in funding extensive direct-mail pieces promoting their candidate. Two years ago, they went all out to defeat Bruce Philpott who was demanding accountability at their department, and Ara Najarian took the lead in becoming the fire-fighters' primary mascot serving as their mouth piece.

The arrangement has worked well for local politicians and the city's sworn city employees. The cost to the city for the Paramedic Service in the past decade has gone up by more than 500%, and Najarian is now allegedly able to exercise his expertise at pay-to-play negotiations with city developers and contractors. It's a money game that is sinking the city's finances.

Those of us who want to exercise oversight of the city's finances use the California Public Records Act (CPRA) to extract information normally hidden from public evaluation. Most councilmen hate the practice. Prying eyes into no-bid contracts is anathema to them. Review of change orders to city contracts that show final awards nearly double the original request for proposal (RFP) or exposure of extensive cost enhancements after the contract award is given sends some councilmen into a hissy.

To Najarian, sitting behind the council dais yesterday, the requests for public records have resulted in "Incredible diversion of our precious resources!" Now that bit of overstated consternation was directed at my efforts to extract and expose the compensation and benefit abuses that the fire fighters have been able to arrange for themselves to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars in the past decade.

The CPRA has served the public well. Individuals, organizations, and newspapers have been successful in uncovering malfeasance, fraud and abuse at many California cities. In Glendale, a few years ago, the city attorney set up a scheme to prevent the public to access Glendale's payroll records of fire-fighters by submitting a friend-of-the court brief in a lawsuit by the Contra-Costa Times against the city of Oakland regarding Fire-Fighter pay and compensation. The California Supreme Court slapped the city quite hard and sent these public servants reeling to comply with the public right to know. Now four years later, the wife of Glendale's city attorney, who represents the city of Burbank, was likewise admonished by the courts for her city's attempt to keep the bonus payments to city employees secret.

What is the lesson? Here is a good measure of government performance – a rule of thumb we can all use. The more council members and city managers complain about the CPRA, the more they are afraid of the possible exposure to fraud and corruption behind closed doors.

For taxpayers who are tired of being treated like sardines, cutting off a fin or two from these sharks with the CPRA knife may just save us from higher utility bills, reduced services, and higher city service fees. If we can't pare down the abuse, it will be the city government itself that will need transportation over to the E.R.

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

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

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

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## 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 may be published that are signed and are not hate oriented.

I tuned in today [May 26, 2011] to the GTV6 live streaming video feed of the City Council special Budget Study Session on Glendale Fire Department just in time to see the conclusion of Chief Harold Scoggins rather anemic budget presentation. The content seemed rather long on doomsday disaster scenarios and very short on strategic manpower planning to address the need for reduced paid overtime in these times of financial hardship. His plea to again budget millions of dollars for overtime compensation was merely a second helping of last year's numbers served up without any cost/benefit analysis to support the request.

Then when Council member Manoukian attempted to ask some pertinent questions, the study session was disrupted by Dave Weaver's outburst of shouting, bullying, belligerent and hostile commentary directed at his fellow Council member. Weaver then slammed his briefing document portfolio closed and stormed out of the session in a huff. It was yet another example of Weaver 'losing it' at the worst possible time when a department head was about to be scrutinized in the give-and-take of public dialog.

To say Mr. Weaver's behavior was inappropriate and counter-productive is a gross understatement. It was an embarrassment and disservice to the people of Glendale and makes me wonder how the voters of our city could have returned this fool to the Council for another term. He is a loose cannon who wouldn't learn anything from the anger management course he so obviously needs. He is mentally and emotionally unbalanced and deserves the censure of his fellow Council members. Start the recall campaign before this stark raving mad lunatic comes unhinged again and does any more damage to the democratic process here in Glendale.

To returning Council member Manoukian go kudos for his composure and maturity in the face of Weaver's out of control rant. Dave Weaver is a cancer who should check himself into the psych ward for the help he so badly needs. If you think I'm exaggerating just check out the video for yourself and answer the question, "is this the kind of leadership we need in city government?" I think not. NAJ

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RE: Performance trumps gender bias, at least in the military

Mr Philpott

For your information I truly appreciate this picture, however not the comments. In that you know nothing about me or my family. My daughter-in-law is KC 135 (refueling) pilot in the USAF and is currently serving over in Afghanistan, risking her life every day. I find this email and your personal comment is distasteful and disrespectful. Just so you know, I have a very similar picture with my daughter-in-law sitting in the pilot's seat hanging in my living room for which I am very proud of....

Greg Godfrey, Battalion Chief, Glendale Fire Department

Philpott responds:

Chief Godfrey, would you please tell me what you object to in my comment? How were they disrespectful or distasteful? To the contrary, I was sharing a picture of women in the military who are performing critical duties to secure key mission assignments. I was alluding to the fact that the same qualities in females exist in your labor pool market for Glendale firefighters and, like the US Military, that it is possible to overcome gender bias if the proper policies and attitudes are present to support such policies. As you well know, they are not present in the GFD which has one of the most dismal

records of denying women access to career firefighter positions. And denying Armenians is a close second. The statistical data on your hiring practices is there for anyone to see.

Now, to more practical concerns. I hope that you give similar time and thought before you respond to my question regarding your department's policy that needlessly removes on-duty emergency first responders to participate in funeral processions and the many other civic and PR events that remove them from their primary mission. As I presented in my argument to Captain Stefani last week, 2/3rds of your personnel are off-duty at any given time and you have ample reserve apparatus for them to use, thereby keeping all regular emergency response personnel at the ready. What a better way to honor fallen firefighters than to have off-duty personnel attend the funeral ceremonies, thereby keeping all first responders at the ready to cut the critical time it takes to arrive at an emergency.

Maybe you could present your argument like this: The GFD's policy on funeral processions states that the fire chief may permit the assignment of one on-duty engine company to participate in a funeral procession of a fallen firefighter. This policy does not compromise our commitment to providing the highest quality and fastest response times to critical medical and fire/rescue calls in the City of Glendale because . . . .(your response here).

I and many other citizens believe the policy should state: The GFD's policy on funeral processions allows for one reserve engine staffed by four uniformed off-duty firefighters. The fire chief feels strongly that to assign an on-duty engine company to participate in such elective activities removes critical emergency response resources that may compromise the outcome of medical or fire/rescue incidents and is in keeping with the department's Mission Statement.

Sincerely, Bruce Philpott.

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Having watched some of the budget presentations I think more questions were raised than answered with respect to the fire department. How can a department that size spend \$7 million in overtime and then gloss over that fact so readily? They say the overtime used for fighting fires out of the city is reimbursed. I would like to see a direct accounting of that. Exactly how much was spent and how much was reimbursed?

I would also like to know what percentage of their daily work force they allow off to drive such a profitable overtime staffing system. Most companies and I'm sure cities have a lid of 10 or 20% for personnel that can be off from a work schedule in any one day. It appears to me our fire department exceeds this dramatically. My guess is that they don't even regulate it. Why on earth would you allow so many people off each day? Talk about an entitlement. The more you allow off, the more you have to pay overtime to work.

If they cap the number of firemen allowed off, they cap the number they need to hire back.

And I don't care what they want to call them, but the chiefs have drivers and that is a waste.

I'm also worried about the city getting into the ambulance business. Why can't they go back to contracting with a private company that provides real paramedics and not just hire a bunch of basic first aid trained people themselves? Sounds like they are creating another big fat bureaucratic program that in a few years will reveal it as a money loser. Just like their paramedic program. They say the union people thought this up. I believe it. Look how many more firemen will get paramedic pay and how much is that extra pay? And does this extra money pad their retirement? You bet. Do they still get paid for it even if they promote or go to another assignment and where they aren't even doing paramedic work? I'm sure they do. There's a big hidden price tag on this whole scheme.

Doesn't anyone on staff there know how to do simple math? This program benefits no one but the firemen who conjured it up and ensures they keep a fat paramedic pay bonus and lots of overtime to keep the program staffed.

How many firemen are getting paid paramedic pay right now and how many are actually assigned as paramedics. I don't know of any other industry that continues to pay a person for a skill they are not actually using every day at work. My husband used to get lineman skill pay with Edison. He now has a desk job. He doesn't get lineman pay any more, even though he still is certified and goes to training to remain so. Why? Because it's what's right. ND

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I have posted the following files on [http://www.manoukian.us/?page\\_id=50](http://www.manoukian.us/?page_id=50)  
City's chart of accounts (Finally), Glendale housing authority Power Point, Library updated budget presentation  
Parking fund detail budget with the annual transfers,  
Also I just posted a letter handed to me by Barry Allen regarding his submission to the DA's Public Integrity Unit.  
I don't only post city documents. [www.manoukian.us](http://www.manoukian.us) Rafi Manoukian CPA, MBA

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After reading Melanie Hicken's article about the Montrose Farmers Market and the MSPA, it looks to me like Mr. Drayman had a financial conflict of interest as he controlled the collection from the vendors while he sat on the City Council voting on money for Montrose. Can something be done about that? JD

[ED – We were hoping that an astute person would pick up on that. I doubt anyone will look into that issue as so far the City hasn't followed up on the building code violation complaints, had never looked into the Drayman MSPA connection even though people came to the Council to bring the matter to their attention and were only waved off with retaliatory remarks. The embezzlement issue, even though happening in Glendale, should not be investigated by an agency that receives its funding as approved by the City Council which still continues with the close relationship between Drayman and the Mayor. Vanguardians has several witnesses and information about the search warrant locations and we have taken that information to another law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction and an open case on Drayman.]

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### Public Information



**“Just the facts”**

**Councilman Manoukian has a webpage where readers can get data that is not easily obtained**  
[www.manoukian.us](http://www.manoukian.us)

**City continues to show favoritism to the x-favorite son. In their haste to cover-up the lack of building permits the City Planning Department didn't get two required documents from Mr. Drayman, the letter authorizing National Fire to spend \$30K on building permits and the letter showing the construction loans.**

**[According to the CVWeekly the \$30,000 project cost in excess of \$200,000 and Drayman apparently bounced checks as they were, 'returned'. He acknowledged defaulting while he apparently lied about getting a bank loan as there is none recorded.]**

[ED – What the following means is that Mr. Drayman was shown favoritism regarding required permit filings.]  
-----Original Message----- Sent: Friday, May 20, 2011 10:49 AM, Subject: PRAR GLN 052011 Drayman

1. Provide the letter of authorization from the owner of 3481 Stancrest #124 authorizing National Fire to act for the owner in applying for the building permits that were filed for 3481 Stancrest #124 by National Fire, as required by the City of Glendale.
2. Provide documents showing the construction lending as required by the City of Glendale for the same property as listed above in item marked '1'.

Barry Allen -- Executive Director, Vanguardians -- 501(c)3, Publisher of Vanguard News Service

### **There are no records responsive to your request**

Lucy Varpetian, Senior Assistant City Attorney. Office of the Glendale City Attorney

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

### **City Meeting Calendar 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, May 30**

- Memorial Day -- All City Offices and Library branches closed
- Veteran's Memorial Ceremony – 7:45 am, Veteran's Memorial, corner of Oceanview and Honolulu, Montrose. (818) 249-7171
- Veteran's Memorial Ceremony – 9:30 am, corner of Broadway and Isabel St., Glendale. (818) 240-7870

#### **Tuesday, May 31**

- Housing Authority – 2:30 pm, CH 548-2060
- Redevelopment Agency -- 2:30 pm, CH 548-2005
- City Council -- 6:00 pm, CH 548-4844

#### **Wednesday, June 1**

- **Special Meeting** – Budget Study Session – 9:00 am, CH 548-4844
- Planning Commission – 5:00 pm, MSB 548-2140

#### **Thursday, June 2**

- Committee for a Clean & Beautiful Glendale – 8:30 am, PB 548-3700
- **Special Meeting** – Budget Study Session – 9:00 am, CH 548-4844

**Saturday, June 4**

Grand Opening of Pacific Community Pool – 1:00 pm, 509 S. Pacific Avenue, Glendale. (818) 548-2000

Friday, June 3 No Meetings Scheduled

## 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 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.

### VANGUARDIANS needs your Continuing Financial Support

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- ❖ Provide, without bias, the timely dissemination of information and knowledge of government activities to the community and elected officials
- ❖ Build, train and empower a knowledgeable, aware and involved community-wide group to monitor the integrity, performance and responsiveness of elected officials and government operations
- ❖ Encourage, by example, a community free to exchange facts and opinions on public issues by facilitating open debate and discussion on the issues
- ❖ Seek accountability, effectiveness and responsiveness from our government to insure integrity, efficiency and cost effectiveness
- ❖ Make government acutely aware there is a community watching, monitoring and measuring their activities

#### Comments from the Community

[From The Glendale News Press 12-29-2003](#) the beginning of Accountability in Glendale. Claiming that the city needs better oversight to monitor its finances and actions, [Barry Allen] is calling on city residents to form a watchdog group to look into everything, “I think an outside, independent agency that isn't funded by the city; that's funded by a grass-roots initiative, is what we really need.”

Moral cowardice that keeps us from speaking our minds is as dangerous to this country as irresponsible talk. The right way is not always the popular and easy way. Standing for right when it is unpopular is a true test of moral character. [Margaret Chase Smith](#)

**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.



ADI: We read the BS in the CVWeekly and are amazed at the lies from Drayman and Thomassian. When you are spending OPM you don't care what everything costs. New pocket doors, arched headers and a new electrical system along with remote control for everything. It costs someone money. The writer of the article didn't tie in ADI even when

she touched on the divorce. Bottom line is that none of that mentioned that Drayman was not putting his hands in his pockets that ADI was taking the overcharges from the City of Glendale to pay for Drayman's condo renovation. That stopped when Pasternak came in and fired Mr. K. Drayman then told Pasternak that he [Drayman] was a victim.

Insider: Drayman is looking for a plea so he threw two of his former dais colleagues under the bus.

Merchant: The time has come, as the statute of limitations has run; for Councilman Weaver to 'fess up as to how he took our \$17,000 for a vote he didn't make and how we made the allegations of the Miss Asia contestant go away. RP

PD: You guys do an excellent job of reporting without too much bias. Do you remember when we covered up the Weaver helicopter ride when he was inebriated and the officers supervisor said he had to take his 'boss' even though he would be violating FAA rules? There is more but we'll save that for another time. Remember our job is to protect and serve the City Council that decides on our pay and bennies. Because of that, we don't want to embarrass Mr. Weaver. Thanks and watch your mailbox for backup materials. Honest cops.

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

**Ara Najarian did not attend the Council Meeting but attended the Wednesday Budget session**

**Overall rating for the week ending May 21, 2011:**

Weaver	Quintero	Najarian	Friedman	Manoukian
<b>F</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>B</b>

**Mayor Friedman granted the request of Vanguardians' Barry Allen to allow speakers to speak on each portion of the budget study sessions. Then she blew the points with her uninformed remarks about the status of the Public Records Act.**

**Manoukian and Quintero kept their cool, calm composure when attacked by a wild eyed speaker that usually poured her venom on Barry Allen. She yelled at Quintero for his choice of Sam Manoukian who received a nasty gram from the City Attorney.**

**Weaver is back to his old tricks of making a council meeting uncomfortable to attend thereby assuring him that management will prevail. However Weaver forgot that Manoukian is a very strong proponent for the Glendale stakeholders having had no assistance from the city union PACs.**

**Weaver actually believes that Chief Scoggins is guaranteeing the GFD will save \$2.4M a year; that the 60 ambulance people won't join the GFFA after their probationary period and that Elvis is appearing at the Alex. Ask the folks in Newport Beach how their lifeguards were able to join the \$100K Club. Mr. Weaver needs to understand reality vs. unenforceable promises.**

***"You can't win an argument with a Moron, an Idiot, or a Political Bigot" Kraft***

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