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California's Massive Sale-Leaseback Deal

Dees Stribling, Contributing Editor for CPExecutive
On Monday, the state of California approved a \$2.3 billion sale-leaseback deal for 24 state office buildings, including the Ronald Reagan State Building in Los Angeles and the San Francisco Civic Center. The buyer of the 7.3 million-square-foot portfolio is a consortium is led by Houston-based Hines and Orange County-based Antarctic Capital Real Estate L.L.C., a venture formed by Rich Mayor of Spyglass Realty Partners and Chandra Patel of Antarctica Capital.

The buyers are operating under the name California First L.L.C., but an equally good name might be California Needs the Dough. About \$1 billion of the sale price will go toward paying off bonds associated with the buildings, while the balance will go into the state's general fund, which has been a mite short of funding in recent years.

The plan now is for the state to lease back the space it currently occupies in the properties for 20 years. Will it actually cost the state money in the long run? Maybe, according to the nonpartisan legislative analyst's office in Sacramento, estimating an additional cost of \$1.5 billion over 35 years. But the state needs money *now*, and 35 years might as well be 35 centuries in political terms, so the deal was done.

- Compton CA -- The board of Compton Unified School District has voted to fire the district superintendent over her use of district credit cards for personal purchases. Kaye E. Burnside had been on administrative leave since late May. The board's 4-2 vote Tuesday night to fire her came after a district-commissioned investigation into her credit card use. The investigation found Burnside had made about \$14,000 in personal charges on the district card and did not reimburse the district for several thousand dollars' worth of those charges. From the LA Times. [ED – Glendale has 400 credit cards that are in the hands of employees with little or no oversight.]
- [Two charged with stealing \\$17 million from Sacramento County](#) The U.S. Attorney's Office has charged two officials at a Long Island payroll company with allegedly stealing nearly \$20 million in client funds -- including \$17 million in payroll tax money from Sacramento County. Sacramento Bee
- [L.A. DWP can't cover retirement cost of workers hired from other city agencies](#)
- [San Diego](#): The City robbed its employees' pension fund to help pay for the 1996 Republican National Convention. Government labor unions went along but later got their reward. In the early 2000s, the city council gave workers extra benefits that the City could never pay if the economy went south. It did — decisively. A federal government agency and several consultants lashed out at the bureaucracy for concealing the City's woes from bond documents. Some employees were charged criminally but got off. Now the City owes the pension fund more than \$200 million a year, rising to more than \$300 million annually in 2014 and \$500 million in 2025.

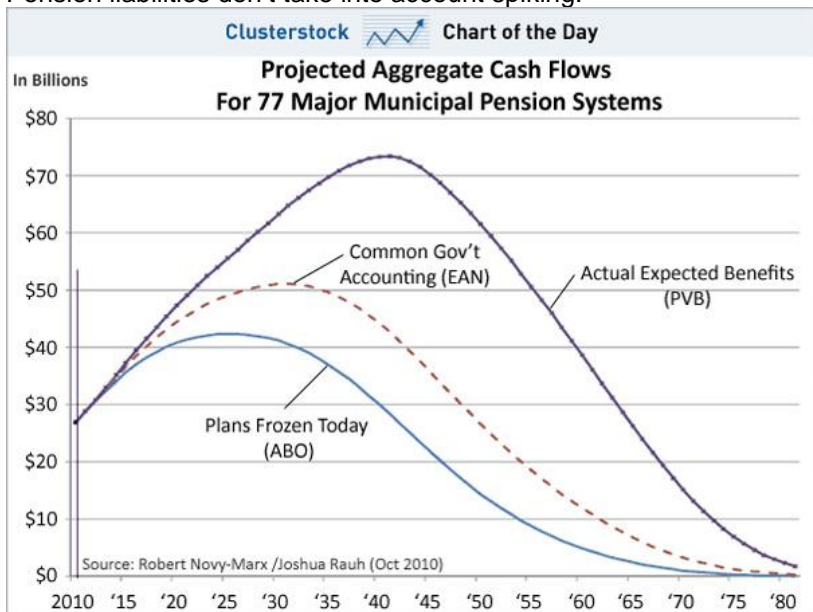
With property, sales, and hotel taxes likely to be weak for a long period, there is no way the City can pay these sums, although it will continue to raise fees, slash services, sell assets, cook the books, and perhaps raise sales taxes. Meanwhile, safety workers are retiring at age 50 and 55, some with six-figure yearly pension payments, while other City retirees are getting more than \$15,000 a month.

Can this picture get any worse?

Why yes, it can, and is already getting so. That's because San Diego is a microcosm of the United States. Many other municipalities and states have similar problems, and these pension commitments are considered to be locked in stone legally. Only a bankruptcy court could break the contracts, and any such decision would probably go all the way to the United States Supreme Court. Ergo, this problem will be around quite a while, in San Diego and elsewhere. That will put pressure on the already-ailing federal government to bail out states and cities. San Diego is a woebegone jurisdiction, but it has too much company to count on federal help.

- For the second year in a row, the nearly 54 million retirees and other Americans who receive Social Security benefits will not get any cost-of-living increase in 2011 in their monthly checks, government officials announced Friday morning. The absence of any growth in Social Security checks for consecutive years is unprecedented in the 3 1/2 decades that payments have been automatically adjusted according to the nation's inflation rate. Many government employees will get their pay raises either through COLA or job title changes. Government employees will continue to get their COLA increases.

Pension liabilities don't take into account spiking:



[Cities Use This Accounting Trick To Hide Massive Unfunded Pension Liabilities](#)

New research from Robert Novy-Marx and Joshua Rauh projects a nearly 50% higher level of unfunded pension liabilities than most cities acknowledge.

Most cities use Entry Age Normal accounting, which assumes employees will retire at a normal age and not receive any increase in benefits.

A more accurate system is Present Value of Benefits accounting, which assumes employees will retire at a normal age *after receiving typical salary and benefit increases*. Suddenly the pension crisis looks even more dire. [Read »](#)

- **New Interactive Map Shows How State Raids Have Impacted Your City** -- Ongoing State Budget Raids and Economic Meltdown Have Resulted in Massive Cuts to City Services Throughout California
Yes on 22 launched a new interactive online map this week highlighting examples of budget cuts in cities throughout the state. The [map](#) is broken out by region so you can see significant cuts to city services throughout California due to ongoing state budgetary raids and the economic meltdown. [\[FULL STORY\]](#)
- From KTLA: SAN GABRIEL -- The mayor of San Gabriel was arrested early Friday morning on charges of felony robbery and assault charges after he allegedly grabbed a woman's purse and sped away with her clinging to the side of his SUV. Albert Y.M. Huang, 35, was taken into custody around 1:15 a.m. after police received a call about a heated argument between Huang and a 33 year old woman over money, according to Sgt. Jeff Whitney of the San Gabriel police department. [More](#)
- LOS ANGELES (KTLA) -- A former L.A. Unified School District principal and author who was recently recognized by the L.A. City Council for his "innovative teaching efforts" pleaded not guilty Friday to charges he embezzled nearly one and a half million dollars from the Canoga Park charter he founded. 40 year old Edward Peter Fiszler was arraigned on a 31-count indictment Friday in L.A. Superior Court. He pleaded not guilty to embezzlement of public funds, forgery and money laundering. [More](#)
- El Segundo: **Blogger accuses police captain of harassment by Jennifer Evans**
An El Segundo resident who blogs about community issues is accusing a police captain of harassment after the officer phoned him at work and then filed a freedom of information request with his employer demanding the blogger's salary in reaction to a post that the city's safety personnel are making too much money. On Aug. 25, El Segundo resident and former city employee David Burns posted a blog entry on his Web site, www.elsegundoblog.blogspot , commenting on the salaries of some the highest-paid El Segundo city employees, the bulk of whom are police and fire managers. [More](#)

City of BELL

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA October 19, 2010

On September 22, 2010 the California State Controller issued an Audit Report detailing "serious and pervasive" deficiencies in the City of Bell's administrative and internal accounting controls. The State Controller's findings indicate a systemic lack of oversight and serious mismanagement of City finances, particularly in critical areas, such as the City's levying of taxes and the fiduciary and financial obligations related to the issuance of bonds as well as compensating employees, and accounting for and disbursing public funds.

These issues appear to be pervasive and longstanding. As the County is the Treasurer and Tax Collector for all cities in the County, including the City of Bell, the County is responsible for issuing tax bills, collecting taxes and issuing refunds of taxes. Bell's finances raise issues of serious concern for the protection of the County's interest, as well as the public's interest in having a clear understanding of the City's current financial condition, and to obtain independent verification of the City's actual income, expenses and liabilities.

The County and the public must know if the City is fiscally sound, and receive assurances that the City is now being governed with budgetary integrity and transparency. It is also crucial to know whether the City is solvent, and has the financial resources to continue providing basic services, how much those services cost, and how they will be funded. Given the deficiencies identified in the State Controller's report, we cannot rely upon financial records prepared by the City of Bell to answer these questions. The interest of the County and the public must be protected.

The City of Bell has expressed their interest in cooperating with the County and will allow the County to conduct an independent review of the City's finances.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Auditor-Controller, with assistance from the Chief Executive Officer:

- 1) To conduct a comprehensive review of the financial condition of the City of Bell immediately, addressing the following key areas;
 - The City's current cash position, including tax collections, investments and other cash-equivalents;
 - Current/Outstanding debts, including authorized and issued bonds, and ongoing debt service costs;
 - Current City contracts, commitments and other obligations;
 - Income and revenue received by the City, and the sources of such income;

- Core services provided by the City, and the cost of such services.
- Other City operating expenses.
- Whether the City has the financial resources to continue as an ongoing concern.

2) Report back to the Board in 30 days with a preliminary review of whether the City of Bell has the resources necessary to continue providing core public services, and a timeline for completion of the full review. Review should include an assessment of expenditures for each operating budget unit, compared to similar municipalities.

3) Direct the Chief Executive Office and Auditor-Controller to transfer \$100,000 from the First District's Provisional Financing Uses allocation to the Auditor-Controller's Operating Budget.

SEC investigating \$70 million in bonds issued by City of Bell

The Securities and Exchange Commission is the latest agency to investigate Bell, launching a probe into the sale of three city bonds totaling \$70 million.

The investigation comes after California state auditors raised questions about how the bond money was being used, including one involving a sports park that has yet to be built.

The SEC has asked for documents involving nine current and former Bell leaders, according to the subpoena, a copy of which was obtained by The Times. The subpoena also requires them to testify before the SEC.

The subpoena asks for documents surrounding the sale of \$9.25 million in pension obligation bonds in 2005, \$26.3 million in taxable bond anticipation notes in 2006 and \$35 million in general obligation bonds in 2007.

Full story <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2010/10/sec-investigating-70-million-in-bonds-issued-by-bell.html>

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...



What a week! The LA Times broke the story about the financial fiasco involving Advanced Development and Investment, Inc. As Vanguardians had been working on one component of the story...the payoffs to elected officials and the Times had been working on the information that emanated from the divorce filings of the principals, our advisors made the decision to cooperate with the Times and share our resources with them. We did and we will continue to do so unless by doing so we would jeopardize or compromise the federal investigation.

Glendale along with a number of other cities has had a [history](#) with ADI and its parent and subsidiaries, much of it in closed session. In fact ADI was the financier of an Urban Awards program.

One local private land use and development consultant has been interviewed and interrogated by the various agencies which included David Pasternak the divorce receiver. Pasternak was appointed by the divorce court judge to monitor and determine the assets of the divorcing couple Salim and Jannke Karimi the principals in ADI and the construction companies.

City employees attended some of AJIT and ADI's lavish and intimate parties. While some of those close to the scene have indicated that attendance was in no way showing complicity, others scoffed at the idea.



The most recent project by ADI consists of affordable live/work units on Salem Street west of Central. Even though there were many protests about the project it was quickly greenlighted. One Councilman couldn't praise ADI enough. He almost sounded like the PR person. The Council agreed to reduce the number of parking spaces, turn over a city parking lot and purchase land for the units.

Affordable Housing has many facets including State funding through tax allocation bonds and major tax credits. The State also certifies the qualifications of the developers. A former state assembly member, [Richard Alatorre](#), is on the ADI payroll as a 'consultant'. In 2001 Alatorre was involved in a bribery scandal. The chart below represents the relationship with ADI as his lobbying client.

Lobbying Payments from Clients: (LA City Ethics Commission)

Quarter	Firm	Client	Item of Municipal Legislation	Amount
Q1 2009	Richard Alatorre	Advanced Development & Investment Inc Los Angeles, CA 90042	• Housing Development	\$30,000.00
Q2 2009	Richard Alatorre	Advanced Development & Investment Inc Los Angeles, CA 90042	• Housing Development	\$30,000.00
Q3 2009	Richard Alatorre	Advanced Development & Investment Inc Los Angeles, CA 90042	• Housing Development	\$30,000.00
Q4 2009	Richard Alatorre	Advanced Development & Investment Inc Los Angeles, CA 90042	• Housing Development	\$20,000.00
Total Payments Received from Clients :				\$110,000.00

In Glendale a city council member (CCM) was busily remodeling and adding an addition to his house. Our ADI source said that the CCM constantly called ADI asking for financial assistance. He was told to be patient as they were waiting to add the materials onto the next order for the project in Glendale and the materials would be added to that order and he wouldn't have to pay for them.

Unfortunately many of the subs haven't been paid and they are stepping up to the podium to blow the whistle on the whole operation. Subs that didn't kick back wouldn't get future work.

Some \$620,000,000 of taxpayer money is involved...the ADI bookkeeper used Quicken to keep track of 600 checking accounts. Unheard of!

The local bagman, who made campaign contributions and cash payoffs, has been left high and dry by his masters. Without a support system the birds are chirping loudly.

As the investigation is ongoing, the Vanguard editorial advisors have agreed that names are redacted.



Bribes and pay to play comes in many forms...

This just in from a source close to the scandal; to whom we have guaranteed anonymity: 'The GNP had this to say about Weaver and Drayman: "If these accusations, or some of them, or parts of them are true, it is a huge concern to the city and a major disappointment," said City Councilman John Drayman. Councilman Dave Weaver also said he was "shocked" by the news." These are just two of the council members that are under investigation. He said he was quite appointed in another and the fourth was always 'seeking' opportunity.'

[Starbird's comments](#) in the GNP belie the fact that the New Horizons project is just another transfer of taxpayer money for no value.

It seems like it was yesterday that the pundits appeared before City Council and Housing Authority to question the \$500,000 cost per unit for affordable housing when the city could but units for \$200,000. I can picture those who laughed at us...on both sides of the dais.

In the Fullerton's Future blog a tip off should have been obvious for all City Managers as they have a City Managers Association that shares lots of info. Ajit in 2009 had been greasing the skids. [Read about here](#) Then there was [even more for consumption](#).

BARRY ALLEN

PS: On a 'lighter note' I received an email from the 'other side' you know...from someone whose death had been reported at a Glendale City Council meeting. The email was from a friend and colleague who asked who it was that said she was no longer among the living?

Being the inquisitive soul I am, I asked how I could confirm this return from the other side. "No," she said, "I never went there."

Tests are ongoing as we always believe Margaret Hammond when she speak, as she couldn't be wrong.

Welcome back Evelyn Hansen...I knew you wouldn't leave without saying, "Goodbye".

Condolences to Bob Yousefian and his family on the passing of his mother.

Parrot: One who imitates the words or actions of another, especially without understanding them.
Pundit: A learned person. Someone who, by long study, has gained mastery in one or more disciplines

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



HERBERT MOLANO IS TAKING A MUCH NEEDED THIS WEEK Click here [Glendale Today](#)

THE PENDING GLENDALE WATER RATE INCREASE AND PERTINENT FACTS SURROUNDING THE ISSUE



On October 12, 2010, the Glendale City Council conducted its first hearing on a staff recommendation to increase base water rates by 3.8%. After more than an hour-long discussion, each council member presented his/her position on how they intend to vote. There were two solid 'No' votes (Drayman and Quintero) and one solid 'Yes' vote (Weaver) and probably two more 'Yes' votes (Najarian and Freidman). The final vote will be held on Oct. 26.

The following presents important information for public consideration.

For the first time in Glendale's history, the city, in 2008 secured a water bond.

Amount of the bond: \$51.5 million.

Cost of processing the bond: \$235,000.

The cost to service the bond debt this year: \$2,300,000.

The full cost to retire the 30 year bond: \$97,000,000.

The Wall Street bond rating firm Fitch recently evaluated Glendale Water Department's credit status, and rated its financial strength as "Negative".

The Fitch report also noted that the City of Glendale will increase water rates – thus the 3.8% increase -- to strengthen its credit rating **in preparation to execute another water bond in the amount of \$50,000,000 in next fiscal year.** This is the unspoken reason for the proposed tax hike.

To inform the public of the need to increase water rates, the city conducted three "Public Outreach" meetings that were held at the Sparr Heights Community Center, the Pacific Park Community Center and the community center in the police building. The three community meetings drew a combined crowd of four citizens. Water Department officials also made presentations to the Rotary Club and the Homeowner's Coordinating Council.

An attendee at the Homeowner's group presentation did not recall hearing the water officials tell of the 39% rate increase or the existing \$50 million water bond, or the anticipated new \$50 million water bond or the depletion of \$4.6 million in the water reserve accounts. All events occurred over the last three fiscal years.

The city's claim of a 35% increase in base water rates is misleading. As the increase was spread out over three years, there is a compounding effect: the actual increase was 39% because in 2008, there was a 9% increase, followed by a 14% increase in 2009, followed by a 12% increase in 2010. The 4% added increase (35% vs. 39%) exceeds the 3.8% that is now being considered by the council.



Without the proposed increase, Glendale still has the highest rates in the tri-city area with Burbank and Pasadena.

Glendale purchases about 64% of its water from the MWD annually. MWD has increased its rates by 27% over the past two years and intends to increase what it charges Glendale by another 7.5% next year. The other 36% of Glendale's water comes inexpensively from local wells. With a strong commitment to saving water, consumers have reduced consumption by 16%. The 16% reduction enabled the city to reduce the more expensive MWD water imports, helping to reduce overall costs.

It is important to understand what impact the 39% rate increase has had on Glendale's lower income residents. According to the city's figures there were 24,547 payment extensions made last year. With 80,000 customers, about 31% of rate payers were behind in paying their water bills, from 30 to 60 days. Social Security and Medicare payments have not increased in the past two years. Rate payers who have had to extend their water payments have grown by 26% over the past two years. People on fixed incomes are struggling to survive.

When the GWP General Manager, Glenn Steiger was hired a few years back, he made a commitment to reduce the water rates. That statement made the rate payers feel like they finally had someone who was going to look after their needs. But that hope has evaporated.

The city council discussion on the 3.8% rate increase took an unexpected turn focusing on a much larger problem: the annual transfer of \$4.2 million of water revenue to the city's general fund to help finance the cost of police, fire, public works and libraries. Since 2001, \$33 million of water revenues have been transferred to the general fund.

Because the city is obligated through generous union contracts for salaries, compensation packages and pension benefits that far exceed revenue capability to meet these expenditures, the utility transfers are more important than ever to retain current service and program levels. Even though water officials presented disturbing facts about deferred maintenance on major portions of its infrastructure, the dictum from the dais made clear that the utility revenue policy must be revisited.

That revised policy will be guided in large part by City Attorney Scott Howard's impending legal opinion on Proposition 218's effect on the water transfer. Prop. 218 basically states that utility fees must reflect 'direct costs' only. That interpretation would nullify the water department transfers and may require the city to return excess charges of \$33 million to the over billed rate payers. The law exempts electric utility fees but all others apply.

The rate payers in Glendale should be skeptical of Mr. Howard's impending legal opinion since he does not represent the rate payers. His responsibilities are to serve at the pleasure of the city manager and city council and to apply his legal skills to achieve their goals and objectives. As a result, he has either a perceived or real bias. In either case, to promote confidence in the opinion, the city should either ask the State Attorney General or a known and unbiased legal expert to render an opinion. **BRUCE PHILPOTT**

SLEEPING AT THE HELM --- OR LOOKING THE OTHER WAY?



"Yeah, you start to ask, why are the numbers going up so dramatically?" Jim Starbird said regarding Advanced Development & Investment Inc.(ADI) — "the affordable-housing firm embroiled in a federal fraud investigation that, in the past five years, has received nearly \$34 million in city assistance." (GNP October 16, 2010)

"Looking back, the high costs — attributed in large part to inflated invoices, such as a \$738,500 bill for drywall to the city that actually cost \$140,000, according to court records — did not jive with the subpar work, Starbird added."

START TO ASK?

So exactly who did Jim Starbird ask?

For \$34 million is Jim Starbird telling us that no one in the City was paying attention or asking questions about this? So a well connected developer comes in and fleeces the city and no one says anything until a divorce attorney just happens to notice it?

WHY IS THAT?

I used to think that Louisiana had all the shady government characters, now I realize that Glendale has surpassed even them. **A long time corruption fighter**

[ED – Some of those overcharges just may have wound up in some elected officials' home. One number that is bandied about is \$70K in Mahogany.]

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

2 Shout Box

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



- At the City Council meeting, Councilman Dave Weaver related an anecdotal story about tasting chlorine in his water supply.

As I understand his statement, when he queried GWP about it he was told that what had been a four man job chlorinating the water had been reduced to a two man crew, with the new protocol to add chlorine and then go back down the hill to turn the mixer on and agitate the water in the tank. He was tasting the chlorine before it had a chance to fully mix in.

My question to you is this:

Why not have the two man crew turn the mixer on first, as they head up to the tank? On reaching the tank, add the chlorine, go back down and turn off the mixer after the required mix time.

I know when I add chlorine to my pool, (before I had to close it up due to water rationing) I would start agitating the water with the pump before I added the chlorine. DM

- Saw the article today in The Times showing the massive overpayment by City of Glendale related to construction of low income housing. Even more pathetic than this latest taxpayer ripoff is CM Starbird's assertion that we are all victims. What are we paying our appointed and elected officials for when they pay \$2.47 million for a \$1.2 million job and nobody catches it? And this is apparently only the tip of the iceberg.

This is just the latest example of the mismanagement in our dysfunctional 'Gang That Couldn't Shoot Straight' city government. These guys can't get anything right and to say we need a wholesale housecleaning of our elected and appointed officials is an understatement. It's just one boondoggle after another here in the Jewel City.

The lack of oversight and incompetence displayed by Glendale's management makes Bell's Rizzo and his cohorts look like pikers. Is this why water rates need to be increased? No wonder the city has to plunder its utilities every year. We've seen enough! It's way past time for a change! Please just start circulating the recall petitions--and make it quick before the next shoe drops. NAJ

- Now we know why Drayman, Weaver, Najarian and Quintero have been so nasty toward the Vanguard, Molano, Philpott and even Mohill. You people have been picked on by those on the dais and now we know why. These elected officials and their paid flunkies are no better than those officials in Bell, just more sophisticated. I suppose we can expect another well orchestrated and choreographed presentation by, as Vanguard calls them, 'parrots' supporting and praising those sitting on their asses while the public has the most uncomfortable chairs to sit on. Mr. Vanguard I haven't seen you speaking at council meetings and miss your voice. Those terrible people that malign you and the others owe you all an apology and a debt of gratitude for your diligence, perseverance and standing against the intimidation and retribution by officialdom. God bless you all and stay safe. [ED – Name and initials withheld as the writer has financial dealings with the City.]
- Neither Weaver nor Drayman should run for re-election as they will probably be in prison by then. Then Quintero and Najarian should resign so voters can vote in a new council that will fire Starbird and Howard and make life miserable for department heads. Time for a change! GJ

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Public



Information

"Just the facts"

Mayor Najarian had 9 highly paid city staff cook, clean and cater his 'fundraiser' at his home. In times of economic hardship, this is just another demonstration of arrogance by an elected official.

FPPC: In the Matter of Barbara Messina, Friends of Barbara Messina Committee, and Michael Messina, FPPC No. 06/1110. Senior Commission Counsel Galena West and Program Specialist Luz Bonetti. Respondent Barbara Messina, a candidate for Alhambra City Council in the November 7, 2006, election, and Respondent Michael Messina caused to be sent, just weeks prior to the election, mailers opposing another candidate, Dan Arguello, which failed to identify Respondents as the senders of the mailers, in violation of Government Code Section 84305, subdivision (a) (3 counts). Respondents also failed to deposit contributions into their campaign bank account, in violation of Government Code Section 84201, subdivisions (c) and (e) (1 count), and failed to disclose the total amount of expenditures made and required expenditure information, in violation of Government Code Section 84211, subdivisions (b) and (k) (1 count). **Total Proposed Penalty: \$14,000.**[Order Exhibit](#)

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

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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, October 18

- Audit Committee – 8:00 am, PB 548-2085
- Parks, Recreation & Community Services Commission – 2:30 pm, CH 548-2000
- Police Advisory Committee – 6:00 pm, CH 548-4818

Wednesday, October 20

- Planning Hearing Officer -- 9:30 am, MSB 548-2140
- Building & Fire Board of Appeals – 2:00 pm, MSB 548-3200

Tuesday, October 19

- Housing Authority -- 2:30 pm, CH 548-2060
- Redevelopment Agency -- 2:30 pm, CH 548-2005
- **Joint Meeting –RE:** Co-Sponsorship of the 26th Annual Love Ride Fundraising Effort – 2:30 pm, CH 548-4844
- City Council -- 6:00 pm, CH 548-4844

Thursday, October 21

- Design Review Board #2 -- 5:00 pm, MSB 548-2140

4 *Vanguardians*

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 opens its 'Shout Box' to Glendale News Press (GNP) letter writers whose letters regarding City Government issues, questions and criticisms are not being published by the GNP. Vanguard Editor Pauline Field received approval from the editorial advisory board to make this opportunity available to all stakeholders.


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

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

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- The [California Public Records Act](#) (PRA) is the tool to get information about the operations of government.
- 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

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.



The ADI formula for getting away with cutting corners is perfect for Glendale. They get the top people on their side, and then use their influence to control the front line staff. It's common knowledge that management jumps at requests from developers and assumes that staff is always wrong.

Management is always pushing through housing authority and redevelopment projects, so a little extra pushing for "favorite friends" doesn't get noticed. The fact that Council is consolidating all these service in a single department so that it's easier to manipulate should concern the public and make watchdog's like Vanguardians more important to keeping the process honest.



Is Starbird acknowledging that there is a 'problem' in planning and inspection services in that he is calling for structural inspection of the ADI projects. Apparently he doesn't trust his own employees. There were city employees that attended parties at Ajits house in San Marino.

In response to a reporter's query about ADI and structural integrity: It could be the engineer of record doing their structural observation. They wouldn't be part of the company. If they were really creative they could get a partial framing inspection, and then remove the hardware to reuse on another part of the project and cover up their work before the next inspection. Depends on how cheap their labor is.

Reliable information is floating around city hall that city council member [REDACTED] is working for the FBI. [ED – This is not something that we can confirm. The name of this council member has been redacted, even though Vanguard has a difficult time believing that as it appears that the 'get out of jail card' doesn't work with the DA.]

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THE DENIZENS ON THE DAIS

The penalty good men and women pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men. PLATO
 "You can't win an argument with a Moron, an Idiot, or a Political Bigot" Kraft



The water issue is predictable with NONE of the council speaking to cutting expenses. Did the city need 170 new vehicles?

When did it begin?

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 Glendale is responsible for these pension payments that don't even include those payments that are less than \$100K per year...

Name	Monthly	Annual	Name	Monthly	Annual
ANTHONY, JAMES	\$9,641.39	\$115,696.68	MARCHMAN, MARIO	\$9,572.79	\$114,873.48
BAILEY, WILLIAM	\$11,493.26	\$137,919.12	MARKSS, JOEL	\$10,519.90	\$126,238.80
BIGGS, DONALD	\$12,546.21	\$150,554.52	MEREDITH, DONALD	\$11,237.17	\$134,846.04
BILHEIMER, JACK	\$8,747.70	\$104,972.40	MICHAEL, PETER	\$9,161.81	\$109,941.72
BINNER, KURT	\$10,232.44	\$122,789.28	MILLER, GEORGE	\$8,496.17	\$101,954.04
BLAKE, MADALYN	\$9,081.75	\$108,981.00	MILLER, GERALD	\$9,744.45	\$116,933.40
BRADEN, RONALD	\$10,813.56	\$129,762.72	MORRISON, JACK	\$8,748.56	\$104,982.72
CARRIGER, DEAN	\$8,796.62	\$105,559.44	MOSER, JAMES	\$8,420.83	\$101,049.96
CARTER, MICHAEL	\$8,368.75	\$100,425.00	MUIS, JEFFREY	\$9,759.16	\$117,109.92
CUMBESS, CLARK	\$8,590.87	\$103,090.44	PAQUET, JON	\$9,982.34	\$119,788.08
DISTASO, MARK	\$12,434.51	\$149,214.12	PATRIC, LAUREL	\$9,081.28	\$108,975.36
DUSS, GERALD	\$8,359.04	\$100,308.48	PERKINS, JONATHAN	\$10,810.57	\$129,726.84
ELMER, ALAN	\$8,939.66	\$107,275.92	PHIPPS, GREGORY	\$10,035.24	\$120,422.88
FERNANDEZ, FELIZARDO	\$8,344.62	\$100,135.44	PIERCE, RUSSELL	\$8,767.63	\$105,211.56
FRANZ, ROBERT	\$11,368.28	\$136,419.36	POST, MICHAEL	\$10,546.40	\$126,556.80
FROELICH, DONALD	\$9,865.99	\$118,391.88	PRESTEN, JOHN	\$8,965.19	\$107,582.28
GIAMPAOLO, JEFFREY	\$8,699.17	\$104,390.04	REZ, JAMES	\$11,663.68	\$139,964.16
GRAY, CHRISTOPHER	\$15,457.44	\$185,489.28	RIVA, CARLO	\$8,601.98	\$103,223.76
GUAY, LEWIS	\$8,467.37	\$101,608.44	SANZ, MANUEL	\$8,695.39	\$104,344.68
HALL, WILLIAM	\$12,575.93	\$150,911.16	SHADE, DONALD	\$10,251.55	\$123,018.60
HANEY, MICHAEL	\$12,533.18	\$150,398.16	SHEA, PATRICK	\$8,739.03	\$104,868.36
HANSEN, MARK	\$8,445.32	\$101,343.84	SIVERLING, RUSSELL	\$13,440.65	\$161,287.80
HERNANDEZ, RICHARD	\$9,046.25	\$108,555.00	STANICK, RON	\$9,725.54	\$116,706.48
HINZ, RICHARD	\$10,446.68	\$125,360.16	STOLZE, GERALD	\$9,040.64	\$108,487.68
HOFFMAN, JOHN	\$9,586.04	\$115,032.48	STOWE, RALPH	\$8,933.33	\$107,199.96
HOWARD, STEVEN	\$14,584.15	\$175,009.80	SWINFORD, JAMES	\$11,114.86	\$133,378.32
KISHIMOTO, NAOMI	\$8,968.67	\$107,624.04	TETREULT, OLIVER	\$9,918.37	\$119,020.44
LEBLANC, LUCIEN	\$8,366.04	\$100,392.48	THOMPSON, DAVID	\$10,106.45	\$121,277.40
LEE, ALBERT	\$11,459.26	\$137,511.12	TORRES, LINO	\$8,634.03	\$103,608.36
LINGUA, JOHN	\$10,330.58	\$123,966.96	WHIPP, MARK	\$8,711.19	\$104,534.28
LOVEJOY, GREGORY	\$8,909.26	\$106,911.12	WOODS, DAVID	\$11,831.15	\$141,973.80
MANENTE, CHARLES	\$8,387.31	\$100,647.72	WOODY, JAMES	\$9,322.36	\$111,868.32
			WRIGHT, DONALD	\$12,462.17	\$149,546.04

Total Amount for the City of Glendale \$100K club - \$648,929.16 Monthly -- \$7,787,149.92 Annually

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