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How many city employees don't contribute to their pension fund?

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## GRAFT AND CORRUPTION IN THE SOUTHLAND

The four stages of Vanguardians **"First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win."**  
Mahatma Gandhi describing the stages of establishment resistance to a winning strategy of nonviolent advocacy



**Voters complain to District Attorney Steve Cooley that the Brown Act is being violated in his jurisdiction. His response is that there is no institutional memory. Drug dealers complain that their pot (Marijuana) sales are down because of the Medical Marijuana Dispensaries (MMD). Cooley's response is that he will apply a little known provision in the law to close down the MMDs.**

[San Bernardino County](#) activities demonstrate why each government agency needs an outside, independent watchdog trained in sniffing out problems, investigating them and writing about them to expose their inner core to public scrutiny. In Glendale as in other cities, the City's Internal Audit Section is under the direction of the City Manager, specifically Bob McFall. There have been areas of insufficient process audit as has been seen with the recently completed Beeline/MV Transportation contract audit.

The San Bernardino Sun article on the "Scandal on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor" gives a great inside look at corruption in government that resulted in arrests, convictions, jail time, fines and restitution. Issues involved kickbacks, timecard fraud, illegal use of personnel and equipment and conflict of interests contracts to name just a few issues. This activity started in the 90's and many of those who were caught were replaced in government by the reformers who apparently decided that they could stand in the shoes of those miscreants and now, they themselves, are being accused of the same things as those who were caught.

Lessons Learned: If you give money to a legislator before the vote so he will vote in your favor...it is a bribe. If you give the legislator money after the vote it is now called a 'TIP' just like the server at your favorite restaurant gets from you when the service is good. It is no longer called a kickback. That is reserved for government workers when they encourage the award of a contract.

Glendale Police Department started its new field [command operation with 4 district commanders](#) [ED-We understand the number is 5 [Based on yet to be announced funding for a special downtown command.] but that is inconsistent with the Staff report given to Council.] to be able to provide better policing. Problem is that the area with the densest population and proximity to gangs gets the least policing while there are three field commands north of the 134. Did the GPD make this change based on crime statistics, geography or politics?

More on GPD: The Gang Injunction map is no longer on the GPD website. Answers to why it was removed include: 'ask the City Attorney'; 'they were never on the web'; 'they were taken down because there wasn't enough space'. Vanguard downloaded the maps from the LAPD. Also of note: The home page still displays the image of former Chief Adams.

Employment Development Department Marketing Specialist Nona Yegiazaryan joined Vanguardians for breakfast and shared valuable information on jobs, job search and working with employers to create win-win situations for them. For more information call Nona at 818 409 0414. Now that so many people use the EDD services it seems shortsighted to cancel the Beeline on Central and discontinue Metro transfers. Both actions will have a negative effect on the training center at 1255 S Central.

Wanted: Someone to work closely with the Vanguardians ADA (American's with Disabilities) advocate, Dr. Richard Espiritu. Dr. Espiritu's plate is filling quickly and he doesn't want anyone falling through the cracks. If you are interested in working with the good doctor, don't hesitate in contacting Vanguardians at 818 243 1502. Duties include attending meetings, evaluating calls for assistance and writing reports on the issues.

The Housing Authority and Redevelopment Agency agendas show that there is a closed session without a description of the topics to be discussed, a clear violation of the Brown Act, if there is nothing to discuss the agenda shows that there is no closed session.

We are following these stories:

- Sgt. Mardikian vs. City – The case is set for January 5, 2010 when all the motions will be heard
- Ovasapyan vs. CoG; Closed session to discuss the fallout from not biting the bullet and paying the judgment. Instead the City hired a consultant and filed an appeal to keep the case alive and the clock ticking. Meanwhile Ovasapyan filed a cross appeal.
- Ivy Glen assisted care facility
- The Beeline – Route cancellation should include route 13 that travels up Glenoaks Canyon. That could result in a lawsuit by Southland Transit, a special assessment district to pay for it or a political ploy to get votes in 2011.
- More suits against the GPD.

Vanguardians is expanding into other areas. If you know people who want better, accountable government in their area, ask them to call Barry Allen at 818 243 1502

Vanguardians is planning a 250,000 opt-in email campaign for California residents to encourage them to become informed, involved and interested in accountable government. The email will direct them to [www.vanguardians.org](http://www.vanguardians.org) where your advertisement will be seen. Call Barry Allen if you want to have your business seen by ½ million eyeballs. Get a jump start today by calling now. This is a limited offer.

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#### LAUREL MILLER IS WAITING FOR A CITY COUNCIL MEMBER TO ANSWER QUESTIONS

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*You may agree or disagree with the views below. Feel free to comment on them.*

### From the Publisher... FEAR



**“Please don’t tell Mayor Quintero that I am a Vanguardians supporter and believe in an accountable government.”**

**“Don’t give my name to City Management as they will retaliate against me for telling the truth.”**

**“Can you come to my house or let’s meet outside of Glendale...I can’t afford to be seen with you.”**

**Can you imagine. This is Glendale...America...where the Constitution protects us from government. A land where we should love our government. Where the LA District Attorney Steve Cooley says there was no institutional memory in pursuing political corruption but his department will go after medical marijuana dispensaries while encouraging selling pot in alleys and on street corners.**

**The time has come to PUSH BACK and to STAND-UP AND SPEAK OUT. If you don’t know how...we’ll show you. The bottom-line is that you vote for the legislators and you**



can recall them; you can research public documents to find out who contributed money to their campaigns; you can look at their calendars to learn who they are meeting with and you can sit in City Hall and watch who comes and goes. You can observe your elected officials when they are out wining and dining and you can read and enforce the Sunshine Laws.

This City is more concerned with information coming out of closed session rather than why that litigation got there in the first place. Our elected officials are concerned about groups getting together to dislodge the tyranny of Government.

I have heard so many times that the fault lies on the heads and in the hands of the developers who had, in the past, been willing to invest in Glendale. Now we find that it is not the developers. It is the government labor unions that are taking every penny out of the cashbox. According to City documents a fireman gets almost \$20,000 per year contribution by the taxpayers for his [I feel comfortable about saying 'his' because there is only 1 female in the GFD.] pension fund. The City refuses to share pension contributions and bonus information with the public even though the Supreme Court said that public employee compensation is publicly accessible.

Now the City Attorney says they won't provide the names and addresses of people signing public contracts such as the Phoenix Group. How will the public know if members of that business gave money before or after a contract award if we don't know who they are?

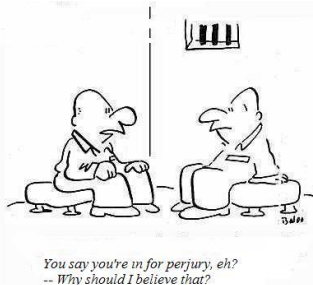
This Council has more to fear than a member of the public that fears retaliation. Here are three tips:

1 Ask if the Official or their business or family EVER received money, gifts or favors from an awardee or someone that is challenging your land use issue.

2 If you are afraid of retaliation mention that publicly in your statement

3 Make sure you state whether YOU have ever given money or valuable services to that Official

In answer to frequent questions – 'Yes,' I have been threatened and I have been stalked but I interpret that as, someone that has more to fear than I.



**ETHICAL DILEMMA:** Can you help me with an ethical dilemma? I have evidence that a City Official violated the law in several respects including perjury (the willful act of swearing a false oath or affirmation to tell the truth, whether spoken or in writing.) Should I just forget about it or should I pursue the matter through the appropriate State or Federal Agency? At worst the individual, if found in violation, will pay a fine, get some jail time, have to give up their position. I really like this person. What would you suggest?

**BARRY ALLEN**

"If you can't drink a lobbyist's whiskey, take his money, sleep with his women and still vote against him in the morning, you don't belong in politics." And, "Money is the mothers' milk of politics." Jesse Unruh

"The American Republic will endure until the day Congress discovers that it can bribe the public with the public's money" - [Alexis de Tocqueville](#)

**Insanity:** doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. [Albert Einstein](#)

**COMMENTARY: CONDOMINIUM COMPLEMENTS COMPROMISE COMPASSION**



The disparities between those who have plenty versus those who don't are easily discernable in the pages of the Glendale News Press if we just read and observe.

There is a warm and cozy false assumption that many people hold dear that in our country freedom-of-choice and self-determination are the driving forces that result in our quality of life. That assumption needs a full reassessment in the light of day.

In Glendale there are those with their own home and those who rent. There are those with health-insurance and those without. There are those with green neighborhoods and those who live amid concrete, asphalt and stucco. There are those with quiet streets and those whose children must take evasive action from reckless drivers near their homes.

The recent approval of two high-rise condominiums and their public promotion by council members Drayman and Friedman in the NewsPress (Tower gets Agency approval. October 14<sup>th</sup>) demonstrate that government policies have much to do with the disparity we've come tolerate.

Though new construction will enhance an area that has long been neglected, construction of high density buildings impacts three essential elements of our quality-



of-life: Water availability to all, traffic congestion, and availability of public parkland.

Together these eighty new condominium units will take up over five million gallons per year of additional water (At 200 gallons per unit per day.) Traffic congestion along California Street, already bumper-to-bumper during peak hours, will worsen. This construction in one of the planning areas with extreme parkland shortage (0.64 acres per thousand residents) will continue unmitigated as more than 200 additional residents will overtax the few remaining green open spaces we have.

Common decency and common humanity would dictate that public policies improve the quality of life for people whose daily experience is distant from our own. But in this city, empathy is too provincial. None of the council members will bear the consequences of the poisonous air pollutants spewing from cars trapped in traffic, and none will have children or grandchildren with asthma who will be impacted by the worsening conditions.

People who voted for Drayman and Friedman have a vested interest in protecting their neighborhoods further north and far north of this congested humanity. But Glendale elects council members at-large. We expect them to extend similar empathy to all.

Therein lays the fallacy of our intuitions – which we could believe the face of concern and the words of green environmental empathy these council members crafted so carefully. Actions speak louder than the words spoken during the campaign for public office. Just like in other cities across our landscape, land developers' words get the full attention of those safely in their political seats while environmental promises get pushed aside.

Who is really holding these elected officials accountable to their promises, and what was the real reason they ran for office? That's something to think about as your water trickles down upon your petunias and coriander next year.

Herbert Molano

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**Training Dais**  
**A political novel**  
**By Herbert Molano**

***Prologue:** Nathan Neiderman had flown to Palm Desert from Valley-Glen New Jersey to recuperate from a disappointing election. There, among long-held friends was his political mentor, a man who would lay down the strategy for another attempt two years hence. Roger was cooking up more than just breakfast this morning.*

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Chapter 1 Episode 2

Roger Cohen had won reelection to the Palm Desert city council with one of the largest margins in recent memory. He didn't need a strategist. He knew intuitively how to appeal to every interest group no matter how small. His words were as proficient as his appetite. He seemed to always to be planning his next meal and now, in his late forties, he had gained considerable weight. Somehow he carried those extra 40 pounds elegantly with the ease and grace of a dancer, which he was in college. For Roger, meals, wine and friends were inseparable. His light blond hair was thinning noticeably and his light blue eyes sparkled behind the round frameless glasses that gave him a flair of dignity. He could debate local issues with humor and held court for a growing circle of friends who savored his company. He was that special politician who could carry his authority with a smiling confidence.

Roger led Nathan and Jacques from the front door to the dining room. Nathan took a step back, "You prepared all this while I out with Jacques?" Roger had laid out a white linen tablecloth with red placemats and the black dinner plates he had brought from his restaurant. In the middle of the table a large bouquet of yellow flowers matched the color of the quiche he was about to serve. The aroma of freshly baked garlic bread and dark roast coffee filled the air. "Nathan, my boy, to win an election you must grab your audience with all the senses possible." With that, he walked over to the stereo, turned up the music and danced his way back to the dining table while singing to Nina Simone's "I want a little sugar in my bowl."

The morning was warming up. The sun was shining from the balcony through the shutters making parallel patterns on the table. He turned to Nathan, "Did you put enough milk in your bowl?" Nathan looked around perplexed, "What milk? What bowl? I don't see any!" Roger burst out laughing. "Money, my dear Nathan, money. It's about your awfully sad campaign. Don't forget, it was a Californian politician who coined the phrase, 'Money is the mother's milk of politics.' I'd say it is the cream, the butter, and farmer's cheese. You whip it, you froth it, you skim it, or you take it fresh right out of the cow." Roger poured himself a cup of coffee and smiled broadly as Nathan savored the quiche. "Roger, this is terrific!" Jacques chimed in, "Roger, you can't leave until you give me the recipe." Roger ignored him. He was looking intently at Nathan,

"Tell me Nathan, how much did Palermo give you?"

"Joe Palermo? How did you know I went to see him?"

"It's easy Nathan, any guy who extracts fifty million in land subsidies from the city should've been in a giving mood. He was your primary target. Wasn't he?"

"Actually, Roger, it didn't turn out too well."

"Don't tell me he gave you the brush off." Roger burst out laughing.

"I got to his office too late. Antonis Voloudakis was just leaving a meeting with him. He walked right past me. He was smiling from ear to ear. He smiles like a shark. You know how shark minds think alike."

"So Voloudakis and Palermo are both attorneys? Was this Voloudakis' first run for office?"

"No, he's been around in minor commissions and a local do-nothing educational board."

"OK. So a novice politician, a Greek attorney in his first run for major elective office, and he eats your lunch?"

"Hey, not so fast. The Greeks make up around thirty percent of the population and fifty percent of the electorate. No roger, he drank all the milk. There wasn't more to squeeze out of Palermo. He knows how to play the numbers."

"Wait, wait, wait, here. Palermo himself has squeezed several hundred million from other Jersey cities and makes you believe he ran out of milk? Are you kidding me?"

"I'm too embarrassed to tell you. He left me waiting alone in the lobby after Voloudakis left with the promise for sixty grand and a slate mailer with three others. I found that out later. I never got to see him. He left me cooling my heels for over an hour."

Roger put his right hand on his hip, squinted as if he needed to see more clearly, placed his left elbow on the table and pointed directly to Jacques,

"Be thinking about packing your bags. You need to fly with Nathan back to Valley-Glen and start preparing the campaign as soon as you arrive."

Jacques dropped his fork,

"You want me to leave for two years?"

"Relax, I'll fly you back every month or so. You need to get a hold of Valley-Glen's vendors list and find every major contractor who's done any city business in the last ten years. And don't forget the attorneys contracted by the city. They are probably having a shark fest. That species really appreciates a streak of rich oily chum is dropped in their waters."

He turned to Nathan,

"You need to study the tactics of Palermo in all the cities where he got development assistance. These guys always come back to the through for more. Nathan, this guy needs to appreciate that you'll probably have the keys to the chow. It's just a matter of time." Roger leaned back on his chair while holding his cup of coffee and turned his chair to face Nathan directly,

"How's your relationship with the police union?"

"I am pretty cozy with some of the guys in my district, I think they really like me."

"Nathan, I see where this is going. Just because you cozy up to handsome men in uniform you think you can get an endorsement with two dozen boots on the ground? When they see you coming towards them, they've got to read 'More money! Tastes great! More filling! Early pension!' You've got to look like the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. We'll create a real rainbow coalition here. Its blue and gold. Correction! Make that blue, gold, and red. How's your relationship with the fire chief?"

Nathan was making mental notes but hesitant to look foolish,

"Can't say I've developed one. We've had many changes at the top lately."

"Listen Nathan, those shiny new trucks make little kids tug at their mothers' pants. Why do you think they seem to play it up at every school function? Those handsome men make those moms wish their husbands had those biceps. They are cute, lovable and heroic. They make for winning campaigns. You need to be the hero's lollipop. No, no, no, change that. Nathan you need to be their sugar daddy."

"You mean I need to get special favors from Palermo?"

"No, no, no my dear Nathan, it's the taxpayers' money, silly. You've got to swagger as if this next election will be a cakewalk. You play the role of Santa, and we'll work like hell behind the scenes. You'll be promising them the best MOU an active endorsement can buy. Grandma and grandpa taxpayer will simply be paying more for all the extra feeling of security they'll now demand. This part will be easy pickings, Nathan."

Roger was in his element. He had mentally assembled the kind of team Nathan would need. Next, he was to ask for a list of all those poor souls who still believed that Mr. Smith really went to Washington and Nathan was the new Jimmy Stewart. Roger had a special surprise in store for them. They would work their shoe leather raw at the next election. He looked out the window lost in thought. He smiled as he lined up the tactics he would put in place. He loved the contact sport of politics. Two years would come on pretty fast. This game was going to be fun.

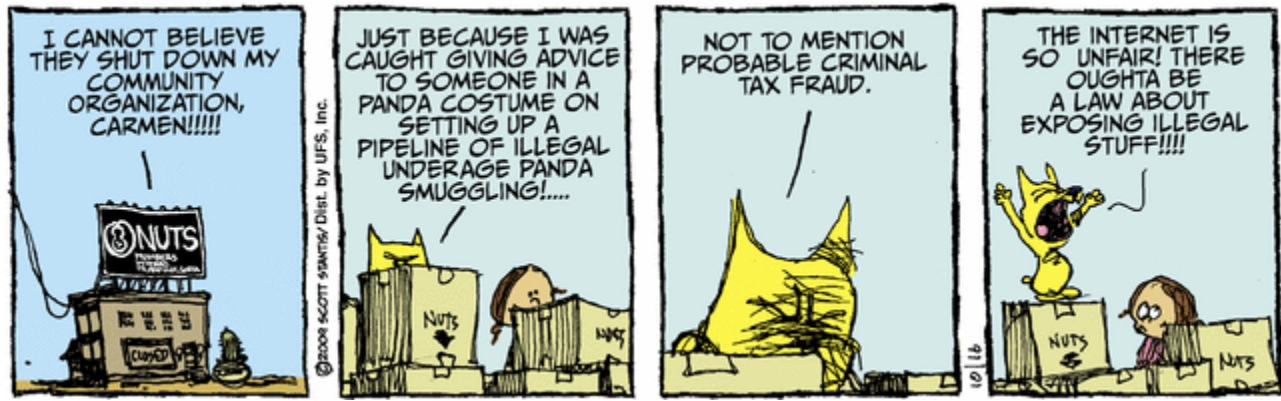
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**All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good women & men to do nothing**

Sacred cows make the best hamburgers. Abbie Hoffman, political activist



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We hope you are enjoying your vacation on Hawaii.  
 Management & Staff

Total Number of Current and Active Glendale Foreclosures as of OCT 16, 09 are: **912**

The only way to make sure people you agree with can speak is to support the rights of people you don't agree with. [ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON](#)

"Power corrupts the few, while weakness corrupts the many" -Eric Hoffer, 1902-1983

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](#)

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

**2 Shout Box**

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I am protesting spending to save the earth by going through the process of having solar panels put on the roof of my Glendale home. With Glendale's high electrical rates (no doubt headed higher), I will recoup my costs in less than 10 years.

If you believe city spending is out of control, that it is funded to an inordinate degree by transfers from GWP and its artificially high electric rates, and you have a way to stop paying those rates completely through solar, then why wouldn't you look into it? GWP is paying almost half of the expense for my panels, and the federal tax credit this year is 30% of the remainder (i.e., almost 15% of the total). If you don't like where the dollars from your GWP bill and federal taxes go, why not redirect a big chunk of them to yourself?

Not every homeowner has a roof that is going to work in terms of orientation, shade, size, etc., but all the solar companies in the area will give you a free evaluation of your prospects. What's there to lose? AM [ED - I support what you are doing. One of the issues that needs to be overcome in some areas is that Planning and GWP need to be on same side. The program I went to was sponsored by the Israel Institute for Alternative Energy that demonstrated solar that was 75% more efficient than that of today. When I was in Israel almost every building used solar for not only electricity but for heating water. I had recommended that the City spend \$1000 on bus shelter solar instead of \$10K on hard wire. Thanks for sharing.]

The Chinese are buying the Hummer for very little money. They already own a lot of the US. Maybe if the government elected officials hadn't tried so hard to compete with private industry instead of encouraging it, we wouldn't have to sell off all the assets. Here is what our elected officials have done: Provided unsustainable pensions, provided salaries greater than does private industry, provided fully paid medical insurance for employees and their dependents along with reimbursed co-pays and deductibles, provided pensions with no or little employee contribution, allowed double dipping...receiving a pension while working as a 'consultant'. Is it a wonder that the US is in this recession? Let's bring back sanity to government...the only pension should be social security where the employee pays a 50% share. The next thing that should be done is that the public should recall every legislator from City Council to County to State to Congress that has squandered our resources so that the wealthiest nation is moving toward a third world status. GK



Vanguard's Oct. 11, online edition was excellent -- awareness of city shenanigans is very important; it would be nice to be able to televise this information on Glendale's channel or other channel (however, I think there is tight government control of these access channels now). Perhaps Kevin James - talk radio, KRLA 870, could do some good as he is one who exposes the Los Angeles city government wrongdoings regularly and, of course, John and Ken, KFI 640 -- yes, its conservative talk radio. Perhaps Barry Allen or Herbert Molano could be a guest on Kevin's show.

However, nothing is going to change unless those up for re-election on the CC are replaced. Seems that those on the CC, once elected, totally forget "a government of the people, by the people, for the people".

Marlene Walker

An archeological team, digging in Washington DC, has uncovered 10,000 year old bones and fossil remains of what is believed to be the first Politician. BJ



I especially wanted to mention that I have really enjoyed your last two commentaries -- excellent! Not too long, not too short, focused and inspired ... perfect. DR

I'm writing simply because I have been a long time resident of Glendale and have always liked what you guys have been doing. I am in Gonzales, CA due to work. After being here for two months I have seen that our local fire department is a volunteer department. I'm floored by what their full time members get paid vs. their Glendale counter parts. There are 2 fulltime firemen and the rest are volunteers. They all seem to serve with pride and with great commitment. That's when I think that for 20 years I lived in Glendale and I had 2 Glendale fire neighbors on my block. All I would hear them say was how their \$90K plus a year income was not enough! (Not to mention the Motor officer from GPD that would ride his city issue bike to his house) would complain also. These guys were something! Some of these guys made \$100Kplus sometimes and milked it and complained. When my kid finished college he wanted to become a fireman. This is something that I would have agreed with at one point in my life but now I just don't believe that their ethics and the way they truly provide the service for WE as citizens is good. How does the city justify the capital for their OT, equipment and raises? At what point did we as tax payers and people lose our sense and letting these people get away with what they are getting away with? Years ago I always supported this agency and their decisions but 20 years of fireman talk next to my house and seeing what these poor guys up in Gonzales Volunteer fire department do for their community makes me so upset on how these departments get away with in Glendale. Keep up the good work at exposing as much as possible with these officials and are so called heroes! Mike [ED - Mike would be more upset if he found out how much they get beyond their pay, i.e., benefits and pension.]

Is it true that a GPD officer wrote a ticket to a blind person who was attempting to cross Brand with a service animal where the audible traffic signals were either not in place or not working? [ED – Vanguardians will research that.]

Without freedom of thought, there can be no such thing as wisdom; and no such thing as public liberty, without freedom of speech. Benjamin Franklin

I am a legislator. I write the laws therefore I can wrong them. Throckmorton P. Aardvark III

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Public



Information

"Just the facts"

A reader asked after the City paying late charges based upon late bill paying something that was noticed when Vanguardians audited the cell phone account with T-Mobile.

**Request:** Provide documents showing the amount of late payment charges paid by the City for making payments late as an example only...T-Mobile for 2008 and 2009 through September 30.

**Response:** There are no records responsive to your request. The City does not maintain a separate report for late payments.

Does this mean that the City just sweeps the additional late payment charges under the rug and lump them with the purchases? It is a well known fact that interest rates on credit cards and services and late payment fees are more than the interested gathered from conservative investment vehicles. The City Council sets the policies for the City; why did they set a policy that permits late payments?

**REQUEST:** Provide documents showing all employees, officials, elected officials who do not currently make a financial contribution to their pension.

**RESPONSE:** The information you request below is exempt from production pursuant to Government Code Section 6254(c) and will not be produced.

**Vanguardians REPLY:** The Supreme Court was very direct when it stated that compensation of public employees is not exempt. Provide the information requested. Also provide the performance bonus information previously requested as bonuses are compensation.

6254 (c) Personnel, medical, or similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. [Code Section does not include an exclusion for 'financial' files.]

Glendale's Legal Department flies in the face of a Supreme Court Decision S134253 that affirmed the decision of the Court of Appeals that "well-established norms of California public policy and American public employment exclude public employee names and salaries from the zone of financial privacy protection."

Pensions and performance bonuses fall within that decision as does the amount that the City pays for healthcare premiums and co-pays and deductibles. The City of Glendale is asking us to take this matter to Court. The Cities of South Pasadena and San Bernardino also took that position. Vanguardians now has in its possession the data requested from those Cities.

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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, October 19**

Audit Committee – 8:00 am, PB 548-2085

#### **Tuesday, October 20**

2:30 PM CH Housing Authority -- 548-2060;

Redevelopment Agency --548-2005

6:00 PM CH City Council -- 548-4844

#### **Wednesday, October 21**

Zoning Administrator's Hearing -- 9:30 am, MSB 548-2140

Community Dev Block Grant – 2:30 pm, CH 548-2060

Planning Commission – 4:00 pm, MSB 548-2140

#### **Thursday, October 22**

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

## **4 Vanguardians**

- At the Vanguardians Friday Breakfast at Foxy's we discussed the Gangs in Glendale; how EDD can help: Chief Adams 'Goodbye photo and a surly GPD PIO. Each week we add a few new faces and have returning warriors. Become one. This is an excellent opportunity to share opinions about quality of life issues. We welcomed some new warriors for accountable government.
- All issues of Vanguard are archived at [www.vanguardians.org](http://www.vanguardians.org)
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**5** **the Insider** is a report from 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.



No word from our Insider Friends

## 6 Stories from Claims against the City

Dona Boehm is off this week

## 7 News Briefs from the neighborhood

From Vanguard of Davis



### [A Look at the Sierra Club's Endorsement Process of Measure P](#)

Friday, 16 October 2009 Two weeks ago, the Sierra Club announced that they had endorsed Measure P. Like everything in this campaign, that endorsement has trigger a bit of controversy in part because of their reputation as one of the preeminent environmental groups in the nation and indeed globally. Critics

immediately complained about the process by which the endorsement was obtained. Some have suggested this was largely a political decision made at the local level by people beholden to certain developer interests.

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### [CalPers Offered Incentives to Inflate Pension Funds' Value](#)

A labor-friendly CalPERS board offered local governments an incentive eight years ago to boost public employee pension benefits, now called "unsustainable" by some. CalPERS said it would reward higher benefits by inflating the value of the local government's pension investment fund, making it easier to pay for more generous pensions. [Read more here.](#)

### [The Science of Recession Redevelopment](#)

Can redevelopment dollars create a critical mass of restaurant and entertainment space without sending existing businesses over the edge during difficult economic times? [Read more here.](#)

### [Tsunami Over Unsustainable Public Employee Pensions, Decision Makers Will Be Held Accountable](#)

as we go into the 2010 election cycle, there is no doubt that spiraling, unsustainable public employee pension costs will and should be an important factor. It matters what candidates for office are saying about this issue. [Read more here.](#)

### [In Deficit, What's Next to Cut For the City Manager?](#)

California is in a deep financial hole. You have already cut travel, laid off part-time staff, eliminated contract consultants, deferred raises, actually cut pay, encouraged retirements, pushed for redevelopment and economic development, increased fees, developed an attrition plan and prioritized and eliminated services. Now what? [Read more here.](#)



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