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Per the State Election Code, the candidate filing period begins on July 14th and ends on August 8th at 6 pm for all incumbents.

This filing period is extended to August 13th, (for non-incumbent) in the event an incumbent does not run for office.

JEROME STOCKS: PART ONE

First in a series of editorials on Jerome Stocks' political history

I was surprised to see a supporter of Stocks and Bond make allegations that the campaign contributions of certain candidates in the last elections had incomplete addresses or inadequate descriptions of employment on the reporting forms (North County Times 2/24/08). Doesn't this individual know that, for the 2004 election, Jerome Stocks had to return "double donations" of the maximum amount allowed eleven times? Is he unaware that Mayor Stocks had to refund \$2,613 to Barratt America for a party because it was apparently a campaign contribution? Barratt claimed their payment for this party was "made in error" (NCT 2/2/05). Stocks refunded Barratt the money for the party in 2005, claiming "I think I'm a better candidate than treasurer" (NCT 2/2/05). He did not comment on the fact that Barratt was, at that time, in the midst of a lawsuit against the City of Encinitas over development fees (NCT 2/2/05). No other candidate in the 2004 elections had to return "double donations" or reimburse a third party for some other contribution. What exactly are the ethics of a sitting City Councilman who accepts campaign contributions from a developer who is involved in a lawsuit with the City of Encinitas? A review of the campaign contribution records for 2004 show that two candidates received contributions from political action committees (PACs). Jerome Stocks received four contributions from PACs—three more than the other candidate. All but one PAC was located outside Encinitas—California Real Estate Pac (Los Angeles), Friends of Duke Cunningham (Escondido), Citizens For North County Coastal Cities (Encinitas), and Associated Builders and Contractors (San Diego). Funny, I thought the race for Encinitas City Council was a non-partisan, local election. I guess not as one of the four PACs donating to Mayor Stocks

campaign was "The Friends of Duke Cunningham" headquartered in La Mesa. Though it is certainly no secret that Stocks is a Republican, it appears others in the Republican party thought it was worth their while to help him up the ladder.

I doubt we will see such a donation this year. Stocks commented on the Cunningham matter on 7/15/05 in the Union Tribune "I know Duke Cunningham personally," Stocks said. "I know his wife and I'm as stunned by all the developments as anybody." Shocked, I tell you, shocked. Mayor Stocks is running again this year, but I have learned from the past. I don't want to vote for an ethically challenged proponent of more and more development, who is supported by the building and development interests from all over the State. I don't need a representative who apparently can't count (at best). The City does not need more of Jerome Stocks—I urge you to study the candidates and vote for your best choice. BUT NOT STOCKS.

~ Herb Patterson <lindpat@cox.net>

NO MORE!

A former mayor who continues to serve on our City Council publicly offered that the only time the general public has the right to influence civic decisions is on election day. We say that, when you are an elected employee of the public, you need to listen to the public every day, including election day.

If you agree, then it is time to act. Three of our incumbent employees are up for re-election this fall. Two of them share a contempt for dissenting public opinion and are, at best, disinterested in following the City's General Plan. These two men, Jim Bond and Jerome Stocks, have done more harm to local democracy and have caused more damage to our region's resources and infrastructure than any two of our employees have the right to. We need civic employees who understand they serve at the pleasure of the public and are required to act on our behalf.

~ the editors

COUNCIL CANDIDATES

As of 08 Aug 2008:

Incumbents

- James Bond: no website
- Maggie Houlihan: www.voteformaggie.com
- Jerome Stocks: no website

Newcomers

- Betsy Aceti: no website
- Tony Brandenburg: www.judgebrandenburg4encinitas.com
- Rachelle Collier: www.collierforencinitas.com
- Doug Long: no website
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HELP OUR CITY!

With increasing awareness of troubles in our city, many individuals have answered the call.

Numerous small community groups have formed to help identify and correct the misdeeds of our civic employees. At City Hall there seems to be a common misconception that they are autonomously in charge of our city. We the people are supposed to be in charge and our civic employees on the city staff, the City Council, and all of the commissions require more citizen guidance on decisions which affect each of the unique communities of our city.

Those of us who lived here in the 80's decided to band our communities together to form a city. This was to be a positive opportunity for our area to gain local control over run-away development. We had a voice in naming our new city and chose Encinitas, the name given to this area over 100 years ago. Now at 22, our young city seems to be controlled by a group of rogue civic employees. These employees see nothing wrong with letting the future of the City be determined by cold hard cash and back-room favors.

It is absolutely reasonable to argue that things may have been even worse if we had not incorporated Encinitas. And yes, absolutely, we did elect the employees who have been calling the shots. It would appear that we were wrong.

Many of us were fortunate enough to grow up here and have stayed to raise our families in our comfortable neighborhoods. Over the years others have been drawn to live here because of our wonderful community environment. Still others are attracted by the opportunity to transform one of the last remaining small-scale Southern California beach towns into yet another coastal suburban enclave clone. The specifics of what one wants for the future of Encinitas are not nearly as important as participating honestly in determining the goals for the future. Indeed, it is different perspectives that, when openly discussed and resolved, make for a healthy and vibrant community. With the future nature of Encinitas at stake, it is important for everyone to be informed and to openly guide our civic employees.

For those who ask, "Can I make a difference? Will my voice really be heard?" The answer is a most definite and resounding YES! To the question, "What can I do?", the answer is: PARTICIPATE!

The common goal should be to stop all of the behind-the-scenes dealings which our civic employees on council and staff do in our name, without our knowledge or consent.

Troubles do not simply happen, they are caused. The problems foreseen by the few persistent watch dogs, problems which were rudely dismissed by many of our civic employees, have now come to pass. Due to our employees' actions, the resources and infrastructure of our region are seriously overburdened. With no promise of enough water to slake the thirst of over development, our employees in charge of limiting excessive development continue to act against common sense and the public's best interest. With no promise of adequate traffic capacity on our roadways for further development, without negatively impacting or taking existing properties, our employees in charge of planning keep encouraging inappropriate development. It is clear that our civic employees who hold the most power cannot be trusted.

They have maintained their power over the years by commissioning intentionally misleading civic polls. They have hired consultants to invent deceptive revenue-enhancing ballot initiatives which are put to a public vote because they are statistically most likely to pass. They have increasingly turned to closed sessions and misrepresentation of the truth in their efforts to continue their shenanigans.

What to do? Get involved! Demand that our current and future civic employees read, understand, and follow our General Plan. Demand that they stop putting the benefit of developers over the property rights of the established neighborhoods affected by development. Demand that they agree that public input and dissent are not only valuable to the community, they are the American way. Demand that they bring an end to secret dealings. Demand that those up for election publicly share their image of Encinitas in another 22 years.

It is our future they are playing with.

~ Julie Sanderson and the editors

REPRIEVE FOR VULCAN AVE TREES

At the July 16th meeting the council voted to authorize modifications to the North 101 Corridor Specific Plan road standards by implementing an interim street improvement plan in conjunction with the Vulcan Ocean View Properties LLC 5 unit condominium project at 1865 N Vulcan Ave.

The vote was 4:1—Mayor Jerome Stocks voted against the modification.

On April 3, 2008 the Planning Commission approved a condominium development with the following condition: Every effort shall be made to preserve the existing mature eucalyptus trees along North Vulcan Ave. while still providing for succession with mature trees to replace them once they die or have to be removed due to advanced disease.

The original staff recommendation included the removal of the trees to conform to the Specific Plan road standards. The special condition was included at the request of the Planning Commission.

Such a condition could be implemented because section 4.6 of the public road standards allows for the modification of road standards if it is recognized that the full improvements may not be appropriate or desirable due to site specific conditions such as environmental considerations or community character.

It is clear by the Planning Commissioner's discussion they understand how import the tree canopy is to the community of Leucadia. Council members Barth and Houlihan have also requested a review of both the North 101 Corridor Specific Plan and the Downtown Encinitas Specific Plan as other aspects, including the increased height limit, are not supported by many of the area residents.

The interim street modification condition ends in five years. Then the property owners will be required to comply with the standards that exist at that time. Another reason the North 101 Corridor Specific Plan needs to be reviewed.