

**ELECTION 2010**Back issues can be found at civics-101.com/hoodlink**2010 ENDORSEMENTS**

There are four candidates running for the two City Council seats up for election this year. Two incumbents, Teresa Barth and Dan Dalager, and two newcomers, Kristin Gaspar and Tony Kranz. Skip to the end of this article for the results of our studies. Keep reading for how we evaluated the candidates.

All four have staunch supporters. Three, all but Gaspar, have a history of being involved in City issues.

Dalager and Gaspar have supporters who pay to have campaign signs and banners printed and then hire teams to place them. Barth and Kranz have supporters who have contributed to printing campaign signs and banners. Volunteers then distribute those signs to voters.

Dalager and Gaspar have the support of the development community and people who like to produce and mail expensive and deceptive flyers to voters. Their approach to campaigning is to attempt to trick people into thinking down is up and good is bad.

Barth and Kranz have the support of open government, tax payer, and conservation groups. They believe that telling the truth to get a vote is far better than attempting to deceive the public.

Dalager and Gaspar have a single issue they are promoting as the most important issue facing Encinitas: the park on the Hall property. Dalager and Gaspar have approved and paid for campaign literature that falsely claims that they are the only candidates in favor of families and building the park. Barth and Kranz actually do love families and support the building of a park on the Hall property. The difference is that Barth and Kranz understand the real reason a park has yet to be built is that Dalager and the Council majority have failed at managing the financial stability of the City.

Barth has been on the Council for four years fighting against the majority's financial irresponsibility so a park could be built and our roads maintained. Dalager has been sitting on the Council for eight years voting for questionable legal and financial choices that typically support errant City staff and the developer community at the expense of the public. Dalager has a history of making questionable-at-best choices when mixing personal and business relationships with the role of being an elected government representative of all the citizens.

Gaspar has been all too willing to get onto the blame-and-discredit-anyone-with-a-different-opinion bandwagon. Gaspar has aligned her campaign with those willing to blatantly misrepresent reality (lie) to maintain their Council majority at any cost. These supporters that Gaspar shares with Dalager and Jerome Stocks favor running a closed City government based on doing favors for special interests. Simultaneously, Gaspar has been co-opting many of Barth's words, as if they are her own, in an attempt to come across to an unfamiliar public as if she, Gaspar, is a reasonable person who actually has a clue about what is going on in the City.

Kranz grew up in Encinitas and, as a member of the public, has taken the time to become educated and involved in the issues and processes of running our City.

Time to take a big breath, and continue...

To paraphrase the Encinitas Taxpayer's Association, the financial state of our City pretty much sucks. This perspective is in stark contrast to the bold and cheery campaign claims made by our Mayor and constantly echoed by the Council majority. [The ETA's research is compelling](#). Please encourage your friends and neighbors who support Dalager and/or Gaspar to do a little reading on their own before they cast their vote.

Those in the majority on the Council may not be the individuals who made the fundamental choices which put us into this position, but they are the majority who legally approved those choices. It is clear that the majority should have listened more to Barth, the so-called "disruptive" voices, and the "activists" who have railed against the majority's malfeasance for years.

Our's is a looming financial disaster and, as such, our criteria for endorsements for City Council candidates is based on the urgency of choosing representatives who are currently aware of the issues, are open about their perspective on the issues, and will be honest in dealing with the issues.

Make no mistake about it, Jerome Stocks participates in as much fiduciary irresponsibility as anyone. Jim Bond certainly should have acted more responsibly. Unfortunately, neither of their Council seats are up for election this year. This leaves all of us needing to make sure, with this vote, that we adjust the majority balance so we can start addressing the foundational troubles.

Based on our observations and evaluation, it is our considered conclusion that Teresa Barth and Tony Kranz are, by far, the two most qualified candidates for City Council.

Barth and Kranz are honorable, hardworking, involved in civic issues, attentive to disparate views, and willing to work for all the residents of the City, not just special interests.

It is our hope that, with a majority on the Council willing to address the troubles the current majority has fostered, we can make real progress toward securing a bright and affordable future for this slice of paradise we all call home.

Please vote for Barth and Kranz!

~the editors



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NOTE FROM FRIEND

The following is a very abridged version of an email message sent by Judy Berlfein to friends regarding her support of Teresa Barth and Tony Kranz for City Council. Judy hosted a meet and greet at her house and felt compelled to share the experience with those who had not had an opportunity to attend.

Dear friends,

I know many of you were unable to make it last Sunday. A friend e-mailed me and asked if I could tell her why I support Tony and Teresa so she could make an informed decision. For those of you who share that question, here are my thoughts. Please feel free to steal from this when you're talking to your friends.

I wish I could have videotaped yesterday's get together. Tony and Teresa really complement one another. They both are looking into the future and not to the past. They're looking at other cities and how they get things done in creative ways with tight budgets. Here are a few of the topics we covered.

Teresa has shown great leadership on the City Council, is interested in and cares about our environment, does her homework, is fiscally responsible, pushes for transparency in government, and engages the community as much as possible so Council decisions are not made in a vacuum.

Tony is new to the game, so he doesn't have as much of a track record. He is quietly doing his homework and learning about all the issues of importance at our city. He has great ideas on many topics.

*Pedestrian Railroad crossings: . . . In San Clemente, they've put in at-grade pedestrian rail crossings. They cost a fraction of what we plan to spend for tunnels under the tracks. They can be done safely. Teresa went to San Clemente with our assistant City manager to show him that it could be done. For years, all we hear from the other Council members is -- No, no it can't be done.

[Judy wrote a lot more on Teresa and Tony's position on water issues, representative democracy, widening of I-5, sports, business, and fiscal responsibility.]

I have known Dan Dalager for a long time. As many people say -- Dan is a very nice guy. But I do want to tell you why I am not voting for Dan. I am not voting for him because I don't see the same kind of vision as I see from Teresa and Tony.

And finally -- a note regarding Kristin Gaspar. I know very little about her. However, do pay attention. She is billing herself as Law Enforcement's choice. Law Enforcement made a choice without interviewing any of the other candidates. This appears to be more of a behind-the-scenes action by a few people with power in the law enforcement arena.

Thanks for listening --

~Judy Berlfein

[Judy's entire email can be read here.](#)

GOOD THINGS TO DO...

VOTE. Seriously, it is a good thing to do! And get your neighbors to vote too. While no one can exert absolute control over the future, the future is our's to influence.

We need to elect people who will help to influence the future of our City and region by embracing public participation.

We need to help neighbors and friends see through the deceptive political tactics and understand the importance of this election!

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ACT NOW!

The deadline for the public comment period on the I-5 expansion will come and be gone before you know it: November 22, 2010.

In the [October issue of Hoodlink](#) we provided some background information, examples of questions to ask, and links to more information and for providing feedback.

There are two roads we must travel to act effectively. The first is to direct meaningful questions to the regional, State, and Federal representatives and agencies who are responsible for planning, funding, and constructing the interstate highway system.

The second road is to elect Encinitas City Council members who fully embrace the notion that it is the people who are the deciders. The current Council majority might be surprised to discover, but nowhere in the Constitution does it suggest that bureaucrats and quasi-governmental agencies run by and for special interests get to dictate what is best for civilization.

So, contrary to the claims put forth by our Mayor Dan Dalager and our SANDAG representative Jerome Stocks, the final decision on the project is NOT up to Caltrans. Most public projects will be modified or not be built when there is overwhelming public resistance to the project.

Route your considered comments and relevant questions to the [President](#), our U.S. Senators [Barbara Boxer](#) and [Dianne Feinstein](#), our U.S. Representative [Brian Billbray](#), our State Assembly member [Martin Garrick](#), our State Senator [Mark Wyland](#), the [US Department of Transportation](#), [Caltrans](#), [SANDAG](#), and to our SANDAG representative [Jerome Stocks](#), and the [entire City Council](#).

COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Candidate	their web site
Teresa Barth	barthforencinitas.com
Dan Dalager	dandalager.com
Kristin Gaspar	kristingasparforcouncil.com
Tony Kranz	tonykranz.com

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