



WHEN AND WHY TO GET INVOLVED...

2011 is nearly history and the time to get more involved is now. We hope this special one page edition will help you understand why. We know first hand how hard it is to take the time to work for a better community. Case in point: we've tried to rally ourselves earlier, but this is the first Hoodlink since the 2010 Election issue.

The good news from a year ago is that the misguided behavior of Dan Dalager was finally acknowledged by the public. We are proud to have been even a small voice among those who had been trying for years to get neighbors to become better educated voters. Last fall his conflict of interests were finally reported honestly in the San Diego press and he lost his bid for reelection. Shortly after the election he pleaded guilty to some of his wrong doings.

Things always change. Change is not always progress.

The bad news from last year's election is the very people who voted against corruption were influenced by the same machine that had turned against one of their own. As a result, Kristin Gaspar, who has turned out to be a new and younger crony, was elected as Dalager's replacement. Even though Gaspar has recently been making an effort to dispel the notion that it's true, the pre-election 3-2 majority remained a 3-2 majority staunchly against open representative democracy in Encinitas for the past year.

Because we lost Maggie, the current majority is 3-1. On Wednesday the 9th of November, 2011, shortly before 6 pm, the majority is scheduled to become 4-1.

The cronies think there is nothing that you can, or will, do about it.

The rules for replacing elected municipal officials who, for whatever reason, can not fulfill their terms is defined in state law. In

this specific case, the act of appointing a replacement, rather than having a special election, is allowed. Furthermore, the majority of the Council is well within the law to completely ignore the choice for her replacement that Maggie voiced in a video shown to the Council following her death.

The sitting majority mouthed words of respect. They went though the motions of appearing to be understanding of, and being appreciative for, Maggie's contribution to the community. If the three were acting without fear and greed, they could have:

- 1- Not tried to appear open-minded while they continued, uninterrupted, with their behavior of community marginalization.
- 2- Appointed someone who would have filled in the remainder of Maggie's term, carrying on with her perspectives without risking their 3-2 majority.
- 3- Appointed someone who would fairly represent Maggie's positions, but who would not run for reelection as an incumbent in 2012.

The 3-1 majority had many choices along with the opportunities to demonstrate their decency.

They chose to act without honor.

They went though all the motions to make it seem as if they cared, but in the end their hubris prevailed. While they worked hard to demonstrate the appearance of loss, they

worked harder to [select a new crony](#) Council member. They can not be satisfied with 3-2, they really *need* 4-1.

To paraphrase Jim Bond, our current mayor, when it comes to Council decisions, you really only have to count to three. As of Wednesday evening they will be able to count to four and that is a super majority.

What can be done about it?

Show up at City Hall for one hour this Wednesday, the 9th of November, in support of creating a fair and open democracy here in Encinitas. There is a press conference scheduled for 5:15 pm. The event, which will share insights we do not have, will be held in the front courtyard of City Hall immediately before the official appointment of Mark Muir as Maggie's replacement.

Please do everything you can to get your family, friends, and neighbors to contribute an hour of their day. Women, men, kids, and grandparents: go to City Hall early to show San Diego the citizens of Encinitas are done with being marginalized. Whether you are a surfer, soccer player, bird watcher, biker, skater, artist, student, doctor, scientist, engineer, trust funder, or none of the above, it is unlikely a 4-1 majority will fairly represent you. We all need to do something about it.

~the editors

WHAT CAN A SUPER MAJORITY DO?

- Approve any City building code variance requested by a developer which is not specifically outlawed by the County, State, or Federal Governments.
- Make any changes they desire to the ongoing General Plan update, which does not violate State law, with no regard to the wishes of the public.
- In other words, they can immediately approve the building of high rise multiuse developments anywhere in Encinitas and they can change the General Plan so that no variance would be required to build a high rise.
- Their first target is El Camino Real. The next stop would not be your call.