

COUNCIL: Recycled water among top issues

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the broader community I hear a lot about how Redwood City is improving with forward thinking."

Luca frequently attends and speaks at council meetings and wants to work on things he thinks the council fails to consider. "I feel the residents are not being represented," he said.

He believes the council gives too much time and credence to city staff and consultants and doesn't let the residents speak enough. "When it comes to the public they don't give them equal time."

He also believes the movie theater should stay near Whipple Avenue and Highway 101 and that big projects like Marina Shores should be voted on by residents. "But," as he often says, "that's just my opinion."

Foust, unlike Luca, likes the cinema project and the plans to use recycled water to irrigate landscaping in Redwood Shores, where she lives, and in other parts of the city.

Her top priority as a councilmember would be maintaining the city's public safety infrastructure, she said. "I also believe we must work more collaboratively with the schools of our community to ensure they are providing the kind of quality education our children deserve."

She also hopes to continue the council's practice of maintaining reserves in the budget and dealing responsibly with the budget crisis.



Luca



Foust

Sanfilipo believes water and money are the two most important issues for the council now. "I was on the council at a time we were going through those same problems," he said. "We were able to work through them. I feel that my experience of going through this before will be beneficial to the city."

Budget crises can be handled and the recycled water project should help the city grow without straining its water resources, he said. "I'm against using the water where young children



Sanfilipo



Bain



Ruskin



Pierce



Newgard

will be constantly exposed to it," he added. "I'm not against it being used in commercial and industrial areas and median areas."

Newgard has no political experience but says he's qualified because "I have common sense." He also works with alcoholic teens through Alcoholics Anonymous. He is a lifelong Redwood City resident who works as an auto mechanic at Toyota 101 in Redwood City.

A Sierra Club member, Newgard believes the city needs to

do more for the environment. He suggests an expanded trash recycled program as "away we can make our existence on this planet a little longer."

That doesn't mean he's necessarily in favor of recycled water, though.

He believes that the water the city plans to use for irrigation should be further treated to make it more pure.

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tection. I also want to review the city's emergency action plan, and make sure that residents have access to it. Finally, we must anticipate and prepare for the impact that projects such as the downtown theater will have on traffic and city services. To improve traffic flow and safety, I will work to secure funding for grade separations at Broadway, Brewster and Whipple.

Should the City Council approve the recycled water project? Why? Why not?

As a parent, I understand the concerns that some people have raised about health. If we were talking about introducing (recycled water) into our drinking water, I wouldn't support it, but that's not what we're talking about. After carefully studying arguments on both sides of the issue, I have concluded that it is safe for landscape use, and I would use it on my own lawn. Recycled water has been used for landscape and industrial use across the country for decades. Expanding this program for landscaping use will help preserve, protect and extend our limited supply of drinking water.

What positive and negative impacts do you see coming from the Downtown Cinema? What can the Council to do lessen the negative impacts?

The benefits will be nightlife and culture in the heart of the city, something that's been slowly improving, thanks mostly to the Fox Theatre. The drawbacks will be parking and traffic, but the new garage should help. Most importantly, we've got to make sure that traffic doesn't spill over into our neighborhoods. As I said earlier, I believe a grade separation at Broadway and the railroad tracks will provide easier access in and out of downtown and help keep the traffic from backing up.

What one personal quality will you bring to the City Council that will set you apart from the other Councilmembers?

Proactivity. During a short time on the Council, I brought new issues to the table, beyond what was already being discussed. I took a strong leadership position on televising council meetings, allowing dogs

Express Calendar

Today, June 17

Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Wednesday, June 18

SUHSD Board, 5:30 p.m., 480 James

RCSD Board Regular Session, 7 p.m., Board Room, 750 Bradford

Monthly Health Lecture for Seniors, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Community Room, Main Library

Sequoia High School Alumni Association Fundraiser, lunch and dinner at Chevy's Fresh Mex, 2907 El Camino

Chamber Business Connections, 5 p.m.-7 p.m., 755 Marshal I Street, Fire Station #9

6/9 Council Study Session rebroadcast on cable TV, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 19

Opinion Exchange with Jim Dunbar, 1:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m., Goldstar Room, Veterans Memorial Senior Center, 1455 Madison

Friday, June 20

Live in Downtown, featuring The Ron Gariffo Octet, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., City Center Plaza

Carol McComb, Keith Little, Anita Grumwald, 8 p.m., Little Fox, 2209 Broadway

Saturday, June 21

Farmers Market, Hamilton & Broadway

Freddie Brooks and The Computers plus MJ and The Little Wheels, 9 p.m., Little Fox, 2209 Broadway

Monday, June 23

City Council, 7 p.m., Council Chamber, City Hall

in city parks and empowering residents to conduct city business over the Internet. I used logic and reason to persuade fellow Councilmembers and city commissioners to support these changes. Those were small projects, but they helped a lot of residents, and they wouldn't have happened if someone hadn't championed them.

Give the current City Council a grade, from A-F. What grade did you give? Why?

This is difficult because we're talking about seven

very different people with different strengths and weaknesses. When grading Councilmembers, I think the public first needs to look at whether one's heart is in the right place. We also need to look at responsiveness, effectiveness, open-mindedness, and the ability to work with others. Many of the Councilmembers also work very hard behind the scenes for what they believe in. Some work harder than others. At the end of the day, I think the Council makes the right decisions most of the time. Overall, I'll give the group a B.

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(ADI). Tell Express readers about ADI, your position there, any relationship between ADI and Abbott Labs, discussions on the Abbott Labs project that you might have had with the City Attorney and his opinions about any conflict of interest, and explain the whole issue of necessary paperwork for the Department of Justice.

I find it regrettable that anyone would find it necessary to circulate negative information about anyone else running for public office. What is most disturbing about the allegations against me is that they are just not true. In the interest of setting the record straight, I am not a lobbyist for the French government. My employer, Alsace Development International (ADI) is a non-profit corporation similar to a trade association or chamber of commerce and Abbott is not a client, and has not paid nor will it pay my employer any money. In addition, the City Attorney's office has confirmed to me there is no conflict. Lastly, I have always fully consulted with the Agency's lawyers to ensure the nec-

essary corporate and legal filings have been done.

What issues do you want to work on as a member of the City Council?

The most important things we need to do as a city is to ensure that we have an appropriate public safety infrastructure—adequate police and fire services. We must also work more collaboratively with the schools to ensure they are providing the kind of quality education our children deserve. And, we must be sure our financial house is in order.

The City should continue to maintain reserves for current economic conditions and also maintain a high service level. Implementation of the Downtown Area Plan will be a key task because of its tremendous potential for a unique and thriving Downtown. Another issue which I feel strongly about being involved in is the maintenance of our two quality health care facilities—Sequoia and Kaiser.

Should the City Council approve the recycled water project? Why? Why not?

Yes, because I strongly believe that recycled water, for the intended use of landscape irrigation, is safe and absolutely needed. I have done a significant amount

of independent research on the subject and find no credible information showing any health related problems in areas where recycled water has been used. Recycled water has been used extensively in California for over 30 years including parks such as Bonfante Gardens in San Jose, schools and playing fields, golf courses and on approximately three-fourths of the crops in the Central Valley. Even opponents of its use in Redwood City concede

that recycled water can be safely used and that there are no documented health risks.

In my research, I learned that Takashi Asano, adjunct civil engineering and environmental studies professor at UC Davis, was awarded the prestigious Stockholm Water prize in 2001 for "his outstanding contributions to efficient use of water in the domain of wastewater reclamation, recycling and reuse through theoretical developments, practical re-

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Today, June 24

Architectural Review Committee, 6:45 a.m., Council Chamber, City Hall

Redwood City Women's Club Fundraiser, lunch and dinner at Chevy's Fresh Mex, 2907 El Camino

"Don't Pull The Shades," presented by The Heart to Heart Theater Troupe, 10:45 a.m., Veterans Memorial Senior Center, 1455 Madison

Housing and Human Concerns Committee, 7 p.m., Conference Room 2B, City Hall

Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Council Chamber, City Hall

Wednesday, June 25

Port Commission, 8 a.m., Port Office, 675 Seaport

SUHSD Board, 5:30 p.m., 480 James

RCSD Board Regular Session, 7 p.m., Board Room, 750 Bradford

Park and Recreation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt

Thursday, June 26

Sequoia High School Alumni Association Fundraiser, lunch and dinner at Chevy's Fresh Mex, 2907 El Camino

Friday, June 27

PAL/DARE Family Fun Day fundraiser, San Jose Municipal Stadium

Live in Downtown, featuring Dave Rocha, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., City Center Plaza

Blue-Eyed Devils, 9 p.m., Little Fox, 2209 Broadway

Saturday, June 28

Nina Storey Band, 9 p.m., Little Fox, 2209 Broadway

Monday, June 30

City Council Budget Study Session, 7 p.m., Council Chamber, City Hall

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