

Parklands ruling appeal spurs candidates

A Los Angeles Superior Court Judge's ruling in June reversed a controversial 2012 land-swap agreement in Palos Verdes Estates in which the Palos Verdes Homes Association and city council transferred a 1.7-acre parcel of parkland to a couple who lives on Via Panorama. The homes association, city council and the residents, Robert and Delores Lugliani, are appealing the decision by Judge Barbara Meiers, who ruled that the sale was illegal and ordered the removal of encroachments.

John Harbison, who leads the group Citizens for Enforcement of Parkland Covenants, which filed the lawsuit, has also organized a coalition of residents called Residents for Open Board Elections. ROBE is supporting a slate of candidates now challenging incumbents on the homes association's board of directors. The challengers are running because of the homes association's handling of parklands issues, including supporting a proposal over the summer to re-route the Paseo Del Sol fire trail, according to correspondence from the homes association.

Amid the controversy, the homes association president, Mark Paullin, resigned this month.