



**ROBE**

Residents for Open  
Board Elections



**You Could Lose This**

# **Save Our PVE Parkland Preserve Our Home Values**

## **Incumbent Palos Verdes Homes Association (PVHA) Directors are Poor Stewards**

- Sold 1.7 acres of parkland to an encroaching private resident in 2012
- Told court PVHA has the right but not the responsibility to protect the parkland
- Took actions declared illegal by a Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge in 2015
- Appealed court ruling despite overwhelming community opposition in 2015
- Advocated in 2015 closing Paseo del Sol Fire Road trail through parklands (most used trail in PVE), and offered to fund part of the project despite such closure violating deed restrictions

## **Vote for New Leadership at PVHA**

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**[www.pvegoodgov.org](http://www.pvegoodgov.org)**

Addressing the PVHA Board at the January 14, 2014 PVHA Annual Meeting, Lin Melton (former President of PVHA) said:

*"If Harry Brandel [longest serving former President of PVHA with over 40 years on the Board] knew what you've done in selling parkland, he'd be spinning in his grave so fast you couldn't even count the revolutions. If I were still on the Board, I would ask every one of you to resign. You should be ashamed."*

The current Board has been embarrassingly inconsistent on several issues including supporting then not supporting a rezoning request, trying to deny a legal standard in one case then advocating it in another, filing with the court that they voted for appeal then denied it, citing that the PVHA had rights under the Stirling-Davis Act then later denying that the Stirling-Davis act applied to them. Other embarrassments include trying to redefine the word “shall” as meaning “may” and hence “optional”.

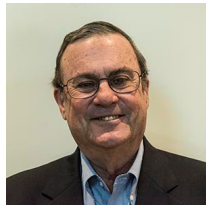
The consequence of "status quo" actions of the incumbents can be:

- Loss of open space parkland through further sales and reduced public access
- Further drain on public resources by defending lawsuits brought on by illegal actions and ill-conceived policies at PVHA
- Erosion in property values as PVE's premium over surrounding communities goes away with the loss of Protective Restrictions and open space
- Risk of Palos Verdes Estates losing open space feel and turning into any other town

As a consequence, a group of concerned residents have formed a group called ROBE (Residents for Open Board Elections) to nominate and elect a new set of leaders to PVHA Board that care about PVHA's true mission and commitment to parklands. ROBE has collected 186 petitions and at least 170 nominations per candidate. Per CA Code, only 100 signatures are needed to add a name to the ballot.

Among the signers are four former Palos Verdes Estates mayors, one former PVHA President, one former PVHA Director, and the widow of another former President of the PVHA, as well as two former Board members for PVP Unified School District — indicative of the depth and breadth of concerns by recent leaders in our community. Former Mayor Joe Barnett (recently deceased) also spoke out against the sale of parkland at a City Council Meeting in 2012, so if he were included, it would be five former PVE Mayors dissatisfied with the decisions made by the current Board.

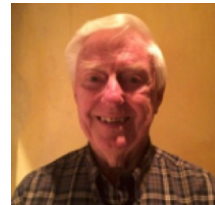
## Robe's Candidates



Dick Fay



Jennifer Laity



Mike Moody



Ried Schott

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**Bios of candidates, names of steering committee,  
documents, articles, ballot form**

- **DON'T VOTE ON THE INITIAL BALLOT FROM THE PVHA DELIVERED DEC 5.**
- Print the Amended Ballot with 9 candidates that is on the above website
- If you have voted on the original PVHA ballot, then just vote again and be sure to put the date on your ballot
- Fill out and sign the amended ballot. Please check Fay, Laity, Moody and Schott. If you wish to vote for a 5th candidate Carol Swets was not on the PVHA Board when they illegally sold parkland
- Send the Amended Ballot to the PVHA following the instructions on the ballot
- Send a courtesy copy to [nominate@pvegoodgov.org](mailto:nominate@pvegoodgov.org) or fax to (310) 349-3381 so we can track the vote tally

**For more info about PVHA's illegal sale of parkland to a private individual in 2012, see:**

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