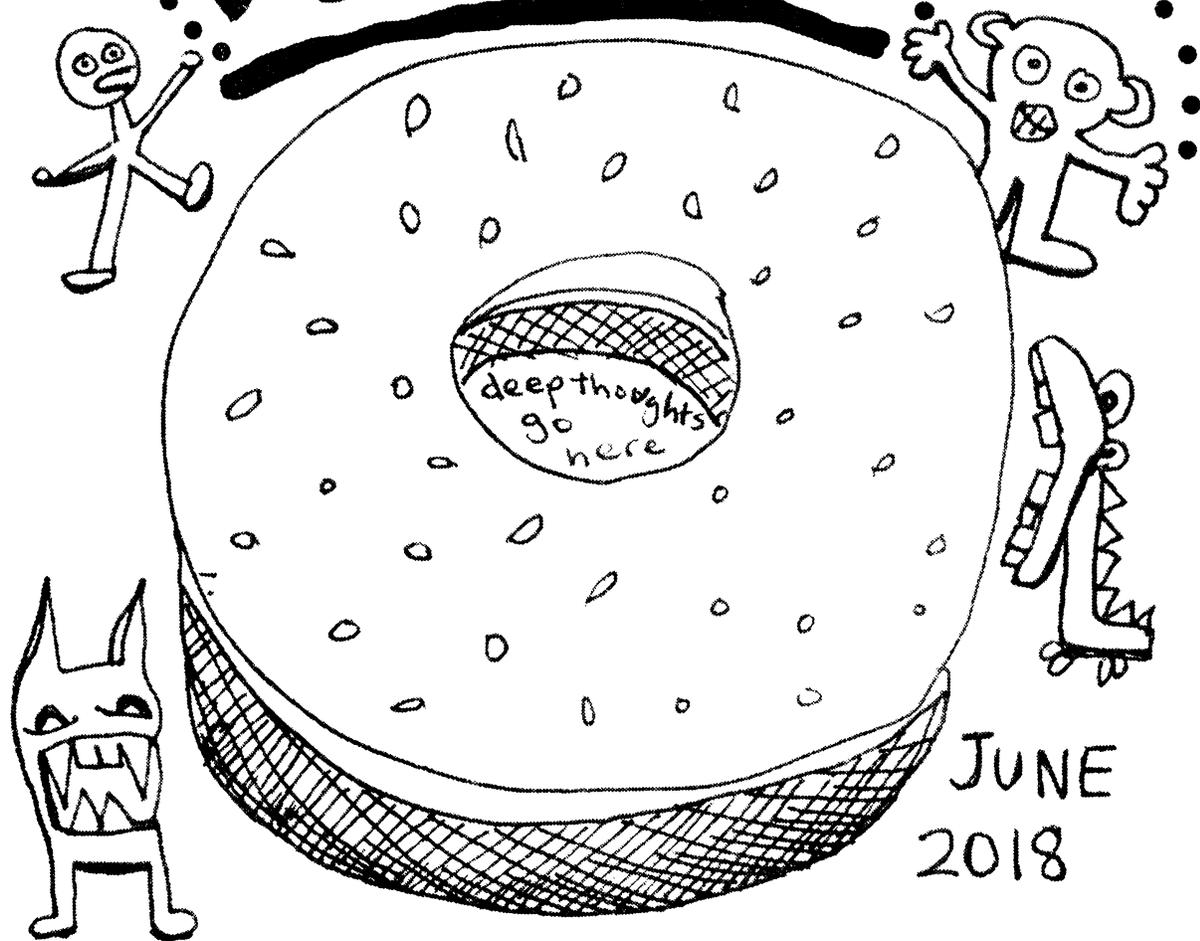


ballots + burritos (+sometimes bagels)

VOTER GUIDE



Ballots + Burritos

(the artist formerly
known as Politics
+ Pancakes)

is a motley crew of:

Policy wonks, artists, engineers, mumst
dads, students, inventors, kiddos, carpenters,
botanists, scientists, and whoever else
showed up.

This voter guide is an
all volunteer effort to
put joy + knowledge
(and unfounded rumor)
into the political process.

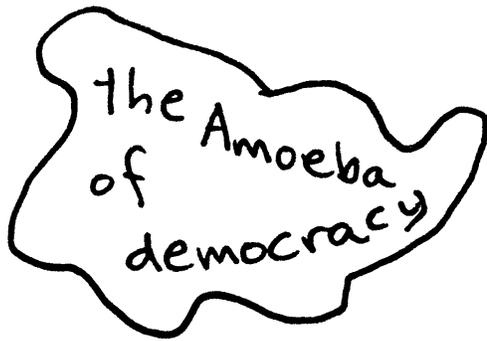
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We gathered in the
Shape of a circle.



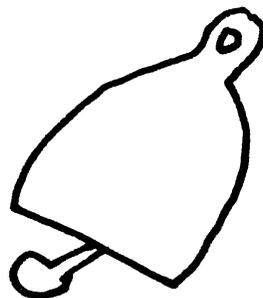
Circles, we'll have no bloody Circles! A circle is too perfect a shape for P&P, an odd collective of those "who show up" As such, we agreed to form in the shape of an amoeba, and failed (so said the amoeba present).



Power to the Bell! A harsh ring rung out from the corner, signaling the communication medium for in-vain attempts to stop discussions from going into overtime. Similar to City Council meetings, time limits are subject to the whims of those present, and many a whim were had! Yet we must admit the bell helped, at least giving pause to consider "shutting the hell up"

But shut the hell up we did not, going straight into:

State-ish and Nationally Stuff. Such as



PROP 68: Parks, Climate,
water projects



Prop. 68 – Paid Parking!

\$4 billion general obligation bonds worth. It's for parks 'n natural resources, paid out over 40 years (we'll be old by then); \$1.5 billion to natural resources; conservancies; climate stuff, coast; river and waterways; \$1.3b goes to parks and recreation & state park restoration; \$1.3 billion to flood protection & recycling; does that add up? We don't care, we're pancake eaters, not mathematicians.

Who likes it? Environmental groups, Federation of teachers (they're federated now!); Green Party; SEIU;

Whoozaposed? Taxpayers associations & Peace & Freedom party; anti-debt people;

There are billions involved; we don't know who's funding it; state departments & urban parks will benefit – pushed as an environmental control measure; there will be competitive grants; against – more to parks, including urban parks – we think this is good; every county will receive money, that's good, too; if disadvantaged community, they won't do the cost share thing; also pays for flood control – we wondered how.

Our taxpayer representative declares he, as policy, doesn't vote for bond measures. "The only thing worse than having too little money in

Government is having too much money in Government" Giving the leader inmates cash to run the asylum.

Larry Guenther is visiting. He mentions the concern people have to "double paying" with bonds – how you pay for the items and then for the interest on them; Good Germans, traditionally conservative, won't do bonds even with low interest rates.

And now our first Straw Poll:

Yes - 18 -- no one opposed;

Except one person was opposed;

Our ability to count is questionable.

Newts
are
not
opposed.

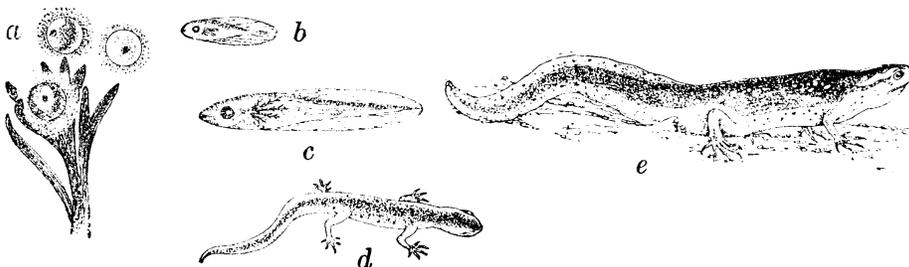
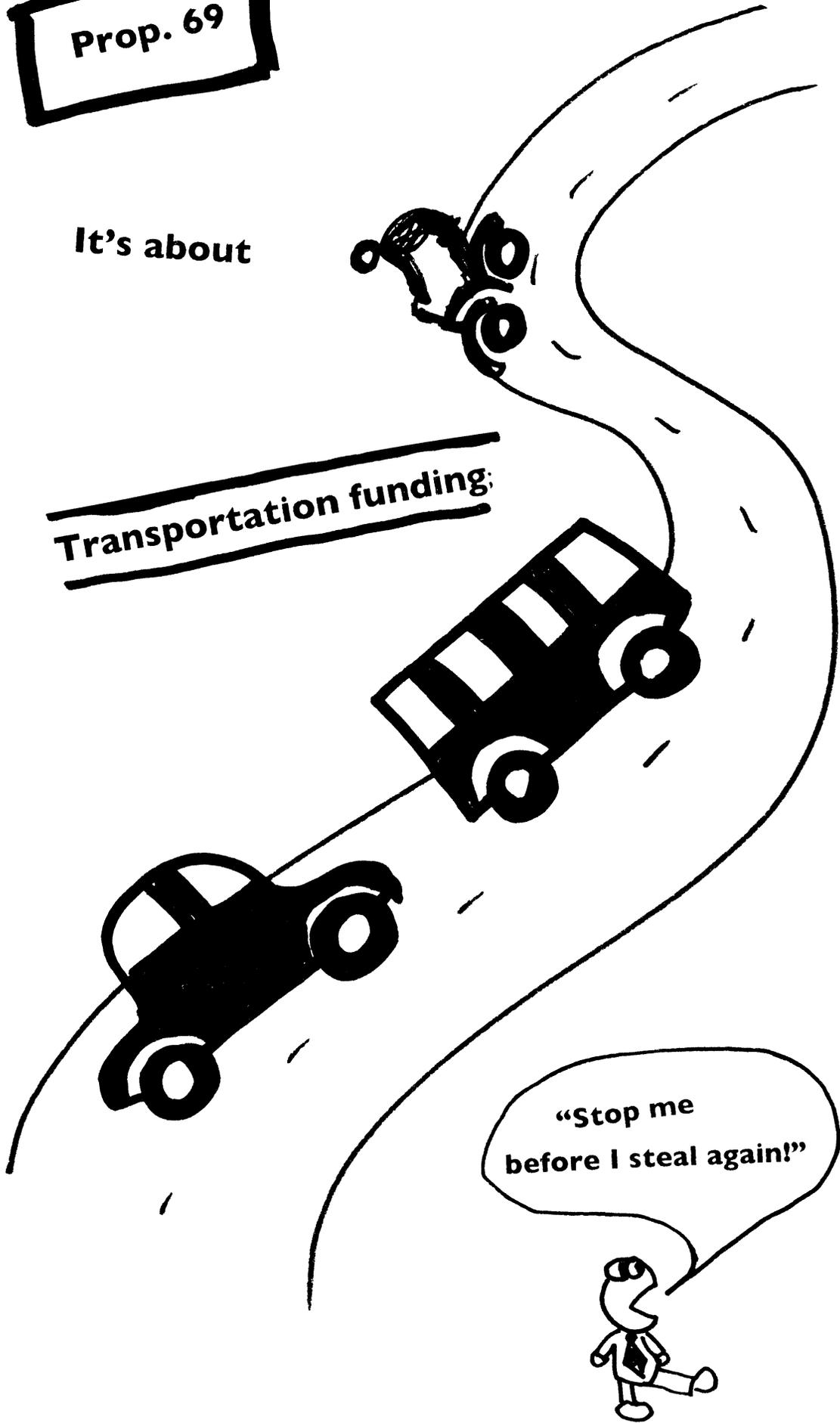


Fig. 59. Batrachian, newt (*Diemyctylus viridescens*)

Prop. 69

It's about

Transportation funding:



and if you think we are going to make a joke about the number of the proposition and how we're voting yes without studying the proposition any further, you forget how classy Pancakes and Politics is; answer:
VERY . . . Classy

A restriction on funding that was already approved in 2017 that increased taxes on fuel and vehicle registration – y'know, the one we're gonna vote on repealing in the upcoming November election – you did know, didn't ya?

It's about electric cars, transportation funds to improve public transport; they say theirs no funding impact, which makes you wonder why it needs to even exist; It's a safeguard—to make sure that money goes to transportation; THAT is what it is all about.

But we've heard that call before, and money is fungible; in fact, the idea that money is fungible is fungible. So every time it's been tried for transportation funding in this state – trying to make sure someone doesn't pull money out the front end, someone pulls it out the ass-end. So will it make a difference?

To some degree Republican efforts to scuttle HSR, though some non-Republicans rotten to core; consumers buy ev's , rethinking mobility; Caltrans has highway people – not Public transit; are public transit to encourage to spend wisely;

WHOopposit? – Those who want the money to go for roads, or those that say doesn't go far enough to protect the money; and that Horward Jarvis fellow's spirit organization;

Pro-People: The Alliance for jobs, who never saw a huge government construction project they didn't like; construction groups; the League of Cities (who may take over the state from the state in a mutiny); The Demolition Pary, we mean the Democratic Party SEIU; The Federation of Teachers and possibly the Federation of Preachers; so many people traveling so many miles, even the League of Women Voters (why aren't they a federation?)

It's itchy-scratchy straw pole time:

Yes – 12 No – 7

Or was it 7 undecided? Same thing? Naw. but then again we're not an election, so accuracy doesn't matter. Like an election.

Prop. 70 – Cap & Trade Cluster:

This is that scheme that caps green-house gas emissions from emitters of such in California, and allows them to pollute more by trading the emissions with other emitters, and/or paying big fees for the right to put emissions in the air so we can breath emissions and proudly fly the California flag high in our Golden Skies with each lung we lose.

The idea was enacted in 2012 “The Day the Air Got Cleaner”, and renewed by the politicians in 2017; There’s \$3 billion involved from the fund but we don’t know if that’s annual or lifetime, we just know billion is a big number, and our understand is about as relevant as understanding this proposition, which appears to have been written to confuse – and in the land of propositions, that’s saying a lot!

The magic year for this prop is 2024, when instead of funding C&T, it all goes into reserve fund, and not spent unless a vote of 2/3 of the legislature decides on bill on how to spend the money; a small group of resistors could stall the vote due to the 2/3 requirement. Once passed,



it reverts back to how we are doing it now Also, once spent, there is tax on research and development that will be enacted that is now exempt – in 2024 – but that would again disappear once the legislature votes. Because . ?

There's something about a Brown making a deal with Chad Mayes a Republican representative from SoCal, who gathered eight Republicans to play against their own party and vote for Brown's Cap & Trade a few years back, and in exchange Mayes got the ability to kill High Speed Rail – in 2024 (what kind of deal is that?) – if the Republicans can get power back by then. Seems like a bad deal for Mr. Mayes, and it created what the LA Times called a "ballot clutter" initiative. Boo.

We probably got all that wrong, because there isn't a human being on Earth who understands this proposition. Who isn't named Brown.

Endorsed by: Governor "Beam" Brown & the California Chamber of Commerce; all others opposed, every other human being on earth to this deal. We doubt Mayes likes it.

Lopsided STRAW POLL: **Oppose – 18; only opposed;**

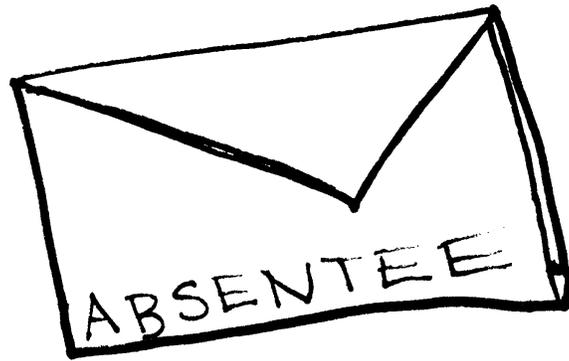


Prop 71 – Ballot Measures To Go Into Effect in Three Fortnights

Relative to the priorly numbered prop, this one seemed easy! (though next to the holy bible, the last one seemed complex); It's a ballot measure about ballot measures, don't ya know -- specifically about the effective date of ballot measures; specifically 38 days, though it gets another 5 days as a bonus, so that's 43 days, or about three fortnights. We love any chance to refer to fortnights.

Now we do mail in – it is not only is affecting Pancakes and Politics, it's become a problem for proposition effective dates. With so many voting by mail and the counting not starting until Election Day, it takes weeks to count (maybe they should count the mail-ins as they come in, and keep the results a secret (that can't go wrong).





This proposition gives government more time to count ballots -- or take longer lunch breaks. Normally it takes weeks to count, now it takes forever, or 38 days, whichever comes first, or last – and everyone wants to call the vote, so let's give it a date. It was an issue with the plastic bag ban a few years ago.

But, ballot measures can have language written into them that changes the time from three fortnights to, some other number of fortnights . so again we can overturn a prop with a prop, the bane of modern democracy!

You can mail in the ballots up to near election day, or turn them in at the voting booth – but you might cut your finger on the envelope; or die from licking the envelope. Of course, if you just get rid of vote you can get rid of problems. This actually isn't making sense anymore. Perhaps it's nearing time for a burrito break.

Favorers – Newspapers (remember them?); Peace & Freedom (it's a party!); Green (it's a party!); The speaker of the house (what house?) is in favor; The Federation of Women Voters is in favor;

Opposers -- People who don't trust government; what if give control to government? Well, we do that now – the Secretary of state can hold up the implementation; such as the life in prison law An example given by opposers: if there were an anti-child molester law, child molesters would have an additional 38 days to attack more children! Plus five bonus days!

Poll of Straw:

Yes – 18 ; No's – none; Undecideds - 1;

Prop. 72 – Don't Tax the Rain, Man!

or . . . Don't Tax the Rain, Gender Non-Specific Person!
(grrrr . . . writing in PC-speak ruins the joke)

#RaindropsKeepFallingonMyHead – plays in your head – as you read
this # . . .
it's working isn't it?



Is this prop specific? Yes! Very! It permits the legislature to exclude rain water capture equipment, like your tongue, from being taxed -- from increasing your property value for taxation purposes (which you may find swimming your capture tank – please add salt), hopefully not making your property less valuable in the process.

If you're used to a garden toilet (no flush), dumping dishwater in the garden, tilting your head skyward in a thunderstorm, and watering your cactus with laundry squeezings, the state will now encourage you to 'keep it up' by reducing what you owe them, thus encouraging investment in 'good things'. There may be a small fiscal impact, or a large physical impact if your rainwater tank falls over. Less taxes means some potential some loss to state & local agencies.

There is NO argument against this. That means there's no reason to even vote on this; certainly no reason to vote against it. The state assembly? Unanimous! Also supported by Save the Bay and the Planning and Conservation Federation (PCL). It's on the ballot as a constitutional amendment.

The real question is: who owns rainwater? In Colorado, you can't collect rainwater! 12% of initiative support was from Colorado. We favor localized resources. Because of this, and to get the tax break, Pancakes and Politics may open a nuclear power plant on South J Street. But then again, does tinkering with the local property tax make a difference? It's possible the Colorado support could be explained because this initiative may make it illegal to make rainwater illegal.



One noted that this was not a tax improvement, as when the property sells the value is wrapped in with the improvement, so it is not taxed, and there was concern expressed about this. And, it is for a limited time only: for systems built from 2019 to 2028. It does appear to apply to both residential & commercial, but don't quote us on that. What do we know? If you wanted facts (conflicting facts), you'd be reading the OFFICIAL voter guide.

Crows are cawing in the yard, attempting to throw off the straw poll, but we think it was:

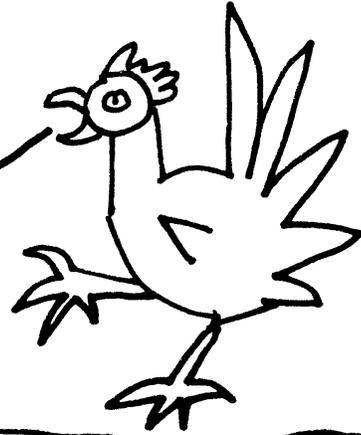
Yes - 13; Un-D - 4; No - 1

The Pancakes & Politics Song

KIKIRIKI!

KIKIRIKI!

KIKIRIKI!



Hey everybody let's get together and have a party where we talk about boring things!

(Boring?!?)

About thrilling politics

(Riveting!)

It's gonna be so wonderful,

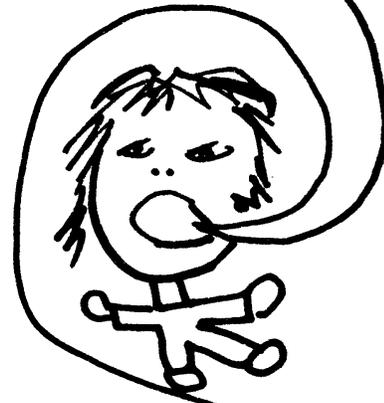
Come and join a circle
We take the shape of a bagel

(A squashed bagel)

There is hole in the center
Where our thoughts can go!

The boiling has already occurred, now we
begin to bake!

*(The bike bell rings,
and the candidates are off!
Their rockers, that is...)*



We're on time!

That is un-presidented! We are un-governor-able!

It's time for people, not propositions. Or propositioning people, or electing them to throw our money away – it works for government!



There are 12 offices and it's time for the Lightning Round!

Our first office is: **Attorney General!**

Why not Governor? Or State Dog Catcher – here at Pancakes & Bagels & Burritos & Politics, we believe in starting somewhere in the middle.

And speaking of the middle, why is the plural "s" when you have more than one of these people Attorneys General rather than Attorney

Generals? Are these people Generals who are attorneys, or attorneys, generally? Do they wear five stars on their shoulders? ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

There are four candidates – 2 Demos and 2 Repubs. No one from any other parties. And all of them are attorneys! Generally speaking.

Xavier is the incumbent, sort of, having been appointed by Brown in 2017, not elected, when Kamala moved on to the Senate. He gets points for having his name start with an “X” Very punk. He’s doing the Brown legwork suing the US EPA about emissions standards, offshore oil drilling and such. He’s got three times the money as Jones in his election account – so if you like voting strategically and “Democratic”-ally, vote for Jones.

Speaking of which, “X”’s Demopponent is **Dave Jones**, who is the current Insurance Commissioner and a former Sacramento Councilmember. (We get the feeling these people like playing musical chairs. Office chairs. Elected offices. With chairs.) Jones has generally good vibrations from those in P&P familiar with him. As AG he may be expected further his IC fight to go after insurance companies.

The Republicans are **Eric “EE” Early** and **Steven Bailey**. Bailey is a judge – he wants to stop sanctuary cities and bail reform. He didn’t vote for Trump but generally approves of the administration’s direction. He’s under investigation judicial ethics – he accepted money gifts at events to the tune of \$35 to \$1000’s, and also was accused of nepotism. Which is a word that sounds really bad. He’s now retired from superior court.

Early just gets a mention due to the old voting adage (see below in straw poll).

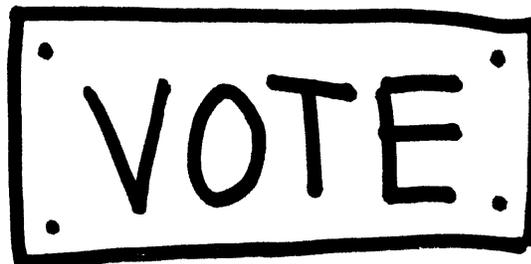
Early (“Vote Early vote often”, well, maybe not) – 0

Jones – 9

Xavier – 4

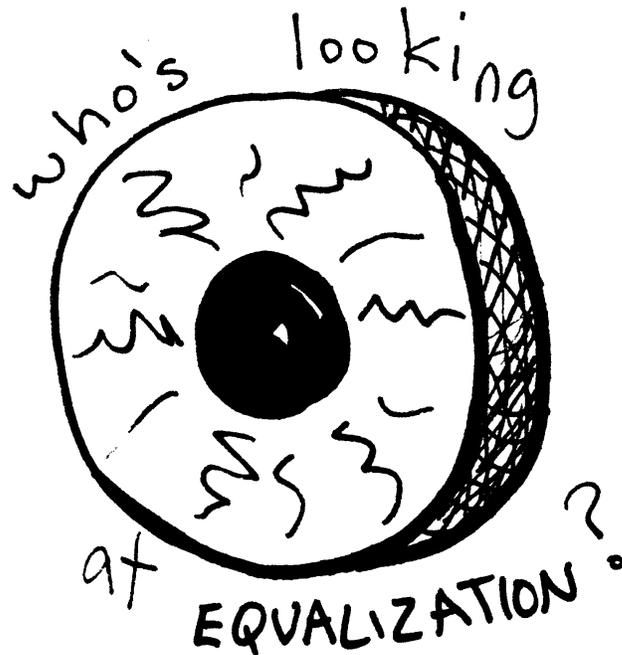
Bailey - 0

Undecided -4



State Board of Equalization

This group assures compliance in assessment and regulation issues, and also oversees assessment regarding railroad car tax, timber yield tax and some utilities; Note, there was a MASS change at Board of E due recently to alleged corruption-ish stuff; it was semi-gutted and rebuilt.



There are four 4 districts each with approximately 9.5 million people & a state controller who's bad, he/she is state-wide (guitar riff here); They meet monthly in Sacramento and other cities – WE are District 2! We comprise a west-ish slice of CA down to SLO including the SF Bay

Running is:

Cathleen Galgiani - who now lives in West Sac; she is a senator, is being termed out of the legislature; (some who know her say she's "dumb as a post"); bachelors from San Joaquin Delta Community College; Says board should recover taxes from underground economy that is never reported; (how?); she voted against Disclose Act, then changed her mind and voted for it after political pressure – but her first instinct was to vote against it :-)

Barry Chang – Dem w/no candidate statement; so thanks Barry! That says a lot!

Malia Cohen – in SF; Board of Supes; chair of finance committee; and member of SFCTA (teachers in SF). She has a MASTERS from Carnegy Mellon in public policy; Bachelors from Fisk. She says she'll be a fearless advocate for public health for all CA-ians, not special interests.

Mark Burns – He's a Republican from San Rafael; Santa Clara U & Sj State educated; Member of Silicon Valley Assoc. of Realtors and past prez of Cupertino chamber of commerce; He says preserve prop. 13!!! – all of it, not approve of having p-13 ended for commercial – he wants it all tax protected forever.

Note: We think nobody aspires to be on the Board of Equalization! It's a political stepping stone.

Undie- 4;
Malia-1 1;
Others – zero;



Governor (or not)

Says their names!

Their first names . . .

THOMAS

Michael

Shubham

Antonio

Yvonne

GLORIA

Robert

Hakan

Peter

Jeffrey

Klement

John

John

Amanda

Josh

Nickolas

Zolton

Travis

J.

Delaine

Gavin

Albert

Robert

CHRISTOPHER

AKINYEMI

Desmond

and . . .

JOHNNY

Write In

It's getting into blurry-mind territory for the P&P Gang, so here's some disembodied thoughts:

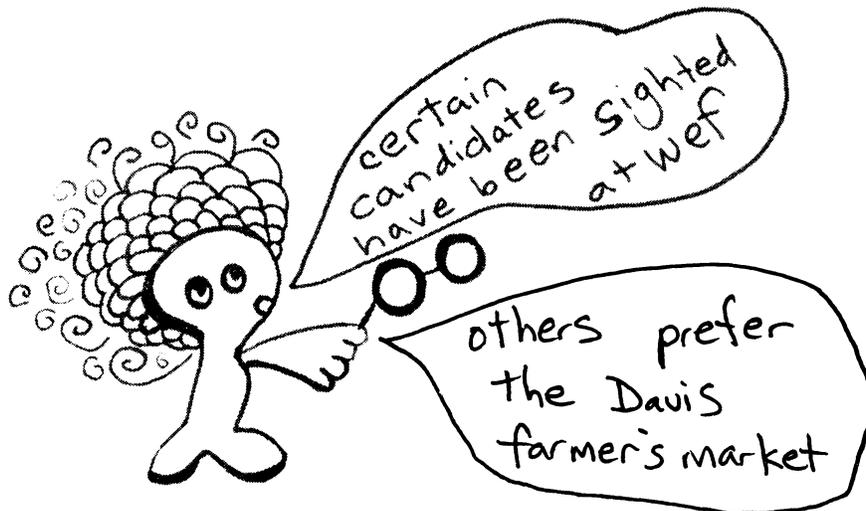
Josh Jones: He's local, he's a Weffie (Whole Earth Festival) he's Green Party and he's a bit libertarian where it counts. Local man makes good

Many Like Delaine – but she may not have chance;

Strategically speaking, one P&P says box out the Republican for 2nd candidate by voting for Villaragosa;

Larry Guenter once worked for Delaine Easton – on her house that is. She has a nice house.

Someone had liked Delaine when they talked to her at the market – clearly communicates; She's into a Garden in every school; Garden-based schools. She lives in Davis, ya know? Hometown girl does good.



Gavin – He's not saying he's for or against the Twin Tunnels – talks around it; all other candidates out front against it;

Gavin is waffler; and not the good kind of waffler who likes waffles; he changes his mind to fit the political landscape – a finger-in-the-air kinda guy. One of our gang says he's a bit puritanical and moral character matters, and he can't vote for Gavin because he cheated on his best friend and his chief of staff, with that guy's wife.

Gavin is for the advance of equality in marriage – but we wished he'd support that in supreme court; he may be doing it for the right reason but using the wrong methods; Gavin's a spender relative to Brown's reputation; Gavin behind the scenes supporting Cox so he can win in November against Cox; Gavin also has connections to Getty Oil and some funding from Getty; Gavin has a chiseled face.

Villaragosa made no statement for the Vote Guide (*Larry Guenther notes he (Larry) has a statement in the voter guide – it's no big deal!*); Villar is supported by 3 billionaires; and he's a friend of charter schools; and he changed his name from Villar; why?

[Editor's note: turns out he changed his name when he married Corina Raigosa. Though did not change his name back to Villar when they divorced later due to his affair with a Telemundo star. What's with the philandering, dudes? Apparently if Arnold can do it, Democrats can, too.. .Stop aspiring to the lowest common deGovernator]



John Chiang is noted to have a Charisma Deficit. [**Ed:** And no mistresses easily accessible via google. Shucks, do nice guys hafta finish last?]

All dem's are big money and may have Federal ambitions; and don't hate candidates because they are old!

Shubham Goel – is a virtual reality manager; we thought you should know, in case you hang out in other realities;

Zoltan Istvan – A Libertarian Transhumanist who would like to put human consciousness into Robots to create immortality; if he has Federal ambitions we could someday have President Zoltan, and could be our first robot President.

Zoltan-0	Delaine – 4	Gavin – 0
Chiang – 0	Villar – 3	Josh – 1

(Dan may have voted twice – that might be OK by our -- lack of -- rules)

Undecided – 7



U.S. Senate – There are 32 candidates; because we are even more fried/tired, we aren't even going to say their first names. Or much about them.

Feinstein – Terrible on most progressive issues; vote wrong on so many water issues; she supported the Iraq war; we need her out; she's no friend of rivers or water; give her the boot!

De Leon – Most of the P&Pers like Kevin! Pro-Disclose act; former Senate Pro-Tem; leader on renewable energy requirements for the state and greenhouse gas legislation; He's promoting Senate Bill 100 – 100% renewable energy by 2045;



Feinstein – 0 DeLeon – 10

“we can change our vote before the election?” Why yes . this is a STRAW poll!

Undecided – 3 (though one person was so undecided that they couldn't decide whether to lift their arm to declare themselves undecided)

[Ed: I apologize profusely for the abuse of the semicolon throughout this entire document. As my surgeon says. why stop when a semicolonoscopy could do?]

Treasurer

Fiona Ma? – No! She...
– She has lots...
She stan...
and we c...

[Ed: This section has been removed by the editor due to misinformation. I have one scruple left and this is it. No one researched the office prior to our meeting, and upon a quick google search NONE of the rumors raised against Fiona Ma have the tiniest ounce of actuality to them. YO! Vivek is not a bad choice – but neither is Fiona, folks!]

Vote Vivek Viswanathan instead! We don't know much about him, except he's not Fiona Ma. And that we don't know how to - say his name.

No vote! No Straw Vote taken.
The poll was a groundswell against Ma.

*but i dunno if
our reasons were any
good...*

Superintended of Public Instruction

There are four people running; we discussed two of them . . .

Marshall Tuck! – His name sounds like a character in Huckleberry Finn. He's a Charter School Advocate – but he doesn't say it, probably doesn't want to trigger those who don't. He's endorsed by former U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and Scott Weiner of SF; he's a lead fighter against Trump; he's for schools for 21st century and universal pre-kindergarten;

Tony Therman is a "D" State Assemblymember from Richmond – he's supported by most dems, Kamala Harris, the LA Times; teachers; he has a nice smile ☺

Discussion: The concern with charter schools is – charters can keep out kids and can be discriminatory – can siphon profit to founders and thus drain public resources; Pay less- to investors; DiVinci – is a UNION charter school and has Davis parents – so not as "bad" as others.

Plastic Straw Poll:

Tuck – 0 (eggs are thrown);

Therman – 8

Undecided -2



When voting for Secretary of Public Education, be sure to maintain your principals!

Lieutenant Governor – There are four Dems running; who? We don't care. What does this person DO, exactly? They break a tie vote in the legislature, and take over the state if the Governor dies; Gavin Newsome, as Lt. Gov., had perfect hair.

No, we didn't debate this office, we were petering out (is that a slur against Peters?) . . . and as such . . .



Motion to adjourn! Motion to peter out! Motion for unanimous consent! The few left were unanimous, or were too fried to complain.

We did not discuss the remaining offices, because nobody gave a flying fuck anymore. While this abandons our responsibilities as a voter guide, we suspect it also reflects the general public at large.



of day 1 that is.
Did I mention it took
US 2 days to get through
this ballot? Bah!

NOW FOR THE LOCAL STUFF

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STUFF



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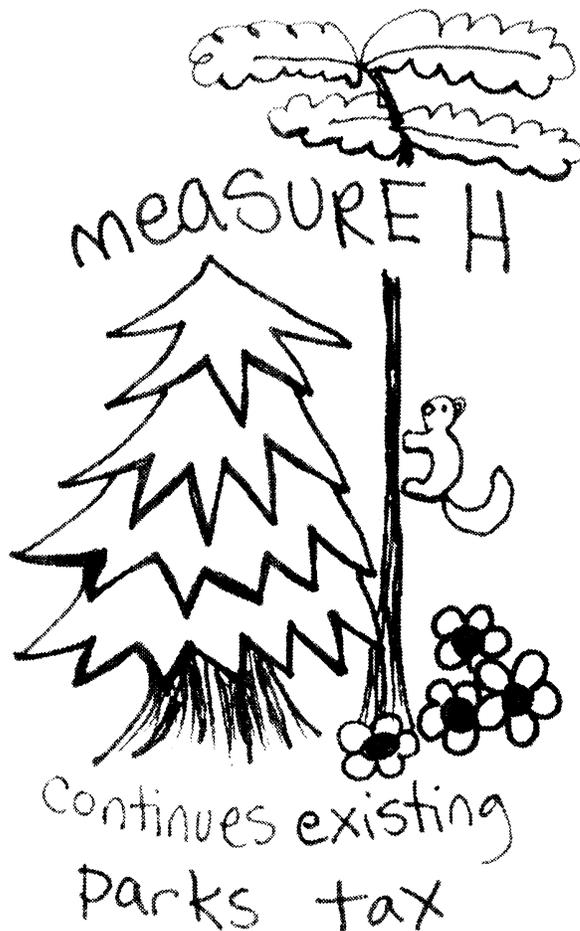
Measure H

Renewal of Parks Maintenance Tax

***Requires 2/3 vote to pass**

The city wants to renew the existing Parks Maintenance Tax that has been renewed time and time again. Rather than putting it up for vote every 6 years or so, this measure will extend the tax for another 20 years. At only 13-20 cents/day, the city promises to use funds on maintaining parks, bike paths, landscaping and public recreational facilities (like swimming pools).

For: The city declared this tax “vital” back when voters first passed it in 1998. Since then, it has been renewed in 2002, 2006 and 2012. Voters obviously approve of this minor tax, so the city wants to extend the renewal period to 20 years, with a 2% inflator to compensate (13-20 cents/day for nice parks – worth it, right?).



Against: Some taxpayers don't believe in how the city government allocates funds. They are under the impression that most city taxes feed the pensions of public employees rather than the issues they are meant for. The private sector has done away with pensions for the most part, so there's good reason to be suspicious (and jealous) of public employees working to keep the city functional. I mean, someone's got to do it. . . right? (But their pensions have decreased too.)

Straw Poll:

Yes – 13

No – 1

Measure I

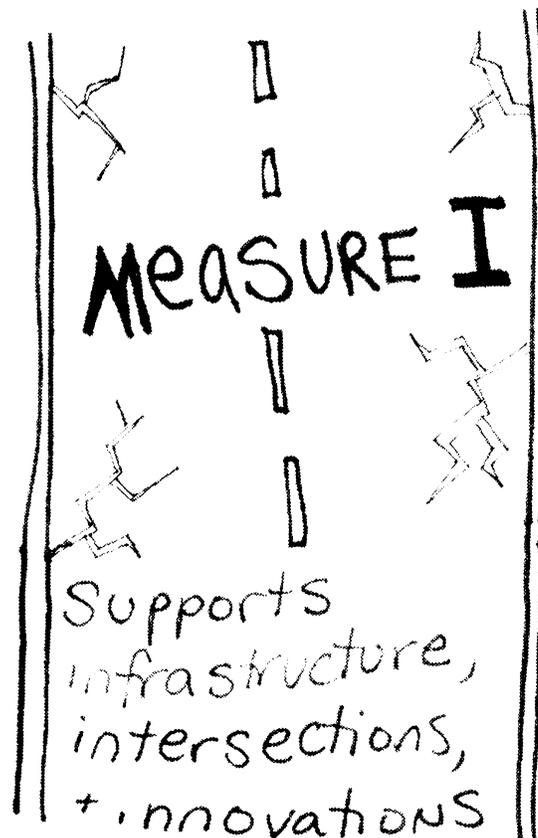
New Streets & Bike Paths Maintenance Tax

***Requires 2/3 vote to pass**

This new tax will cost \$99/year for residents (~27-33 cents/day) and then some for commercial and industrial property owners. The funds will be used to repair, maintain and upgrade roadways, bike paths and related infrastructure.

For: The city does not have enough funds to repair streets and bike paths, let alone maintain them. While efforts have been made to free up funds for maintenance, some deficit remains, hence this new tax of merely 27-33 cents/day

Is this the "roads as usual" or will it innovate? The mayor-to-be says "innovate, baby"! So maybezz he didn't say "baby" but he did say innovate. These funds can be used to make our intersections safer for bikes, solidifying Davis in the endless #1 superbike small city competition.



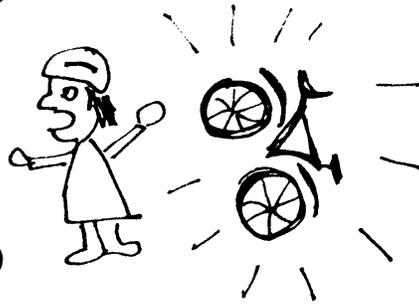
Against: Supposedly Senate Bill SBI – the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 might allocate some gas tax funds to Davis. However, until this is confirmed, the city should not ask for tax money for the next 10 years! The city should wait to find out how much SBI will allocate them before asking for more taxpayer dollars.

A bicyclist observed...

60 stoplights in town are not working well. Lots of the sensors are worn out and don't sense bicyclists!

Better to stay sorry than be safe!

Straw Poll: Yay – 13 Nay – 0



(Sometimes we don't know how to count. . Sometimes people come and go. .)



Measure J aka **Nishi 2.0**

***Majority vote required**

What or Who is Nishi?

The Nishi family owns and farms many acres south of the UC Davis campus. They also happen to own property between the Mondavi Center and the railroad tracks, just off of Old Davis Road. This property is currently zoned for agricultural use, but a development proposal in 2013 (Nishi 1.0) requested to change the zoning for high-density housing with space for retail and office spaces.

Nishi 2.0 tries to make up for the failures of Nishi 1.0 – namely by removing the widening of Richards Blvd. by the train tracks (which many Davis citizens protested against) and by lowering the density of housing and businesses. But some people preferred the density of Nishi 1.0.

Nishi 2.0 promises 2200 beds, with 220 for affordable housing and 110 for low-income students, along with 700 parking spaces and LEEDv3 Gold buildings (minimum).

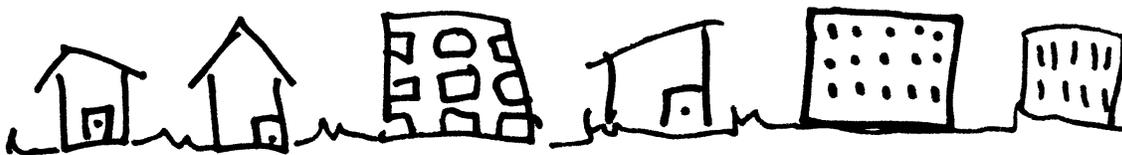
For: Affordable housing next to UCD and downtown? What more could you ask for?! Well, the buildings will be solar-powered and energy efficient, the space will promote biking and walking over driving and they plan to establish more green spaces to beautify the area and buffer it from the railroad and freeway. Oh! Also, the city of Davis is getting \$11 million and then some.



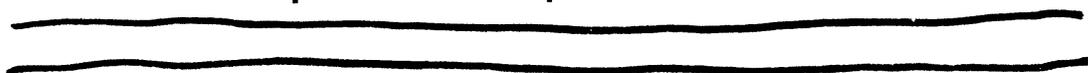
Against: Another development project in Davis? No thanks! But seriously, people are more concerned about the environmental health concerns of housing so close to train tracks and the freeway – some people don't want children and renters exposed to toxic particulates and other air pollutants. Also, 700 parking spaces sounds like it might cause more traffic along Old Davis Road and the downtown area. Finally, doesn't the \$11+ million sound more like a bribe than "impact fees"?

Someone said if Nishi 2.0 doesn't pass, there might not be any development on that property for many years (which could be good or bad...).

[Ed: Why isn't there 30% affordable housing? Well... turns out that a 30% affordable housing requirement is NIMBYism in disguise – no developer will build with that 30% requirement (not enough profit\$), so it essentially blocks new development. Or so says the rumors from the council. (Yo, but why not 20% affordable then?)]



Straw Poll: Yup – 10 Nope – 1 Not sure... – 2



Measure K – for K(c)annabis!

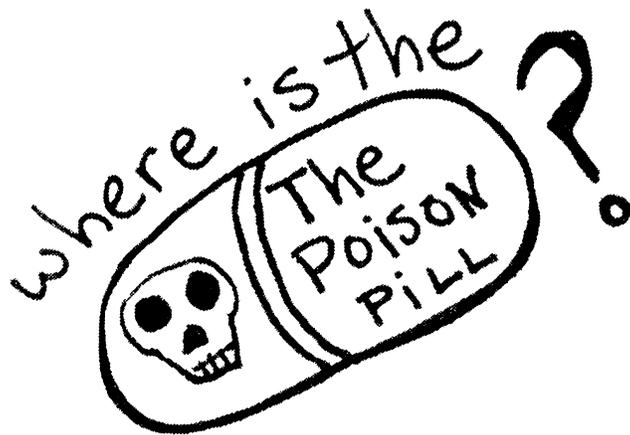
We might have trouble spelling at times, but to us kannabis is cannabis, no matter what way you eat it. (You eat it, right?... Mmmm. . brownies...)

The Yolo County Ag Commissioner and law enforcement have been overwhelmed with cannabis growing permit applications and commercial cannabis-related work. In order to afford support, Yolo County came up with Measure K – a tax for cannabis growers and related business based **outside** of any city limits (since cities are expected to impose their own taxes and regulations on cannabis-related businesses). Currently, there are no taxes imposed on cannabis businesses within Yolo County that are outside any city limits.

For: More support is needed to handle all the cannabis-related government work in Yolo County. Cannabis-related businesses in Yolo County also suffer from the over-worked Yolo County staff. It only makes sense to come up with funding to support the growing cannabis industry.

Against: Surprisingly, no one submitted an argument against Measure K. Too bad, because it would have been fun to write about “\$#*% the police”... Oh well...

There were some concerns raised that there was supposed to be a “poison pill” so if Measure K didn’t pass, we wouldn’t have Kannibus businesses in the county BUT we don’t see that in the measure itself. A bit confusing, really!



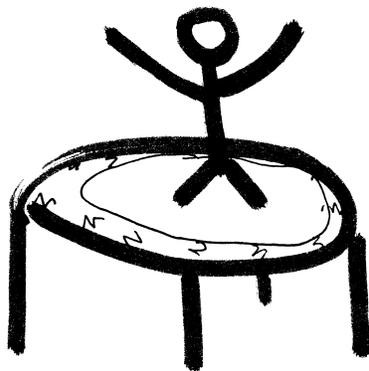
[Ed: Some argued if we get all this \$\$ from measure K we won't need Measure H or I .. but what if K doesn't pass, then we definitely do need H and I, and we gotta do this whole election thing over again. Do you really wanna do that?]

Straw Poll: Yee – 12

Yolo County District Attorney

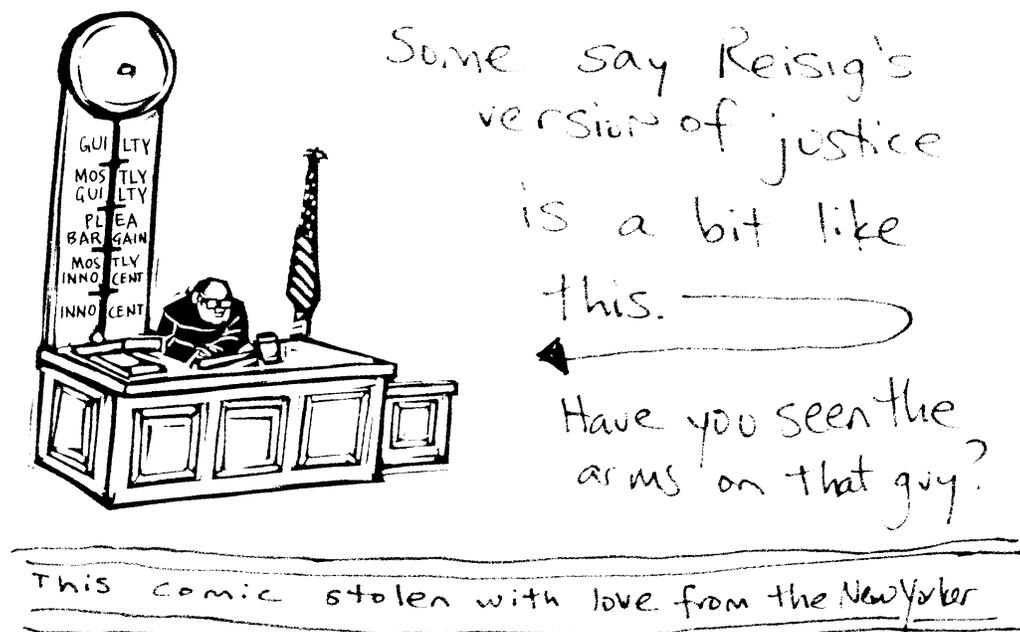
Possibly the most emotional, hotly contested race on our ballot!

do you
want
to play?



Jeff Reisig – He’s the incumbent in office for three terms or twelve years; he won against Pat Lenzi eight years ago with what some call a dirty campaign; he’s the establishment candidate and the ‘tough on crime’ candidate; created a mental health court – this was strongly supported by Lois Wolk; he’s strong on victim rights; endorsers say he’s a “tireless advocate for victims especially children”; “commit to the children of the future”, endorsed by Helen Thompson & Lois Wolk.

People who are Critical of Reisig say: his reforms are surface level & he prosecutes a lot of cases that don't need to be prosecuted which is not good use of taxpayer funds He prosecutes a lot of gang members including those who allegedly are just socially hanging out with alleged gang members – allegedly, especially in West Sacramento where people were on a gang list. This gang list was overturned but later reinstated and Reisig ramped the program back up. Also, Yolo County has a higher incarceration and prosecution rates for people of color compared to other areas in state. Some say Reisigs are token programs. For example 12 persons graduated from the Mental Health Court – not a huge number.



Dean Johanssen – He's been a Yolo County Public Defender; He's endorsed by Democratic Party of Yolo; Dean is interested in fewer jury trials, less prosecution of non-dangerous crimes, more rehabilitation and less incarceration; wants to analyze how the justice system interacts with race and class and who we prosecute and why the rates of people of color incarcerated are higher in Yolo than the rest of the state.

Dean is endorsed by the local Sierra Club who usually don't get involved in law and order issues – but they have some activists in this chapter and they feel he's going to be tough on prosecuting environmental crimes;

Those Critical of Dean offer that he wouldn't take an oath or pledge allegiance (those defending Dean note he's a Quaker and part of their belief system is not to pledge & oath & stuff); he was investigated for domestic

violent – for kicking his kid – but he was not prosecuted – “Is it Ok to kick teenagers?” Those critical of Dean also point out in 1997 he terminated with cause from Tulare County Court System for allegations of lying & falsifying documents, but he was not prosecuted and that was twenty years ago. They are critical that he wants to reduce jury trials;

Jan Murray Garcia – she wrote a letter critical of Reisig about a friend prosecuted for “minor crimes” and Anne Block wrote about immigrant mother “abducting” her own baby when their immigration status expired, but she was trying to protect child from an abusive father. Seems many examples with felonies eventually turned into a misdemeanor – there seem to be many examples of over-changing and pleading down – as a tactic. A local mother has been speaking out against Reisig after her son committed suicide recently after he was “over”-charged by Yolo County.

A Pancakes & Politics participant’s friend’s dog works for Reisig. This is a trained service dog that works with young people to comfort them in difficult court situations – a program instituted by Reisig. Dogs are fun.

Dean is often depicted in black and white photo’s and a rimmed hat, appearing that he may actually be a private detective from the 1940’s.

a dirty smear
campaign just
makes us love



Our poll is made of straw:

Reisig – 0

Dean – 9

Undecided - none

Note: If you have are now convinced that Pancakes & Politics people are all on the one side that isn’t “your side” – remember, Pancakes & Politics is open to all, and if you want your view heard in our Guide or your vote reflected in our straw poll – then don’t complain -- come next time!!!! P&P is not a side, but literally WHO SHOWS UP.

With a few more offices and no time, we're down to the "shout out" section of the meeting. Most of the people have left and those that haven't find their "give a damn" tank with the needle nearing empty. How fair is this to the candidates? Not at all, but hell, we're still doing better than the 80% of voters who probably won't vote, and of them who do/did we're guessing they did about as great a job of researching these offices as we did.

What were you expecting, a comprehensive voter guide? We roll on the floor laughing in your general direction.

Sheriff / Coroner / Public Administrator

Someone shouted out to Vote for Lopez, not Prieto!

Prieto says he isn't running, but he isn't not running either.

We mean he's on the ballot and there's an underground movement of people who still seem to want him, there are LAWN SIGNS for him, and he has said if he wins he'll keep working! That's the sort of attitude we want in a Sheriff !!!!!



Is he running or is he not? Only his Hairdresser knows for sure!

Someone shouted out that Prieto was convicted of sexual harassment; that's a pretty heavy claim, so we did something we don't normally do at P&P, we looked something up on the Internet:

The more accurate answer is Yolo County paid the feds \$98,000 to settle a sexual harassment claim against Prieto rather than continue to spend money litigating. The original charge was from a correctional sergeant who said he greeted her "with unwelcome hugs and kisses on more than one hundred occasions over a 12-year period."

There was not much about Lopez, except he didn't retire from the job he's not running for.

Lopez - 4

Prieto - Himself

Superintendent of Schools – 1 only running!

That's Garth! Pick Garth or Rob Roy! Have a nice day.

County Supervisor – 1 only running!

That's Don! Pick Don or Rob Roy! Have a nice day.

Clerk - Recorder - Assessor

Actually a competitive race – TWO people, for THREE jobs. Maybe one could be Clerk, the other could be Recorder, and they could flip a coin as to who gets the Assessor job . . . and they both could work part time!

One of our participant's neighbor's knows Jesse Salinas and says he's a nice guy – that's good enough for us! Also, her neighbor's lawn sign has a picture of Jesse Salinas, and the eyes follow you wherever you go.

Schwenger – The P&P resident child kept repeating name throughout our discussion on this office . . . “Schwen-ger?!?!??”, “Schwen-ger?!?!??”, “Schwen-ger?!?!??”

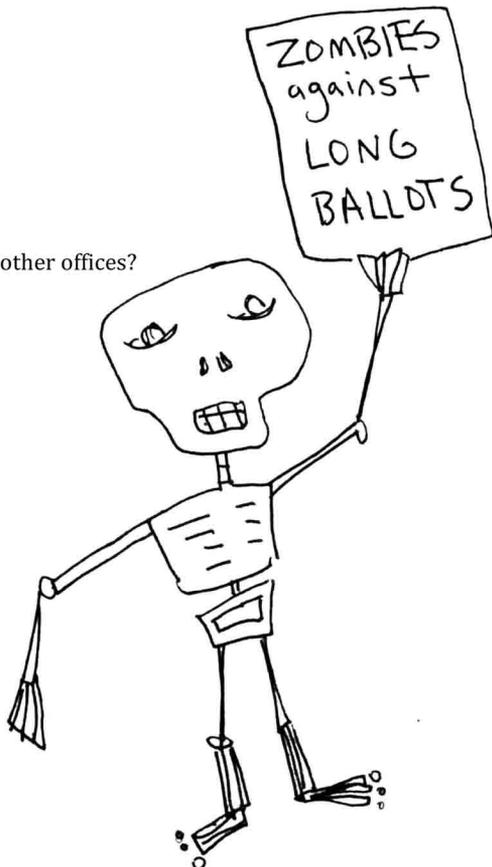
That's all we've got on him.

Salinas -5
Undecided - 1

Schwing!!!

Other Offices

We don't care anymore . . . what other offices?



City Council

Open Discussion on the Herd of Running Candidates



We don't have many stinkin' rules, but one that makes sense is we don't have Council Candidates sit in while we are talking about them, because that would be weird. So Larry Guenther waited outside for awhile. Then we had to think if current Council members could be there in candidate discussions – and we said, why not? Though Brett stayed, he also stayed classy and didn't endorse or undorse anyone.

The discussion below doesn't pretend to be fair or balanced. It's what was said at Ballots & Bagels, and that's all it is. So, if we left something out that you wanted in, it's your fault – you weren't there!

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Gloria Partida – She's a scientist who works on campus in neurobiology, and a co-leader of the Davis Phoenix Coalition that is dedicated to preventing hate crimes, especially against the LGBT community. Her son was the victim of a serious beating in Davis that was considered such a hate crime. She's a volunteer for Team Davis and the Human Relations Commission.

She's caring and thoughtful, and she's in favor of affordable housing. She's a leader who brings out the best from those around her. She is very good at leading a group. Where she doesn't know about a topic, she's a good listener, and frequently brings outside expert advice into any group she is involved with.

She has little background on finances and land use – but will surround herself with others who know more than she does (sans ego), and reach out. At the Sierra Club/Valley Vision forum, for example, she considered policy concerns raised by the audience when she didn't know and answer. So it's not a deal breaker if she's new to a topic.

Mary Joe Bryan – The only candidate that has local government experience, as Deputy Supervisor to Helen Thompson. She's a leader, especially in the area of drugs, native housing and senior housing. She supported the Cannery. She doesn't have a lot of strength in finance, but has reached out to resources in Davis to bring financial strength to the table. She will represent seniors, but won't leave others behind.

She was not against Sterling and when her first choice solution was taken off the table by City Council, she was very clear she would not sue to block Sterling. With respect to Sterling, she was opposed to tearing down the Families First facility where Sterling will be built. She believed it was a fine facility (paid for taxpayers to the tune of \$10 million) and wasn't that old, and as such could be used for better community services uses than being made into rubble for a housing project.

MJB has a stellar record of public service. Some concerns: she sees much of her core constituency (seniors) as technologically challenged and/or resistant to new technology at times. In representing those senior constituents, she sometimes seems “more backward-looking than forward-looking” – for example her position regarding paid parking. Some felt she was not concerned enough about “sustainability”. But someone counter argued that she showed up with Deos in support of Valley Clean Energy.

Ezra Beeman . . . He is Davis townie who left the country for a job a number of years ago, and eventually moved back from Australia two years ago. He is solid on financials and economic development, and works in the renewable energy field. He has solid roots in Davis. Both sides of his family are Yolo County farmers. He was praised for having useful skills, but criticized by some for not really knowing the current community. Some also questioned if he can shoulder a City Councilmember workload as a full time business owner/worker in a demanding industry.

He was considered a “No growth” and ‘Nothing should change’ candidate. Some considered his policies vague and not in depth, lacking the idea of HOW to get his ideas accomplished. He works on energy projects and is bright, knowledgeable and capable.

On the City: he emphasizes the need to revise the General Plan and the Long Range Economic Development Plan. It has not gone unnoticed that he has not been coming to some forums and most City Council meetings. Some felt he’s quick to make snap judgments and unfortunately gave some incorrect information on Valley Clean Energy.



Larry Guenther -- He gives a “Soft No” on Nishi, believing in building on the Nishi property but that we need more density and -- being a 100-year project -- we need to take the time to be sure we do it right.

He believes that Nishi 1.0 was a superior project, and the traffic circulation plan was better on Nishi 1.0. He believes in greater density and simultaneously balancing that with the character of Davis neighborhoods. They are not, he believes, mutually exclusive values as many would have us believe.

He puts effort into learning the City issues, and reaches out to talk to people. He is strong on sustainability, and to remember those values at all times. He gets that its complex. He is strong on finance – he runs a small contracting business in town.

Some felt he was not strong on social justice issues. One person questioned his commitment to density, asking how someone in another neighborhood could believe his claim to support density in light of his opposition to the Trakside project.

Eric Gutz – He’s the ‘pro-marijuana’ candidate. His constituency is considered to be students and young people his age and younger. He talks a lot about housing insecurity, a topic of concern for students in town. He’s the only candidate who is a renter himself.

He’s on the Bicycle and Transportation Commission. His work there and knowledge of transportation, especially non-auto transportation, is considered deep and well respected. He’s a military veteran and is strong on community development . . . and propaganda . . ., having worked in Military Intelligence while in Afghanistan. He talks of the “Davis Dream” and his slogan is “Everyone Has a Seat.”

One semi-prominent person in town called him the candidate that “talks a lot and doesn’t say anything”. Another person said they thought he wants to be a professional politician, and that the City Council is the first step in that career plan.



- Finances
- Land Use Planning
- Vision + Values
- Community Engagement

Mark West – He is a strong advocate for fiscal issues and was part of the “Fiscal Sanity Initiative,” stating outright that “we are spending too much money and we can’t continue without significant economic development.” He has long felt Davis policies have gotten in the way of economic development. He is the only candidate that has come out openly advocating for an end Measure R. He is direct and describes what our future will be if we stay on the path that we have been on.

One issue that seems a contradiction to his fiscal conservatism is his support of a sports complex – a very expensive ‘item’ for a small town with a negative cash-flow budget.

Many of the candidates say similar things publicly about the major issues and avoid the “how”. Not Mark West – he tells it like he sees it, even when he comes out against “Davis Sacred Cow” issues that many believe are political landmines in this town. He is endorsed by the Davis Chamber of Commerce (as was Mary Jo, and Dan Carson – oddly three endorsements for two seats).

Dan Carson – He’s clearly the ‘establishment candidate’. He’s gotten way more financial contributions than any other candidate. He has worked for the California Legislative Analysts’ Office (LAO), and is Chair of the

Finance and Budget Commission. He, along with Ezra Beeman, has the 'hightest cred' on financial matters. He has time to be on the Council and study the issues in detail, as he is retired. He lives financial stuff – that's his strength.

His weaknesses: he is very good at analysis and detail – but not so good at translating his analysis into simple motions and/or policy. He has problems working as a leader or as part of a team to move consensus forward. To Dan, everything is a financial decision. He's good at the 'four-page single-spaced memo' kind of analysis, but not at communicating that analysis simply to ordinary citizens .

He's was criticized as being part of the 'Wolk Machine'. One attendee asked/stated, "Do we need another part of that machine on the council?" He also hasn't had much to say on sustainability.

Luis Rios – We don't understand why he's running. He often falls back on nostalgic stories. Those who know him says he's a nice guy. We don't understand why he's running.

Linda Deos – She's a consumer protection attorney. She's been living in Davis for 10 years. She's on the Yolo County Health Council and the Personnel Board, which meets whenever there is a dispute, not with regular meetings. She's strong on negotiation, mediation and budgets – and says we need to concentrate on infrastructure, and that it's important to build affordable housing.

She seems intelligent and thoughtful and would be strong once she's made a decision. Though at one point she seemed to be both for and against Measure R; she has since come out and says she does support R – though with the caveat that it should be revisited/revised if the next few Measure R votes (Nishi and West Davis Active Adult Community) don't pass.

One person stated we need someone like her, as she can stand on principle, and "withstand the pressure / hold her own" when 30 people come to a council meeting to speak about the 'spotted owl' (for example). Seemingly counter to that notion, another person said when she speaks on issues during public comment she sometimes doesn't seem to be clear if she's speaking for or against an issue, like she didn't want to take a stand.

She's endorsed by the Yolo County Dems.



And now before we vote, a lesson in Civics:

The General Plan is important but not binding on council actions – should be document that guides you. Some act as if it's stone tablet – but it's not – it's more like a soapstone tablet. As for the Downtown Plan, it won't be ready for awhile – so we still need to push to get stuff done or nothing gets done!

One person who didn't come sent an email and states that she wants at least one woman to win so we don't end up with a City Council "Manel" -- No Manels!

At this point, somebuddy said we should talk about our criteria for choosing city council members amongst so many choices. And this is what we came up with. Not written in stone, you'll note, but more like... parchment paper.

CRITERIA

- good listener
- solid values regardless of pressure
- willingness to work
- good verbal communicator
- does homework
- housing policy
- respect for general plan
- financial understanding
- commitment to social justice
- compassion
- leader in sustainability
- neighborhood involvement
- works well with **BRETT LEE**

Enough ramblings! Back to the City Council election:

Straw Poll w/ Nine Straws

Gloria – 8

Mary Jo – 1

Ezra – 1

Larry – 7.5

Eric – 0.5

Mark West – 0

Dan Carson – 0

Luis Rios – 0

Linda Deos – 7.5

Don't like the results? Blame yourself! You didn't come!

Power to the Bell!

Somebody stop us!

History in Brief: Pancakers do this, well, not every election, but when we have time. Or think we do. The first time was around 2006. Electeds and those that wish to be elected may be quoted.

The more we get the more we print.

The resident P & P child is jumping outside – playing “popcorn” – one person jumps and the other person jumps twice as high. This is like a metaphor for the election.

If you are still trying to figure out how you can stop trying now it's not actually a metaphor for the Election.

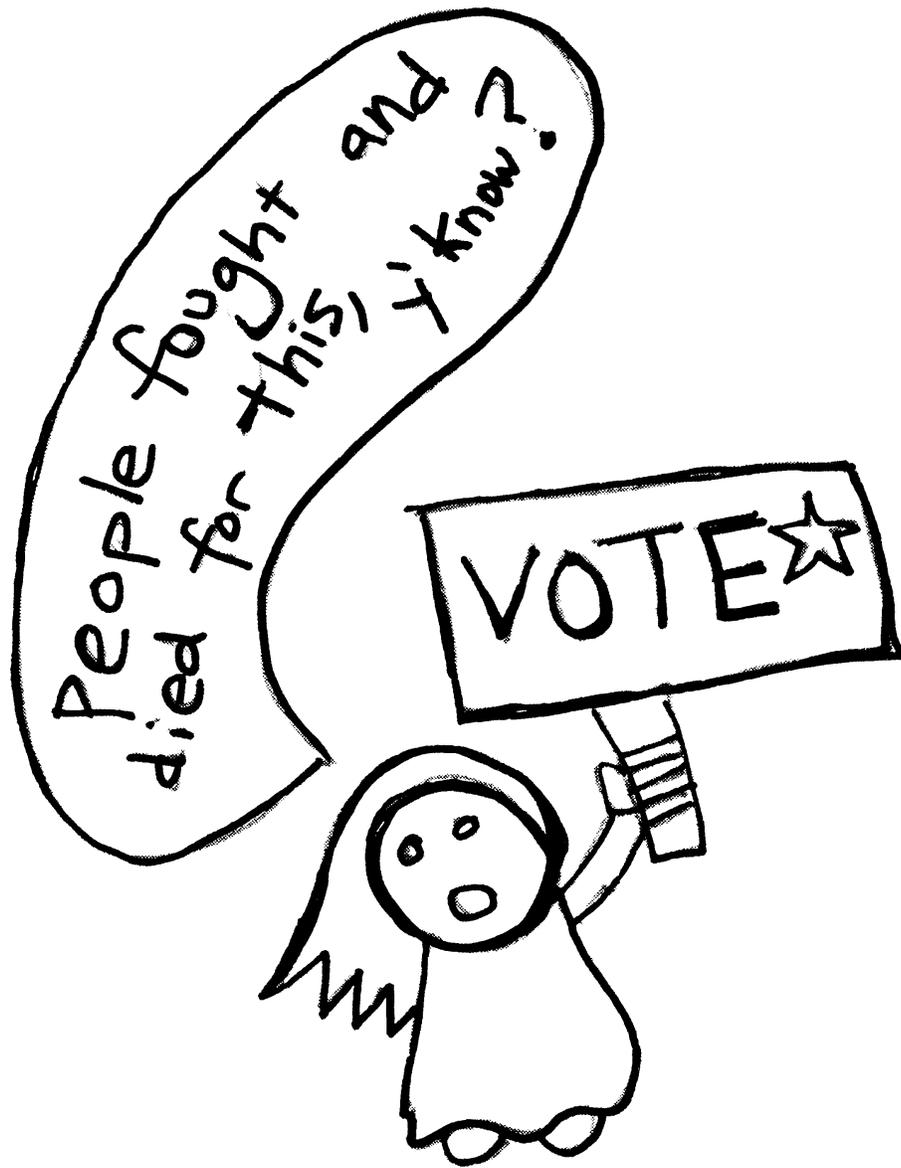
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