

Olivas Links Infrastructure & Council Candidate Update

Recently I reached out to the candidates for Ventura City Council. I requested their input on supporting improvements for Olivas Links infrastructure (permanent clubhouse & cart barn). It is gratifying to note that feedback from six of the nine candidates have been received immediately. They are universally positive with some minor reservations.

District 2 candidate Naz Madaen is a non golfer, but recognizes our needs and supports them. She is the only candidate so far, to reach out for a tour of our infrastructure to better understand our concerns. Her opponent, Doug Halter and incumbent has not responded. You may remember Doug did not support our highly qualified candidate for the Parks and Recreation Commission. We encourage Doug to provide us input on this important issue.

District 3 candidates Clint Garman, Ryan Schumacher and William Cornell have all indicated support for our issues. Clint Gorman was married at Buena at the Wedgewood and feels a strong attachment to our golf courses. Rynn Schumacher asked some good questions regarding encouragement of juniors, minorities and women to play golf. He recognizes our efforts and supports our issues. William Cornell is a contractor and a golfer who recognizes our needs, but also how the game is a positive for the city. Neither Heather May Ellinger or Maricela Reyes have responded yet. We hope to hear from them, soon.

District 7 is where our Mayor Schroeder has decided not to run for reelection. Joe has been a staunch supporter of our cause and we will miss his positive leadership. Mario "Alex" Mangone has a machine shop and understands that machines are revenue producing assets. Golf courses are also assets and need to be maintained. He is a supporter of our cause. Brian Brennan was on the council that voted to rebuild our golf courses. He is passionate that we need a 5 star clubhouse and cart barn structure. Erik Eisner did not have an email address, so we do not know his feelings.

I have sent copies of each candidates letters to our clubs for forwarding to our members for consideration. Finally, I attach the candidates email addresses for you to contact. We have not yet completed our endeavors. Your continued vocal support insures that the council recognizes how serious our issues are. Thank you. William R. Gohlke Vice President Olivas Links Senior Mens Golf Club

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