

Dear Fellow Golfers,

On October 13, the City Council of Ventura passed a funding request for over one million dollars to construct the necessary site work and install our new temporary trailers at Olivas Links Golf Course.

Additionally, at the council meeting Council-member Schumacher sought clarification from Deputy City Manager Brick Conner that the city was proceeding with the preliminary design for a new clubhouse and cart barn. Mr. Conner indicated the preliminary design for a cost estimate would be ready on January 13, 2027, for public input and final council approval in early April. They both wanted golfers to know that the temporary trailers were a “bridge” until a new clubhouse and cart barn could be constructed.

Currently over \$100,000 has been expended on our “interim” temporary trailer rentals while the design for the site work has proceeded. Additionally, concession revenues have been severely reduced due to liquor sales prohibited by the removal of the old trailers. Further challenges await us as site work construction and trailer installation face a challenging El Nino winter that could prolong this effort. In short, this effort has been frustrating, expensive and slow. We thank the city for moving forward and specifically Deputy City Manager Conner, for his assistance in shepherding these challenging projects.

Election time is upon us, and three members of the Ventura City Council are seeking reelection. Jim Duran is not seeking another term for District 6 but is endorsing Noe Agilar for his seat. Council-member Duran has been a stalwart supporter of our golf courses, and he is also endorsing Crawford Coates District 1, Scott Shoemaker District 4 and Vernon Alstot for District 5.

PAC members have attended the League of Women Voters forums. These forums allow the public to question the candidates on various issues. We have asked each candidate their opinion on the challenges at our golf courses and are satisfied that all are aware of our concerns. Consequently, we do not endorse any candidate but do urge the residents of the above districts to vote for the candidate of their choice.

Respectfully,

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Golf Club