October 2008

Mira Mesa Town Council Newsletter

President's Message

By MMTC President Jeff Stevens

Education Night

Our October 6th meeting will focus on Mira Mesa Schools. There are a lot of changes in the schools this year including several new principals. The new Mira Mesa High School principal Scott Giusti will be at the meeting to talk about his vision for MMHS. We will also have the principals of Scripps Ranch High School, Challenger Middle School and Wangenheim Middle School. In addition, Miramar College president Patricia Hsieh will introduce the new senior staff at Miramar College. As we did last year, the meeting will adjourn immediately after the Mira Mesa schools program for coffee, punch and cookies and informal conversation with the principals.

We are in the final stages of preparation for the Mira Mesa Street Fair, which will be held on Saturday, September 27th. This year we will have an expanded Fun Zone provided by Carnival Entertainment. We have a variety of food vendors signed up including Indian food from Ashoka the Great, and Mexican, Egyptian, Chinese, Hawaiian and American food as well as kettle corn and lemonade. As in previous years, there are special attractions including earth-moving equipment, military vehicles from MCAS Miramar and a demonstration of K-9 dogs. We thank our sponsors Vulcan Materials, KYXY, Hanson Aggregates, the Mira Mesa Office Mall and Wells Fargo Bank. For more information see http://www.miramesatowncouncil.org/mira_mesa_street_fair.htm.

At our November meeting we will have our City Council member Brian Maienschein. As we all know, Brian and his representative Khoa Nguyen have worked extensively with the community for the past 8 years and we greatly appreciate their support and their accomplishments in the community.

Also in November, we will have our annual MMTC Board elections. You can find a list of Board positions and their duties in the bylaws on the MMTC website under Membership. If you are interested in running for a Board position next year, please contact MMTC parliamentarian and nominating committee chair Courtland Young at courtlandy@gmail.com.

Attention Community Group Members

Please e-mail Jeff Stevens with your community reports for the October meeting. He will include them in his President's report

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Mira Mesa Town Council Meetings

Town Council meetings provide a public forum for community issues relating to civic, cultural, social, educational and recreational development and improvement in the area. Regular meetings are usually held the first Monday of each month at the Mira Mesa Public Library from 7 to 9 p.m., with no meeting held in July.

Agenda for the **October 6, 2008** meeting:

- **Education Night**

The next MMTC meeting is **Monday, November 3, 2008**

Visit us online at www.miramesatowncouncil.org

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Education Night to be subject of October Meeting

By Pam O'Donohoe

The end of the school year last spring we were facing layoffs, budget cuts, job loss because of credentialing. It was a dismal outlook for the school district and the education of all of our children. Over the summer things started to happen, and the layoffs weren't as bad as we expected, budget cuts weren't as deep, and most of the teachers that had credentialing problems found new schools.

Changes were made in Mira Mesa in spite of all the efforts; both high schools in our area have new principals, elementary schools have new administrations as well. So how are our schools doing after one month back in session? October 6 you can find out first hand from the principals that are working so hard to bring about positive change. In many respects, it's a labor of love to educate these children but parents and the community need to be engaged also, so join us for an evening of questions to the best people who have answers.

Mira Mesa School Principals pictured at the 2007 MMTC Education Night meeting. Who is returning? Who has been replaced?

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Want to help your community, but don't know how?

Mira Mesa is made up of people just like you who are looking for ways to get involved in the community. Whether you are interested in local planning, parks and recreation, community appearance, family events or something completely new, there's a place for you.

Ongoing community groups include:

- COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
- COMMUNITY PRIDE COMMITTEE
- MMTC STREET FAIR COMMITTEE
- MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT COMMITTEE
- RECREATION COUNCIL
- HEROES
- FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE
- RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PATROL (RSVP)

Come to a Mira Mesa Town Council general meeting or contact one of our directors for more information. Also see page 6 for specific meeting times and locations.

I-15 Traffic Alert

Carroll Canyon and Mira Mesa Blvd

San Diego, CA - 09/11/08 - Caltrans announced this afternoon lane closures for I-15 Southbound on-ramps at Carroll Canyon Road and westbound Mira Mesa Blvd. that will be effective ***Friday, September 12, 2008***. Both on-ramps will remain open but with one fewer lane each. The lanes are needed by Caltrans to provide room for construction of walls and lane improvements. The lane closure will likely be several weeks.

Carroll Canyon on-ramp southbound I-15:

- Caltrans will reduce two on-ramp lanes to one lane.

Mira Mesa Blvd. westbound on-ramp to southbound I-15:

- Caltrans will close the high occupancy vehicle lane (HOV lane) but retain two through lanes.

Expected Traffic Impacts:

The on-ramp lane closues could impact I-15 on-ramps at other intersections such as Miramar Road, Pomerado Road, Mira Mesa Blvd, Scripps Poway Parkway, Hillery Drive, and Black Mountain Road.

MONSTER MANOR RISES FROM THE GRAVE

By Courtland Young

Each year the all-volunteer staff completely rebuilds Pardee Homes' Monster Manor at its temporary home in the Target Shopping Center in Mira Mesa. Opening Night is October 17, 2008 and will run every weekend.

Although it began as a simple home-based haunt, Mira Mesa icon Tim Allen along with fellow haunter John Hart decided to bring their love of Halloween to the public in 2001. Pardee Homes' Monster Manor is now in its eighth year, and has only grown more and more spooktacular in the years since its public debut.

The Haunt, as it is affectionately known, now offers two uniquely distinct experiences. During select days, young children can experience the adventure and excitement of Lite Frite, an event in which friendly pirates and scalawags lead youngsters on a swashbuckling search for treasure. After moonrise, however, Monster Manor takes on its true form – a truly haunted house geared toward older teenagers and adults, filled to brimming with ghouls and frights that'll have audiences screaming with delight.

More than half of the Manor's 200 volunteers are made up of teens from the local high school who earn community service hours for their help in building and acting at the haunt. All proceeds from the Monster Manor go to various charities and nonprofit organizations. For more information, visit our Web site, www.MonsterManor.org.

The **San Diego Air and Space Museum**, in partnership with the **San Diego Regional Airport Authority** is seeking young artists, grades K-12 to participate in their *2009 Regional Youth Aviation Art Competition*.

This Year's Deadline:

Entries must be postmarked by January 5, 2009 and mailed or delivered to:
Aviation Art Contest Attn: Education Department,
San Diego Air& Space Museum,
2001 Pan American Plaza,
Balboa Park, San Diego, CA 92101.

This Year's Theme:

This year's theme correlates with current issues concerning global warming and challenges the young artist to envision a futuristic flying machine powered by an alternative energy source (not petroleum or fossil-based fuel). Artwork will be judged, in part, for its creative use of this year's theme in relation to the aviation industry.

Background:

Sketches and diagrams of the very first concepts of flying machines were created by the famous artist, scientist and inventor, Leonardo da Vinci, who lived from 1452 – 1519. That is nearly 400 years before the Wright brothers invented the first successful aircraft! His amazing sketches of flying machines demonstrated the use of water and many other natural energy sources for power.

For more information, please contact:
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Attention all Mira Mesa Residents. We are seeking individuals wanting to participate in the process of making Mira Mesa a better place to live and play. If this describes you , we have a spot in the 2009 Mira Mesa Town Council Board just for you. Interested individuals can contact Courtland Young, 2008 parliamentarian, at courtlandy@gmail.com to place your name on the ballot. For information and position responsibilities please visit the MMTC website.

Banned Book Club Meets Oct. 27 at Mira Mesa Library

Would you like to read some thought-provoking books and then talk about them with a small group of fellow readers? The Mira Mesa Banned Book Club meets the fourth Monday of the month from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Mira Mesa Branch Library small conference room. Everyone interested is welcome to join in the discussion at the next meeting on Oct. 27! The book group focuses on reading and discussing books that have been banned or challenged (i.e. a formal complaint was filed about the book being available in a public or school library) somewhere in the past, or titles that otherwise tie into a "freedom to read" theme.

For the book title to be discussed on Oct. 27 or more information in general, contact the Mira Mesa Library, (858) 538-8165, or book group facilitator Pam Stevens, pstevens@san.rr.com.

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MIRA MESA STREET FAIR

Presented by the Mira Mesa Town Council

Saturday, September 27, 2008
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Highlights of the September 8, 2008 MMTC Meeting

City Attorney Candidates' Debate

Opening Statements (5 minutes):

♦ **Mike Aguirre:**

We have, in the City of San Diego, a City Government that doesn't have roads repaired, doesn't keep the libraries open, doesn't repair the bridges, doesn't maintain the essential services, we do not have a secure water supply, we don't have the ability to prevent wild fires. What you see is a City Government that's in shambles. At the same time, over the last ten to twelve years we have not been functioning to serve your needs

We have been extremely effective in one other area and that is in building one of the most elaborate pension systems in western civilization. 6.8 billion dollars. Every police officer, firefighter, lifeguard retires a millionaire. The higher echelons – millionaires. The council members can retire age 30. It's a disaster! Our city government is a disaster. The largest municipal securities fraud in American History and that is where we are today. You know these facts because of this City Attorney, because when I took office I made that information available.

Now, my opponent, Mr. Goldsmith, has cut a deal with the unions, the ones that are getting all the money. We are challenging 800 million dollars in their fund today. We have an appellate case - it was written up in the Wall Street Journal over the weekend – the work of your city attorney was acknowledged by the Wall Street Journal as something that all the other states should be doing. And what my opponent did is he went to the unions and he said – I'll drop the lawsuit if you give me your support, and that's the deal he got. And that is what this race is all about. And then he has adopted, you'll hear him, everything he says is a regurgitation of what's in the Union Tribune editorial page, which is filled and riddled with misinformation.

One of the reasons that that paper is dying is because its not a reliable source of information, and they have been in the center of the difficulties and the problems that we have in San Diego and they have fought me every step of the way.

Every day I go to work and I think about you, not all of his supporters that he brought out here today, you know the people that give him their support I am not talking about them, they support him, I respect that. But those of you who do not have or have not made a commitment or maybe support me or may have a complete other idea in mind. I think about you every single day when I do my job.

The city government should function to serve your interests. I was selected as one of the 100 best trial lawyers in the State of California. I make decisions every single day. I make decisions every single day. Ten times a day I make legal decisions. I've been actively involved in our cases and we have rebuilt the city attorney's office onto a powerful public interest team of lawyers dedicated to your interests. You'll hear my opponent run through statistics and I'll wait until he says them but they are not true!

What he wants to do. He was put up by the developers. He was put up by the very, very conservative group that had control of our city for very many years and he was put up by those people because they want him back. They cannot stand to have a city attorney who represents your interests, who stands up for you, who you have, you can pick up the phone and call me and I will be as responsive to your call as anybody else. There is no special interest money in any of the decisions that I make.

So, what they did is they got this judge, who should be sitting on the bench doing his job, they got him to step off the bench and embrace all their ideas and promises that they made to all the special interest to put them back in control. And he has all this talk that he puts out that he wants to be established as a professional and a resident but that's not really what's at stake.

So, during the course of this debate I am looking forward to examining in depth what I laid out to you and answering your questions and hopefully win you over to my side.

♦ **Jan Goldsmith:**

Good evening and thanks for coming

My name is Judge Jan Goldsmith. I have currently been on the bench for the past ten years.

I haven't cut a deal with any interests or anyone else. My focus is in a city attorney's office which is based in the law and not politics. That's all I am promising here today. To go to a union or anyone else and say you cut a deal, if you support me I'll drop this lawsuit would be illegal and would be a felony, and I am sure that Mr. Aguirre is not accusing me of that I'll leave that alone now.

I have strong support from republicans and democrats including Senator Dede Alpert and Senator Waddeh Deddah two democrats also including your new councilmember Carl DeMaio and your prior councilmember Brian Maienschein.

What this race is about is not about politics, is about managing laws. The skills needed to run the City Attorney's office are lawyers skills, and I am working hard to keep it from the throwing of the mud and all that.

The City Attorney needs to be independent. The kind of independence I am talking about, and I'll do, is what I do as a judge. I've done for the last 10 years. That is based on the law and not on politics. Not what the Mayor wants, not what the labor unions want, not what the public wants. Based on the law!The city has gotten in trouble when city attorneys over the last four years and over the last eight years have given legal advice and done the legal work to please somebody else. Whether it be the public, the press or the Mayor or the City Council. We are in desperate need of a truly independent city attorney. Someone who gives legal advice and makes legal decisions regardless of what people want to hear or want. I have done that every day as a judge for the past ten years. A hundred times a day I have told someone "no, you can't do that" A hundred times a day I make decisions that somebody may not like and I say it pleasantly, I don't call people corrupt and I don't call them names. I just tell them this is what the law requires.

An effective city is not measured by the number of press conferences, it's measured by the wins in court and we could use a few wins in court. But, I happen to have some experience that tells you, what it tells me, what is a good case and what is not a good case. The pension case was a judge's decision lost on the basis of two basic principles. My opponent ran on the platform in 2004 to solve the pension plan and he's running on it again but has made no strides towards solving it. That's not what this election is about. The election is about effectiveness, the election is about a truly independent city Attorney.

Before I served as a judge for the last ten years I was in the State Legislature, I represented you as a legislator. I bring unique lawyering skills to this office. I have practiced law, I have written the law, I have taught the law and, for the past ten years, I have enforced the law. I have been an attorney for the most part for 32 years now. I had my own law firm, I've run a law firm, I know how to hire and fire and supervise lawyers. That's what you need in the City Attorney's office. There are 135 lawyers making it the largest law office in San Diego.

I have written law for both the criminal sector and the civil sector. I have been a judge and made decisions on the law and I have a pretty good idea on how to make the City Attorney's office one of the best law firms. The city is in desperate need of a good lawyer.

Thank you.

Debate:

Q: What is the most important change you would make, if any, in the City Attorney's office?

A: Goldsmith:

I believe the City Attorney's office should focus on the law and not politics. It is not a political operation, it is a law office.

We need to earn credibility so that the people will listen to us. We lost a lot of credibility when the City Attorney called everyone from the Fire Chief to the Police Chief to the Mayor and the newspaper corrupt or part of some conspiracy and never followed through. Every time you do that you loose credibility.

We need to show San Diego what a truly independent City Attorney's law firm is like. The city needs it because it needs good legal advice.

Aguirre:

Well, when you talk about credibility, how many city attorneys have been acknowledged by the Wall Street Journal as a national leader in pension reform?

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Gangs 619-531-2847
Graffiti 619-525-8522
Non-emergency crime or suspicious activity e.g. belligerent person, car/building alarm, nuisance bar, underage drinking 858-484-3154

Nuisances
Animal, dangerous 619-236-2341
Animal, dead 858-492-5060
.....5pm-7am or weekends & holidays: 619-573-1276
Animal manure (dog) 619-338-2283
Animal, rodents/rats 858-694-2888
Building abandoned or dangerous 619-236-5500
Car abandoned or inoperative 858-495-7856
Noise (loud) ..... 619-236-5564 or 619-236-5500
Trash: uncollected, overflowing dumpster, trash-strewn lot, or recyclables 858-492-5055

Streets & Environment
Bus shelter damaged 619-231-1466
Manhole cover missing or damaged 619-515-3525
Street, flooded 619-527-7500
Street, light out (see below for traffic lights) 619-527-7500
Street, pothole 619-527-7500
Street, sink hole or collapse 619-515-3525
Street, traffic light non-functioning 619-525-8650
Swimming Pools..... 858-689-6296
Weeds overgrown, fallen trees, or clogged storm drain 619-527-7500

Utilities
Fire hydrant open 619-515-3525
Gas leak 800-411-7343
Power/phone line downed 619-811-8081
Tree limbs in power lines 800-411-7343

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I negotiated the largest securities law settlement in the history of this municipality in the history of the U.S.
The city attorney's office is the most effective it has been right now
There hasn't been a 125 lawyer turn over out of 135. We replaced 55 out of 75 civil attorneys in city attorney's office.
When I said there is illegal behavior, they were charged with felonies in the federal court and charged with felonies in the civil court. The FCC is charging all the previous officials with fraud the federal court, I am not making it up.

Q: What is your position of the Mayor's proposal to place the Family Justice Center under the control of the YMCA?

A: Aguirre:
I think that the Family Justice Center should be with the City Attorney's office, that's where it started. It was transferred by Casey Gwynn just as I started.
There is a major domestic violence problem in San Diego.
The Family Justice Center provides services for victims of domestic violence & works in conjunction with the City Attorney's Office. We go to court to help put pressure on domestic violators. We use the Domestic Violence Center to help with support, jobs, money, etc.
The City wants to take Family Justice Center to YWCA and use it to make money for the YWCA. We are opposed to that.
We are fighting hard to keep it with the City Attorney's office or as a department of the city.
I have strengthened our commitment to do something about domestic abuse.

Goldsmith:
Let me respond to the pension question – I have never said that I am going to drop the lawsuit. What I said is that I would like to see a global settlement for the pension lawsuit. We have lost the ball, we have spent millions of dollars reimbursing the many parties' lawsuits. I believe that it's in the best interest of the city to count our losses only as part of the settlement. It is up to the City Council to decide - not up to me. The lawsuit was lost.
The Family Justice Center services the City of San Diego. The proposal is to broaden it to have it serve the County and the other cities. I like the regional because domestic violence doesn't stop at the borders of the City of San Diego. Whether it is run by the YWCA or another group, it needs to be broadened and based upon different options and the best resources. I agree with Mr. Aguirre that domestic violence is a huge problem and a mounting problem but I take issue with his commitment to address domestic violence. Policy is out there, but dealing with things such as foreclosure sanctuary has weakened the nuts and bolts practice to prosecute domestic violence has suffered.
We asked and the Family Justice Center doesn't even have a brochure to hand out to the people who may need its help.

Q: What in your background, Mr. Goldsmith, most qualifies you to be City Attorney and for Mr. Aguirre, What is your biggest accomplishment during your first term?

A: Goldsmith:
A more varied, broader background
I see trial lawyers every day in my courtroom
I've supervised, trained, hired and fired lawyers
I've seen business cases and been involved in large cases and in small cases.
Served in the Legislature making laws
Enforced law as a judge and interpreted the law
Taught law as an instructor
Made decisions on hundreds, if not thousands of trials
I've seen the impact of solving cases before they go to the court and will try to keep us out of court.
Served as a mediator
As a judge I have settled hundreds of cases before going to court which in the end saves money.

Aguirre:
The judge is misrepresenting the case. Remember his statement that he wasn't going to drop the case before the retirees. We have an appeal.
Rocque de la Fuente case which we lost in trial but we won on appeal, which saved the city 300 million dollars.
Our case set aside 800 million dollars in illegal pension debt before the appellate court.
I have tried to get the other side to settle but the council is still dominated by unions.
I like unions and I have nothing against unions but these unions have a strangle hold on the city
They dominate city councils so the city has not been supportive to get these cases settled.
I was selected as one of the top 100 lawyers in California
I have a masters degree in public administration from Harvard
I taught history at USC
I was assistant to the U.S. Attorney
I was a lawyer for Senators
I know the law, I am humbled by the law
I am challenging the judge to stand up and tell us that he did not tell the retirees that he was going to drop the mitigation on the primary at the Voice of San Diego…

Q: In hindsite, regarding the Sunroad Building, what was be the best way to handle that issue of the building being twenty feet higher than required by FAA?

A: Aguirre
One of the most powerful developers visited the mayor's office after I had already filed the lawsuit to take down the building as FAA ordered. The state of California ordered us.
The Mayor met behind my back and allowed that building to go up.
One of my proudest achievements is that we brought that building down to 160 feet.
By doing so we said that everyone in San Diego no matter who you are has to live by the law.
Jerry Brown wrote a letter to the editor criticizing me at the request of the Mayor
Political system is convoluted. I don't think everyone is corrupt.
Dishonesty has been a major problem
You can drive by the building and see a case where the law won
Mr. Story was left off the hook.

Goldsmith:
State law requires that FAA recommendations be placed into the city's general plan around airports.
The City of San Diego did not comply with that law.
The person at the counter did not check it off because it is not part of the law.
It was a lack of communication between the staff and the City Attorney's office.
It got to the point where we had to get them to knock off two stories and I agree with that.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 27—Mira Mesa Street Fair
October 3 - Miramar Air Show
October 6—MMTC meeting
October 13—Columbus Day
October 17—Mira Mesa Monster Manor begins
October 31—Halloween

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1ST WEDNESDAY / October 1	**Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m.
1ST MONDAY / October 6	**Town Council Meeting (MMTC)** — 1st Monday (no meeting in July & **2nd Monday in September**) — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m.
1ST TUESDAY / October 7	**Golden Friends (Senior Center)** — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10:00 a.m. **Maintenance Assessment District** — 1st Tuesday, — Mira Mesa Senior Center— 7:00 p.m. (subject to change
2ND WEDNESDAY / October 8	**Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m. **4th of July Committee** — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 6:30 p.m.
2ND THURSDAY/ October 9	**Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors**—Mira Mesa Senior Center—6:45 pm
2ND SATURDAY / October 11	**Fil-Am Sr. Citizens Assn** — 2nd Saturday — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 10:00 a.m.
2ND SUNDAY/ October 12	**FAASDNC Meeting**—12:00pm—Mira Mesa Recreation Center
2ND TUESDAY / October 14	**Golden Friends (Senior Center)** — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10:00 am **Recreation Council (Parks)** — 2nd Tuesday —Lopez Ridge Rec. Center — 7:00 p.m. **Black Mountain Masonic Lodge #845 F.&A.M** — 2nd Tuesday — Mission Valley Scottish Rites Center — 7:30 pm **Business Exchange Club of San Diego**—2nd and 4th Tuesday — Courtyard by Marriott in Kearny Mesa — 6:30 pm
3RD WEDNESDAY / October 15	**Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m. **Friends of the Library** —3rd Wednesday — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m. **Halloween Committee** — 3rd Wednesday — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 7:00 p.m.
3RD THURSDAY/ October 16	**Community Pride** — 3rd Thursday — 8605 Pagoda Way — 6:30 p.m. **Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee** —3rd Thursday, odd months — Penasquitos Adobe Ranch House, — 7 p.m. **SR Center Board of Governors**— 3rd Thursday— Mira Mesa Senior Center **Mira Mesa Theatre Guild** — 3rd Thursday — Lopez Ridge Rec. Center — 6:30 p.m. (Board), 7:00 p.m. (General) **Black Mountain Democratic Club**-3rd Thursday-7-9 p.m., 10550 Caminito Flores (Mesa Village Rec. Hall 1)
3RD MONDAY / October 20	**Community Planning Group** — 3rd Monday — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m.
3RD TUESDAY / October 21	**Golden Friends (Senior Center)** — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10:00 a.m. **Junior Women's Club (MM Branch)** —3rd Tuesday - Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church — 7:00 p.m. **Teen Center (The Epicentre) Oversight Committee** — Call Epicenter for next meeting date and time.
4TH WEDNESDAY / October 22	**Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m. **Stake Holders** — 4th Wednesday, every other month —Mira Mesa Library, small conference room — 6:00 p.m. **Business Exchange Club of San Diego**—2nd and 4th Wednesday—Holiday Inn (Murphy Canyon Road) — 6:30 pm
4TH THURSDAY October 23	Mira Mesa Street Fair Committee—Fourth Thursday—Mira Mesa Senior Center—6:30 p.m. May—October
4TH MONDAY/ October 27	**Banned Book Club**—Last Monday of each month except December at the Mira Mesa Library. 7 PM.
4TH TUESDAY / October 28	**Golden Friends (Senior Center)** — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10:00 a.m. **Business Exchange Club of San Diego**—2nd and 4th Tuesday — Courtyard by Marriott in Kearny Mesa — 6:30 pm

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Idea that calling the Mayor corrupt is somehow justified is ridiculous.
Attorney General Jerry Brown went through the report and came to the conclusion that there was no corruption against the Mayor. A criminal prosecutor should not stand in a press conference and call the mayor corrupt.
Calling people names and accusing them of wrongdoing without evidence is ridiculous and a waste of the taxpayers money.

Q: With the large number of attorneys in the City Attorney's office, why is responsible "code enforcement" still a big problem in the City of San Diego?
A: Goldsmith
There is a need to have some priorities established.
As a judge, I heard many code enforcement cases. They require a lot of work-up. Need the personnel to support lawyers in court. Needs a team.
It takes time to identify a violation, to monitor it, to try and extract compliance.
Non effectiveness is due to a combination of factors.
City Attorneys cases should remain with the City Attorney's office and not transferred to the District Attorney.

Aguirre:
That question is unfair and people are misinformed
We have the best code enforcement of any City Attorney's office in the country
San Antonio police officers and city attorneys came to San Diego to study code enforcement office.
Foreclosures are part of the code enforcement. Foreclosures are destroying neighborhoods and communities.
Office is a National Model of code enforcement
Go to sandiegocityattorney.org to look up code enforcement cases.

Q: What, if anything, will you do about the Chargers leaving San Diego?
A: Aguirre:
I pray that they do not leave San Diego during my watch because everyone will blame me.
There are only 36 teams and it is a monopoly and they want to make as much money as they can, but its out of control.
I am a native San Diegan and been a Chargers fan since the days of Murphy and Lance Alworth.
Need to make the cities work together to renovate the stadium just like the team works together to play the game.
City does not have money to repair the city and keep up things like libraries and recreation centers open, cannot subsidize the Chargers. Taxpayers need to have the same representation that the players have when working on their deals, no more ticket guarantees.
I will do everything I can to have the Chargers stay in San Diego but the Chargers cannot dictate who will be representing the City's side.
I have been involved since 1996 so I can be a lot more helpful with new ideas and in making plans and making decisions.

Goldsmith:
Would be willing to sit down and talk and bring some new options to the table.
Chargers will not deal with the City of San Diego as long as the current city attorney is in office. Maybe it is because he tends to not want to talk, calls press conferences to attack people and brings lawsuits when things go wrong.
Chargers are talking to City of Chula Vista now, if that does not work we will need to see if there are some options.
Could come up with an option to be presented to all cities in the county. We all benefit by the Chargers remaining in the area. This is not just the City of San Diego or the City of Chula Vista we are all in this together and we all should participate in the process.
Should sit down with the Chargers and talk about options. The city does not have the money to support the Chargers.
As Attorney I will sit down with them and talk with them and see what options can be created. Come up with ideas, it doesn't have to be a win-win situation but it has to be presented to the voters.
Need to get beyond all the personal accusations and all the walls that have been built up between us.

Closing Statements:
Aguirre:
I am going to make an unusual closing statement tonight. Judge Goldsmith I'll ask you one question sir: Did you or did you not, tell the retirees during the debate sponsored by the Voice of San Diego that you are not going to proceed with the lawsuit, the pension lawsuit?

Goldsmith:
I will answer this question. I said, from day one, that we need to settle the pension lawsuit. Settling involves dropping the lawsuit. Yes, that is part of the settlement that means that there are conditions attached and needs to be approved by the City Council. I've said it publicly in March and in May in every debate. We have already lost the lawsuit, there isn't much to drop other than an appeal.
As I stated in the beginning, this office is about practicing law it is not a political office.
The idea of creating a foreclosure sanctuary in the City of San Diego so that we don't have any foreclosures and people can default on their loans may be benign, but that is not what we want the City Attorneys' office to do when we have code enforcement issues, criminal prosecutions, police officers issue citations for criminal conduct, that keep piling up on a desk because there is no one to prosecute them and no one to investigate them because they are working on foreclosure sanctuary
We need to get them to focus on the nuts and bolts and practice law and win some civil lawsuits.
Need to clean up the mess that has been created by the current City Attorney.
Need to reestablish a legitimate criminal prosecution that doesn't let cases pile up.
Thank You.

NOTE:
Due to the length of the City Attorney Candidates' debate, the minutes from the September Town Council meeting could not be printed in their entirety. Please visit the Mira Mesa Town Council website at www.miramesatowncouncil.org to read the entire report.
Thank you
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