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CUT POLICE & FIRE?

By **Stephen Hadland**
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Through the various candidates' forums held throughout the city, we have put together a compilation on the four candidates with their views and posi-

was revealed that Daniel Lee and Alex Fisch had less than stellar records for voting in Culver City elections. Former Mayor and Councilmember Steve Gourley claimed that Fisch had not voted in a couple of local elections, even though he had voted in state and na-

disengaged from local politics."

He went on to say that he voted in the last city election. He noted that the firm Political Data, Inc. did not count absentee ballots in the last election, adding that he had voted by mail.

Local Voting Records

Become Issue

sionate about this city," Vera said. "I'm at the store (Sorrento Market) every day... I invite people to come down to deal with their issues."

Lee spoke about diversity stating, "having a diversity of skills is import-





Marcus Tiggs



Albert Vera



Daniel Lee



Alex Fisch

tions on matters affecting Culver City

While the candidates agreed on many issues, including the ban on fracking and protecting the city, two big revelations emanated during the forums held in Blair Hills and at the Democratic Club.

At the Democratic Club forum, it

tional races.

City records show that Lee had never voted in a city election until his run in 2016, Fisch voted by absentee in 2016 and had not voted since 2016. Candidates Albert Vera and Marcus Tiggs had voted in every recent city election.

Fisch commented "I'm not sure. I felt

During the forums, all the candidates were asked why they are running for public office.

"I'm running because I'm really pas-

Tiggs commented, "I'm running to make a difference. I think I have made a difference on the Planning Commission, working on the Fiesta LA Ballona Committee, and the Centennial Committee. Now I want to make a difference to the whole community."

Fisch responded with: "This is the moment. My experience is relevant: housing crisis, homelessness, budget challenges, environmental challenges."

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No Place in Culver City For Character Assassination

The vicious and uncalled for personal attacks on two candidates running for City Council are reprehensible and deeply disturbing.

What is worse is the way some of former leaders in our city were portrayed.

As a member of the Culver City Chamber of Commerce and a former chairman, I can speak from firsthand knowledge that the chamber is not run by fat cats who control City Hall. In fact, the chamber has a long history of working with local community groups to find common ground and a balance between residents and local business-

es. Most of the chamber members are small business struggling to keep their doors open. If you look around the city, you will see our members everywhere. They are your local car washes, dry cleaners, restaurants, bookkeepers, auto repair shops, etc. I would hardly call them fat cats.

We do have a few fat cats, Sony, Culver Studios, etc. They contribute money, time and effort to our city to make it a better place. They know that a strong, healthy community makes Culver City a better place for them and their employees. If that's the definition

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Observer Publisher Files Complaint with State Bar

Culver City Observer Publisher Stephen Hadland has filed a complaint with the California State Bar associate against attorney Les Greenberg, Esq. for requesting criminal charges be filed against him and Culver City Councilman Jim Clarke.

Greenberg sent letters to both City Attorney Carol Schwab and Police Chief Scott Bixby. Schwab has already rejected the request.

In requesting the investigation, Mr. Hadland stated: "In each case, Mr. Greenberg, Esq. **threatened** and requested that Councilmember Clarke and myself be subject to criminal prosecution for exercising our right to Free Speech and challenging the freedom of the Press.

I have attached copies of the pages the articles and comments appeared on. They are also available for review on our website at: www.culvercityobserver.com "

Mr. Hadland went on to quote **Section 3.10 of the Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar**: "Attorneys cannot use their position to **threaten** criminal action simply because of a civil dispute. **There are probably other sections relating to attorneys who abuse their position by making unfounded threats.**"

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Steve Hadland

Observer Publisher

We live on the west side of Culver City and today the horrible flyers you have taken a stand against in your last two papers were put on our porches. Unfortunately, we have no idea who delivered them and no names were on the flyers.

We stand behind you and thank you for making public the divisiveness of this group of people.

Culver City is better than this.

**Jeanne and Ken Conklin
Culver City**

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Results of the April 3, 2018 election:
Sydney K. Kamlager (D), 68.93%,
total votes: 17,094

Tepring Michelle Piquado (D),
14.40%, total votes: 3,572

Glen Ratcliff (R), 12.98%, total
votes: 3,220

Grayson A. Pangilinan (D), 3.68%,
total votes: 913

California Assembly District 54 includes all of Culver City, as well as all or parts of Baldwin Hills, Ladera Heights, View Park-Windsor Hills, Century City, Crenshaw, Leimert Park, Mar Vista, Mid-City, UCLA, West Los Angeles, Westwood, and Inglewood.

The seat Kamlager won will end De-



Sydney Kamlager

ember 3, 2018. Kamlager will be on the ballot in June, for a full two-year term. If the June election is not won by 50% plus one, there will be a runoff election for the seat in November

City Attorney Rejects Claims to File Criminal Charges Against Observer Publisher & City Councilman

Carol Schwab, the City Attorney of Culver City, rejected requests by local resident Les Greenberg to file criminal charges against Culver City Observer Publisher Stephen Hadland and Culver City Councilman Jim Clarke in regard to an election article published in the Culver City Observer.

In the March 15 article, the Observer reported that a local "ad hoc" organization distributed an inflammatory, campaign flyer to residents that blasted two of the City Council candidates as lackeys of the local chamber.

In her letter to Greenberg, Schwab stated: "Based on the information you provided, there is insufficient evidence that either Mr. Hadland or Council Member Clarke used threats, intimidation or coercion against the Committee to interfere with its First Amendment rights."

To further clarify her view, Schwab added: "The evidence you cited constitutes Mr. Hadland's and Council Member Clarke's protected speech under the First Amendment and is not a sufficient basis for a Bane Act lawsuit."

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of Fat Cats I would like to have a few more.

Yes, the chamber -- as a PAC and like many other PACs -- makes a small contribution to the candidates they endorse. There is a limit on how much an individual or PAC can contribute.

The most disturbing thing to us is the character assassination the cartoon implies. The individuals identified in the inflammatory flyer have given repeatedly to our community.

Three were identified; the fourth, former mayor and Chamber President Steve Rose, had his name blacked out because he had passed away just weeks earlier.

Former Mayor Andy Weissman distinguished himself on the City Council with the goal of returning civility and decorum to the council meetings. He has headed almost every volunteer organization in the city. Too many to even list. Each year, I would get the call from Weissman asking for my donation to help the Culver-Palms YMCA.

Former Mayor Paul Jacobs and his wife Joy have donated thousands of hours to the community they live in and love. Paul recently chaired the Centennial Committee which planned and orchestration the yearlong 100th anniversary of the city. He serves as President of the Raintree Townhouse Association and sits on the Board of Directors of the Sister City Committee. He served on many commissions and committees.

Former Mayor Jozelle Smith also donated many hours of community service and has served on the board of directors of local non-profit organizations, including the Culver-Palms YMCA, CC Parks & Recreation Commission, CC Historical Society, CC Sister City Committee; Agape International Spiritual Center;

graduate CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and CPA (Citizens Police Academy).

Look around Culver City, much of what we have today were created by Andy Weissman, Paul Jacobs, Jozelle and Steve Rose:

The Redevelopment of Downtown Culver City -- including restaurants, movie theaters and renovation of the iconic Culver Hotel -- the New City Hall, the re-designed streets of Hannum, Malat and Rudman to control traffic, and the creation of Sid Kronenthal Park, West Culver Park and Fox Hills Park

Finally, the late Steven Rose. Yes, Steve was a strong advocate for the business community but, as a lifelong resident and homeowner in Culver City, he was also dedicated to maintaining and improving the quality of life of its residents.

You may disagree with these individuals on policy and direction of the city, but I must tell you their characters are above reproach and it is an insult to our city and our residents to try to attack the character of each one of them.

This insults them and our whole community.

The attacks on two candidates, Albert Vera and Marcus Tiggs, are also unjustified. We believe each candidate has the best interest of the city at heart. They differ however in their approach.

All four candidates have a story to tell and policies they would like to enact. Each one of them has a deep caring for our city.

It's time to help our city that we all love and elevate this City Council campaign out of the gutter and act like the "City of Kindness" we all believe in.

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