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ESIA CANDIDATE FORUM

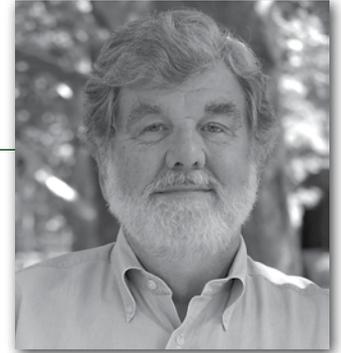
October 1st

7 p.m.

Alhambra Room on the
Clunie Center

See reverse side for details.

President's Message: Paul Noble



In my message last spring, I described all of the work we had done on the McKinley Village proposal, noting that we had been successful in securing a number of beneficial modifications to the project description, but were still concerned that the tunnel proposed to connect the project to Alhambra Boulevard might or might not be constructed. In hearings held later last spring before the Planning and Design Commission and the City Council we communicated our position concerning the tunnel, namely, that construction of the tunnel should be made a condition of approval for the project. We further requested that the developer be required to obtain all necessary permits from UPRR to construct the tunnel before any building permits for housing could be issued, and that the tunnel would be constructed during phase two of the project. Unfortunately, neither the Commission nor the Council agreed to our request, and the Council approved the project without these conditions. We remain optimistic that the developer will be successful in getting the permits for the tunnel, and we'll keep you posted on developments. In the meantime, grading on the project site has already commenced, as you'll see if you drive on Business 80 toward Arden Fair.

In other news, ESIA members voted in late spring to select the recipients of the 2014 Orchid and Onion Awards, and to elect new members for the ESIA Board of Directors.

- [The 41st Street neighbors](#) edged out Sutter Park Homes for the Sidney Pope Memorial Orchid Award. The neighbors opposed the construction of a home that would have been much closer to the street than the houses on either side, and the house has now been moved back to an appropriate distance.
- [The southwest corner of Alhambra Boulevard and J Street](#) was the overwhelming "winner" of the Onion Award. This blighted corner hardly presents a good impression at one of the main entrances to East Sacramento.
- Last spring Board members Louise Buford, George Koufasimis, Barbara Schor and Knight Smart announced that they would be resigning at the end of their terms on July 1. We would like to express our thanks to Louise, George, Barbara and Knight for their years of dedicated service. The remaining seven Board members appeared on the ballot along with two new volunteers, Nick Kufasimes and Kyle Mickewicz. All current Board members and both new candidates were overwhelmingly approved by the ESIA membership.
- We still have two vacancies on the ESIA Board. If you're interested in becoming a Board member, please email a brief statement of your background and why you'd like to join the Board to noblep5@comcast.net.

Now I'd like to invite you to attend our next general membership meeting, which is scheduled for **7:00 PM Wednesday, October 1**, in the Alhambra Room of the Clunie Community Center. As you'll see from the program elsewhere in the newsletter, we've scheduled forums for the State Assembly District 7 and City Council District 3 candidates. We hope that you can join us.

PUBLIC SAFETY FORUM

ESIA participated in the East Sacramento Crime Update -Community Meeting held on August 27. Although it was reported that statistically crime overall in East Sacramento is down, most people observe it is on the rise. All crimes should be reported by contacting 911 for an emergency and 311 for non-emergency. When more crimes are reported the Police Department will allocate more resources to those areas. The Police Department recommended: 1) contact 311 when you see individuals taking cans or recycled items out of the bins on trash days, 2) install an alarm system in your home and make sure not to leave visible items in your car that can be stolen, and 3) register your home security camera on the Police website. The Nextdoor website for reported crimes is a good way to let your neighbors know what is going on in your neighborhood.

PLEASE JOIN US!

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OCTOBER 1

State Assembly District Seven:
Steve Cohn and Kevin McCarty

City Council District Three:
Jeff Harris and Cyril Shah

LOCATION

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WHEN

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October 1, 2014