



Views from the Terrace

MAYOR TO ADDRESS CTRA ANNUAL MEETING

Palo Alto Mayor Sid Espinosa will address our neighborhood at the College Terrace Residents' Association Annual Meeting, Saturday morning March 26 in the Escondido School Multi-Purpose Room, 890 Escondido Road.

At 38, Espinosa's unanimous selection by his council colleagues as the 4th youngest mayor in Palo Alto history adds to a stunning list of accomplishments for this young man who grew up on a farm in Gilroy. Degree from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, aide to Attorney General Janet Reno, and Director of Philanthropy at Hewlett-Packard are a few of his credits that pop out. But perhaps his most recent corporate position best sums up both the mayor's achievements and aspirations: Microsoft's Director of Citizenship.

At his State of the City address last month, Mayor Espinosa urged citizens to get involved in civic matters while celebrating local volunteer groups and neighborhood leaders. His alignment between deeds and words left doubt whether he would be able to accept the invitation to address the annual meeting. But in a

prompt reply, the mayor stated he would break away briefly from a major tree planting in East Palo Alto, as long as we were OK with him wearing work boots and covered in dirt. In response, CTRA President Brent Barker proclaimed promptly this to be the preferred dress for the event.

The doors to the meeting room will open at 9:30 am for bagels and coffee. This is an opportunity to visit with neighbors and place faces to the names and brief bios (on reverse side) of the 2011-12 CTRA board nominees on the printed ballot.

At 10:00 am, the meeting will come to order, and the voting process for the new board will begin. A nominating committee member will call for nominations from the floor for potential write-in candidates to be added to those who declared their intent by the deadline for inclusion on the printed ballot. Voting will be conducted via the distributed ballots, which will then be counted, along with absentee ballots.

Next, as a summary update for residents and a top-level overview for the mayor, Brent Barker will deliver a short "State of the Terrace" address.

Our special guest, Mayor Espinosa will follow with his remarks. An opportunity for questions will follow.

Election results will then be announced, and the meeting adjourned. CTRA board members, current and newly-elected, will be available for informal discussion.

ABSENTEE BALLOT INFO

If you cannot attend the Annual Meeting on March 26, you may request an absentee ballot by contacting Susan Wilson at 857-9392 or suwilson@pacbell.net. To be counted, your ballot must be returned to Susan at 2303 Amherst before 6:00 p.m. Friday, March 25 or brought to the meeting. ✨

**CTRA
ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, March 26, 2011
Escondido School**

**9:30 a.m.
Coffee & Candidates**

- Meet CTRA Board Candidates
- Info Tables: Green Team, Emergency Preparedness Block Coordinators, Certified Emergency Response Team

**10:00-11:30 a.m.
Annual Meeting**

- Election of CTRA Board
- CTRA President Brent Barker, State of the Terrace address
- MAYOR SID ESPINOSA Q & A

Please contribute to CTRA expenses with a \$20 check (per household) payable to "CTRA" delivered to any board member. Thanks!

CTRA BOARD NOMINEES 2011-2012

* indicates 2010-2011 board member

President: Brent Barker* Brent and his wife Jane have lived on Amherst St. for 30 years, where they raised their two daughters. Retired from EPRI in the research park, Brent continues to work as a freelance writer in the areas of energy and the environment. Jane is a psychologist with a practice on California Ave. Brent says he loves College Terrace for the good people, strong sense of neighborhood, and eclectic housing.

Vice-President: Melissa Campbell* Melissa attended Mayfield Elementary, Terman Junior High, Paly, and Gunn. After graduating from Stanford, she left the area for twenty years before returning to College Terrace in 1990 with her two daughters, Caroline and Allison. In '97 she moved into her Princeton St. home, where she now balances her legal work with the joys of grandmothering. She enjoys working with neighbors to safeguard the quality of life in College Terrace.

Secretary: Eileen Stolee* Eileen and her husband, Richard, have lived here for over 30 years, first renting a College Ave. cottage, then buying their Victorian house at the corner of Princeton and California. Both children, Bridget (26), and Galen (23), attended Escondido, Jordan, and Paly. Richard is a psychologist in private practice on Sherman Ave. Eileen, now retired from Klutz, worked for over 15 years helping to develop new book ideas and product design. By serving on the CTRA board, Eileen hopes to help keep College Terrace a wonderful family neighborhood.

Treasurer: Irina Cross* Irina was born in Leningrad (now Saint Petersburg). She earned her Master's degree at Leningrad University and edited various periodicals. In 1982, she married Truman Cross, and they moved with her son Ivan to a cottage on the corner of College and Princeton. After earning a BS in molecular biology at UC Berkeley, she worked for years as a Research Assistant at Stanford while Truman taught history at Foothill College. In 1993, they bought their home on California Ave. She is grateful to prior activists who worked to maintain and improve our neighborhood's quality of life. Since retiring, she contributes toward the same goals.

Communications Director: Fred Balin* A 20-year resident of College Terrace, Fred has been actively engaged in local and citywide issues over the past 7 years. In 2009, he was named "Neighborhood Activist of the Year" in the Palo Alto Weekly for his efforts in response to the tree removals on California Avenue and the development plans for College Terrace Centre. He is known for his extensive research, distillation, and communication of local issues. He served as CTRA secretary in 2010 and helped fill the communications gap. Nonetheless, civics trails two other all-consuming passions: wife Ann of Palo Alto and technologies of Cupertino.

Social Coordinator: Katie Murphy* Katie is excited to be starting her second year as a College Terrace resident. As newlyweds, she and her husband, Rich Heley, will soon move into

their new home on Wellesley Street. Katie enjoyed her experience as Social Coordinator for the CTRA in 2010 and was pleased to see so many neighbors attend the annual picnics and library re-opening party. In the coming year, Katie would like to plan additional social events, as she believes it's a great way to share in the spirit of community that is so strong in the College Terrace neighborhood.

City Observer: Doria Summa* Doria and her husband, Bob Phillips, have lived in College Terrace for nearly twenty years in their Victorian house on Yale Street. Doria loves the neighborhood because of its diversity of people and housing, the rich history of the neighborhood, and its proximity to Stanford and the California Avenue business district. She has served on most committees, including those on Traffic Calming, Permit Parking, and the 2180 El Camino redevelopment. She spends countless hours working to maintain the neighborhood's livability in the face of development pressures from Stanford and the business districts.

Stanford Observer: Noel Bakhtian Noel has lived very happily in College Terrace for the past 3 years. A 5th-year graduate student in Aeronautics and Astronautics, Noel splits her time between Stanford and NASA Ames. She spends her free time gardening, hanging with the neighbors, and running up and down College Ave. As a member of both communities, Noel wants to help the Board maintain a strong and successful Stanford-College Terrace coexistence.

Research Park Observer: Margit Aramburu Margit has lived in a cottage on Amherst Street on and off for almost forty years. Margit works part time at University of the Pacific in Stockton, worked for over 25 years as a planner for the State of California. Margit supports the community assets of local library, neighborhood parks, and California Avenue business district. Her planning experience will bring familiarity with the language of permits, environmental documents, and development agreements to the position of Research Park Observer. Margit recognizes the need to monitor changes in the Research Park and supports open and frequent communication with the tenants, the City, and Stanford about issues linked to impacts to College Terrace. By serving on the Board, she wants to help keep College Terrace a safe and livable neighborhood

California Ave. Business District Observer: Jenn Lubert Jenn and her husband, Tim Landvoigt, live in a cottage on Wellesley. Tim is an Economics PhD candidate at Stanford and Jenn works as a Project Manager at Apple. They enjoy living in College Terrace because of the low key, friendly atmosphere, proximity to California Ave, Caltrain, Stanford and access to superb biking and hiking in the foothills. Jenn has volunteered for years on the College Terrace Green Team. One of the Team's 2011 charters is to monitor the new developments of California Ave and help drive any decisions which minimize negative impacts to the merchants but optimize the future experience of pedestrians, bikers and shoppers. Jenn brings to the board her Green Team experience and this goal to benefit the neighborhood.