

Residents of Norco **U**rging Protection of **R**ural and **A**nimal Keeping **L**ifestyles



Dedicated to Civic Accountability

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From Denise Lynn:

Districts- have you seen this?

I've been wondering about our friend Mr Shenkman*.

I see he seized an opportunity to benefit only himself under the guise of helping minorities. I've met many a people like him who stand on their soap boxes shouting the rights of others when they're true intentions are only to pad their own pockets. My previous employer used to have a mantra of "we are helping the underserved". He could have cared less about the underserved while he lived in his 10,000 square foot house with an elevator and end up losing his company that had been in business for 40 years because of greed. Now that we know what we're dealing with let's Stand United and move in the direction to save Norco and what it stands for.

***Meet the Malibu lawyer who is upending California's political system, one town at a time**

<http://www.latimes.com/local/abcarian/la-me-abcarian-shenkman-voting-20170514-story.html>



Next Meetings

FEBRUARY 22: Corinne Holder

MARCH 22: Ted Hoffman

APRIL 26: No Meeting!
Rodeo Time!

MAY 24: Robin Grundmeyer

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JANUARY 24, 2018

Board Present: President - Pat Overstreet, Vice President – Kathy Kramer, Secretary – Doris Higgins Absent, Treasurer – Denise Sutherland, Trail Marker – Don Kramer

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Welcome by: President, Pat Overstreet **Pledge of Allegiance:** Vice President, Kathy Kramer

Minutes: All approved of 10/26/17 general member ship. Approved as typed by Denise Sutherland and second by Kathy Kramer

Treasurer Report: Treasurer, Denise Sutherland, \$7960.29

Old Business:

- By-Laws & Articles of Association were updated & signed by Board
- Annual donations approved by Board 1/12/18 – Directors Insurance \$800; Concerts in the Park \$300; NHA Casino Nite \$100; FFA Barn Dance \$500; Parade of Lights \$500; Seniors & Pets \$0; and Animal Shelter \$500 via gift card for the cats from Petsmart/Petco.
- RURAL will be hosting 11th Annual Ranch Tour, next one, Saturday, May 19, 2018 – Pat Overstreet will be contacting members for volunteer service to man ticket table & being a docent at each location. Thank you in advance.
- Volunteers are needed for Horseweek in April & Posse Rodeo in August – Thank you in advance, Pat Overstreet will be calling upon you.

New Business:

- Please attend remaining 4th of 5 Public Hearing's regarding Districting. Deadline for Comments is Monday, January 29, 2018 – City can grant an extension in order to make a decision to fight or surrender. Next meeting Nellie Weaver – Wednesday, January 24, 2018 @ 7pm. Next meeting 2/7/18 – at City Council chambers
- Barn Dance – Saturday, February 3, 2018 @ Nellie Weaver
- Hall of Fame Sweetheart Dance – Saturday, February 10, 2018 @ Stacy Turner Stable – Tickets \$30 per person – no children
- Parade Update – City will sponsor Labor Day Parade 2018
- Challenged Children's Rodeo – recommended switching to Sunday's so volunteers can help, don't worry about gate entrance
- Kay O'Mara, guest – has a gas tax petition for signature to get repealed on November ballot
- Kay Schmidt – guest – advised her husband will be an honored recipient, due to validation of agent orange & being placed at the George A. Ingalls Memorial wall in May 2018.

Speaker:

- Andy Okoro, Norco City Manager & Cheryl Link, Norco City Clerk, provided power point presentation from the Public Hearing, held @ Nellie Weaver, Wednesday, 1/24/18, referencing the Potential District Boundaries relating to the Transition from "at-large" to "District-Based Council Member Elections."
- 3 new maps (Orange, Yellow & Tan) totaling 5 maps (Purple, Green, Tan, Orange, Yellow) were provided reflecting the statistical data on the backside dissected by Districts 1-5, demographics
- At Large Elections = voters of the entire city elect all members of the City Council & impairs the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of it's choice or its ability to influence the outcome of an election (Elections Code 14027)
- District-Based Elections = voters in each district choose their City Council representative who must also live in that district.
- Norco appears to be in violation of California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) and Federal Voting Rights Act (FVRA).
- CVRA vs FVRA = CVRA removes two of the four VFRA rights
- Demographic Study on Norco represented 30% of total population are Latinos and 22% of the eligible voters which was measured by Citizen Voting Age Population County
- Each District would have about 4560 residents
- Legal Framework – Election Code 10010; Government Code 34886
- Citizens are encouraged to draw their own maps and submit by 1/29/18 and should consider neighborhoods or communities; connections, barriers, divisions and points of interest

Some Pro's & Con's of Districting

PRO

- Each geographic area of City if represented
- Viewpoints that might not be citywide can be represented
- Minority Candidates have a better opportunity to be elected
- It will likely cost less to run for City Council since citywide campaigning is not required
- Each vote has a specific Council Member to contact for assistance
- Voters choice is simplified with less candidates to learn about

CON

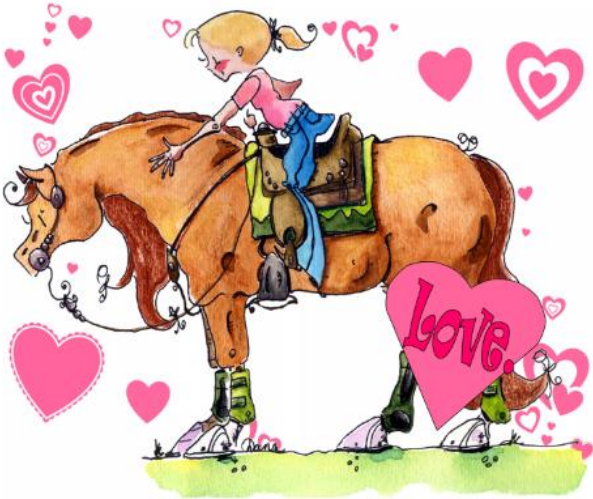
- Council Members may represent only the interests in their district not the whole City
- Candidates may be elected with few votes
- Council Members may have different views, may conflict with each other
- District lines have to be reviewed and possible re-drawn after each census & significant annexation
- Best qualified candidates may be concentrated in one district
- Depending on staggered terms, not all voters may be voting each election, reducing overall turnout.

Next General Meeting: Thursday, February 22, 2018 – Speaker – Corinne Holder – Term Limits @ 6th Street Deli, 7pm. Come early and socialize and eat some dinner.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:06pm & REMEMBER TO SHOP NORCO & tip our waitress!!

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Denise Sutherland, Treasurer

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Stay informed!

Attend city meetings to gather first hand information about both internal and external issues Norco is facing in 2018 and beyond.

Visit the City website (<http://www.norco.ca.us/>) for the calendar of meetings and events.

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What are the after-hours numbers?

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(951) 371-1143

Public Works (After Hours)
(951) 371-1143

Sheriff (Non-Emergency)
(951) 776-1099

Sheriff (General Information)
(951) 270-5673

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(951) 737-8097

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Andy Okoro City Manager and Cheryl Link-City Clerk discussing Districting.



Town Hall meeting 1-22-18

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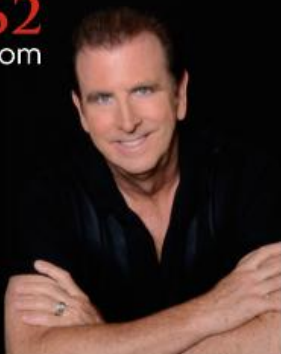
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February 22, 2018

Speaker: Corinne Holder, Term Limits

RURAL general meetings are held Sixth Street Deli at 7:00pm.

Come early and enjoy dinner with us.



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