



The Jacob Journal

A Newsletter from Supervisor Dianne Jacob

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A Peek Inside Supervisor Jacob's Mailbag

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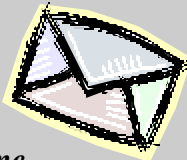
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Pine Valley
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Inaja
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Each week, Supervisor Jacob receives hundreds of letters by mail and e-mail. This month, she thought you'd like to take a look at some of her mail. From casinos to libraries, letter topics are as diverse as the district she represents. Here are some excerpts from messages received in the last few months, along with excerpts of responses to those letters.



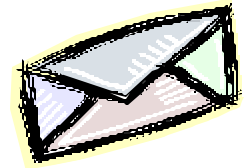
Dear Supervisor Jacob:
I am a homeowner in Mesa Grande where SDG&E is proposing to put a sub-station near my property as part of the proposed 500 kilovolt Sunrise transmission line. I do not believe this is the solution to our power problems. This is just another way for the power companies to drain money from us.

Constituent
Mesa Grande

Dear Constituent:
I am opposed to the line and share your concerns. Before SDG&E destroys a pristine state park, destroys property values and invests in costly imported power, it must examine other options and justify the need. Experts believe that by re-tooling existing plants, our region will move closer to meeting future energy demand. This effort, coupled with solar and conservation projects are far preferable to this costly line.

Dear Supervisor Jacob:
On behalf of Operation Homefront San Diego Chapter, I would like to personally invite you to serve on our local Advisory Board. After a careful review on your significant contributions to the military and the community at large, we believe that your presence on our board would indeed help us fulfill this mission.

Beth Steinke
Chapter President




Dear Beth:
It is with great pleasure that I accept your invitation to serve on the local advisory board. To the best of my ability, I will honor the responsibilities the position entails.

Ms. Jacob:
I can't find one person in favor of building a casino in Jamul, except the investors who stand to make a mint and do not even live here. It will create a traffic nightmare and will bring nothing to this community except more cars. The billboard bragging that it will bring \$100 million to the area is a joke. Please help prevent the casino.

Constituent
Jamul

Dear Constituent:
The battle against the Jamul Casino is far from over. I assure you I will continue to do everything in my power to stop this 30-story monstrosity. If you wish to join the opposition, I suggest you contact the Jamul Action Committee (JAC) which formed years ago to oppose the casino.

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Dear Ms. Jacob,
I live in Spring Valley and I just learned there are five sex offenders living in one house down the street. How could this happen? These guys are in a residential neighborhood with children around. It creeps me out when I drive by their house and see them walking down the street. Isn't there anything you can do?

Constituent
Spring Valley

The County has repeatedly urged the State to strengthen laws related to sex offenders, including laws that would prohibit offenders from living near schools, and childcare centers. At my request, the County supports the Jessica's Law Initiative on the November ballot which calls for lifetime satellite tracking, tougher sentences, safe zones for kids, among other new rules. I'm also forwarding your e-mail to Sheriff William Kolender and the Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement Task Force (SAFE).

Dear Dianne:
The popular television series "24" filmed at our submarine base last week. The star, Kiefer Sutherland, was here for the entire four day shoot. The crew and talent spent thousands of dollars during their stay here. Ten local people earned jobs on this show.

Cathy Anderson
San Diego Film Commission

Dear Ms. Jacob:
I have been in the El Cajon branch of the library all times of the day and evening. No one is there to monitor the restroom. Homeless use it to bathe. The counter tops around the sinks are full of water puddles. Teens leave paper towels all over the floor as well as food wrappers. Please look into increasing janitorial services.

Constituent
Community not stated

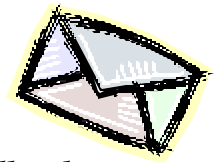
***Dear Constituent:
Thank you for your e-mail regarding the unsanitary conditions of the rest room at the library. I have forwarded a copy of your correspondence to Walt Ekard, Chief Administrative Officer for the County and have asked him to review this matter and respond directly to you.***

To Whom It May Concern:
Is there a way to purge all voter registrations before next elections to filter out illegal voters? This is a bigger deal than many think it is. I am a South Pacific WWII veteran. We took no prisoners and gave you a clean, honest country. Don't give me any excuses!

Constituent
La Mesa

***Dear Constituent:
I firmly oppose illegal voters participating in elections. I have forwarded your letter to Mr. Mikel Haas, Registrar of Voters and have asked him to report***

directly back to you with the necessary steps the County has taken to curtail illegal voting.



Dianne:
The Winchester Widows are applying to the Rose Parade again. We are hoping that you could put in a good word for us. We are competing with over 1,000 equestrian entries and only 100 are selected.

Susan Blackmon
Winchester Widows

***Dear Rose Parade Committee:
I strongly support the participation of the San Diego-based Winchester Widows in the 2007 parade. Wearing old west garments, hats, guns and boots, they provide a unique and exciting glimpse into our nation's western heritage.***

Supervisor Jacob:
I am a volunteer at Alvarado Hospital and have been for 15 plus years. To close this facility would be a disastrous move and deal a severe blow to health care in East County.

Name and community withheld

Dear Supervisor:
I am president of the Comebackers Neuro Club, an Organization of stroke survivors. The support we receive from Alvarado Hospital has been

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essential. The hospital has granted our every request for support and has helped a lot of people to recover. Our members would be seriously harmed by its loss.

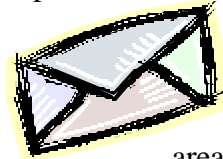
Giralamo "Jerry" D'Angelo
Combackers Neuro Club

As detailed in last month's Jacob Journal, Supervisor Jacob received good news from the owners of Alvarado, who pledged to make every effort to keep the hospital open as a acute care facility. Supervisor Jacob continues to monitor the sale.

Dear Dianne Jacob:

The people of Boulevard have not been given a choice to have open elections for our Sponsor Group.

My husband and I want to elect who we want to represent us. No more of these people picking who they want to serve for us without considering our opinions.



Constituent
Boulevard

Dear Constituent:

I took an action before the Board on June 21. This action will enable voters in Boulevard to decide whether they would like to change their current Sponsor Group to an elected Planning Group.

Dear Dianne

I would like to know why the Mexican flag is flying at the East Region Family Resource Center in El Cajon. I know that people from

Mexico frequent the building but I don't think that Mexico owns the building so I would like to see that the flag be removed as soon as possible. This is the USA to the best of my knowledge.

Constituent
El Cajon

The flag flying over the building is the County of San Diego flag, not the Mexican flag. The designs are similar. Both flags include green, red and white stripes and both have a seal in the center. However, the direction of the stripes are different. The County flag has a red stripe across the top of the flag while the Mexican begins with a green stripe on the left panel and ends with a red panel on the right.

Dear Supervisor Jacob:

My wife and I live in Lakeside about a mile from the proposed Home Depot in El Cajon. We think the area should remain residential.

The impact on the surrounding homes would be terribly negative. I also note the Home Depot is going to build about two miles from the proposed site. Do we really need two Home Depots in such a small area?

Constituent
Lakeside

Dear Constituent:

I am pleased to inform you that on June 5, on my motion, the Local Agency Formation Commission took action by 5-3 vote to deny the City of El Cajon and Home Depot's proposal to annex their property in order to move forward.



An End to Deadly Teen Booze Parties

Fights. Assaults. Car crashes. Injuries. When teens drink alcohol, bad situations ensue. The County has a message for anyone supplying alcohol to minors: the party is over. The Board of Supervisors is strengthening its three-year-old Social Host Ordinance, the local law designed to keep young people away from alcohol and the problems associated with its use. When finalized, the County's new and improved ordinance will fine anyone – minor or adult – caught serving alcohol to minors at social gatherings.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION



Supervisor Jacob invites you to an informal coffee to share your thoughts.

**Friday, August 11
8:30 AM
Rancho San Diego Library
11555 Via Rancho San Diego
Rancho San Diego**

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We hope to hear from you soon!

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