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## Upcoming Events at SVARW

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- ♦ September 12th—SVARW "Fun Raiser" - Lunch and Music with Larry Pegram
- ♦ September 15th —SVARW Monthly Meeting—What You Need to Know for Nov. 2nd
- ♦ October 20th —Monthly Meeting —Our Constitution and Capitalism
- ♦ November 17th—Monthly Meeting—Karen England

#### SVARW MONTHLY MEETINGS

La Rinconada  
Country Club

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM  
14595 Clearview Drive  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

Cost: \$13 includes  
Continental Breakfast

### September 15, 2010 —SVARW Monthly Meeting

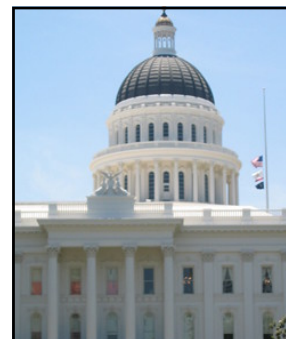
#### What You Need to Know to Cast Your Ballot in November

One of the benefits of being a member of SVARW is the opportunity to learn about local candidates and county, city and state ballot measures and propositions. In about 30 days you will be receiving your sample ballots and absentee ballots for the November 2nd election. Our SVARW meeting on September 15th is a great opportunity to:

- Hear from candidates running for local office and be able to ask your questions. Determine which candidates running for non-partisan offices reflect your values.
- Take the mystery out of the eight California propositions that will be decided on November 2nd.

Once again we have the privilege of having Dr. Gloria Hom explain in simple terms what Propositions 19 through 27 will mean to us.

*Invite your friends to attend!*



LOCATION  
La Rinconada Country Club  
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Check In —9:00 AM  
14595 Clearview Drive -Los Gatos, CA 95032

### SVARW October 20 th Monthly Meeting —Save the Date!

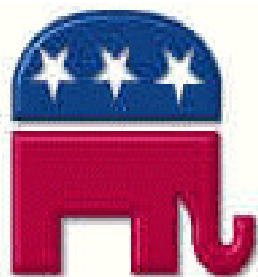
Our Constitution and Capitalism is the subject of October's meeting. Join us as we hear a presentation from Anthony F. Earle, Esq., a Cupertino attorney who is an authority on our Constitution. Don't miss this stirring talk.

Sunday, September 12, 1:30-4:00 PM

## Lunch and Music with Larry

See page 7 for details

Our organization has been very successful this year in raising money and volunteering to re-elect Pete Constant and Mayor Chuck Reed to the San Jose City Council...but they need another conservative voice on the San Jose City Council to push forward with needed reforms. Please join SVARW in a "Fun Raiser" to support the election of Larry Pegram to the San Jose City Council.





### Officers for 2010

President  
Cathy Davis

First Vice President  
Martha Snodgrass

Second Vice President  
Carol Joyal

Recording Secretary  
Jan Nedde

Corresponding Secretary  
Lisa Seago

Treasurer  
Helen Gaetano

Next Board Meeting  
Wednesday, Sept 29th  
@ 10:00 AM

### Sunshine

Norine needs to know if a member is ill or has lost a loved one. We care about our members and would like to follow up with a call and a card. Please call Norine Bacon and let her know who needs a special call or card.

408-377-7111

## Endorsed Candidates for 2010

Visit our website [www.SVARW.com](http://www.SVARW.com) for more election information

### FEDERAL



Tom McClintock for U.S. Congress — California District 4

Scott Kirkland for U.S. Congress —California District 15

Dan Sahagun for U.S. Congress —California District 16

Star Parker for U.S. Congress —California District 37

Michele Bachmann for U.S. Congress —Minnesota District 6

### STATE

Governor of California —NOT JERRY BROWN

Lt. Governor of California —NOT GAVIN NEWSOM

### LOCAL



Mike Wasserman

Mike Wasserman, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

Larry Pegram for San Jose City Council District 9

Debbie Giordano, Mayor Milpitas

Don Gage, Santa Clara County Water District

Julie Constant —Campbell Union School District Board

### Report of SVARW Nomination Committee

At our October meeting, SVARW members will be called on to vote for our 2011 officers. The following members have been nominated:

President —Cathy Davis

First Vice President —Martha Snodgrass

Second Vice President —Allison Spiller

Recording Secretary —Jan Nedde

Corresponding Secretary —Lisa Seago

Treasurer —Helen Gaetano

Nominations will be taken from the floor at our October meeting.

## SVARW Activities this Summer!!

### Puettes Host July SVARW Firearms Outing

By Debra Janssen-Martinez

Longtime SVARW member and staunch 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights advocate J.P. Puette and her husband Bob graciously hosted a full day of gun safety, updates on current Second Amendment and numerous NRA activities for 17 SVARW members during a hot July 16 gathering. At the sprawling 35 acre Rancho Don Roberto, attendees were treated to sweeping vistas of towering oaks, abundant wildlife, golden open range and steep canyons, while learning about the importance of preserving the rights associated with gun ownership and usage.

A good time was had by all the attendees as they learned about gun safety, self-defense at home and away, NRA sponsored classes, camps and family programs. The primary speaker and instructor, Heide Kaser held her audience's rapt attention throughout her nearly 4 hours of presentation and instruction with humor and compelling real life stories of women defending themselves in ordinary situations, suddenly turned dangerous. Kaser is a veteran firearms instructor for the U.S. military, FBI and other Federal agencies.



Heidi offered numerous personal safety tips for home protection, self-defense planning. Her focus was primarily on avoiding confrontation with intruders and/or attackers. She urged prevention, planning and awareness. She urged all attendees to pursue further training in self defense through NRA approved courses available both nationwide and locally.

J.P. urged all SVARW members and their families to become NRA members, especially as participants in the Women's Leadership Forum, a part of the NRA organization. "When the Mom shoots and participates in shooting sports and activities, the whole family gets involved," says Puette. Support for the national organization will help to ensure protection of our rights for future generations.

J.P. also answered questions and led discussions about the NRA's recent endorsement of Harry Reid's record on gun rights. Puette explained that the NRA, while generally in support of Conservative views, is a single issue organization, dedicated to promoting and defending our Constitutional right to own and use firearms. The NRA endorsed his very strong support of gun rights, not necessarily his other political positions.

### Letter Writing

Every Wednesday this summer a group of dedicated volunteers gathered to write and address letters for Congressional Candidates Scott Kirkland (against Honda), Daniel Sahagun (against Lofgren) and Assembly Candidate Robert Chandler (against Beall). Over 10,000 letters were signed, addressed and stamps. Thank you to everyone who contributed time, stamps, money, and supplies. The financing for this project was provided by the attendees - thank you everyone. The only support from the candidates is that they dropped by to give us some great encouragement!!!! (and Scott's daughter even made us cupcakes!). SVARW was joined in this effort by several other local organizations.





Phone Numbers  
Local Assemblyman

Ira Ruskin  
(650) 691-2121

Jim Beall  
(408) 282-8920

Local State Senators  
TBD  
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Liz Figueroa  
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S. Joseph Simitian  
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Elaine Alquist  
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## Legislation

### Ballot Recommendations

Prepared by Barbara Wales and voted on by the SVARW Board

Gloria Hom will be at the September Meeting to discuss ballot measures. Certain issues show no position either because SVARW has elected to take no position or to wait for the analysis by Dr. Hom prior to making a decision. Issues of special interest are shown in bold.

#### Local Measures

- A Santa Clara County: \$29 Parcel Tax No
- B Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority: Motor vehicle registration fee increase No
- C Santa Clara Valley Water District: Term Limits Yes
- E E Foothill-De Anza Community College District: \$69 parcel tax No
- G San Jose/Evergreen community College District: \$268 million in bonds No
- H Santa Clara Unified School District: \$811 million in bonds No
- I East Side Union High School District: \$98 parcel tax No
- J Franklin-McKinley School District: \$50,000,000 in bonds No
- K Moreland School District: \$55,000,000 in bonds No
- L Cambrian School District: \$98 parcel tax No
- M City of Campbell: Increase business license tax No
- N City of Campbell: Increase transient occupancy tax No
- O City of Campbell: Change City Clerk and Treasurer to appointive No  
(analysis courtesy of Marian Cosgrove)
- P City of Morgan Hill: Change City Clerk and Treasurer to appointive: No  
(analysis courtesy of Marian Cosgrove)
- Q City of Saratoga: two-story limit No position
- R City of Palo Alto: Charter amendment No position
- S City of Palo Alto: election schedule No position
- T City of Mountain View: update utility users tax No
- U City of San Jose: Tax on marijuana businesses No position
- V City of San Jose: Arbitration (proposed by Mayor Reed and supported by Pete Constant) Yes
- W City of San Jose: cost control of benefits (proposed by Mayor Reed and supported by Pete Constant) Yes

#### State

- 19 Legalize marijuana No
- 20 Redistricting of Congressional Districts Yes
- 21 \$18 addition vehicle license surcharge No
- 22 Prohibits states from taking funds from local governments No position
- 23 Suspends air pollution control laws until unemployment drops Yes
- 24 Repeals legislation that allows business certain tax benefits No
- 25 Changes two-thirds required for budget approval in the legislature to a majority No
- 26 Increases to two-thirds legislative vote for state levies and charges Yes

## Larry Pegram on Issues Affecting San Jose

By Allison Spiller

At the recent Stars and Stripes event, SVARW caught up with Larry Pegram, candidate for San Jose City Council District 9. We posed a few questions to Larry about important issues and upcoming November ballot propositions that will affect the citizens of San Jose. Below are his responses.

### 1. What happens if San Jose goes broke? Is this likely?

If San Jose were to go the way of Vallejo, the cost to the residents of Silicon Valley would be enormous. The cost would be measured in loss of investor confidence in the City of San Jose and its debt instruments, and fear on the part of businesses domiciled not only in San Jose but in Silicon Valley. Businesses seek consistency and stability. The loss of future as well as current jobs would be devastating. Companies would have to choose whether to initially locate their business in another area or move to a location that is more stable financially.

It is unlikely that the City would file bankruptcy. The Mayor, a slim majority on the Council, and City Management are committed to fiscal solvency and stability on the part of the City of San Jose. This election is crucial though, as a strengthened labor majority on the council could continue the unsustainable pension and benefit practices that have fostered the structural deficit the city has faced for the past nine years. A solid majority of fiscally conservative Council members is key to the financial future of the City.

### 2. Can you discuss the upcoming San Jose ballot measures -- i.e. what they are and why they are important?

#### a. A measure to tax cannabis clubs

I do not favor cannabis clubs so I do not favor the measure to tax them. This measure would only go into effect if the state ballot measure allowing cannabis clubs is passed by a majority of Californians. Cannabis is a gateway drug. I do hope the citizens of California are wise enough to vote both the state measure and this measure down.

#### b. A measure to loosen rules on pension obligations for city employees

Measure W on the November ballot is a City Charter change that removes the minimums that the City will pay toward retiree pensions and benefits for employees hired after the measure is passed. This will then place the whole question of benefits for future employees into the "Meet and Confer" process where the City Council and the employee organizations meet in order to agree on the future costs for retirees.

I encourage your readers to take a look at the Pegram Pledge on my website, [www.larrypeggram.com](http://www.larrypeggram.com) for my commitment to the residents of District 9 and the City of San Jose regarding pension reform.

#### c. Binding arbitration for police and firefighters

On the November ballot as Measure V, this is an extremely important modification to the current binding arbitration practices codified in the City Charter. The most important provision of the measure is to place a limitation on arbitration awards to those that are affordable to the City. Currently, an arbitrator can (and has) granted an award that was in excess of the City's ability to pay. Since the award is binding, the City had to take monies that were to have gone to other, non-sworn personnel to meet the terms of the arbitration award.

I support and have publically endorsed both Measures "V" and "W".



Left to right: Chuck Reed, Mike Wasserman, Don Gage and Larry Pegram.



## SVARW Stars and Stripes —Big Success! Great Fun!

Our 2010 Stars and Stripes Gala was the largest event we have held! It's clear that we have to find an even bigger venue for next year! We raised over \$4,000 to use toward helping local candidates get elected to office...and had fun doing it! Special thanks goes to Lisa Marshik and the entire Stars and Stripes committee that worked so hard to make the event a success.



Many Thanks to all  
of the  
Young People  
who helped!  
Kayla Higuera  
Hannah Westall-  
Toler  
McKenna Williams  
Cullen Williams  
KC Ham  
Campbell Crawford  
Caroline Crawford  
Hunter Davis  
Austen Davis  
Taryn Spiller







Help Elect Larry Pegram to the San Jose City Council!

# Lunch & Music with Larry!

Sunday, September 12, 2010

1:30—4:00 PM —111 Worcester Lane, Los Gatos 95030

Sponsored by: The Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women

[www.SVARW.com](http://www.SVARW.com)

Hosts: Jan and Norman Nedde & Jan and Peter Soule'

Co-Host: Ernie Konnyu

Join us for..

- A blast with fellow Republicans!
- Pasta Lunch with Appetizers, Dessert, Wine and beverages.
- Listening to live music by classical guitarist, Randy Seago.

**Purchase Tickets:** Complete the form below and mail with check.

Make out your check to Friends of Larry Pegram

Mail to: Jan Soule, 3415 Todd Way, San Jose, CA 95124 —Questions? Call 408-705-2156

Or go to: [www.LarryPegram.com](http://www.LarryPegram.com) and purchase tickets online using your credit card



**Larry Pegram**

San Jose City Council District 9

Endorsed by

San Jose Mayor

Chuck Reed

San Jose Councilman

Pete Constant

Santa Clara County Supervisor

Don Gage

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<input type="text"/>	Early Tickets \$40	<input type="text"/>	Early Tickets Couple —\$75
<input type="text"/>	Tickets at the door \$ 50	<input type="text"/>	

Name	
Address	
City, State Zip	
Occupation	
Employer	
Occupation —Spouse (If couple donation)	
Employer —Spouse (if couple donation)	
Phone Number	
Email	

## Why Support Larry Pegram

San Jose has struggled to balance the budget for the past nine years. With 70% of the San Jose's budget going to pay for personnel, the unions are reluctant to make any concessions preferring to see the San Jose City Council raise taxes and fees on residents.

Larry Pegram is absolutely opposed to increasing taxes and will work to reduce benefits offered to new city employees. Larry's opponent is endorsed by the Central Labor Council.

Even if you do not live in San Jose, the decisions made by the San Jose City Council effect you! All other municipalities in Santa Clara County follow the decisions made by San Jose. Plus, San Jose controls facilities like the airport that are used by people living in other areas.

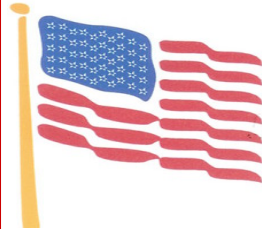


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### Patriotism Contest

SVARW is sponsoring a Patriotism Contest for students in elementary, middle and high school. This important project recognizes our youth and our future. Watch for more information at our meetings. For more information and/or applications please contact Barbara Wales at [rdwales@earthlink.net](mailto:rdwales@earthlink.net) or (408) 379-0727. A special thank you to Kerri Dunlay who contributed to this project.

# Lunch and Music with Larry

See Page 7 for details!