15,000 voter signatures needed

Irvine citizens launch Initiative to build Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery

The planned Veterans Memorial Park & Cemetery at the 125-acre Great Park ARDA site — including key features described in the 333-page Concept Plan — was approved 3 years ago by the State of California (CalVet) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Ed Pope, founding Chair of the Build the Great Park Veterans Cemetery citizens’ committee, did a lot of thinking this summer while recovering at home from a stroke he suffered in May. Pope — a U.S. Army veteran, an Irvine resident since 1972, and a retired award-winning High School Teacher of the Year — says that while regaining his strength, he thought a lot about what he called his “civic mission” to finally get the Veterans Cemetery built and operational at the Great Park, as originally planned and approved by the City, State, and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Mid-summer, Pope turned to his friend, former Irvine Mayor Larry Agran, with what he called “a major request.” He asked Agran, a skilled public interest attorney and former Legal Counsel with the State Legislature, to take on the task of drawing up a citizens’ initiative to “once and for all implement the will of the people to get the Veterans Cemetery built.” Agran agreed to do it.

As official proponent of the Build the Great Park Veterans Cemetery Initiative — now being circulated to gather Irvine voter signatures — Agran explained its key provisions: “Specifically, the Initiative provides that the 125-acre, City-owned ARDA site at the Great Park will be zoned exclusively

Publisher’s Perspective

Veterans Cemetery Initiative, YES!

Irvine Community News & Views (ICNV) strongly endorses the “Build the Great Park Veterans Cemetery” Initiative — now being circulated by volunteers throughout the City. We urge all Irvine voters to sign the Initiative Petition and help get it on the ballot.

Mayor Christina Shea and developer FivePoint continue to push their schemes to replace the planned Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park with massive FivePoint development projects. Voters, instead, want a beautiful State built and operated Veterans Memorial Park & Cemetery. Period! Just say “YES!” when asked to sign the Initiative.

Franklin J. Landig, Publisher and Editor

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for only one land-use purpose — for a beautiful Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery."

Agran pointed out that initiative makes clear that in addition to the planned Veterans Cemetery itself, the site will also include complementary Memorial Gardens, a two-mile Trail with thousands of trees, and a small-scale air museum that includes restoration of the iconic control tower and airplane hangars dating back to World War II, when the site was part of what was the Marine Corps Air Station at El Toro.

Agran has drafted numerous laws and initiatives for Irvine, noted that “under the provisions of key State laws enacted this summer, if Irvine voters say ‘YES’ to the Initiative, the Veterans Memorial Park & Cemetery will be built and operated on the Great Park. ARDA is at no cost to the City of Irvine.”

Both Agran and Pope stress that the Initiative is “urgently needed” because, in Pope’s words, “Mayor Christine Shea, long an opponent of the Veterans Cemetery, continues to work with developers on a scheme that will replace our long-planned Veterans Cemetery on the City-owned ARDA site with five-point development — office, commercial, industrial, and even apartment development — and traffic, traffic, traffic.”

Pope added, “We can’t let that happen. That’s why we’re asking folks to support our Initiative.”

Grassroots Campaign

With just a few months to gather nearly 15,000 Irvine voter signatures to qualify the Initiative for the 2020 ballot, Pope says, “This is the time for citizen action. This is the time to activate direct democracy. That’s what the Initiative process is all about!”

While he now finds it physically difficult to gather many Initiative petition signatures on his own, through phone calls and emails Pope is recruiting scores of volunteers to get the job done.

“Irvine residents and voters should expect to see signature-gatherers at the public libraries and City parks and shopping centers,” says Pope. “We also hope to enlist 100 neighborhood leaders. folks who will agree to put up a lawn sign and gather 50 or 100 signatures from their Irvine friends and neighbors who share our determination to, at long last, make our Veterans Memorial Park & Cemetery a reality!”

CityWatch

by Larry Agran
Q & A with Ed Pope, Chair of the committee to “Build the Great Park Veterans Cemetery”

The entire Irvine community owes a huge debt of gratitude to Ed Pope, founding Chair of the “Build the Great Park Veterans Cemetery” Committee. For the past five years, Ed has been urging the City Council to follow through on its pledge, first made in 2014, to transfer the City-owned 125-acre “ARDA” site at the Great Park to the State — so the State (Cal Vet) can quickly build and begin operating a beautiful park and cemetery, at no cost to the City of Irvine.

Ed Pope is a U.S. Army veteran and a retired, award-winning “High School Teacher of the Year.” He has lived in Irvine since 1977 and has always been a civic activist, championing good planning that includes the establishment of the Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery — at the Great Park.

Since May, Ed has been recovering from a stroke. Nevertheless, he and his committee volunteers have been on the move — launching an initiative once-and-for-all to get the Veterans Cemetery built and operational. Ed recently explained the go-forward strategy to use when I sat down with him for an interview.

Q. First, how are you doing, Ed?

A. Well, you know. I had a stroke a few months ago. I’ve been making a good recovery, helped by many friends and well-wishers. I’m not at full strength yet, but I’m getting around every day. And, I’m more determined than ever to complete our mission: to implement the will of the people and finally get the 125-acre ARDA site at the Great Park transferred to Cal Vet to build and operate our Veterans Memorial Park & Cemetery.

Q. So, here’s the question: Just how do you propose to do that when the Mayor and developer FivePoint are so determined to delay and defeat the Veterans Cemetery project?

A. The political reality is this: With its big campaign donations and other favors, billion-dollar developer FivePoint now controls Mayor Christine Shea, Councilman Anthony Kuo, and newly appointed Councilman Mike Carroll. These three do whatever FivePoint wants. And FivePoint clearly wants to block our planned Veterans Cemetery at the Great Park. ARDA site and get control of the property for its own massive development and profit. Do you remember their “Museum B” land-grab scheme to replace our planned Veterans Cemetery at the ARDA site with 82,000 square feet of development? Well, we used one of the tools of direct democracy — the right of initiative — to gather enough signatures to force the City Council to put their corrupt deal on the ballot last year, where it was soundly rejected. 63 percent to 37 percent. As Irvine voters, we actually stopped their corrupt scheme. But then, led by Shea, certain Councilmembers angrily ignored the will of the people and came up with still more sickening plans to replace the planned Veterans Cemetery at the ARDA site with FivePoint development. And, so, we are now resorting to a second tool of direct democracy — the right of initiative. We are exercising our right, under the State Constitution, to draft our own laws which, once adopted by Irvine voters, effectively commands the City Council to transfer the ARDA site to the State to build the Veterans Cemetery. Of course, we have to perform more than 15,000 signatures to get our “Build the Great Park Veterans Cemetery” initiative on the ballot. That’s a big task!

Q. What, specifically, does the initiative provide?

A. The initiative provides that the original 125-acre ARDA site will be the exclusive location for the State-built and State-operated Veterans Memorial Park & Cemetery. And the City Council must transfer the property to the State for this purpose.

Q. Aren’t you worried that Shea, Carroll and others will continue to look for ways to thwart your citywide initiative effort and defy the will of the people?

A. At some point, in a representative democracy, it’s about honoring and respecting the will of the people. Christine Shea clearly doesn’t. Neither do Councilmembers Mike Carroll and Anthony Kuo. When things get tough, the third tool of direct democracy — recall — comes into play. The power of recall gives Irvine voters the right to gather enough signatures to force a special election to remove those individuals from office and replace them with new elected officials. It looks like that’s where things are headed in Irvine, especially regarding Shea and Carroll, who not only disregarded and disrespected the will of the people they weren’t even elected to represent. They got their positions through a series of secret, backroom deals that were orchestrated by developer FivePoint and that have undermined our local Irvine democracy.

Larry Agran served on the Irvine Civic Council for almost three decades — including ten years as Mayor. He led the fight to preserve Irvine Open Space, and defeat an international airport at the former El Toro Marine Corps Air Station, creating the opportunity to build the Orange County Great Park and the Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery at the Great Park.
Senior Life — Youthful Lifestyle
Walking Briskly for a Healthy Life

I t has been proven in many studies that exercise is far more than just a “good thing.” Significant exercise almost every day is essential for mental and physical health and to maintain the ability to be happy and productive into your 80s, 90s, and beyond. Without significant exercise every day, frailty and chronic diseases (like diabetes, stroke, cardiovascular disease and even cancer), as well as lack of energy and mental impairment are virtually inevitable. So, what if you can’t walk as fast as you’d like, or maybe you need a walker or a cane? The answer is to do what you can, as long as you keep pushing yourself. Slowing down just leads to more slowing down. Pushing ahead leads to more ability to push ahead.

Exercise is for more than to achieve strength
Exercise has two main functions. First, exercise maintains fitness, so you don’t lose your strength and fall over, or trip over something (a toy or a sidewalk crack) and are unable to recover. Notice that recovery from a trip (before falling) is no problem for a young person, and it needn’t be a problem for an older person if significant exercise has been part of your life since the days when falling was not a problem. My own experience tells me that I’ve traveled more than 100,000 miles without falling and walking fast, and yet I can recover my footing without falling.

Second, an extremely important effect of exercise is that anabolic metabolism generates all sorts of proteins and other metabolic products that are prepared by the other organs in the body for proper functioning. And any muscular activity will have that effect. If you can’t walk, then lift weights with your arms. Instead of pushing the cart with your grocery or car, carry the bags to your car and leave the cart at the store. By the way, don’t lock your parking spot closest to the store. If you park in the sparsely part of the lot, you’ll save time and frustration of searching for a parking spot, while providing enough opportunity to walk briskly as you can to the store.

How much is enough exercise?
So, how much exercise is enough to have a positive impact on your health? According to studies, you don’t have to be a “gym bunny.”

However, walking must be more than a casual stroll. These same studies suggest that walking briskly at least 30 minutes each day provides profound health benefits. Briskly is the key word. All of the hundreds of studies conducted using walking 3–4 mph as the minimum standard to obtain a significant health benefit. Counting steps is relatively useless unless they are brisk. Walking back and forth in your kitchen from the sink to the refrigerator to the kitchen table will increase your step count and is better than lying in bed, but it does not have a significant health benefit. However, if you can walk 3–4 mph, walk as far as you can. Push yourself, even if you’re using a walker. That’s the key. Pushing yourself becomes a virtuoso cycle. Going ever slower becomes a vicious cycle.

Exercise opportunities
Exercise isn’t something that only happens in a gym. It can happen throughout the day. Consider walking up the stairs rather than using the elevator. Go up two stairs at a time, or work at it until you can. Remember, being sedentary is the biggest problem killer and brisk walking is a toxic cultural phenomenon that we must overcome.

Some people prefer to walk alone. Others like to walk in a group for the motivation and friendly social interaction. Irvine provides many opportunities to do things in groups — walking, hiking, running — all fabulous exercises that people find endlessly enjoyable. To learn more about hiking in Irvine’s vast open space areas, either alone or with a group outing, go to Let’sGoOutside.org.

Irvine’s neighborhoods and open spaces provide wonderful opportunities to walk — with plentiful walkways and on the many trails throughout the City.

An ICNY Feature Series On Healthy Living As We Age

By Harvey H. Liss, Ph.D.

Harvey H. Liss, 75, is a 54-year resident of Woodcliffe. He was a Project Engineer for that iconic Irvine village during the late 1970s. Harvey is a Professional Civil Engineer, and California, NCIDQ, PE. Liss received his B.C.E. from The University of Arkansas, and his Ph.D. in Applied Mechanics from NTU. Dr. Liss has had a lifelong interest in maintaining the most healthful lifestyle possible.
Community Calendar

OCTOBER

The 18th Annual Irvine Global Village Festival
Orange County Great Park. October 12 and 13. 10am-5pm. Tickets and Info: 949-724-6600

ART EXHIBITION: Having Been There
Irvine City Hall Lobby. Exhibit runs now through October 11. 8am-5pm Monday through Friday. Info: 949-724-6880

MOZART CLASSICAL ORCHESTRA EVENT
Irvine Barclay Theatre Mozart Classical Orchestra Sunday, October 20. 3pm (10% off/first-timers) Haydn-Trumpet Concerto & Symphony No.6 Info: mozartorchestra.org Tickets: 949-854-4446

VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON
Lakeview Senior Center. Friday, November 8, 11:15am-1:30pm. Info: 949-724-6900

November highlights

December Events 2019

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HOLIDAY FAIRE
Irvine Fine Arts Center. Saturday, November 9, 9am-4pm. Info: 949-724-6880

HEALTH & WEALTH LECTURE
Gross Hall, at UCI, 845 Health Sciences Road. Tuesday, November 19, 7-8pm. Free. Registration is required. Info: 949-824-2163

FAVORITE CHARACTERS SCAVENGER HUNT
Heritage Park Library. Monday, November 25, 3:30-4:30pm. Info: 949-936-4040

Turkey Trot
Irvine Valley College. Thursday, November 28, 8am. Info: RunSignUp.com

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**Special Commentary: A time for bold ACTION!**

Summer 2019 in America drew to an ugly, horrific end. Mass shootings in August generated scores of new gun-violence casualties and a growing list of newly forming communities. Gilroy, California; Dayton, Ohio, and the El Paso, Odessa, and Midland communities in west Texas.

With millions of semi-automatic military assault rifles in private hands, no city in America is safe from homemade mass violence.

The specter of mass-casualty violence now looms over every venue where the public gathers — shopping malls, movie theaters, outdoor concerts, sports stadiums, and in every church, synagogue, and mosque. As the new school year got underway this fall in Irvine — “America’s Safest City” — parents and grandparents wondered aloud about the threat of gun violence in Irvine schools, and what to do about it.

We asked three Irvine Community News & Views columnists, Dr. Phyllis Agron, Carolyn Immans, and Larry Agran, to once again weigh in on the gun violence issue. While their professional perspectives vary, they agree on the single most effective step that can be taken to reduce violence: eliminate mass casualty gun violence in America’s schools. Run the sale and possession of military-style assault weapons in civil society.

**Phyllis Agron** is a practicing Orange County pediatrician, a Professor at the UCI School of Medicine and Past President of the Orange County Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Agron is a recognized national expert in pediatric injury prevention and control.

**Carolyn Immans** is a retired Irvine teacher. She taught at virtually every grade level, from K-12, as well as at the community college level.

**Larry Agran**, a public interest attorney, served on the Irvine City Council for almost three decades — including ten years as Mayor.

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**BOLD CLIMATE ACTION PLAN FOR IRIrvine: NET-NEGATIVE IN 10 YEARS!**

by Dr. Kev Abazajian, Gianna Imm and Ben Lefeld

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Irvine has been a leading city in environmentalism and sustainability since its founding. On December 30, 1971, at the second meeting of the Irvine City Council, the City Council adopted an Urgency Ordinance placing immediate restrictions on new or expanded mature trees on private property. In the 1990s, UC Irvine and the City of Irvine led the charge in safeguarding and planting the plant community by eliminating the use of CFCs and other ozone-depleting compounds that were destroying the Earth’s protective ozone layer.

Now, in the 21st Century, we face a new existential threat. Global warming and the worsening climate crisis threaten one million species, with extinction estimated to be about 10 percent of the planet’s animal and plant species. Here in the U.S., property on the East Coast, West Coast, and Great Lakes will be inundated due to sea level rise.

**Action Talon, But Much More Is Needed**

In some ways, the Irvine community has already begun to take action in the face of climate change. For 10 years, UC Irvine has been among Sierra Magazine’s Top 10 “Cool Schools.” UCI is #1 again this year, in recognition of its impressive environmental protection and climate protection programs.

Meanwhile, the Irvine Unified School District has installed solar panels on its various campus rooftops and parking lots to green its energy source, as well as save money.

These are important programs to combat climate change, but much more needs to be done, especially by the Irvine City Council and our entire municipal government. The plain fact is that we face a climate crisis that is a global emergency. The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) states we have until 2030 to reduce our global carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions by 45 percent in order to avoid catastrophic global climate change. We will see worsening droughts, diminished air quality, disease epidemics, and skyrocketing food prices if we do not hit this 45 percent CO2 reduction.

This seems an insurmountably difficult challenge, but it does not have to be. The good news is that the science and technology of solar panels and batteries has — this year, for the first time — cut the cost of generating and storing solar power to the point that it is actually cheapest than power derived from fossil fuels.

An Irvine Climate Action Plan

The Irvine City Council voted in July to create a Climate Action Plan. City staff reported that a scope of work is currently being defined and a request for professional environmental proposals will be issued in November. Let’s be clear: To be of real value, Irvine’s Climate Action Plan must be bold!

Right here in Irvine, we have the resources and the motivation to get net-zero carbon emissions and even possible to net negative within 10 years. The City of Irvine has led with this kind of boldness before. In 1989, then-Mayor Larry Agran and the Irvine City Council led the way to combat another existential threat — the destruction of the Earth’s stratospheric ozone layer by chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). Our very own City Council adopted a comprehensive municipal ordinance to eliminate CFCs and other ozone-depleting compounds. A year later, cooperation between the City and UCI’s Nobel Laureate Sherwood Rowland led to the creation of IGECI, an international organization of cities now known as Local Governments for Sustainability. This organization has become the largest force for bottom-up environmental protection emanating from the world’s cities.

Irvine must again become the City to lead the world — this climate emergency can dramatically reduce, or even eliminate, our carbon dioxide emissions.

**Irvine Energy Independence**

How is this possible? There are three big blocks of energy usage by residents in our City: electricity, natural gas for heating and cooking, and automobile transportation. Fortunately, we have — right within Irvine itself — enough solar energy to power all of our energy needs. We can replace the 20 percent of Irvine residential rooftops will provide all of the solar energy needed to power all of our household electrical, heating, cooking and transportation needs.

A truly bold initiative as part of Irvine’s Climate Action Plan must include a major municipal program to install rooftop solar panels on new homes, as State law now requires, and it must also include retrofitting older housing with solar panels.

Also, Irvine’s Climate Action Plan should include incentives for the adoption of electric automobiles. With appropriate municipal incentives, such rebates from solar savings, is doable. We can replace gasoline-powered vehicles with electrified automobiles purchased right here in Irvine — at Irvine Auto Center dealerships.

With the timely adoption of a truly bold Climate Action Plan, along with strong implementing policies, Irvine can quickly achieve climate energy independence — once again working with UCI and other leading public and private institutions — become a world leader as a sustainable City. We can make this happen!
For the past three years, we’ve reported extensively on the boardroom deals between Mayor Christina Shea and billion-dollar developers to cancel the Veterans Memorial Park & Cemetery on the 1.25-acre ARDA site at the Great Park.

After Shea’s latest scheme with Fowlstain was caught on video — with the Mayor telling a group of homeowners about her plans to push forward a completely different site as a “devotional site” and offer an unprecedented “99-year lease” of the City-owned ARDA site to a commercial developer — we asked readers this question: “Do you approve or disapprove of Mayor Shea’s handling of the Veterans Cemetery issue?”

The response has been stunning! Of the nearly 1,500 responses we’ve received, 88% say they disapprove! Even more stunning was the avalanche of comments received from readers voicing their strong disapproval of Shea’s actions. Read just a small sampling of the hundreds of comments we’ve received, published here as our Open Forum section.

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ONLINE IRVINE COMMUNITY POLL

Question #1: Do you approve or disapprove of Mayor Christina Shea’s handling of the Veterans Cemetery issue?

Results:
- Approve: 12%
- Disapprove: 88%

Reader comments from Mayor Shea Poll

- What’s happened to the democratic process? An un-elected Mayor is actively working against the will of the constituents supposed to serve us.
  - Ronnie Pinsky

- Un-elected Mayor Christina Shea is an embarrassment to the Mayor’s office and the City of Irvine. She should be recalled.
  - Shawn Mela, Proud Marine

- Shea is ignoring the will of the people so it appears it might be time for a RECALL.
  - Robert Sein

- Mayor Shea: The citizens have spoken through their vote. Stop subverting the will of the Irvine voters. You are the Mayor, not the Queen.
  - James Stewart

- I am appalled that Mayor Shea appears to be in partnership with developer Fowlstain rather than being a public servant of the citizens.
  - Stephanie Preftter

- Shea needs to be recalled immediately! She was not elected to the office of Mayor and is currently running roughshod over the will of the people. This is not how democracy works.
  - Patrick Rowley

- It is highly irregular and inappropriate for the Mayor of Irvine to go against the wishes of the people of Irvine. It is even more disappointing to see her align herself with a developer whose greed is obviously more important than what is best for the citizens of Irvine.
  - Richard Saifer

- Mayor Shea: When last I checked, this was still a democratic nation (and City). The citizens of Irvine have voted on this issue and rejected your proposed measure. Stop trying to block construction of the Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery at the Great Park ARDA site.
  - David Nuncato

- Through her actions, Shea has given up her right to represent Irvine. All that remains is her recall.
  - Dennis Lowry

- I agree with the majority of Irvine residents who voted to keep the Veterans Cemetery at the Great Park as originally planned. Isn’t a Mayor supposed to represent the community she serves?
  - Iris Whorton

- For a City official to deliberately thwart the will of the people is an unmitigated abuse of power. In addition to an initiative, the people should mount a recall campaign.
  - Jeanne Turner

- In a popular vote, the Irvine community overwhelmingly voted in favor of building the Veterans Cemetery on the ARDA site at the Great Park. Mayor Shea is disgracefully out of step with her constituency. Time for a recall?
  - David M. Proctor II

- It is unfathomable that our elected officials would go against what clearly is the majority of Irvine residents want — the Veterans Cemetery built at the site we voted on more than once. City officials are ethically bound to serve the interests of their constituents, not developers or other corporations. Mayor Shea’s handling of this issue is deplorable.
  - Robert Wood

- Last year, the people voted in favor of keeping the Veterans Cemetery project at the Great Park, property that originally belonged to the military. Why is it so difficult for the Mayor to respect the people’s will which was clearly expressed in a democratic and legal manner?
  - Adriana de la Cruz Melina

- Ms. Shea’s tactics are unbelievable! We have lived in Irvine for 33 years and the Great Park Veterans Cemetery has been in the planning for many of those years and, yes, at the original site before all the development was even imagined. Last year, Irvine voters rejected Measure B. Voters wanted to ensure that the original site would be kept. Now, after the fact, it looks like she’s being paid off by the developers.
  - Paul and Patricia Downey

- The ARDA plan for the ‘Vets’ Cemetery is respectful, patriotic and will make a beautiful addition to the Great Park. The area should NOT be used for commercial development.
  - Vivien Atlas

Another Online Irvine Community Poll

Question #2: Do you approve or disapprove of Mayor Shea’s threat to ground the Great Park Balloon?

Results:
- Approve: 6%
- Disapprove: 94%

Balloon Poll: Reader comments about Mayor Shea

- The Great Park balloon belongs to the people of the City of Irvine, and we don’t want to prohibit a site at Mayor Shea and the large corporations that want to advertise an stunt. Threatening to ground the balloon if we don’t allow private corporations to advertise on it is a drastic step. A more moderate approach would be to raise business license fees on the largest businesses in Irvine, like we used to do. I am not surprised these kinds of dramatic budget cuts are taking place. That’s what happens when you don’t have sufficient revenue from the largest corporations that are taking advantage of the people in Irvine.
  - Laurel Davila

- The Mayor keeps making unfavorable decisions that affect our great Irvine community. First, the Veterans Cemetery…now the Balloon. What’s next?
  - Marshall Goldman

- We love the Balloon! We look forward to seeing it turn into a jack-o-lantern every Halloween time.
  - Jennifer

- Shea knew that when she imposed the Balloon rider fees that it would cause ridership to decline. And she knew that once that happened she could leverage it in a recall effort. There is ALWAYS an agenda with people like this, and it never includes the best interests of the people.
  - Dan

- When someone has an agenda, especially one that goes against the will of the majority, they will do anything to accomplish it — anything — never mind if it’s wrong. Christina Shea is that someone.
  - Judy Rodriguez

- The Balloon is a waste of money. I don’t even support funding a sponsor. If that happens, it loses any charm that it does have. Ground the Balloon.
  - Judith Gass

What do YOU think?

Our online IRVINE COMMUNITY POLLS are still open.

1. Do you approve or disapprove of Mayor Christina Shea’s handling of the Veterans Cemetery issue?
Go to: IrvineCommunityNews.org/Shea-Poll

2. Do you approve or disapprove of Mayor Shea’s threat to ground the Great Park Balloon?
Go to: IrvineCommunityNews.org/Balloon

Help us take the pulse of the Irvine community!
ATTENTION IRVINE VOTERS: TAKE ACTION NOW!

Sign the Initiative Petition
Veterans Memorial Park & Cemetery
On the Great Park “ARDA” Site
BuildTheVeteransCemetery.org

If you want to help us win the fight to Build the Great Park Veterans Cemetery, go to: BuildTheVeteransCemetery.org

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