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City Council Candidates Howard Viperman, Roy Francis, Larry Black and Phil Lough

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Councilmember Howard Viperman is by all accounts personally generous to local organizations and a successful businessman. While he did go to Sacramento to try to get a law passed to temporarily exempt the ekv{"htqo"tjpc."jg"jcu"jcf"fkhewnvkgu"ykvj"jku"rwdnke" perception on the City Council.

During his term, the Emergency Preparedness Committee, Volunteers on Patrol, the Public Works Committee, and Historical Committee have been dismantled or are no longer sanctioned by the City. In 2009 he received a warning letter from the District Cwqtpg{"u"Qhleg"tgictfkpi"ctgngcugf"gocln"yjkj" uncovered his efforts to try to craft an agenda item to eliminate public comment and deny a resident's appeal. He has called for residents to be "prosecuted to the full extent of the law" who did nothing wrong other than write something he disagreed with. Mr. Viperman lngf"c"uncpfgt"ncyuwkv"ci ckpuv"ugxgtcn"tgukfgpvu."ncvgt" dismissed, identifying himself as "the duly elected mayor of La Habra Heights".

Mr. Viperman claims credit for the Paramedic Subscription Program, but meeting minutes recorded that he voted NO on its creation in August 2007.

Roy Francis is a 33 year resident with a long history of volunteerism and supporting community activities. He is c"tgvtgf"lgtl"ijvgt"yjq"ugtxgf"qp"vjg"Rcucfgpc"Hktg

Department as well as our local Fire Department. Roy has shown openness to learning what is going on and reaching out to the community for input.

Larry Black, a 19 year resident has been on the Planning Commission since 2003, and has been Howard Viperman's appointee to that body. Black's nomination papers were signed by many of the same people as Viperman's. As Commission Chair, he has allowed both sides to air their views, though over the years has generally moved to side with builders and outside interests, over the concerns of neighbors and residents. Phil Lough, a 10 year resident, has made maintaining the rural environment and uniqueness of La Habra Heights a focus of his campaign. He has been subject of a, heavy handed, code enforcement effort by the City for having too many animals. Mr. Lough has championed the need for greater transparency by the City Council and Staff. He has shown himself to be a quick study.

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We recommend two candidates: Roy Francis to bring accountability, open government and substantial mpqyngfi g"qh"lgt"ugtxkegu"vq"vjg"Eqwpekn="cpf"Rjkn"Nqwij." an economics teacher, who has shown working knowledge qh"dwfi gvt{"cpf"lpcpekn"kuuwgu"vjcv"vjg"Ekv{"hcegu" He is also the best choice to preserve the community's rural environment. If we had a third choice it would be Larry Black who also calls for increased transparency and believes in establishing better communication with residents through social media.

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Finances

"The City is laboring under increasing revenue shortfalls, and having to draw from reserves just to provide basic city services."

This statement is from a signed September 2010 City Grant Application to the Federal government released under a Public Records Act Request, providing the clearest picture of the state of the City after the Council postponed the MidYear Budget review and Audit Report until after the election.

For example, in August 2010, the Council took \$248,000 out of General Fund reserves to make a retrospective insurance payment.

kp"Octe j"4232."Eqwpekn"cpf"Uvchh"rtqrqugf"lxg"pgy"qt" increased taxes; Trash Tax, Utility Tax, Police Tax, increased Fire Tax, and increased Roads Fee. Although not acted upon yet, the released documents suggest the intention:

"The City Council is considering returning to the xqvgtu"vq"tgsugv"cp"ketpgcug"kp"vjg"lgt"cuugu o gpv"vq" cejkgxg"eqpuvcpv"uvchlpi"qh"v yq"gpikpgu"kh"yg"ecp"ugewtg" hwpfkpi"vq"rgthqt o" c"uvchlpi"pggfu"cuugu o gpv."cpf" delineate exact costs, there is a greater likelihood of voter receptivity."

Fire Protection

The state of the Fire Department in the City's own words from the same documents:

"Today, the Fire Department does not have a full time g o riq{gg"cpf"lgt"rtgxgpkqp"ghhqtvu"ctg"dgeq o kpi"ppp/existent."

"Fire prevention has declined sharply over the last three years as the City has eliminated its previous Fire Marshal, the Weed Abatement Coordinator, and reduced the Chief's hours from 40 to 20 per week. These cutbacks jcxg"jct o gf"vjg"Ekv{"u"lgt"rtgxgpkqp"cpf"fkucvgt" rtgrctgfpguu"vq"vjg"rqlpv"y jgtg"vk o g"urgpv"qp"lgt" prevention is dwindling down to zero."

"the City of La Habra Heights is at greater risk of being eqpuw o gf"d{"c"yknf"ncpf"lgt"vjcp"cv"cp{"qvjgt"vk o g"kp"kvu" vjktv/{get"jkuvqt{0-

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According to a City 2009 White Paper: ökp"qtfgt"vq"rtqrqtu{"vtckp"kvu"xqnpvpggtu."NJ JHF"twpu" its own annual Fire Training Academy."

"Each year, LHHFD accepts roughly 25 cadets into its Fire Training Academy" "The Fire Training Academy vtckpu"ecfgvu"kp"cn"qh"vjg" o clqt"ctgcu"qh"lgt"l"ijvki÷" "Once graduated, LHHFD requires all volunteers to ugtxg"qpg"46/jqwt"ujkhv"rgt"yggm"cv"vjg"uvckqp"cpf" o ckpvckp"cn"qh"vjgkt"umknu."vtckpkpi"cpf"egtvk"lckvkppu÷:

However, according to the released 2010 City documents: öVjg"NJ JHF"kp/jqwug"lgt"cec fgo {"y cu"hqtegf"vq"enqug" due to budget restrictions"

Public Works

Documents released under a Public Records Act Request reveal that the drain that collapsed on Skyline Dr, contributing to its closure in December 2010, had just been constructed in 2007.



Open & Transparent Government

The information revealed in documents obtained under State Law had not otherwise been provided to the residents of the City.

Information that previously had been provided over the eqwvgt."pqy"tgswtgu"lknkpi"qvw"qh"htq o u."gzvpgfgf"yckv" times, and often rejection.

