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Typical Fairfield Inn & Suites

## FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES COMING NEAR COSTCO

Sacramento-bound travelers on Highway 50 will no doubt have noticed the extensive grading activity going on east of Costco. The ground is being prepared for the construction of the region's first modular hotel, a 90-room Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriot.

Fabricated modules that will make up the hotel are being built by Guerdon Modular Buildings at its manufacturing facility in Boise, Idaho, and will be shipped by flat-bed truck to the Folsom site at 1755 Cavitt Drive. Tharaldson Hospitality Management, an affiliate of TMI Hospitality of Fargo, North Dakota, will develop and manage the completed hotel.

TMI Hospitality is a nationwide developer and management company of select service and extended stay hotels. TMI currently manages over 180 hotel properties across 25 states representing nationally recognized franchises, including Marriott, Hilton, Intercontinental Hotels Group, and more. TMI says that, "Impressing guests is our promise, and by constructing and overseeing every detail, we're able to maintain an unsurpassed level of quality at every property."

The hotel's suites will be a generous 580 square feet. Larry Madson, director for Tharaldson Property Management, says that other modular hotels are in early development stages. "Guerdon's modular process would still be a winning option, given the significant time savings. The construction time is half as long," Madson said.

Credit: Art Garcia, EDH Telegraph

## DISTRICT 1 FIVE-WAY RACE FOR SUPERVISOR

Five candidates are vying for the District 1 supervisorial seat: Alan Day, Steve Ferry, Beth Gaines, John Hidahl, and Noelle Mattock. Absentee ballots will be mailed soon to voters, and those going to the polls will vote on June 7. The candidates in the running are briefly profiled below.



Alan Day

"I think I can make a difference in El Dorado County," Alan Day said of his decision to run for District 1's top job. Since being elected to the El Dorado Irrigation District Board of Directors four years ago, Day said he believes he has more work cut out for him to change things at the county level.

As a contracting business owner, Day ran for an EID post after landscape customers complained to him about rising water rates. "EID was a good ol' boys club when I joined," Day said. "I fight against good ol' boys, political insiders and bureaucrats. I've worked and attended meetings with all the players in the county. I've gotten to see from the inside how things work and it's been eye-opening, not in a good way.

"My time on EID has been very valuable," Day continued. "I'm often in the minority on issues and votes, but it's toughened me up and I sleep well at night knowing I make decisions based on what I said I would do when I ran. I've voted against rate increases, against punitive drought rate surcharges, against heavy-handed drought restrictions that would hurt our economy, against irresponsible spending and against new debt.

"Issues battled at the county are systemic, starting with the Board of Supervisors," Day

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## EDITORIAL

### What are Measures E & G?

On Election Day, June 7, 2016, we will have the opportunity to vote on both candidates and Measures which could significantly affect our everyday lives. Two of the measures, E & G have stirred a maelstrom of controversy with both Yes on E & G and No on E & G signs populating our road sides. What exactly are these Measures and what has evoked such emotion on both sides of the issue?

Measure E is basically a reconstitution of the 1998 version of Measure Y which was approved by 61% of the voters at that time. In 2008, Measure Y was amended and approved by 71.47% of the voters. The 2004 El Dorado County (EDC) General Plan was also amended because Measure Y was reflected under Policy TC-Xa in the Plan. The original version of Measure Y follows showing the wording of the 1998 Measure Y with strikeouts to reflect the approved 2008 version and underlined to show the additions made at that time. (<http://www.smartvoter.org/2008/11/04/ca/ed/meas/Y/>)

To read and better understand the full text of the current Measure E, please go to your voter's pamphlet, page 09-804 or visit [ballotpedia here](#).

### Full Text of Measure Y 2008

Shall Policy TC-Xa of the 2004 El Dorado County General Plan be amended to read as follows and, as amended, be extended for a period of ten years?

#### Policy TC-Xa

The following policies shall remain in effect until December 31, 2018:

1. Traffic from single family residential subdivision development projects of five or more ~~units or~~ parcels of land shall not result in, or worsen, Level of Service F (gridlock, stop-and-go) traffic congestion during weekday, peak-hour periods on any highway, road,

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explained. "As a supervisor I can ask questions and get answers." He says he'd work for "a business friendly environment with healthy growth."

### **Priorities**

"I want better communication and better representation for El Dorado Hills," Day said. "Our county needs to be changed before we can do anything else. "Things like balancing the county budget should be part of the job description, not a campaign goal," he added.

One simple start would be to make Board of Supervisors meetings more accessible for residents, Day said. He'd break up hours-long Tuesday "marathon meetings" and propose evening Board of Supervisor meetings in different districts.

"People are busy," Day continued. "But if someone makes an effort to communicate with them, to inform them, they care."

Day has proudly said, "No thank you" to all endorsements. "I want to be independent," he explained.

He voted to preserve the old golf course as open space, though, "I respect the owner's property rights and if elected I would keep an open mind," he said. "Facts may change." He said he also thinks the property should be assessed as an abandoned golf course, and not what its potential value would be if the rezone is approved.

For more information visit [day4sup.com](http://day4sup.com).



**Steve Ferry**

"I am the prosperity candidate," Steve Ferry said about his campaign to be the next District 1 supervisor. "I can bring prosperity to this county without building another house."

Ferry and his wife Beth of 51 years have lived in El Dorado Hills since 2000 and their two grown sons and their families also live in El Dorado County. Retired from the real estate and mortgage industry, Ferry, 73, said,

"I'm known by many as the local Tea Party representative, but I'm so much more. I am senior and young people focused ... I'm a dreamer and an organizer."

Ferry has long been involved with El Dorado County's economic development efforts. He is the former chairperson of the El Dorado County Association of Realtors' government affairs committee and led the effort to have El Dorado County become a Prop. 90 participant county. Ferry also spearheaded the first international trade delegation to El Dorado County last summer from Mexico and presently serves on a committee to bring a university to the county. His motto is, "Making a difference, together."

### **Priorities**

Ferry outlined three areas which are his priorities.

One, fight for better safety. "The Sheriff's Department is great but there aren't enough deputies. I'm going to be arm wrestling up at the county to get more coverage."

Two, fix our streets and roads. "When we're talking road budget and deducting money from it, we're seriously in trouble," Ferry said. "We need to be dealing with our roads; they're our No. 1 asset. I've walked 6,000 homes (in District 1). Roads are awful and they're getting worse by the day. It's like walking on corn flakes."

Three, preserve our foothill lifestyle. "Many people chose to live here because it's a gorgeous place to live and we want to keep it that way. We want to make it the best," Ferry said.

Still, he said he voted against keeping the old golf course open space for good reason. "Most people think there are two options, either hold on to the golf course and be stuck with open space they have to maintain, or watch more homes being built there, but there's a third option," he said. Ferry describes a senior village, "Where old people play," he said. There would be, among other things, "open space, a golf course, senior housing and bocce courts."

Ferry said he wants to ensure young people in their 20s feel at home in District 1 as well and wants to see less leaving the area. "I don't want to say to my grandkids, 'Gee kids, I hope you enjoy living in Sacramento County'," he said. "I want them to choose to live here, but we need things for them to do and housing."

Ferry informally meets constituents for coffee and dialogue every Wednesday morning at Peet's Coffee inside Raley's at 7:30 a.m. "Come on down; we'll have a discussion," he offered.

For more information visit [ferry4supervisor.com](http://ferry4supervisor.com).



**Beth Gaines**

Beth Gaines is a successful business owner, community leader, and a mother of six children who started her family in El Dorado County over 30 years ago.

Beth was born and raised in Sacramento County, graduated from La Sierra High School and studied at the University of California, Irvine. Beth and her husband Ted married in 1985 and started their young family in El Dorado County.

Beth was a marketing consultant for her former family business, Point West Insurance Associates and is currently co-owner of Gaines Insurance Agency. Her prior business experience includes sales and marketing for a medical supply company and management experience at the local branch of a national workforce employment firm. She has also served as a teacher for local pre-schoolers.

Long active in the local community, Beth Gaines has served as a volunteer for numerous charities and groups, including the Child Abuse Prevention Council, MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) and Acres of Hope. She has served as a Sunday School Teacher at Bayside Church and is a member of the local chapter of the Federation of Republican Women.

As your representative at the Capitol, Beth voted to put a stop to over \$58 billion in tax increases and was a leader in the fight against frivolous lawsuit abuse and over-regulation of businesses. Beth worked hard on a bipartisan basis to put an end to out of control traffic gridlock and to improve our quality of life. She's made over 300 appearances in the district and is the founder of the annual Northern California Women's Conference.

Beth and her husband Ted are blessed with six children, ranging in ages 13 to 27. They live in El Dorado Hills with their family dog Bow.

### **Priorities**

Gaines outlines five priorities.

First is taxes and spending. "No matter what El Dorado Hills Village you live in, growth and development can greatly impact our quality of life. For too long, haphazard planning decisions have been made in our neighborhoods that have increased traffic and created unanticipated problems for area residents. That will stop when I am elected as your County Supervisor.

"Any development in El Dorado Hills must be held to a much greater standard to protect our quality of life. We want to preserve our open space, increase outdoor activity facilities for our children and have large numbers of high quality local businesses that provide us with jobs, services and amenities that are second to none.

"I have never been shy about taking on some very powerful people, and will fight for you to ensure that if there is any new growth or development it would be strictly controlled, put existing El Dorado Hills families first and preserve our precious quality of life."

Second is traffic and infrastructure. "Every weekday morning, I join with thousands of my fellow neighbors to leave home, get on El Dorado Hills Blvd and then on Highway 50 to head to work. It is a rare day (usually a State or Federal Holiday) when traffic is light. All I can think about when sitting in gridlock is what a waste of time. Now, Folsom and Rancho Cordova are talking about growing even more, which will further exacerbate our traffic headaches. Enough is enough.

Third is crime. "In our community, we know firsthand the negative effects of allowing felons to run free. I've made public safety a top priority and fought to stop the Governor's early prisoner release scheme, which has led to both rising costs and crime rates in our region. I wrote the bill to protect our daughters from "peeping Toms," and am in constant communication with local law enforcement to guarantee they have a voice at the Capitol. As your County Supervisor, I will continue working with our local law enforcement to make sure they have the resources they need to keep our families safe and our streets secure."

Fourth is veterans. "As Americans, we're thankful for and proud of our veterans. They've left their families behind and put their lives on the line to guarantee our safety and our freedoms. But our government hasn't always lived up to the promises we've made. That's why I'm proud to have authored the bill in the Assembly to make sure California veterans get in-state college

tuition, even if they've been out of state or overseas defending our country. It has been an honor to serve veterans in our region every year with a free pancake breakfast on Veterans Day, and to recognize a Veteran of the Year every summer. As an El Dorado County Supervisor, I look forward to continue honoring those who served, and to ensure that we live up to our commitments. It's the least we can do."

Fifth is fighting for local jobs. "As the owner of a small business, I know that a strong community needs an aggressive economic development advocate. That's why I will fight to create good paying local jobs and make El Dorado Hills a regional hub for technology, innovation and entrepreneurship."

Gaines considers that the vacancy rate for businesses in El Dorado Hills is still too high and that it's time the county Board of Supervisors put our local job growth first. From day one as our Supervisor, Gaines says that she will make job growth and creating a business friendly environment in El Dorado Hills a top priority: "Local amenities and our quality of life depend on it."

"As your Supervisor, I will work with our Chamber of Commerce and community and industry leaders to create a vibrant and strong local economy."



**John Hidahl**

"A natural fit," is how John Hidahl described his decision to run for El Dorado County District 1 supervisor. After a long history of volunteering in the community, the recently retired aerospace engineer said it's time to focus full time on the district he's called home since 1978 when he and his wife Eileen moved to El Dorado Hills and raised their five daughters.

"Being a problem solver is innate to my basic personality," Hidahl, 64, said. "I've always put my time back in the community." He has been an elected director on the El Dorado Hills Fire Board for 33 years, currently serving as president. He served as the El Dorado County Parks and Recreation

commissioner for District 1 and chairman of the El Dorado Hills Community Council, formed by Supervisor Sam Bradley. He is a former chairman of the El Dorado Hills Area Planning Advisory Committee and spokesman for the Parks, Not Parker team, fighting to keep the 98-acre former Executive Golf Course zoned open space/recreation.

Hidahl was instrumental during the cityhood effort in 2005. El Dorado Hills didn't incorporate then but it's a subject being buzzed about again. "People didn't like the term city (in 2005)," Hidahl explained. "But incorporating to a town has the same benefits and services. I'm currently working on a committee to see about viability." Especially for complex issues like incorporation, Hidahl said, "It's really important who our next supervisor is. I understand the issues."

Hidahl's campaign motto is "defending our quality of life by holding local government accountable." To do this, Hidahl emphasized, there needs to be a long-range plan. "It's not about a 'quick fix,' but looking at long-range needs," he said. "If we're always fighting fires, we can't see above the fray."

Hidahl said he believes El Dorado Hills needs a community plan that could be shaped by community input. For instance, he doesn't say what he thinks should be done with the former Executive Golf Course, only that it should be preserved as open space and "then see what the community wants."

If the land becomes available for purchase, Hidahl said he thinks a funding mechanism should be in place and infrastructure thought about ahead of time. "I support sensible growth in El Dorado Hills and the county at large," he said. "This is neither 'no growth,' nor 'pro growth,' but rather reasonable, properly scaled growth."

He'd like to see an El Dorado Hills advisory board make a comeback, much like the El Dorado Hills Community Council that was formed by Sam Bradley. "It was only District 1 members," Hidahl remembered. "They got to be the voice of District 1 but that fell by the wayside after Bradley left office."

Hidahl said he'd also like to see one umbrella organization that all others fall under, perhaps the newly formed United Neighborhoods of El Dorado Hills. "There are lots of different committees and boards (in El Dorado Hills) but each board or body thinks about its own needs," he explained.

### **Priorities**

If elected, Hidahl has three priorities.

First, work with colleagues on the Board

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of Supervisors to establish a structurally balanced county budget. "The county has been operating by the seat of its pants for years," Hidahl explained. "We need a long-range plan. It will take living within our means and saving for things like infrastructure.

"We have all of these needs, like road work, but not enough funds," he continued. "We are starting to economically fail. If we keep going in this direction, we're doomed to be a third-rate county. We need to restructure our way of doing business."

Hidahl said he'd attempt to change things at the county level through "proven" management methods he personally saw transform two companies he's worked for, including Aerojet. "Everyone becomes aligned because there is buy in," he said. "Then morale is boosted because everyone is aligned and working toward the same goals." He said the approach takes away micro-managing, boosts efficiency and believes it could even shorten lengthy county government meetings.

Second, work with neighbors to preserve as much of the current open space in El Dorado Hills as possible. He would start by taking inventory of all publicly owned lands and "look for needs to provide accommodations," he said. "I would like to create joint power agreements and funding mechanisms ... I'm a multi-use kind of guy."

Third, improve senior housing opportunities and services in the community. "We do have some senior projects coming but the senior population is only going to increase," he said. "Plan it now, even down to mentally capable versus physically capable accommodations."

What motivated Hidahl to run? "El Dorado Hills is a great place, but we've reached a tipping point," he said. "I'd like to see county government work more like a business, where the citizens are the customers."

Hidahl will host a free concert in the El Dorado Hills Community Services District quad on May 7 from 4 to 8 p.m. Chico-based band The Rattlesnakes will play and free refreshments will be available in the pavilion.

For more information visit [Hidahl4Supe.com](http://Hidahl4Supe.com).



**Noelle Mattock**

"Everything in my life has led me to this," Noelle Mattock said of the contributions she could bring to the El Dorado County District 1 supervisor job. She moved to El Dorado Hills with her parents in 1970 when she was a toddler and said her earliest memories are of her parents volunteering. Her father was a volunteer firefighter and her mother was active in Newcomers and the schools (Mattock graduated in Oak Ridge High School's third graduating class).

"They were my earliest model of giving back to the community," Mattock, 47, said. "My commitment to El Dorado Hills runs deep."

Mattock is serving her second four-year term as an elected board member at the El Dorado Hills Community Services District. "Despite the Great Recession, I am proud to say that our CSD is financially stronger than when I took office in 2009," she said. "I've led efforts to stop deficit spending, balance budgets and build cash reserves."

Since she's been on the Board of Directors, the CSD "has built Windsor Point Park, Lake Forest Park, kept older parks fresh and expanded CSD programs," Mattock said.

Mattock also serves on the El Dorado County Early Care and Education Planning Council. She is president of the EDHCS Foundation, served as a co-chair of the Community Economic Development Advisory Committee of El Dorado Hills and was a lead on creating 2015's Measure E, the golf course advisory vote.

She has years of professional work experience in the public and private sector, which, added to her volunteer work, makes her, "the most well-rounded candidate," she said.

Mattock holds a master's degree in public policy and public administration and currently works as policy and legislative specialist for the Department of Utilities. "I fell in love with the process of making policy," she said. "I am a policy wonk. I've worked on issues that our local governments face on a daily basis, like transportation, water,

environment, health and human services and issues affecting business."

Her campaign motto is "I will fight to preserve the unique character of our community and the quality of life for future generations."

### **Priorities**

Mattock has five priorities if elected.

One, preserve the former Executive Golf Course as open space. She was instrumental in creating the community CEDAC survey, which led to putting the advisory vote about the old golf course on the November 2015 ballot. "The golf course is still in the pipeline," Mattock said. "It's in the Board of Supervisors' hands (whether to accept or deny the developer's application to rezone it to build homes there). I'm hopeful the Board of Supervisors will deny the project.

"The community seems to want that to remain open space," Mattock continued. "The CSD should work with the community to develop their plan for walking/bike paths."

Mattock said she thinks the CEDAC survey (which showed the majority of residents want more recreation and open space) should be a baseline to then build a community ID and she would work to ensure the EDHCS Foundation would concurrently be in place as a funding mechanism.

Two, public safety. "I've walked many homes and have seen there's an uptick in nervousness lately," Mattock said. "I will work closely with law enforcement to keep crime out of our neighborhoods and drugs out of our schools."

Three, create a structurally balanced budget. "I will continue to work to cut government waste, fraud and abuse and assure we have a balanced budget that meets the needs of our community," she said. "We need to diversify our sales tax base and target recruiting businesses. Let's figure out what's truly needed by a community ID and this will attract businesses. We have a lot of vacant office space. Let's see those filled up before we build more commercial."

Four, transportation. "Major corridors need to be addressed to make them safer," she said. "Today we are driving on crumbling streets and sit in traffic as we travel out of the county to go to work. I will work to ensure we have safe roads and our children have safe routes to school."

Preserve El Dorado Hills. Mattock said she wants to preserve the reason people move to El Dorado Hills. "The look and feel is what draws people here and good schools," she said. "Growing up here there was nothing, not even CSD park," she said.

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**MEMORIAL DAY**



## INITIATIVES *(continued)*

interchange or intersection in the unincorporated areas of the county.

2. The County shall not add any additional segments of U.S. Highway 50, or any other highways and roads, to the County's list of roads (shown in Table TC-2) that are allowed to operate at Level of Service F without first getting the voters' approval or by a 4/5ths vote of the Board of Supervisors.

3. Developer-paid traffic impact fees combined with any other available funds shall fully pay for building all necessary road capacity improvements to fully offset and mitigate all direct and cumulative traffic impacts from new development upon any highways, arterial roads and their intersections during weekday, peak-hour periods in unincorporated areas of the county.

4. ~~County tax revenues shall not be used in any way to pay for building road capacity improvements to offset traffic impacts from new development projects. Exceptions are allowed if county voters first give their approval.~~

5. ~~Before giving approval of any kind to a residential development project of five or more units or parcels of land, the County shall make a finding that the project complies with the policies above. If this finding cannot be made, then the County shall not approve the project in order to protect the public's health and safety as provided by state law to assure that safe and adequate roads and highways are in place as such development occurs.~~

With the prospect of the sunset of Measure Y looming in December 31, 2018, the proponents, primarily made up of grassroots volunteers including local business owners, farmers, contractors, ranchers and community advocate groups calling themselves Save Our County (<https://saveourcounty.net/>), the Shingle Springs Community Alliance (<http://www.shinglespringscommunityalliance.com/>), Rural Communities United and Residents Involved in Positive Planning (RIPP) sought to restore Measure Y's 1998 original intent to stop traffic congestion, called Measure E for this Election, for a number of reasons.

They felt that approving Measure E would protect the quality of life in EDC by slowing the occurrence of stop and go gridlock traffic on our roads and Highway 50, force developers to pay for their own road improvements before project approval, eliminate the 4/5's vote for the Board of Supervisors to allow for gridlock on EDC roads, and restore Measure Y to its original intent.

Measure G, the second Measure on the ballot, seeks to restore policies promised in the 2004 General Plan intended to protect the rural nature of EDC and retain the current

zoning. It requires that no new discretionary projects should be approved until the restoration of agricultural buffers and existing policies to protect historical, cultural, water and recreation resources are implemented. Also, that EDC implement the Water Supply and Demand Management Plan promised in 2004 and no land use changes should be allowed based on hypothetical road improvements to be built in the future which would severely impact traffic levels. Please see the full text of Measure G on page 09-806 of your Voters' Pamphlet or Save Our County's website at <https://www.saveourcounty.net>.

The opponents who consider themselves to be a "coalition of the middle" also represent a cross section of El Dorado County include the Alliance for Responsible Planning (EDCARP); the El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce; El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce; the Divide Chamber of Commerce; El Dorado County Association of Realtors; Community Economic Development Association, Pollock Pines; Committee to Protect EDC Water and Open Space, No on E & G, (funded by Serrano, LLC, Marble Valley, LLC, with support from farmers and wineries); SAGE – Surveyors, Architects, Geologists and Engineers; the Farm Bureau, and the El Dorado County Farm Trails. They do not support Measures E & G and feel that land use has been dominated by no-growth advocates on the one hand and development interests on the other. They do support the continuation of the 2008 version of Measure Y to prevent gridlock, the vigorous pursuit of water rights for ourselves and future generations, and seek a better future for EDC families and community according to their website.

EDCARP believes "Measure E is a flawed proposal that will result in countless lawsuits paralyzing local planning and costing EDC taxpayers millions - and will not protect our rural way of life". Further, they state "Measure E overturns the carefully crafted and voter approved EDC General Plan that along with Measure Y controls growth, limits traffic, protects open space and preserves our rural quality of life".

According to EDCARP, Measures E & G stop discretionary actions by the county needed to allow job centers, research parks, tourist recreation businesses, lighted ball fields, home occupations, hotels, wineries, retail stores, even the expansion of existing businesses. And they say, the list is virtually endless and state the measures "will cause broad collateral damage that impacts a long list of discretionary projects we need to serve our communities – to create jobs and

business opportunities, promote and protect agriculture, serve recreation and tourism, offer housing opportunities for moderate families, and provide the retail dining and shopping alternatives to keep our sales and sales tax dollars working in the county, while reducing vehicle trips out of the county".

EDCARP opposes ballot box planning stating "the list of laws dealing with general plans, zoning and land use matters are more complicated than most people realize". "Land use actions undertaken by the Board of Supervisors require public discussions, hearings and environmental review. In contrast, initiatives are often written by special interests and do not undergo environmental review, despite the potential for long-lasting and unintended consequences". ([www.edcarp.org](http://www.edcarp.org))

While there are pros and cons to the initiative process, if used correctly, initiatives (measures) are a great example of direct democracy. Citizens are enabled to have a voice in the democratic process and bring issues to a vote that might not otherwise be addressed in a public forum. It also allows us to separate out the most important issues to us and vote as a community, rather than electing one candidate to make all decisions for us.

There are important issues on the ballot this year, so let your voice be heard and be sure to vote by absentee ballot or in person on June 7, 2016.

The Bass Lake Action Committee is pledged to disseminate information, rather than take sides in issues. ~

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"El Dorado Hills has grown up so much. I love I can go to dinner and the movies here. We have a rural feel, but we're still close to amenities. I would work to maintain that.

"I support our General Plan," Mattock continued. "But I would like to see development in other places too, not all in El Dorado Hills. For far too long the county Board of Supervisors has focused on development as the economic engine of our county. This is not a sustainable model to meet our current, let alone future, needs."

Mattock said she's running for supervisor for one simple reason. "El Dorado Hills has not had an advocate or a strong voice," she said. "And I'm known as someone who gets things done."

For more information visit [mattock4supervisor.com](http://mattock4supervisor.com). ~

*Credit: Julie Samrick, Mountain Democrat.*

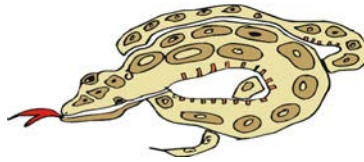


### Freedom Is Not Free

I watched the flag pass by one day.  
 It fluttered in the breeze.  
 A young Marine saluted it,  
 and then he stood at ease.  
 I looked at him in uniform  
 So young, so tall, so proud,  
 He'd stand out in any crowd.  
 I thought how many men like him  
 Had fallen through the years.  
 How many died on foreign soil?  
 How many mothers' tears?  
 How many pilots' planes shot down?  
 How many died at sea?  
 How many foxholes were soldiers'  
 graves?  
 No, freedom isn't free.

I heard the sound of TAPS one night,  
 When everything was still  
 I listened to the bugler play  
 And felt a sudden chill.  
 I wondered just how many times  
 That TAPS had meant "Amen,"  
 When a flag had draped a coffin  
 Of a brother or a friend.  
 I thought of all the children,  
 Of the mothers and the wives,  
 Of fathers, sons and husbands  
 With interrupted lives.  
 I thought about a graveyard  
 At the bottom of the sea  
 Of unmarked graves in Arlington.  
 No, freedom isn't free.

— Kelly Strong



## RATTLESNAKE WARNING

*Most rattlesnake bites occur  
between April and October*

With warm weather approaching, people are spending more time outdoors, and so are rattlesnakes.

This time of year, rattlesnake sightings rise across California. In spring, snakes are more active. Rattlesnakes are not only found in the wild, they can be found on golf courses, in the garage or on the street. It's important to be safe and know what to do.

To prevent a rattlesnake bite, don't place your hands or feet in places that are not visible to you. When hiking, wear long pants and closed-toed shoes or boots,

In the event you are bitten by a rattlesnake, seek medical attention immediately. All rural hospitals are well-stocked with anti-venom. Hospitals in Woodland, Folsom and Auburn have the most anti-venom treatment in this area.

Never use a tourniquet around the infected area, never pack the wound in ice, and never suck the venom out with your mouth. Doing any of these things can either make the infection worse or cause a spread of bacteria which may cause infections throughout the body.

While there's some disagreement about whether a baby rattler is more venomous than an adult rattler, one thing is for sure: Any rattlesnake bite is a bad rattlesnake bite. Seek medical attention right away. ~

*Credit: Reporters Rachel Zirin and Tricia Caspers, Gold Country Media.*

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## BLAC BOARD MET MAY 2, SETS AUGUST 1 DATE

The Bass Lake Action Committee Board of Directors met on May 2, 2016. Topics on the agenda included CC&Rs, upcoming local elections, and traffic calming measures. A number of BLAC members attended and participated in the discussions.

The next regular board of directors meeting of the Bass Lake Action Committee will be held on August 1, 2016, at 7:00 PM at the home of John and Fran Thomson, 501 Kirkwood Court in Woodridge, El Dorado Hills, 530-677-3039.

As always, all BLAC members are cordially invited to attend all meetings. For further information about BLAC meetings and membership, please contact Vice President Kathy Prevost at 530-672-6836. ~

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