

DEVORE RURAL PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

JANUARY 2024



DEVORE SHARHOLDER ANNUAL VOTE MEETING 7PM JANUARY 25th 2024 AT KIMBARK SCHOOL

Spreading Holiday Cheer in Devore



Horse rider winners
❧ ❧

BRAYLEN AND TAYLOR

Over all Horse winner
❧ ❧

TRISH KELLY



DRPA Bringing Forth the Consensus of the Devore Community

THE PROXY (IS LIKE YOUR BALLOT) below are the three different ways on HOW TO COMPLETE IT:

1. I AM NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING ON JANUARY 25, 2024: Return the proxy with the Shareholder signature(s) to the address provided don't forget to sign at the bottom with your selected nominees. *Watch for a specific day and time that it must arrive at the given address.

2. YES, I WILL BE ATTENDING THE SHAREHOLDER MEETING AT KIMBARK SCHOOL:

Bring signed (signed at the bottom/ if two shareholders are on one water share then BOTH must sign) proxy with you with your choices of nominees to **Kimbark School, January 25, 2024 by no later than 7:00pm.**

BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING BEGINS AT 7:00PM TURN IT IN TO BE COUNTED.

3. I WILL ASSIGN ANOTHER PERSON TO VOTE FOR ME (proxy): The shareholder may sign over their "proxy or vote" to another. The shareholder by doing so agree they are signing their vote(s) to another shareholder on their behalf. The proxy must be signed at the bottom of the proxy and filled in at the top of the proxy with the shareholder they wish to have vote for them on their behalf.

NOTE: Each Water Share = 9 votes (example: 1 share = 9 votes, 2 shares = 18 votes etc.) You may divide your 9 votes among the 9 candidates OR you can place all your 9 votes on one candidate (cumulative voting).

Do not send or turn in a blank proxy. ALL proxy's / votes MUST BE SIGNED by the Shareholder(s).

You use the proxy form (like a ballot) to vote for your candidate(s)

Running to be a member of Devore Water Company

MARIO LEOS

Introduction:

My name is Mario Leos. Our family of 7 will be residents of Devore for 3 years by the time board members are appointed in 2024. My wife and I grew up in Chino and Chino Hills in the 70's and 80's, which is very similar to Devore present day and plan retire at our current residence.

Background:

I began my career in water reclamation at 18 years of age at Inland Empire Utilities Agency in the construction department, promoted to mechanical maintenance, electrical and instrument maintenance, and onto the energy recovery department. Each of these positions requires not only a working knowledge of their respective trades, but an understanding of project management, planning, budgeting, execution, and most importantly, post project evaluation to determine effectiveness, efficiency, and cost. I have been the technician in the trenches, and the business manager responsible for profit and loss. I have a clear understanding of what is expected from staff regarding their duties as outlined in their job descriptions, and staff obligation to the rate payers. I believe a business as small as the Devore Water Company can be simplified at the operations and maintenance levels, and the rate payers/shareholders should be provided clear and simple answers to their questions and concerns. As a shareholder, my perspective is there is a mountain of issues requiring attention. I believe with the right team of board members cooperating amongst each other and delivering transparent options in a timely manner, our Water Department can be fixed. If I am selected, I cannot promise that all of the decisions I make will be popular with all rate payer/shareholders, but they will be transparent and, to the best of my knowledge, what is in the best interest of the community in the short and long term.

I wish you well and thank you for your time,

Respectfully submitted,

Mario Leos

JULIE COSTA

My name is Julie Costa. My family owns and operates Moms Store. I have been a member of this community nearly my entire life and my family has deep roots within the community. I am a licensed teacher in the San Bernardino City Unified School District and I have a Master's Degree in Business Administration. I am running for the Devore Water Board because I care deeply about the well-being of our community and its members. Over the past several years, I have listened to all of the questionable events that have occurred with our water board and I have many questions and concerns as to how we have reached this point. As board members, we have a responsibility to listen to the community members and use the information to influence the decisions made by the board. I want to help build a strong water board that values its shareholder's opinions, transparency, and honesty. I believe that it is time for our shareholders to vote for a career-minded businesswoman on the water board who is not afraid to ask questions and hold the board members and employees accountable. As an educator and former military spouse, I have served on many boards and worked with many community members to build strong relationships to benefit all. I believe open and honest partnerships are the key to success for our community water company. It is time to get our Water Board back to doing what it was intended to do, serve the community!

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MIKE THOMPSON

I feel I would be an excellent candidate due to my industry-specific education, and experience in various areas of water supply, including 7 years at a mid-level manager position. I have a vast educational background and have experience with small, medium, and large size water companies. I have served as the Chief System Operator for a large southern California water company since 2016. I am the manager of 30 staff members whom provide 24-hour water service to numerous agencies located throughout southern California. My expertise is in system operations and water personnel management.

My Educational Experience and Certification Status are as follows:

- Associate degree, Liberal Arts (General Studies), SBVC-2000
- Associate Degree, Water Supply Engineering, SBVC 2001
- Bachelor's Degree, Business Management, Redlands 2005
- Master's Degree, Management, Redlands 2007
- Bachelor's Degree, Public Administration, La Verne 2012
- Master's Degree, Emergency Management, APU in-progress
- State Water Resource Control Board, Water Distribution Grade 5
- State Water Resource Control Board, Water Treatment Grade 4
- County of SB, Backflow Preventer Tester
- AWWA, Backflow Preventer Tester
- Owner:
- Ability Backflow and Drinking Water Services, LLC
- Water Solutions Pro, iOS APP (creator, developer, owner)

DOUG CLAFLIN

The Devore Water Company is an indispensable pillar of our community. Over the course of 28 years, I have had the privilege of serving as a board member, and for more than two decades as board secretary/treasurer. I deeply appreciate the significant role that the Devore Water Company plays in our community's well-being. My commitment lies in preserving the rich legacy of our company's independence, ensuring the delivery of safe and equitable water services to our present community, shareholders, and future residents. I've also spent 28 years as a public administrator for a local school district which equips me with the skills to work with people, conduct public meetings and discuss public concerns in an understanding manner. These experiences also provide me with a unique perspective and history, allowing me to effectively oversee, scrutinize, and enhance the financial and operational aspects of the Devore Water Company. I strongly believe in the importance of community representation and active listening. It is imperative that we engage with our neighbors, valuing their input, and effectively communicate our decisions transparently. While it's impossible to please everyone all the time, my commitment is to foster transparency and seek collective resolutions to disagreements. I am enthusiastic about the prospect of continuing my service as a board member for the Devore Water Company in the upcoming year and well into the foreseeable future.

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PAUL KIRKLAND

My name is Paul Kirkland. I have served my country and community for nearly thirty years of my adult life. First, I served eight years in the U.S. Army, then twenty-one years with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. While working for the Prisons, I obtained my Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a Certificate in Small business entrepreneurship, both with a GPA above 3.70. As for my experience, it may not include much water knowledge, but it is packed with practicable knowledge in the function of business, management of people, and ethical values that no one can question. I got on this board in January of 2023 to help improve spending and transparency of the business. If you elect me to represent you, this will continue to be my mission. I would like to continue to serve you (my community) as a board member of the Devore Water Company. I see the Devore Water company becoming a system with few flaws, while still being able to provide quality water at a fraction of the cost of the larger water systems around us.

Bill Klapp

My name is Bill Klapp and I have served on the Devore Water Board for 8+ years. The water company is vital to the Devore community's existence and must be protected. The shareholders are the foundation of the company as they have an individual interest in their investment, and protecting that investment is my priority. I have lived in Devore for 34 years and was a volunteer fireman in Devore for 28 years. I also worked at the water company as a volunteer for many years reading meters for the water company and solving problems. I know the canyons and where our water sources are. It is my opinion we could be doing so much more with our fire suppression that is so important for our community. At this time, water projects that were supported by state grants have been placed on hold and not followed through. I would like to remain on the Devore Water Board to complete the projects that were projected by the state and ask for your vote. Once again, you are the shareholders and the owners of the water company. I am asking for your voice to support me, thank you.

BRIAN GILBERT

15 yr resident

Father of 2, and husband to Erin

Construction background in electrical and current home builder.

Former Deputy sheriff. I currently work in healthcare and I'm self-employed. I know how to run a business. I bring common sense and a no BS attitude! I get things done with no apologies. I keep the peace and don't waste money on unnecessary things. I want our water to be clean and our water company to be financially stable and a desirable place of employment to able us to retain employees and provide quality water for the long term.

Thank you,

Brian Gilbert

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BOB MORRIS

1970-1981 Worked Freightliner Corp 4 years as a machine operate 7 years as an inspector

1981-2001 Owned my own business. 1st as a landscaper contractor C-27 licensed in the state of California, I also had a pest control license in the counties of San Bernardino, Riverside, Los Angeles, And Orange Country. My customers included but not limited to Southern California Edison, Cities of Upland, San Bernardino, Chino, Palm Springs, Riverside, Montclair, Los Angeles, El Segundo. Along the way I had partnership with DL Walker Construction. With partnership I added a "B" license along with C- 55 license.

2001-Present- I retired and built my own house from 2022-2003. This is included taking a year off to find a place where my wife and I could retire. My wife was working for the Sheriffs Department. We looked at properties all over California, Nevada, and Arizona as we were trying to decide where to live, I remember a client that has won the California State Lottery and hired my company to refurbish herr house and property just up the street from Moms Country Store. We hired Tony Bighouse to find the perfect place and she did!! Some of the other things that I've done with my life. I attended Cal Poly in able to get my certified irrigation auditor license. I've raced card since I was 14 years old. Raced gas cars until 1987 then started racing injected alcohol cars in 1991. Then went alcohol turbo cars which i still have. In 1998 I advanced to injected nitro tried that for 1 race and got a motor sponsor and started racing top fuel got involved with that landspeed racing and went directly to blow a Chrysler with nitro racing. Engine guy, clutch guy, crew chief sometimes. I've put 7 guys in the 300 mph art Bonneville since racing land speed with a donzon guys in the 200mph club. Just know I also built alot of these cars as well as a top fuel cars. One of the cars that i built was for a young lady. you might know her from Top Fuel racing her name is Leah Pruitt.



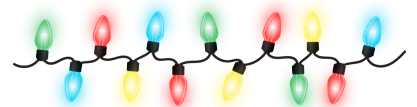
The Annual Bring and Share Christmas Event was amazing this year. Thank you to all the residents who volunteered to make the Christmas magic happen. To the kitchen crew for serving up all the yummy dishes the residents made. We had a great turn out for the raffle as well .

Winners of the Drive Around

- Larry Whittington
- Shawn Tutt
- Travis Campbell
- Pouponnot Laurent
- The Bansfield
- Karen O' hearne
- Teresa Smith
- Chris Smith



Christmas Light Winners



- Best Classic Display- greenwood
- Let it snow- Rancho
- Brightest Christmas- Kimbark
- Grinchiest Christmas- Richmond hill
- Best Santa's WorkShop- Marion
- Best White Display- Kenwood
- Community Spirit- Moms Country Store



Thank you to Zachary Valenzuela for hosting a Polar Express movie and hot coco night

A great shout out to all the DRPA team members

The Extra Devore Helpers



- Santa Helper- Stephanie Van Esh
- Saftey Team- The Slobom Family
- Saftey on Kimbark- Kato
- Newsletter and flyers- Sarah Phelps
- To the anonymos doners that help each year

Thank you to all that donated for the successful raffle



Devore Toy Drive



Thank you to
Noretta Barker
for delivering 105
toys for the
Devore Toy Drive

Your DRPA Team worked hard at planning the event.

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Glen Helen Oasis Update



COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA)
SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
THE OASIS AT GLEN HELEN PARKWAY PROJECT
GLEN HELEN SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, County Staff prepared a Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) that identifies and evaluates the environmental impacts of the proposed The Oasis at Glen Helen Parkway Project.

Project Title: The Oasis at Glen Helen Parkway Project.

Project No.: PROJ-2023-00012 / PROJ-2023-00096 / PROJ-2023-00100.

Project Location: The Project is located in an unincorporated area of southwestern San Bernardino County and within the City of Rialto Sphere of Influence (SOI). The Project is located east of Interstate (I-15), west of Glen Helen Parkway and the Glen Helen Regional Park, north of I-15 Exit 122, and south of three existing single-family residences and the Glen Helen Park Maintenance Yard.

Project Description: The Project proposes the development of approximately 202,900 square feet (SF) of commercial and retail uses on approximately 32.2 acres, consisting of a hotel, fitness facilities, a market and pharmacies, commercial shops, gasoline/service stations and convenience store, drive-through car wash, restaurants, and a joint Fire and Sheriff Station.

Additionally, the Project Draft SEIR consists of a Specific Plan Amendment (SPA, Project #: PROJ-2023-00096) and a Planned Development Permit (PDP, Project #: PROJ2023-00012) to allow for development of approximately 202,900 SF of commercial and retail uses as described above. Additional permitted uses under the SPA and PDP include indoor/outdoor RV storage, car condos, warehouse retail, and residential. In addition to the SPA, the Project also includes a Tentative Parcel Map (PROJ-2023-00100/TPM Map No. 20748) to address a site-specific development area within the Destination Recreation (DR) zone. The total square footage proposed as part of the PDP, is less than the maximum square footage allowed under the Glen Helen Specific Plan (GHSP). The Project proposes a maximum floor area ratio (FAR) of 0.18, which is less than the maximum allowed FAR of 0.20 in the GHSP-DR zone. The proposed text amendment would support the original intent of the GHSP-DR zone, to provide low-intensity retail commercial uses that are sensitive to the physical and environmental constraints of the area. It is currently anticipated that construction of the Project would begin in late spring of 2024 with an anticipated opening year of 2028



Creating Defensible Space

Defensible space is the buffer between your structure and the surrounding area. Adequate defensible space acts as a barrier to slow or halt the progress of fire that would otherwise engulf your property. It also helps ensure the safety of firefighters defending your home. Defensible space is the first line of defense for your home against wildfire



The intensity of wildfire fuel management varies within the 100-foot perimeter of the home, with more intense fuels' reduction occurring closer to your home. Start at the home and work your way out to 100 feet or to your property line, whichever is closer. Learn more about the Defensible Space Zones [belTVow](#).

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Community Updates



DEVORE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Church of Devore
1431 Devore Road
San Bernardino, CA 92407
Contact: devoretruth@gmail.com
(909) 880-4160
Service Times
Sunday: 10:30 AM
Wednesday: 6:30 PM



DON'T FORGET

- **January 9th :**
Devore Water Company meeting at 7
- **January 25th SHAREHOLDERS ANNUAL VOTE MEETING JANUARY 25th 2024 at KIMBARK SCHOOL**
- **Quarterly DRPA meeting Feb 5th for the following positions - President, Secretary, Agent of Process.**

NEED FOOD

Wednesday 4:30PM to 5:30PM

Address: 1431 Devore rd.

EVERY WEDNESDAY THERE WILL BE A FOOD GIVEAWAY AT THE DEVORE COMMUNITY CHURCH

If you need food before or after Wednesday please call Roy at 909 495-5261

Devore Community Updates and Support



Devore's NEW facebook page

This is an open uncensored discussion space for residents to keep the community up to date on crime/safety ,advertisements, etc. We want the community to ALWAYS stay updated.



ADVERTISING PRICES

BUSINESS CARD SIZE... \$25
1/4 PAGE...\$50
1/2 PAGE... \$75
FULL-PAGE... \$100

PRICING IS PER NEWSLETTER

SUBMIT AD PAYMENT TO : DRPA
CASH/CARD/CHECK IS ACCEPTED

Kimbark Corner

WITH THE HELP OF DEE DENTON, LINDA DENTON, AND JULIE COSTA; PTO WAS ABLE TO MAKE OVER 350 HOLIDAY COOKIE KITS FOR THE SCHOOL. A TRUE LABOR OF LOVE ENJOYED BY THE STAFF AND KIDS.



SAVE THE DATE

- JANUARY 5TH -
END OF WINTER BREAK
- JANUARY 15TH -
NO SCHOOL
- JANUARY 25TH -
CAREER DAY
- FEBRUARY 12TH -
NO SCHOOL &
FAMILY SKATE NIGHT



THE DEVORE RURAL PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

COME TO DRPA

**BRINGING FORTH THE CONSENSUS OF THE DEVORE
COMMUNITY - KEEPING YOU INFORMED**

WHAT IS DRPA..



- 1. Maintain Devore's rural identity and way of life, with no curbs or street lights on our roads.**
- 2. Protect Devore from annexation and encroachment by neighboring cities and maintain our present County form of government.**
- 3. Retain the one-residence-per-acre minimum.**
- 4. Remain independently serviced by private and county agencies.**
- 5. Preserve our trails and open-space land.**
- 6. ensure responsible and compatible growth and development in the Devore area.**
- 7. Keeping Neighbors safe and informed on crime and safety in Devore**



DEVORE FOOD PANTRY

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF FOOD

WE ARE OPEN EACH WEDNESDAY

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM FOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION

**LOCATION: DEVORE COMMUNITY CHURCH
1431 DEVORE RD**

