



Bonita Democratic Council

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La Verne Councilman Resigns: Dan Harden Steps Down After 15 Years

By Liset Marquez Staff Writer
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LA VERNE - After months of grappling with the decision, City Councilman Dan Harden resigned Friday.

Harden, 58, said the decision to step down was sparked by his retirement from Bonita High School in June, where he taught history and government.

"It's time for me to retire and look forward to new challenges in the future," said Harden, who has served on the council for 15 years. "I was thinking about (retiring from the council) and decided to postpone it until the end of the summer."

"It was all part of the stuff that I loved doing, but now I also love my free time and being able to travel," Harden said. "To be free from that was refreshing."

Harden informed City Manager Martin Lomeli of his decision Thursday morning.

"We lost a dedicated council member who was very committed to doing his job," Lomeli said.

The council has until the end of September to decide how to fill Harden's position, Lomeli said.

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Dan Harden For Your Dedicated Service THANK YOU

Dear Fellow Democrats:

It was a privilege and honor to work with Dan on his Assembly campaign. In fact, what you may not know is that Dan's campaign was the catalyst for the formation of the Bonita Democratic Council. I would like to thank him for all of his service and to wish him and his family the best of health and happiness. Take care and thanks for the inspiration.

Thank you,

Matt Lyons, Chair
Bonita Democratic Council

VOLUNTEER at the L.A. County FAIR

September 7 – 30, 2007
Wednesday – Sunday

The Los Angeles Democratic Party is hosting a booth at the Los Angeles County Fair from Sept 7-30, Wednesday through Sunday. Volunteers are needed for 3 to 4 hour shifts. Call Brad Johnson or Jen Zabriskie at 626-967-9608 or email lafair@writepitch.com for more information or to reserve a date.

Friday, September 14 – San Dimas Day
Wednesday, September 19 – Glendora Day
Wednesday, September 26 – La Verne Day

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www.BonitaDemocrats.org

THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

There are still a number of shifts open for the Los Angeles County Democratic Party booth at the Los Angeles Fair. This is an all-volunteer effort, and we need your support. Grab a friend and sign up for a volunteer shift at the LA County Fair. We need two volunteers per shift. The Los Angeles County Democratic Party will supply a single ticket to the fair for each volunteer. Your ticket is good for the entire day, so plan to volunteer for a few hours and enjoy the many Fair attractions! You are responsible for transportation and parking. Parking ranges from \$8-\$15 per car. This year, there are a number of different ways you can sign up.

OPTION 1 - SIGN UP ONLINE

See the schedule online and sign up for a shift:

<http://www.bookshopllc.com/id15.html>

- â,→ click on the volunteer sign up link
- â,→ click on make an appointment for the LA County Fair
- â,→ select a date from the calendar at the top of the page
- â,→ select from the available shifts on the bottom of the page
- â,→ fill out the volunteer form and click proceed
- â,→ Click on make an appointment
- â,→ You will then receive a confirmation page (please note that your schedule request is pending confirmation and will be reviewed within 2-3 business days)

OPTION 2 – CALL: 626.967.9608

- â,→ Please leave a message with 2-3 preferred dates and times you would like to volunteer (please note, you will be calling The Book Shop)
- â,→ you will receive a response within 24 hours about whether your selected shift is available

OPTION 3 - EMAIL: lafair@writepitch.com

- â,→ Please send an email with 2-3 preferred dates and times you would like to volunteer
- â,→ you will receive a response within 24 hours about whether your selected shift is.

We look forward to hearing from you soon and thank you in advance for your support!

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BDC Schedule of Events

For more info go online to www.BonitaDemocrats.org

Thursday, September 20 @ 7pm
Meeting – Topic: Healthcare for All
San Dimas Senior Center

Thursday, October 18 @ 7pm
Meeting – Topic: **War Made Easy**
San Dimas Senior Center

Holiday Potluck – Tuesday,
December 4 @ 7pm

Dan Harden Resigns cont.

Harden first joined the council in 1992, and became known for his work as a youth advocate. He helped found the Youth and Family Committee to work with at-risk youth soon after his election, and said in 15 years he's never missed a meeting.

"He's done a lot of things for youth and he's a superstar at that," said Councilman Don Kendrick.

"I think he's done an excellent job, and he will be deeply missed," Blickenstaff said.

As a government-teacher- turned-councilman, Harden gave his students a firsthand look at city government, said Bob Kettering, Harden's principal at Bonita High School. "He tried to make the classes particularly hands-on so students would have the skills to be effective citizens when they left his class," Kettering said.

Harden's school, city and council colleagues credited him with taking leadership roles in developing the city's Sport's Park and Aquatic Center, and bringing synthetic turf to Bonita High School this year.

In 2004, Harden ran unsuccessfully for the state Assembly, and prior to his position with the council, Harden led the Bonita Unified Teachers Union.

Harden said. "It's been an honor and a privilege to have been able to serve. It's been so gratifying."