

# the VOICE

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## Choices NOVEMBER '24 Choices

And choices we certainly do have this time around. Three men running for Carmel-by-the-Sea Mayor. And four men seeking seats on the City Council...*as of this printing!* No Women? Sorry, not on this November's Ballot. Dave Potter is seeking a third term—mayor terms are for two years; Council terms are for four years. Jeff Baron has been on the Council since 2018. And Dale Byrne is well known as the man who invented Carmel Cares. These three eager citizens will appear on our CRA Candidates Forum Mayor panel. Then, Hans Buder, Bob Delves, Danny Hala, and David O'Neil who are running for the two open Council seats will be on the Council panel session at our CRA Candidates Forum September 17<sup>th</sup> (details on back cover).

This *Voice* issue is introducing the November choices, the Candidates. Readers will have known most or many of the Candidates, but for those who are unfamiliar, we have brief sketches of each applicant. And readers may want to hold on to this issue to remind them before showing up at the voting booth.



*Note: As an Organization, the Carmel Residents Association does not endorse any individual political candidate.*

### JEFF BARON

I bought our home in Carmel in 2005 and moved here full time in 2011. In 2014 I was appointed to the Forest Beach Commission. In 2018 I was elected to the City Council where I led Carmel's Climate Committee, and founded Carmel Neighbors, a pandemic support organization. I currently serve on the boards of Monterey-Salinas Transit and Central Coast Community Energy. I am a member of Monterey County's Human Services.



#### **Why are you seeking this Mayoral office?**

I believe there is much work to do in order to maintain our Village as a residential community located in the forest and the beach.

### DALE BYRNE

Following a successful career in international technology my wife and I achieved a personal dream when in 2017 we became Carmel homeowners. From that moment we have been totally engaged in learning how the City operates while executing our vision of caring for and inspiring our community through Carmel Cares. I operate with transparency truly listening to our



diverse community, and believe in the power of volunteerism, philanthropy and being a hands-on leader who gets things done.

#### **Why are you seeking this Mayoral office?**

I love and care for this town and have the desire, experience, and leadership philosophy to protect and enhance the rare characteristics of our Village and ensure a fiscally secure and vibrant community.

### DAVE POTTER

Thank you for the privilege of serving as Mayor of Carmel-by-the-Sea. Together we have accomplished a great deal, and I will always be dedicated to this community. I look forward to putting my years of experience in local government as a Planning Commissioner, City Council member, County Supervisor, Coastal Commissioner, and now as your Mayor, to work to ensure that we are ready and equipped for what lies ahead.



#### **Why are you seeking this Mayoral office?**

It's more important now than ever that we have experienced leadership in our city government. I ask for your vote in November. *(Incumbent Mayor of Carmel.)*

*We turn now to the Candidates' seeking seats on Carmel's City Council. There are two Council seats up for this election. Council members are elected for a four-year term. Our Village Council is composed of four members plus the mayor. (Cont'd. page 2)*

# 2024 Choices

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## HANS BUDER

My professional background is in housing and real estate finance. I began my career at a Boston based real estate equity firm. I have worked for a large affordable housing developer before leaving to launch a real estate investment firm specializing in mixed-income housing. I serve on boards of the CRA, the Big Sur Land Trust, and the Monterey County Housing Authority. I hold degrees from Harvard, Stanford, and Duke universities.



### Why are you seeking this Council office?

I have a deep appreciation for the challenges that small coastal communities face, and I'm passionate about preserving the charm and natural beauty of Carmel because I believe that with my experience in housing and real estate finance, I would add a valuable skillset and perspective to the Council. And because, as the father of three young kids, I'm deeply invested in the long-term success of the Village.

## BOB DELVES

Serving for over four years on the Carmel Planning Commission and working diligently on your behalf to protect the unique character of our Village has been an honor. It has given me an excellent perspective into the inner workings of our local government. I've been a corporate executive, a financial consultant, founder of several companies, and even a mayor of a small town. I come with management and planning skills, and a life-long track record of effective and positive results-based leadership.



### Why are you seeking this Council office?

I believe I have the skills that can help our city to deal with an ever-growing list of serious challenges.

## DANNY HALA

I was born and raised in this community. I grew up at Monte Verde and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. I own three downtown businesses, and I spend nearly every day immersed in conversations about the management and challenging state laws that threaten our piece of heaven.



### Why are you seeking this Council office?

I have a commitment to preserve and improve Carmel-by-the-Sea.

## DAVID O'NEIL

I have been studying Carmel's history, representing citizens' wishes, and protecting Carmel's character as an advocate for several years. My goal is to amplify residents' voices that are often unheard or overlooked. I've audited developments to ensure our housing reflects the General Plan and Design Guidelines. I've served in Carmel Woman's Club, Chamber of Commerce, Carmel Cares, Habitat for Humanity and on the board of CRA,.



### Why are you seeking this Council office?

With over 25 years of experience in planning and construction management, and with my knowledge of the history of Carmel believe I can represent your voice on the City Council. ■



*Your vote counts. You've heard that before? Well, it does. Our last election of two years ago produced 1,956 votes. Our current registered voter count is just under 2,500. We're a small town. Voting is decision making. We have seven citizens, running for Mayor and Council, asking for your vote. That's the way it works.*

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# PRESIDENT'S Message

## November 2024 – Your Vote, Your Right, Your Responsibility

On behalf of the Carmel Residents Association Board of Directors, we hope everyone has had a wonderful summer. With Car Week in the “rear view mirror” (no pun intended) it’s now time to focus on one of the most important responsibilities we have as Residents and Americans... the ability to VOTE.

The 2024 Elections could be one of the most important and impactful in recent memory...there is a mayoral seat and two City Council seats in Carmel-by-the-Sea that will be decided on November 5. As residents of our beloved Village, we are the stewards of a unique and vibrant community: a place where art, culture, and nature intertwine. Our Village is not just a collection of buildings, sand, trees, and streets; it is a living entity shaped by the dreams and aspirations of you, its resi-

dents. And on November 5<sup>th</sup>, we have the opportunity to honor Carmel-by-the-Sea’s history and traditions while shaping its future by voting.

In preparations for your vote, the Carmel Residents Association is hosting a Candidates Forum on September 17 starting at 5:30 at the Carmel Woman’s Club (see page 8). We encourage you all to attend to learn more of the views of these Candidates.

In our last newsletter we identified five themes that we thought would emerge in 2024 ...Safety, Communication, Participation, Transparency and Teamwork. We have experienced all five of these themes so far this year and we hope that will continue not only throughout this year but in all the years to come. We encourage you all to be safe, communicate/participate with



your CRA Board and/or our City leaders frequently along with insisting on transparency from the CRA Board and City Hall on all matters that affect our beloved Village and work with our fellow residents to respect, maintain and shape the future of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, let your voice be heard, your vote counted, and your impact felt. Together, we are building the future for Carmel-by-the-Sea. Looking forward to seeing you around town. ■

*Graeme*

For California voting dates and details visit [www.sos.ca.gov/elections](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections)

OCT  
07

Deadline for ballots to start getting mailed to every California voter, [early voting sites](#) open.

OCT  
21

Last day to register to vote – either [online](#) or by mail. [Same-day registration](#) begins Oct. 22.

NOV  
05

Polls are open, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Also, the last day to vote by mail.



## Carmel Welcomes Unicorns? ...Especially In Campaign Season

Ah, election season - a time when politicians don their best smiles, shake a plethora of hands, and work to convince us that they are the best thing since sliced bread. But if negative gossip happens, there lies a rare gem in the world of politics - respectful campaigning.

Picture this: a politician who doesn’t resort to rumors and misinformation about their opponents. Sounds like a unicorn - but fear not, dear readers, for respectful election campaigning does exist, and it’s not just a myth propagated by overly optimistic political pundits. This can be what Carmel-by-the-Sea citizens expect of those running for office.

So, what does respectful election campaigning entail? First and foremost, it involves focusing on the issues rather than personal attacks. Instead of revisiting the past, politicians engage in meaningful discussions about policies and plans for the future. It’s like a breath of fresh air in a room filled with the stale stench of political drama.

Imagine a debate where candidates actually listen to each other and respond with thoughtful arguments instead of resorting to cheap shots and one-liners. It’s almost too good to be true, isn’t it? But hey, a little civility never hurt anyone. And we will insist on it.

Respectful election campaigning also means treating op-

ponents with, well, respect. Shocking, I know. Instead of viewing them as enemies, candidates must acknowledge their opponents’ right to run for office and present their own ideas in a constructive manner.

Of course, a sprinkle of humor can go a long way in making the campaign trail a more pleasant place for everyone involved. Imagine a political ad that actually makes you chuckle instead of cringe - now that’s a campaign strategy we can get behind.

In our world where politics often feels like a never-ending circus of chaos and confusion, respectful election campaigning is like a ray of sunshine on a cloudy day (or foggy day common in our Village). So, dear candidates, take note: it’s possible to run a campaign without stooping to the lowest common denominator. And who knows, you might just win over a few of our hearts (and votes) in the days ahead before we mark our ballots.

PS: These wise pointers and reminders also apply to Carmel voters too. ■



## Customs, Personality And Landmarks

*"For several days this week a tall, dignified, official looking gentleman wandered about our fair city, up one street and down another. He not only looked official, he was official."*

*Carmel Pine Cone, 1926*

A few Carmelites have left lasting landmarks upon our community, creators of amenities enjoyed and appreciated during the century+ existence of the Village. James F. Devendorf is considered the "father" of our city; there's a public park named after "Devy." Herbert Heron founded the Forest Theater. Ella Reid Harrison bequeathed the monies for a library to be built in honor and memory of her husband. William Overstreet founded a weekly newspaper, the *Carmel Pine Cone*, still publishing 109 years later.

These individuals---"Devy," Heron, Harrison, Overstreet--- are familiar names to many Carmelites in 2024. Robert W. Madden made an executive decision in 1926 that, for nearly 100 years, has impacted the lives of every individual Carmel resident and business owner since then. His directive still stands; he is unknown.

This Village is unconventional and quirky. Madden contributed to our unusualness by his singular action. The Oxford Dictionary defines a custom as "a traditional and widely accepted way of behaving that is specific to a particular society, place or time." Madden conveyed upon Carmel a custom, specific to us and to our hometown.

Robert Madden is coastal fog to this Pacific Village; evident...but untouchable. He indirectly affects each Carmelite Monday-Saturday from the grave, nine decades after his passing. In death, he is still with us. He is a silent puppeteer pulling the strings on an active segment of our civic life.

Madden was a native of Illinois, born in 1867. After relocating to San Francisco, he was hired as a clerk at the San Francis-

co Post Office, rising through the postal ranks to become an inspector. From 1906 through 1914, he was agent-in-charge of the Honolulu postal inspectors, later appointed assistant postmaster of the San Francisco Ferry Annex, a position he maintained until his 1932 retirement.

It was in his role as chief inspector



Source: Pat Hathaway Collection, Monterey County Historical Society

that he came to Carmel in 1926---that "tall, dignified, official" --- responding to an expression by some habitants wanting carrier mail delivery. His visit was to sort out the various recommendations of his postal subordinates on the delivery issue, and to listen to some clamorous residents.

"This outraged roar relayed to the government resulted in a visit to these sacred precincts (Carmel-by-the-Sea) by Robert W. Madden....who proceeded to give a careful look-see to the situation and left town last night with both thumbs down and three 'noes' on the postman matter. 'No'....is because sidewalks in Carmel are conspicuous by their persistent absence; 'No'...because most of the roadways are in dilapidated condition; 'No'...because of the poor street lighting in the populous sections."



(Oakland Tribune, 1926)

At the time Madden was summoned to Carmel, the Village was growing. Between 1920 and 1930, the population swelled 254%. It was reported by civic boosters that Carmel-by-the-Sea had the greatest population increase of any

Northern California city in that decade. With no carrier delivery, the demand for mailboxes at the postal station was outpacing the ability of the postal service to provide each resident and business with its own mail container.

Madden would not approve or provide carrier service. He would appoint an additional full-time clerk to relieve the patron backup at the postal station.

Madden was not Rowland Hill, the 1870's maverick reformer of the British postal system. But for a century of Carmelites, for Heron and

Harrison, for Devendorf and Overstreet, for every resident between 1926 and today, he might as well have been our own Rowland Hill.

Robert Madden died in October 1932, at his home on Ashbury Street, in San Francisco. He was sixty-six years old.

Madden still haunts Carmel-by-the-Sea. His ironclad decision, manifested each day, silently greets us as we arrive at our postal destination to collect our mail, transmit a package, buy stamps. He left a lasting mark upon this Village, not a physical asset like a library, but a now century aged custom.

And Madden and Carmel-by-the-Sea have a nonsynchronous link besides his 1926 executive order. Carmel birthed as a municipality on 31 October 1916. Robert Madden died on Halloween, 1932. ■

## Standard Addresses in Our Village?

Should they be implemented in Carmel-by-the-Sea? What will this transition look like? How long will this take? Should we relinquish this 108-year tradition? Are there alternatives to USPS addressing? Is our safety at risk without standard addresses? Will our 93921 Post Office be closed if we implement standard addresses? There are genuine emotional, factual, and incorrect factors that continue to float about those that want standard addresses and those that don't.

In the July 2024 City Council meeting a 3/2 decision was made to move ahead to plan for standard addresses. It was stated that community input on moving ahead – is over. But is it really? Have we had our address related questions asked and answered? We think not. Just listen to the first 1:22 minutes of the August 2024 City Council meeting where this July decision received pushback in two segments.

And, whether you've lived in our Village for decades or are new here – there are inconveniences that can arise. Are there

ways to address today's no addresses? Are these inconveniences worth hanging on to this century-long tradition? What is the view of the majority of our citizens on this? Do we have enough information to make an informed public decision or vote – by our council or by citizens?

Whether our Village moves ahead on implementing standard addresses or not – this won't happen overnight and significantly more education, facts and COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS are definitely needed before our City Council should "rubber stamp" standard USPS addressing. ■



## Science and Native Trees – Reminders

Few would dispute that research has increasingly proven the crucial role trees play in enhancing the health and well-being of our city residents, our environment, and our planet.

Trees improve air quality by absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen, helping to mitigate the levels of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. Additionally, trees act as natural air filters,

removing pollutants such as nitrogen dioxide, ozone, sulfur dioxide, and particulate matter from the air. Trees significantly reduce air pollution levels, leading to improved respiratory health and overall well-being (Nowak et al., 2006).

Another essential function of trees is their role in mitigating the heat island effect. By providing shade and evaporative cooling, trees help to lower temperatures in cities, reducing the heat buildup caused by development and human activities.

Trees also play a crucial role in managing stormwater. By intercepting rainfall and promoting infiltration, trees help to

reduce stormwater runoff, minimizing the risk of flooding and erosion in landscapes. Trees absorb and slow down water flow, contributing to more effective storm-

water management strategies and enhancing the resilience of ecosystems (Nowak and Dwyer, 2000).

Native trees specifically contribute to the beauty of landscapes and play an important role in cultural traditions and

costs. And by restoring native tree populations, we help protect the integrity of their natural habitats.

Beyond the environment, trees have been shown to have significant psychological and social impacts on city residents. Exposure to green spaces with trees has been linked to improved mental health outcomes, including reduced levels of stress, anxiety, and depression. (Shanahan et al., 2016).

The proven benefits of our trees are vast and multifaceted, encompassing environmental and psychological dimensions. As populated areas continue

to grow and expand, preserving and expanding native tree canopy cover is essential for creating healthier, more sustainable, and resilient landscapes. Through science and evidence-based practices, we can harness the power of trees, especially native trees,

to enhance our quality of life and create greener, more livable environments for generations to come. ■



**PLEASE watch for and attend the upcoming coming Forest & Beach meetings and/or workshops that reveal rewrites and to the Carmel-by-the-Sea Forest Master Plan as we wrap up 2024.**

## Village Summer Music Abounds

Thanks to all. From July 4<sup>th</sup> with Monterey County Pops in Devendorf Park to “count ‘em” 10 weeks of Friday early evening musicians hosted sequentially first by Sunset Center and then by Carmel Plaza to the multi-week Carmel Bach Festival – we are so enriched by such amazing talent and cultural. It was amazing. ■



By Nancy Twomey



## Carmel’s Housing Challenges Continue

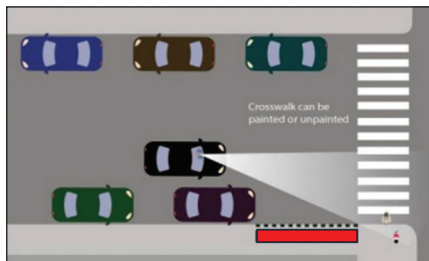
Squeezing 349 new housing units into our built-out Village, while we preserve its character in the next 6+ years, is a huge hurdle. As you know our City received State certification of Housing Element in April, that protects us from Builders Remedy projects (no local oversight) for now. However, this plan includes plans for the City-owned sites of Vista Lobos and the north/south lots of Sunset Center for affordable housing. At July’s City Council, they authorized work to create a revised Housing Element as soon as viable, that replaces these City-owned sites. This City staff work is being actively supported by a volunteer community

team – AHA (Affordable Housing Alternatives (email [citysitealternatives@gmail.com](mailto:citysitealternatives@gmail.com)). Alternative approaches and program development were previewed with open comments, questions and feedback received at a City hosted Community Meeting August 21<sup>st</sup> in Carpenter Hall. Some possible programs include exploring conversion of Village inns & hotels combined with affordable housing and expanded ADU programs and incentives that welcomes new residents into our town spread throughout our 1 square mile. Visit [www.carmelresidents.org/housing](http://www.carmelresidents.org/housing) for more details on this August session and findings. ■

### More Major City Initiatives Work-In-Progress

With multiple Workshops and Meetings under our belt in the past months – our Police Station Project has received Council OK to request schematics for a remodel of this building in place embracing most (if not all) of the functionality needed. The timing for the anticipated public review of these results is not yet scheduled.

Sacramento legislation **AB413** (labeled “Daylighting Bill”) dictates some of the **parking spots** at curbed intersections downtown to be “no parking” or replaced with loading zones to increase pedestrian



safety. The proposed Carmel plan impacting ~50 spaces and revision of other spaces is being finalized for reviews in the upcoming City Council meetings. These changes must be made prior to January 2025, when penalties for non-compliance become applicable.

Even more significant projects include potential standard **Addresses** and **Forest Master Plan** draft (as noted on page 5), **Security Camera** rollout and policy, and initial drafts of a new **Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) ordinance**, will keep us all fully engaged in the important Civic efforts underway. CRA will continue to provide updates on these initiatives inside the “Hot Topics” links on the home page of our website and in our *News You Can Use* emailed newsletters. ■

### Upcoming City Events (see CRA Events on next page)

- Sept 9 – Regular City Council Meeting 4:40 PM City Chambers
- Sept 14 – City’s Carmel Beach - Great Sandcastle Contest 10am-3pm
- Sept 14 – Friends of Mission Trail Nature Preserve Weedies 9:30am - noon
- Sept 19 – City Third Thursday in Devendorf Park 4-7pm
- Sept 24 – Carmel Chamber - Business Candidates Forum 5-9pm
- Sept 27-29 – Monterey Jazz Festival
- Sept 28 – Carmel Community Organization Fair in Devendorf 10am - 2pm
- Oct 1 – Regular City Council Meeting 4:40 PM City Chambers
- Oct 3 – Carmel Chamber – Taste of Carmel at the Carmel Mission
- Oct 12 – Friends of Mission Trail Nature Preserve – Weedies 9:30am - noon
- Oct 15 & 16 – Monterey Symphony, Love Letter to Hollywood, at Forest Theater
- Oct 17 – City Third Thursday 4-7pm in Devendorf Park
- Oct 18 – Carmel Highschool’s Homecoming Parade down Ocean Avenue
- Oct 26 – Pumpkin Roll down Ocean Ave
- Oct 31 – Halloween/Anniversary Parade up and down Ocean Avenue

And enjoy Carmel’s Farmers Market – every Thursday 10am - 2pm Finally - and possibly - the Golden Bough Theater grand re-opening? ■

## CRA's Great June & July Programs



Our July Program – **Monterey County Supervisor Mary Adams – A Conversation**, in addition to this moderated discussion with Q&A, CRA also honored Mary with our Public Service Lifetime Achievement Award.

And at our **June Annual Meeting**, Graeme provided highlights of the value delivered to and appreciation of the support of our membership in the past year. We all enjoyed the historic area images from the Pat Hathaway Photo Collection.

We also recognized Bill Hill of New Masters Gallery with the CRA Business of the Year.

Each of these CRA programs' videos and photos are captured on our CRA website for those who couldn't join us live. ■



## 2024 New VIP Offers from Local Businesses!



Discounts and more are available to current CRA Members with your VIP card – new additions to our offer roster includes great local businesses including: Edi Matsumoto Fine Art, Jennifer Perlmutter Gallery, Nicole Cromwell Art & Gallery, Quail & Olive, and Pilgrim Way Books & Garden. Please patronize these new and all local businesses who go the extra mile to welcome locals through our VIP discounts and offers. ■



## CRA's Carmel Youth Center Donation Match Campaign – The results are in!

Thanks to the generosity of our membership, this Summer's Campaign delivered a combined **\$11,500** to our cherished Carmel Youth Center to be used for summer programs, supplies and maintenance to their facilities. The CRA Board challenged you to match our \$5,000 contribution from bequest dollars Erl Langerholm directed to CRA in appreciation for what we provide to our Village and community. And you helped exceed our match goal, again we thank you.



Your CRA Board welcomes your future consideration in your estate planning. We honor investments received with careful directed use benefiting our Village and its future – in alignment with the Carmel Residents Association mission. ■

Were you there? We hope y'all enjoyed the **CRA's Annual Feast in the Forest Sunday Sept 8<sup>th</sup>**! It was a Western themed afternoon with great CRA people, great BBQ food, great farm fresh vegetables, great wine, great raffle items, great pies, and of course great times. Photos and more will be available within days on the CRA website and will also be in the next *Voice* Issue. ■



## Donations In Memoriam

Great-Great Aunt Saidee Van Brower from Cynthia Williams

...plus an extra thank you to CRA members who've contributed extra funds alongside their dues.

## Upcoming CRA Dates and Events

- Sept 17 - CRA's Residents - Candidates Forum (see page 8)
- Sept 21 – Special date CRA Beach Clean-up – in partnership with Save our Shores & Carmel Cares
- Sept 28 – CRA will have a table at our City's Community Organization Fair in Devendorf 10am-2pm
- Oct 31 – CRA will be marching in the Halloween/Anniversary Parade up and down Ocean Avenue – please join us!
- CRA hosts a community table at Carmel's Farmers Market – every last Thursday each month
- CRA - No Host Gathering – October date to be announced
- Dec 8<sup>th</sup> - CRAs Annual Holiday Gala at La Playa - please save this spot in your holiday calendar ■

## Extra Special 90<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> Recognitions

We have two exceptional decades long (and counting) Carmel-by-the-Sea Citizens with exceptional Birthdays to celebrate this month/September 2024. Our CRA Vice President and former Mayor **Ken White** will be celebrating his big 90<sup>th</sup>!



And if rumor has it right, our former post master, veteran, CRA member and much more - **Peggy Purchase** will be celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday! **WOW** ■



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*The Carmel Residents Association is committed to the protection and enrichment of the traditional quality of life in Carmel-by-the-Sea and the preservation of its heritage and natural beauty through education, community activities and advocacy.*

*The CRA does not sell, trade, lend or in any other way share our members' information with any organization or company.*

# CRA's Candidates Forum

**Tuesday September 17<sup>th</sup> – 5PM at Carmel Woman's Club**  
**Be There – Join Us – Don't Miss It!**

Every 2 years since 1988, CRA continues to host our Biennial Candidates Forum - brought to you by residents for residents! As you've seen on page 1 & 2 of this issue – Our November Carmel-by-the-Sea ballot will include Candidates running for 3 open City seats in City Chambers - currently with seven Candidates.

The Candidates we vote into office will make important decisions that affect residents, you, your family, and our community. With many significant Village projects in progress including Priorities, Police Building, Housing Element, Forest Master Plan, Addresses and others - these Candidates will be on the hot seat to address these and other challenges in the 2 years + ahead. And with limited time - back by popular demand - a portion of our panel sessions will have a "lightning round" where Candidates will represent their views with "thumbs up" and "thumbs down".

Our CRA Candidate questions are crafted from your submissions & your

CRA Board of Directors. Candidates will not see the questions in advance but will receive rules to follow when responding.

Graeme Robertson, our CRA President, will welcomed everyone, set the stage, and will introduced Paul Miller of the Carmel Pine Cone who will moderate this Forum. This is CRA's must-see event for all citizens to get to know our 2024 Candidates.

This event is free and open to the public as long as space allows. Doors at the Carmel Woman's Club will open at 5:00PM to mix with Candidates and fellow attendees. At 5:30PM we will begin with a

panel of Council Candidates first, with a break for a lite bite to eat and beverage, then reconvene with a panel of Mayor Candidates. Allowing 70 minutes for each panel, with a break in-between, we target our official program to end by 8:00PM with more mix/mingle with all until 8:30 PM. Don't miss this future-critical CRA event – Tuesday September 17, 2024. ■

**Hear Ye, Hear Ye**

**Come One And All  
 To The CRA Candidates Forum 2024**

*Tuesday Sept 17, 5-8:30 pm*

**Carmel Woman's Club – San Carlos & 9th**