

## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETINGS .....Wanda Shaffer**

**NEW FACES!** There are 3 new Supervisors....Lisa Bartlett, District 5, Michelle Steel, District 2 and Andrew Do, District 1. This makes our county the first in the continental U.S. with an Asian American majority. The “old pros” are Chairman Spitzer and Supervisor Nelson. Of course, this also means there are 3 new Exec. Assistants. John Wayne Airport Director, Alan Murphy, and County Clerk-Recorder, Susan Novak have retired.

The TNCs (Transportation Network Companies) such as UBER and LYFT will soon be able to offer passenger pick-up to and from John Wayne Airport. Currently the taxi company has an exclusive contract for a parking spot at Terminal C. The taxi co. pays \$800,000 annually for the license and has had the contract from 2008 to expiration in 2015. The Supervisors pointed out that the TNCs could come to the curb and taxis could not. They suggested that should be changed. It was also pointed out that the taxi companies are checked by the DMV, must meet air emission regulations, pay for each deplaning passenger and have drivers considered as employees. The TNCs do not have employees, they have “clients”; they could continually troll through the airport and cause more traffic congestion. Our new acting airport director, Larry Serrafini stated that they could place a geofence around the airport to control that. However the geofence is still in the testing stages at the San Francisco Airport. The taxi company was urged to meet with the county to discuss how to make the addition of TNCs a fair proposition for them. The vote was 5-0.

A proposal to pay for a number of Executive Assistants was requested by the Tax Collector, Auditor-Controller and Public Guardian. Supervisor Nelson stated that this was unwise and unnecessary as these depts. do not deal with the public, as do some other depts.. “This will lead to more on the ‘political level’ and not the ‘public service level’”. Supervisor Do said he was uncomfortable telling elected officials how they can use their staff. (Do hired onto his staff a former aide of Supervisor Bates. This aide was sanctioned for billing the county while he worked elsewhere.) After much discussion, the vote passed 3-2, with Nelson and Bartlett voting no.

The Sheriff-Coroner requested \$520,000 for the continuous electronic monitoring equipment (ankle bracelet). She stated there have been very few failure rates of home detention monitoring for misdemeanor inmates. The cost for home detention is \$4 per day vs. \$140 a day for jail housing. The vote was 4-1, Supervisor Spitzer voting no.

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