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Letters to the Editor: May 21, 2008

Editor:

During the 20 plus years I served as City Clerk and Elections Officer in the City of Santa Clara I worked with many city council members and met many fine individuals in public service. During those years I withheld endorsing any candidates for public office. Now that I am retired I feel compelled to publicly endorse Paul Fong for State Assembly. He is a man of proven integrity and strong work ethics and will serve our community well in the State Assembly.

Judy Boccignone
Former Santa Clara City Clerk

I am writing in regards to an inaccurate statement written in this past week's article (May 7-May 13). The article I am referring to is titled: *"Candidates for Assembly Fail to Close the Deal With Influential Democratic Club"*

The article mentions the Democratic candidates for State Assembly - District 22. However, in the last sentence of the article, when it mentions Kris Wang, it inaccurately says her campaign is "non-existent."

"Cupertino mayor Kris Wang, whose website says she's still in the running but whose campaign has been non-existent, didn't participate"

Kris was unfortunately unable to attend this particular event due to prior engagements. However, she is very much still in the race. There are many full-time workers and volunteers working throughout the day (10am-10pm) 7 days week in a 2,000 sq. feet office located in san jose. She has been interviewed on radio, tv, print newspaper/magazines (inc. SJ Mercury), and appeared at events, passed out mailers, put up lawn signs, spoken with thousands of voters.

If a "non-existent" campaign refers to your current views alone, I do not think it should be placed in an otherwise factually accurate and newsworthy article. Therefore, I respectfully request that the information be corrected in the upcoming issue of the Santa Clara Weekly.

In my opinion, the article should be meant to educate voters.

Regards,
Shanko
Volunteer - Kris Wang for State Assembly

Caserta 's ethics and integrity are suspect. Here are two examples:

Caserta 's campaign manager, Ryan Chamberlin, is the same campaign manager of the SummerHill

backed "Yes on Measures A & B," trying to develop the BAREC property. Caserta received over \$14,000 in donations from SummerHill and voted to develop this land. Caserta made campaign promises to preserve BAREC in 2002 and 2006, but now after breaking his promises and voting for SummerHill's development, Caserta conveniently hires Ryan Chamberlin to manage his political advancement. Ryan Chamberlin was SummerHill's campaign manager and now he is Caserta's.

Is this one of the reasons why Caserta did not file a ballot statement? By not filing, Caserta removes financial handcuffs so he can gather as much money as necessary to buy the election. Elect someone that will represent you, not sell you out. Don't vote for Caserta.

Kirk Vartan

San Jose

Dear Editor

What a glowing review of the young Caserta you published. I think it's very good of you to see the good in this young man. My only concern is that young Mr. Caserta has learnt the ways of the gravy train at such a young age and as most of us older folk know a 'leopard never changes its spots'.

I wonder if Mr. Caserta had not had full blown advertisements at the back of the SC weekly you would feel the same about this young man? Just food for thought. Personally I will be pledging my vote to others that have perhaps been less like to line their pockets with tax payers money - I would urge others to think twice before sending Mr. Caserta to Sacramento - I don't want to have to pay for a bigger gas bill than I already do.

**Saskia Feain
Santa Clara**

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