

## Candidates' Support for Economic Development and Housing Sought

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On October 19, Church of the Good Shepherd and St. Peter Church in Pacifica hosted a City Council candidates' forum on the issues of economic development and affordable housing in Pacifica. All five candidates for the two open seats attended and were asked for their support on three efforts to increase affordable housing in Pacifica and two economic development measures to revitalize the neglected West Sharp Park business district. These five efforts were determined by the local PIA leaders, through careful research and discussion with community members, to be critical for meeting the needs of the people of Pacifica.

Approximately 70 people attended the forum, which was the largest candidate forum in Pacifica this year. The Pacifica local organizing committee members appreciated the great support from other PIA congregations. The forum was broadcast live by the Pacifica Community TV station and replayed several times. The Pacifica Tribune newspaper also covered the forum, thereby extending the influence of the forum by allowing its readers to know the candidates' views on these issues, exposing the real differences among them.