

THE LA PALMA RECORD

CITY NEWSLETTERS DON'T TELL THE WHOLE STORY.
READ THE RECORD.

\$8.4M

A jury awarded \$8.4 million to a former employee after the City failed to investigate his discrimination complaint. Appeal pending.

- **\$25.3M Pension Debt:** What Happened to the 9-Year Payoff Promise?
- **Measure W:** Who Paid? Who Benefited?
- **Four Police Chiefs** in 26 Months



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**FACTS, NOT TALKING POINTS.
SCAN THE RECORD.
CHECK THE RECEIPTS.**

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QUESTIONS WORTH ASKING

Put the same questions to every District 2 and District 4 candidate. Each one traces directly to a specific, documented gap in La Palma's public record.

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01 Will you vote to restore twice-monthly regular council meetings? (This requires only a council resolution — three votes could do it at any meeting.)

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02 Will you vote to commission a truly independent, external investigation of the police department's complaint-handling practices, with authority to review records and interview personnel?

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03 Will you direct staff to present a full public accounting of every Measure JJ promise made in 2016 against actual results — pension payoff, the \$20 million in savings, reserves, the stabilization fund, and the Utility Users Tax?

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04 Will you vote to repeal the two-member consent requirement for placing items on the council agenda?

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05 Will you support posting all campaign finance filings on the city website, as neighboring cities already do?

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06 Did you support or oppose Measure W, and did you or your campaign receive support from any sitting council member or their family?

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07 Will you commit to using a competitive, independently reviewed process before spending General Fund money on ballot-measure consultants, and to disclosing, in any city-funded material about a future measure, every provision that would benefit sitting incumbents?

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08 Before approving any future promotion of a near-retirement employee into a higher-paid position, will you require a public staff report disclosing the projected lifetime pension cost of that promotion?

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09 What qualifications and independence standards should the council require when selecting a future City Manager?

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10 Will you support amending Measure W so that years already served count toward the term limit — closing the provision that lets a sitting member serve up to 20 consecutive years without a break?

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11 Will you support establishing the Pension Stabilization Fund promised to Measure JJ voters in 2016 — and on what timeline?

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12 Will you require a competitive, externally run search — rather than an internal appointment — for the next City Manager, Police Chief, or City Attorney vacancy?

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These questions are drawn directly from documented gaps in the public record — offered so voters can ask their own questions, not as an implied answer.