

State Senator Tom Torlakson, State Assemblyman Mark DeSaulnier, Assemblywoman Loni Hancock, the Firefighters Local 1230, the Contra Costa Deputy Sheriffs Association, the Contra Costa County Business and Construction Trades Council, the Contra Costa County Central Labor Council, the Contra Costa County Democratic Central Committee, and the Sierra Club [the Sierra Club?] oppose the recall and have endorsed Maria Alegria and Stephen Tilton.

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## Will outside special interests dictate the future of Pinole?

- Why would Maria Alegria hire a consultant for thousands of dollars who has a track record of negative hit-piece mailers and improper disclosure of information on phone-banking calls to mislead the citizens of Pinole — all to defend a \$300-a-month position on the city council?

- Why hasn't Maria Alegria spoken on her own behalf to address the many issues brought before her without having to reach out for support from a negative campaign consultant, special-interest groups, developers, the city manager, and the city attorney, when she has served on the council for 15 years?

- Why would special-interest groups and developers make campaign contributions only to “select” council members, when all five council members vote to approve policy resolutions involving their organizations?

- What was promised by Maria Alegria and Stephen Tilton to these special-interest groups and developers for their contributions to Alegria and Tilton's campaign war chests?

- Why would the Contra Costa County Democratic Central Committee get involved in Pinole's small-town, non-partisan government on issues that do not involve endorsing a candidate running for office? It's not unusual for Democrats to support other Democrats when running for office, but it is unusual for them to be involved in small-town, local-government “issues” when their candidates are not running for office.

- Have Maria Alegria and Stephen Tilton forgotten that Pinole politics is non-partisan?

- Why didn't Maria Alegria and Stephen Tilton invite Recall proponents to speak at the Contra Costa County Democratic Central Committee meeting when Tilton mentioned in the newspaper they knew of this meeting two months ago? This question was asked at the November 20th Pinole City Council meeting and got NO RESPONSE as an answer.

- When questions were asked of Contra Costa County Democratic Central Committee members in the lobby of Pinole City Hall on November 20th regarding their knowledge of the issues in Pinole, one of the members who resides in Alamo said he didn't know anything about the issues here. This was the same response from the Contra Costa Deputy Sheriffs Association when called by a Recall supporter. ***Are the special-interest groups listed at the top of this page reciprocating for promises made by Alegria and Tilton?*** How else can you explain the reasons why these groups selectively support only Alegria and Tilton's campaign war chests? Peter Murray and Mary Horton are Democrats, yet don't get contributions from these organizations.

- The most important question is — **in what ways does the involvement of these special-interest groups in our small town government benefit the citizens of Pinole?** There are none. This involvement opens the gateway for more partisan politics down the road. The fact that Alegria and Tilton asked for support from outside special-interest groups shows their loyalty lies outside of Pinole.

Special-interest groups and developers have greatly benefited from OUR TAX DOLLARS while the city operates on more than a \$1million deficit in our general funds budget. We need to elect people who put Pinole citizens first and are accountable to the people who elect them.

On February 5, 2008, Pinole citizens will have a much-needed opportunity to vote **YES to RECALL** Alegria and Tilton. There are qualified candidates running to replace them. Please help save and restore hope and a future for small-town government in Pinole by voting **YES on the RECALL**.