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**Schell-Vista Fire Protection District - Board Candidates June 2012**

The Schell-Vista Fire Protection District is seeking voter approval to increase its Board from three to five members. This will be Measure K on the June 2012 election.

We are happy to announce that there are four candidates for the two open seats on the Board: Ted Nagel, Bob Kruljac, Ernie Loveless and John J Fanucchi.

We are anxious for members of the district to become familiar with these candidates. Shown below are the brief "**Statements of Qualifications**" each filed with the county:

**Theodore C. "Ted" Nagel - Retired Educator/Farmer**

I am a candidate for the Schell-Vista Fire Protection District Board of Directors. My experiences both as a retired shop instructor and as an agricultural business owner will enable me to be a valued member of this important Board.

My family has lived in the Schell-Vista Fire Protection District for the past 38 years. Being elected to this board would be an important way for me to contribute to my community.

Having owned and operated my own business for the past 44 years, I am well aware of the need to operate within a budget. Graduating from San Jose State University with a Master's Degree in Industrial Technology and Mathematics has been a major contributor to the success of this business.

The Fire Department currently is very efficiently run. With my background and experience, I will be a productive member of this Board.

**Robert "Bob" Kruljac - Retired Educator**

I am running for the Board of the Schell-Vista Fire Protection District. I am retired after 37 years in the Sonoma Valley Unified School District (SVUSD). I am married and have three children, two of whom live with their families in Sonoma Valley.

I have been a resident of Sonoma since 1948 and have lived in the Schell-Vista Fire Protection District since 1969. My entire K-12 education has been in the SVUSD, graduating from SVHS in 1961.

I retired in 2003 as principal of Sonoma Valley High School (SVHS). I was a teacher (mathematics), vice principal, and principal. I am still teaching part-time at Napa Valley College.

I feel I have the qualifications for this position. I am a resident of this fire district, have leadership and administrative experience, and have the time to commit to the responsibilities of the position.

I hope you will give me the opportunity to serve you as a Board member of the Schell-Vista Fire Protection District.

Thank you for your vote.

**Ernie Loveless - Retired Fire Chief**

I retired from the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) as a Unit Chief and the Napa County Fire Chief with 40 years of fire service experience in 2010. I began my career as a seasonal fire fighter in 1970 after graduating from high school and promoted up through the ranks to Chief in 2002.

I have been a resident of the Schell-Vista Fire Protection District for the past 17 years. I have Associate of Arts Degrees in General Education and Administration of Justice from Shasta College. I am married to Deborah and we have four children, and 8 grand children. We have been a foster family for 24 years. Deborah, as well as out two children graduated from Sonoma Valley High School. I have been involved in the local Sonoma Valley Mentoring Alliance program as mentor for the past two years.

My 40 years of experience in the fire service has given me a wealth of knowledge in fire department administration and I would love the opportunity to give back to my community by serving on the Schell-Vista Fire Protection District Board.

**John J Fanucchi - Retired PG&E Manager**

I am running for a position of the Schell-Vista Fire Protection Board of Directors. I believe the health and safety of our valley residents is important to the welfare of our community. As a resident of this valley for 34 years, I believe I can provide the proper leadership and direction for the future growth of this district.

I have been a past president of the Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce and Sonoma Valley Rotary Club. I have served as board member for La Luz, St. Francis-Solano School Board and Sonoma Little League. I am currently the chairman of the Bocce Sonoma Committee and an active member of the Sonoma Valley Golf Club.

With my experience and your support I look forward to serving the needs of the district.