

DIXON DOESN'T “LISTEN TO RESIDENTS”

DIXON WOULDN'T LISTEN ON MUSEUM HOUSE

Councilwoman Diane Dixon voted to force residents opposing the Museum House Skyrise to carry 1,000 pages of documents with them in order to gather signatures. Many of these activists are Newport's seniors.

DIXON WON'T LISTEN ON PARKING

Rejection after rejection, for 4 long years, Balboa residents have been subjected to a tiring **eleven** different polls about parking permits, each one showing a massive lack of support, yet Dixon continues to poll until she gets the results she wants—spending hundreds of thousands of YOUR dollars in the process.

DIXON DIDN'T LISTEN ON MEASURE Y

Dixon vehemently supported Measure Y, despite massive public opposition. This went to the voters, who rejected it with a landslide 70% vote.

DIXON ISN'T A “FISCAL CONSERVATIVE”

DIXON INCREASED TAXES

Councilwoman Diane Dixon has voted to raise taxes every single time that votes have come up for it—some by 15% in a single incident. She will proclaim she lowered some (like the Dock Tax), but that was lowered an average of only \$18/yr—unless you were her friend, in which case you saw thousands per year in reductions. During the last council meeting (as of this printing), Dixon voted to increase taxes by \$8MM, creating Newport's first Mello-Roos tax, and asked to extend hours for local parking meters.

DIXON AFFIRMED THE DOCK TAX

After running on a “Stop the Dock Tax” platform, Dixon then voted to affirm the illegal Dock Tax, stripping property owners of their docks held for countless decades.

DIXON INCREASED DEBT

Since Dixon has taken office (and even chaired the finance committee!), our debt has ballooned by tens of millions by even the most conservative estimates. If you include our pension liabilities (which are not funded at all), we are well over one billion dollars upside down—and under Dixon's leadership, we are getting worse at a very rapid pace. *(continued on Issue 2, page 1)*

LACK OF INTEGRITY AT TAXPAYER EXPENSE

DIXON USED HER OFFICE FOR PERSONAL VENGEANCE

Overhearing that a resident would be publicly objecting to her crony “Trolley” idea (*detailed in “THE TRUTH, Part 2”*), Dixon instructed city staff to investigate them and try to dig up dirt—at taxpayer expense. Failing to find any “dirt”, Dixon falsely proclaimed this resident owed “lots of money” to the city—from the dais. The resident demanded an apology. Instead, Dixon spent \$16K of your money on lawyers in a court where a judge ultimately ruled that what she said were “untruths”. She could have just apologized. **And she didn't even bother showing up for her court summons.**

“SAFETY”

BALBOA PENINSULA MCDONALDS BUILDING

Councilwoman Diane Dixon bought the privately-owned McDonalds building from her friends, costing the city over \$4MM. The building had been purchased from its then-owners just 18 months prior for under \$2MM. The use for this land? A fire station—which we already have in Lido—is set to be moved to the area, moving it into a regularly-traffic-jammed area, the opposite direction from where 80% of the calls for that fire station currently go.

The increased response time for this crony deal will cost Newporters their lives.

This idea was furiously fought against by our former Fire Chief just 30 years prior, but as Dixon moved here from LA just six months before filing to run for council (unopposed), it should not be surprising that she doesn't know our history.

DIXON DOES CRONY DEALS

DIXON'S GENERAL FUND GIVEAWAY SCANDAL

Councilwoman Diane Dixon oversees the giveaway of hundreds of thousands of General Fund dollars annually to her friends. These taxpayer dollars come out of parking meter revenue on Balboa Peninsula and are diverted to a marketing budget for her friends private businesses, through the fund referred to as “BVMA”

DIXON'S BALBOA THEATER SCANDAL

Dixon sold the publicly-owned Balboa Theater to her friends for \$1.1MM when there were open offers for \$1.6MM and \$1.7MM on the table.

DIXON'S BALBOA BLOCKBUSTER/WACHOVIA BUILDING SCANDAL

Dixon purchased the old Blockbuster from her friends for over twice what the assessed value was, then demolished the building for “parking spaces” for a total cost of \$10.5MM. *(In the end, the city actually lost two parking spaces in total from the deal.)*

DIXON'S CROSSWALK SCANDAL

In the “Balboa Crossing” project, the city spent \$10K/crosswalk, while the national average is \$2.5K *(the top end being \$5.7K and low end \$600)*. Flashing crosswalks—which the community wants—are \$5K. We spent \$425k to re-do 45 regular crosswalks.

DIXON'S DOG BEACH SCANDAL

Dixon has repeatedly tried to shut down Dog Beach, and has gone so far to appoint her friend to the Parks Beach and Recreation Committee. This friend and his cronies were actually fined an unprecedented \$225,000 by the California Coastal Commission for destroying the very beach that the PB&R Commission which he sits on is supposed to protect. They also reimbursed the NBPD for investigation costs to make it all go away. That'd be like hiring someone who dumped 200,000 gallons of chemicals in the bay to sit on our Harbor Commission.