

Please Elect Carey & Carey Your Write – In Candidates

Thank you!!!

October 25th 2005

Dear Voter:

We (Brad Carey and Harold Carey) are each running for fire commissioner of Tahuya District 8 – also known as Mason County Fire Protection District Number 8 (MCFPD#8). Brad Carey is running for position # 2 and Harold Carey for position # 3. **We are write-in candidates.** This means our names will not appear on your ballot and will have to be written in. This is the **third** of several letters you will be receiving from us. We believe that upon receipt and review of these letters, you will want to write our names on your ballot thereby ensuring **positive change** for **your** Tahuya Fire Department.

Why are we running?

We are running to protect your pocketbook and our own pocketbook. How so?

To prevent the increases in property taxes and homeowners insurance that is certain to occur if Commissioners Dodd and Gall are elected. Let us explain.

Commissioners Dodd and Gall, both before becoming commissioners and after becoming commissioners, have been unable or unwilling to recognize problems with their individual conduct and performance, with the conduct and performance of their fellow Commissioners, with the conduct and performance of the Tahuya Fire Department and with the conduct and performance of the Tahuya Fire Fighters Association. In other words, they have what is known as **“blind spots”** whenever their thinking process turns to these areas.

The problem with having these **“blind spots”** is that Commissioners Dodd and Gall have convinced themselves, and each other, that everything is fine. Just look at their election material, for example. Neither has identified a single problem that will be solved by their election to office. If one takes their election campaign material at face value, the voter would have to believe that everything is perfect. In other words, their individual conduct and performance as Commissioners, the conduct and performance of their fellow Commissioners, the conduct and performance of the Tahuya Fire Department and the conduct and performance of Tahuya Fire Fighters Association – all are perfect.

The nice thing about being and having everything perfect is that it means that our Commissioners have been doing an extraordinary job. One of the benefits of doing this extraordinary job is they should be entitled to be re-elected. Second, it means that there is no need for change.

Why would you want to change Commissioners if everything is perfect?

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We (Brad Carey and Harold Carey) are running because, based on attending 15 months of Tahuya Fire Commissioner meetings, videotaping and analyzing said meetings, investing hundreds of hours in research, obtaining input from a broad cross-section of our community including professional firefighters and paramedics, etc. we have found that everything is not perfect. In fact it's far from perfect. In fact it's a mess.

We are running because Commissioners Dodd and Gall don't think it's a mess. However, it is a mess. Therefore, because it is a mess, and Commissioners Dodd and Gall believe it isn't, then they are certainly not the people that are going to be able to clean it up!

We are running to replace Commissioners Dodd and Gall because we know it is a mess and, if elected, we intend to head up the effort necessary to clean it up.

What happens if Dodd and Gall are elected?

Clearly, the problems will not be resolved. As a result of not resolving the problems, the following financial and community issues will negatively impact the taxpayers and homeowners of MCFPD#8:

1. The MCFPD#8 Officers and Directors insurance premiums will increase or become unattainable at any price. This will adversely impact the taxpayers of MCFPD#8 as the taxpayers pay these insurance premiums. This is what happened with the Port of Tahuya. For example:

The Port of Tahuya had a similar problem with its Commissioners to that of MCFPD#8 and the Tahuya Fire Department. The Port of Tahuya Commissioners handled this problem in much the same manner as MCFPD# 8 Commissioners have been handling their problem. In time, an unfavorable article began to pop up here and there. Then an incumbent Commissioner lost an election. Then more unfavorable articles began to pop up here and there. Then a lawsuit, listing a number of allegations, was filed against the Port of Tahuya. Then a lawsuit, listing a number of allegations, was filed against some of the Port of Tahuya Commissioners. Then a trial, a verdict and the Port of Tahuya was found guilty. Then a second Commissioner quit rather than face a recall hearing. Then another lawsuit, listing still more allegations, was filed against the Port of Tahuya. Then a successful recall election of a third Commissioner (Cynthia D. Olsen) was achieved. And the remainder of the Port of Tahuya Saga has yet to "play out". Meanwhile, all this activity and disclosure of ethical and moral lapses, alleged and actual illegal conduct and performance seeped out into the public domain and on to insurance underwriters' databases. And then insurance became a problem.

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Before the conduct and performance of Port of Tahuya's Commissioners ever became a public issue, its annual insurance premium was \$2,300.00. That included insurance coverage for Menards Landing and officers and directors (Commissioners) liability coverage. The Commissioners of the Port of Tahuya had coverage in excess of \$10,000,000.00.

Today, the Port of Tahuya pays an annual premium of \$1,500 for insurance just on Menards Landing and as been unable to obtain annual insurance coverage on its Commissioners from any underwriter at \$5,000.00, at \$10,000.00, at \$15,000, and not even at \$20,000.00. Today, the Port of Tahuya Commissioners are operating "naked" with respect to insurance coverage. They have none. ***If interested, contact Port of Tahuya Commissioner Jim Christen at 360-275-7100 to confirm this information.***

2. Other MCFPD#8 insurance premiums will increase. This will adversely impact the taxpayers of MCFPD#8 as the taxpayers pay these insurance premiums.
3. Homeowner insurance premiums will increase. This will adversely impact the taxpayers of MCFPD#8 as each taxpayer pays its own homeowners insurance.
4. The potential for lawsuits against MCFPD#8 substantially increases. As the risk for lawsuits increase, so do the insurance premiums to protect against this increased risk. This will adversely impact the taxpayers of MCFPD#8 as the taxpayers pay these insurance premiums. This is what happened with the Port of Tahuya.
5. Lawsuits will probably need to be filed against MCFPD#8 and the Tahuya Fire Department. We already know, even without cooperation accessing the records, the Commission must provide under the law, and without depositions, that considerable violation of law has occurred. The depth and breadth of violation of law will only increase as investigation and discovery takes place. Based on experience, MCFPD#8 will not only incur legal fees and expenses as it goes about the business of defending itself, if it loses, it will also incur legal expenses and fees of the plaintiff, plus potential financial penalties and fines. Unfortunately, this also will adversely impact the taxpayers of MCFPD#8 as the taxpayers will pay for all of this. This is what happened with the Port of Tahuya. In excess of \$40,000 has been paid by the taxpayers - so far.
6. Unfortunately, as items 1-5 above occur, the communities' emotional energy and financial resources flow into the battle rather than into improving the Tahuya Fire Department. And worse yet, bitterness and anger deepen and the community becomes ever more conflicted. This is what happened with the Port of Tahuya.

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We are running as Fire Commissioner candidates to replace Commissioners Dodd and Gall so we can bring about the changes from within MCFPD#8 and the Tahuya Fire Department rather than use the more public approach utilized to expose the Port of Tahuya from without. Based on our experience, we believe this internal approach is in the best financial interests and community interests of the taxpayer and the homeowner.

Examples can also be given for items 2 – 6 above with regard to MCFPD#8 and the Tahuya Fire Department. We have elected not to give examples for the sake of brevity. If examples are wanted, please contact Brad Carey at 360-372-2600.

Summary:

We are running to be in a position, if elected as Commissioners, to have the majority position on the MCFPD#8 Board of Commissioners. A majority position is necessary to be able to clean up the mess from within rather than from without as was done with the Port of Tahuya. Electing one of us will not help. That was learned with the Port of Tahuya. We need to be the two-person majority of a 3 person Commission to bring about the changes needed. Commissioner Tom Wampold, the third commissioner and chairman, is a part of the problem and is not part of the solution.

Based on our experience, cleaning up the mess from within will be quicker, cheaper and less stressful on the community than cleaning up the mess from outside via other means.

Where does all this lead us?

If you want the required changes to the Commission, the Tahuya Fire Department and the Tahuya Fire Fighters Association made from the outside, and if you are willing to take the risk of increased taxes, increased insurance rates, and increased risk of loss of life, injury and property – vote for Dodd and Gall.

If you want the required changes made from within to the Commission, to the Tahuya Fire Department and to the Tahuya fire Fighters Association, - with decreased risk – **[vote for write in candidates Brad Carey and Harold Carey.](#)**

Please understand that this and previous correspondence is part, but only a part, of our plan. Before you can clean up the mess you need to identify and define the nature and scope of the mess. That is what we have been doing and will continue to do until all of the mess has been identified, defined and scoped out.

Enclosed is a Xerox copy of the write-in portion of the Mason County punched card ballot. Please review and write our names in on your official ballot, when you vote, as illustrated. **[You need to write in nothing more than our names.](#)** Do not punch out the chad for Dodd or Gall when you vote for us.

Thank you for your support in beginning the process of cleaning up the mess!

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With kind regards,

Brad Carey (son)

Harold Carey (father)

PS

Please refer to <http://www.tahuya.org> for additional information and examples of problems with your fire department. If you don't have access to the Internet, please contact us at 360-372-2600 for printed copies of material on the Internet.

If you did not receive via US Mail Letters 1 and/or 2 preceding this letter, you will also find on the Internet web site a copy of Letter 1 dated October 19th 2005 and Letter 2 dated October 21st 2005.