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Message: 1
Date: Wed, 16 Oct 2013 22:10:14 -0700 (PDT)
From: robert weinberg <centaurus3200@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: [Dimond] BART negotiations
To: Joel Tena <joeltena@gmail.com>
Cc: "candy3066@comcast.net" <candy3066@comcast.net>, dimond list <dimond@lists.lmi.net>
Message-ID: <1381986614.84553.YahooMailNeo@web126206.mail.ne1.yahoo.com>
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and contrary to some people's assumptions about me, i don't spend my day masturbating to thoughts of ann coulter. i am a liberal, but i also want some grander scheme than just to support the bart union because we should all strive to their political power and not be jealous,

what will it take for us all to be represented? a nation-wide workers strike?

and talk about a sector that needs to unionize... let's talk about the fast food industry. they mostly make minimum wage and we support more than a few of them with our taxes. why? because many can't

make a living wage and are forced to live of some semblance of public assistance.

Robby

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From: Joel Tena <joeltena@gmail.com>
To: robert weinberg <centaurus3200@yahoo.com>
Cc: "candy3066@comcast.net" <candy3066@comcast.net>; dimond list <dimond@lists.lmi.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2013 9:10 PM
Subject: Re: [Dimond] BART negotiations

the new cost of living raise is called "you get to keep your job".
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>doesn't make it right... but that's how it works in the private sector.

This quote is what I find particularly disturbing about the BART debate. Rather than work towards the best deal for working families, we are willing to accpet the worst because "that's how the private sector works".

I wholeheartedly disagree that this is the way BART, or any other public agency, should be run. Thankfully BART *isn't* the private sector. Here is a chance for folks to make sure that working class folks and their families can earn *what they deserve*, and not the bottom of the barrel because that's what the market dictates. Lets support and continue that fine union tradition of fighting for decent wages and benefits, of pushing back against the effects of greed and corporatization.

East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy wrote about the struggle of one BART employee:

Sharina is a single mother of four children living on about $50K. She juggles the bills, often paying one or two late so her kids can have school supplies or other basic needs. ?I want to provide for my kids so they have what every kid has along with some memories,? she said.
>If you'd like to help Sharina and other BART employees, please read the article and call to action at the following link: http://hosted-p0.vresp.com/1020515/45f58dcc45

Thanks,

-Joel on Arizona

On Wed, Oct 16, 2013 at 11:50 AM, robert weinberg <centaurus3200@yahoo.com> wrote:

let's stick with gross pay, not net after deductions, which are open to various interpretations depending on one's taxable write-offs.
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>as far as cost of living increases... i doubt many of us have had one in years. the new cost of living raise is called "you get to keep your job".
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>doesn't make it right... but that's how it works in the private sector.
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>as far as retirement, most of us don't have pensions and pay MUCH more into our healthcare.

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>but yes BART management make way too much money.
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>Robby
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>_____
>?From: "candy3066@comcast.net" <candy3066@comcast.net>
>To: dimond list <dimond@lists.lmi.net>
>Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2013 11:42 AM
>Subject: [Dimond] BART negotiations
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>I am disappointed with so many people accepting the characterization of BART workers as greedy and out of touch with reality. I don't think the current take home salary after deductions of $36,000 for utility workers or $44,000 for train operators is such a high salary for the Bay Area. The proposed offers by BART that have been reported don't figure in the cost of living inflation over the period of the contract or the new deductions from paychecks for health and retirement, which actually will translate to less take home pay. I am angry that BART general manager Grace Crunican, who has a very inflated salary has not been involved in negotiations until these last days and that the BART board hired Thomas P. Hock, an outside negotiator at a very inflated salary ($399,000) who has a very ugly track record for his dealings with transit workers. Why did BART avoid meeting with the unions until the very end of the cooling off period? Why begrudge workers of
>?a living wage while we
>? let those running both corporate and public board rooms receive obscene wages. I choose to direct my anger at the 1% who broke laws to steal from my pension fund and rig interest rates on municipal bonds to my city and run the mortgage schemes that ended up with my neighbors losing their homes. I will certainly be paying attention to the next election for BART board of directors.
>http://www.eastbayexpress.com/oakland/barts-lead-negotiator-has-a-history-of-illegal-behavior/Content?oid=
>http://www.eastbayexpress.com/oakland/why-barts-wage-offer-doesnt-include-a-raise/Content?oid=3719774
>http://www.sfexaminer.com/sanfrancisco/ohio-transit-attorney-eating-through-bart-tab-for-ongoing-labor-negotiations/Content?oid=2594338
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Message: 2
Date: Wed, 16 Oct 2013 22:28:49 -0700
From: Jackie M <jackiemhunter@att.net>

Subject: [Dimond] Need to RELAX?
To: "dimond@lists.lmi.net" <dimond@lists.lmi.net>,
"glenfriends@yahoogroups.com" <glenfriends@yahoogroups.com>
Message-ID: <4C9539C1-9D98-4521-8CCE-CB73CF42B72E@att.net>
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Well, come on down to the Dimond's 3rd Thursday Stroll and get a chair massage from Timothy Walker.

Gosh just another reason to EMBRACE The Dimond District and just stroll around!

See you tomorrow starting at 5pm at the corner of Dimond and MacArthur Blvd.

Thank you everyone for your support and participation!!!!!

XOXO
Jackie Hunter

Message: 3
Date: Wed, 16 Oct 2013 22:45:31 -0700
From: Jean Quan <jeanquan4@gmail.com>
Subject: [Dimond] BART Talks, Many Community Gardening Events &
Neighborhood Festivals
To: Dimond List Serve <dimond@lists.lmi.net>
Message-ID:
<CAN4taH2Jc8nxR46jL485pSZtjWsbrEqLS0i8WcK5xt=KCQaZJA@mail.gmail.com>
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Click the link below for this week?s newsletter from Mayor Jean Quan:

http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs178/1101193641895/archive/1115249201282.html

--Mayor Jean Quan

Message: 4
Date: Wed, 16 Oct 2013 23:20:53 -0700
From: Hank <henryjamesphillipsjr@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: [Dimond] BART negotiations
To: robert weinberg <centaurus3200@yahoo.com>, Joel Tena
<joeltena@gmail.com>
Cc: "candy3066@comcast.net" <candy3066@comcast.net>, dimond list
<dimond@lists.lmi.net>
Message-ID: <478518.49602.bm@smtp231.mail.gq1.yahoo.com>
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You know what bugs me about pretty much every public employee union? First, after careful interviews, they elect the people who hire them (boards, city councils, mayors, etc) by sending us mailer after mailer after mailer on their behalf around election time. Then, due to ridiculous contract terms, they can be lousy employees and still keep their jobs. These issues are just the tip of the iceberg, but it makes me angry that my tax dollars pay so many of them for life once they get their first paycheck, no matter if they ever accomplish a dang thing.

Look up "work-to-rule" or "Italian Strike". We're lucky to even get that around here.

Hank

-----Original Message-----
From: "robert weinberg" <centaurus3200@yahoo.com>
Sent: ?10/?16/?2013 22:45
To: "Joel Tena" <joeltena@gmail.com>
Cc: "candy3066@comcast.net" <candy3066@comcast.net>; "dimond list" <dimond@lists.lmi.net>
Subject: Re: [Dimond] BART negotiations

Thanks for calling the vast majority of the folks on this board the "bottom of the barrel"

Robby

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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Message: 5
Date: Thu, 17 Oct 2013 08:46:24 -0700
From: "Elena C. Loera" <elenacloera@gmail.com>
Subject: [Dimond] Prospective Middle School Parents
To: Dimond Listserve <dimond@lists.lmi.net>,
"Glenfriends@yahoogroups.com" <Glenfriends@yahoogroups.com>,
"mpncpc@yahoogroups.com" <mpncpc@yahoogroups.com>
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Bret Harte Middle School (3700 Coolidge Ave) will be holding tours of the campus on the following dates:

Friday	Oct 25
Thursday	Nov. 7
Wed.	Nov.13
Mon.	Nov.18
Fri.	Dec 6
Thurs	Dec.12
Thurs.	Jan 9-2014
Monday	Jan. 13-2014

Please Call to Reserve a spot for one of the tours.

Call-510-531-6400 or email: gayle.fake@ousd.k12.ca.us

In addition we will be hosting two prospective family information nights:

Wednesday Nov. 13th at 6:00 pm -followed by our annual Castle Walk @ 7pm

Wednesday Dec.11 @ 6pm -followed by our annual Winter Concert @ 7pm

Hope to see you soon.

Elena C. Loera
Bret Harte Middle School
Family Resource Center

Message: 6
Date: Thu, 17 Oct 2013 09:09:28 -0700
From: Helen Krayenhoff & Peggy Kass <kassenhoff@lmi.net>
Subject: [Dimond] Cute cat needs a forever home
To: dimond@lists.lmi.net
Message-ID: <7080FCCA-B02F-4792-9019-E36CC04EDE87@lmi.net>
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=utf-8

Dear neighbors

We need your help finding a home for Shadow. She showed up at our growing space a month ago with injuries that suggested she had been hit by a car.

We took her to the vet and were told that she has damage to her right paw, from the wrist down. It may be nerve damage or a damaged ligament. Regardless, she doesn?t seem to have any feeling or ability to manipulate it. Hence, she hops around on 3 legs with great agility. ??She doesn?t seem to be in any pain and she uses her paw when she plays and cleans. She also had a bad cut on her chin, but that has healed beautifully.

Shadow is super friendly, lap comfortable and loves to play. She uses the litter box and eats well. The vet thinks she is 1 to 1.5 years old. She is spayed and up to date on her shots. We think it would be best if she stays an indoor cat as she is vulnerable to other animals and cars.

If you have room in your house for a new kitty friend, please come and meet her. Or if you know someone who might be interested, please forward this as widely as you can. Contact us and we'll send pix.

Thanks for looking out for us,
Helen + Peggy (and Shadow)

Message: 7
Date: Thu, 17 Oct 2013 09:56:31 -0700
From: Jackie M <jackiemhunter@att.net>
Subject: [Dimond] Skyline Jazz Combo cancels for tonight
To: dimond@lists.lmi.net, glenfriends@yahoogroups.com
Message-ID: <E07953BB-7784-4214-9673-BBF1F051794F@att.net>
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Unfortunately The Skyline Jazz Combo will not be performing at Flavor Brigade at The Stroll tonight.

It's OK there is still plenty happening! The Roger's indy rock band is performing, MOCA and Dimond Rec Center will have crafts, over 20 artist selling their art, community mural, face painting, AND the red carpet to strut your stuff on!

Plus get the "super secret word" for discounts at participating merchants!

Jackie Hunter

Message: 8
Date: Thu, 17 Oct 2013 13:39:07 -0400 (EDT)
From: Daniel Swafford <danielswafford@aol.com>
Subject: [Dimond] Oaktoberfest Discount @ Oktoberfest East Bay THIS
Saturday
To: dimond@lists.lmi.net
Message-ID: <8D09976EA73CB14-10BC-476C@webmail-m156.sysops.aol.com>
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I wanted to pass on a special offer extended to the Oaktoberfest community: OAKTOBERFAN DISCOUNT at Oktoberfest East Bay, held at the Craneway Pavilion, THIS Saturday October 19th 12noon to 6pm.

Oaktoberfest attendees receive 50% off General Admission tickets. Go to the festival website (www.OktoberfestEastBay.com), follow the ticket link and enter the code "oaktoberfest" to unlock 50% off GA tickets, Get in for only $12.50!

If you haven't been to the Craneway Pavilion it is recently renovated, a beautiful facility, and will be transformed into a festive Bavarian Biergarten, featuring specialty foods, beverages, and more!

Get more Oktoberfest!

? Waterfront Location

? Oktoberfest Beers

? Traditional German Food

? Live music: Polka, Accordions & German Rock

? Bavarian Dancers

? Costume Contest

? Interactive Games

? Fun for the Whole Family

? Free Shuttle from BART

? Free Bike Parking @ Craneway

? Ample parking included with Ticket

Message: 9
Date: Thu, 17 Oct 2013 11:02:37 -0700 (PDT)

From: Richard Reineccius <richard_reineccius@yahoo.com>
Subject: [Dimond] MORE (sorry!) ABOUT INSTANT RUNOFF
To: "dimond@lists.lmi.net" <dimond@lists.lmi.net>
Message-ID:
<1382032957.27401.YahooMailNeo@web181405.mail.ne1.yahoo.com>
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NO ELECTION FOR ANYTHING IN OUR COUNTY THIS YEAR, BUT HERE'S ANOTHER SOMETHING RELEVANT TO OAKLAND PAST AND OAKLAND FUTURE:

Do we need "voting ambassadors" in oakland to calm voter stress over RCV?
Something being done in Minnesota - sometimes called "the state that can"

Richard R - who grew up in a FL - Farmer-Labor party family... now D-FL
(there's talk about using the system for federal offices there as well)

Election administrators discuss ranked-choice
voting facts and myths
By Eric Black | 10:30 am Oct 17 2013 ? in MinnPost.com
Despite the distraction of the near-death experience of the U.S. economy, a group of ranked-choice voting (RCV) aficionados gathered at the U of M's Hubert Humphrey School Wednesday for a look at the situation, from an election administrator's perspective, heading into Minneapolis' big RCV experiment.
The speakers were Minneapolis City Clerk Casey Karl, the highest ranking bureaucrat running the election, and Doug Chapin, a scholar on election administration. What follows are summaries of the panelists' comments.
Casey Karl:
One of the city's ideas for helping things go smoothly has been to recruit "ambassadors" to many of the constituency groups that make up the city electorate. An ambassador will be fully briefed and trained in how RCV works and will be a contact person for the group he or she represents.
Karl continues to hear from and about people who are confused about how RCV works. There's still of talk about people who plan to list only the candidate they most want to see win and leave their second and third choices blank. This is your right, but it's a bad idea and don't do it under the illusion that it helps your favored candidate more. Once you rank your favorite candidate first, your vote will be continue to be counted for him/her as long there is any chance it can help that candidate stay in the race. But if your first choice is eliminated during the rounds of counting, leaving your second and third choices blank takes your input out of the final decision.
Karl said he has heard from candidates who say they are encouraging their supporters to rank them second or third, in the bizarre belief that this will help them come from behind in later rounds of counting. That is completely wrong. There's nothing you can do to help your top choice more than to rank him/her first.
If the immediate first look at the ballot totals on election day produces an obvious winner based on a first-preference majority for one candidate, the winner might be declared Tuesday night after the polls close. But in the likely event that no blowout winner is obvious, the longer process of counting and eliminating the candidates who can't win and assigning their votes to each voter's highest-ranked remaining preference will begin Wednesday morning.
The mayor's race will be counted first and counting that race will continue until a winner is declared. Karl's goal is declare a mayoral winner by the end of Wednesday. After the mayor's race, counting of other races will follow and some results will likely not be known until later in the week.
After having to devise a ballot with 35 candidates for mayor, Karl said it's "inevitable" that the city will raise the current $20 fee for getting on the ballot. In St. Paul, it's $500.
Doug Chapin:
The RCV experiment can be viewed as part of a "heyday" of election reform ideas that has taken off ever since the meltdown of the 2000 presidential election. (You remember, the Bush/Gore Florida election.) Things are changing fast. It's more possible to register online, to vote early, to vote on a touch screen or an optically scannable ballot, and the spread of these and other innovations is still accelerating.
On the speed of the count: Notwithstanding the demand of modern society to know everything immediately, Chapin said he doesn't consider it a big flaw with RCV that the results might be delayed a

day or two. He quoted a saying: "You can have something fast, cheap or correct. Pick any two."
Chapin also dismissed the idea (argued by both proponents and opponents of RCV) that the new system will substantially raise or lower turnout. Turnout is mostly influenced by other factors. He had a clever saying for this one, too: "Trying to drive turnout with an election is like trying to drive a screw with a hammer. It's the wrong tool."
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P.S.: If you'd like watch a two-minute video that the city developed to explain how RCV works, it's here. (you will need to log on for the moving images - TRY just minnpost.com first, or paste all)
http://www.minnpost.com/eric-black-ink/2013/10/election-administrators-discuss-ranked-choice-voting-facts-and-myths?utm_source=MinnPost+e-mail+newsletters&utm_campaign=9851398e59-10_17_2013_Daily_Newsletter10_17_2013&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_3631302e9c-9851398e59-123368458

Message: 10
Date: Thu, 17 Oct 2013 11:16:56 -0700 (PDT)
From: Marilyn Miller <himomiller@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: [Dimond] a good local upholsterer
To: Dimond <dimond@lists.lmi.net>
Message-ID:
<1382033816.46397.YahooMailNeo@web180901.mail.ne1.yahoo.com>
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Barcenas,? across MacArthur from Two Star Market.? Lazaro did a fine small upholstering job for me recently, and I'd like to suggest you stop in to talk with him if you have something needing attention !

Marilyn on Boston

Message: 11
Date: Thu, 17 Oct 2013 18:54:32 +0000 (UTC)
From: Kelly Harvey <kjhinc@comcast.net>
Subject: Re: [Dimond] a good local upholsterer
To: Marilyn Miller <himomiller@sbcglobal.net>
Cc: Dimond <dimond@lists.lmi.net>
Message-ID: <919029826.807671.1382036072545.JavaMail.root@comcast.net>
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J C Upholstery
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(510) 536-3034

Kelly J Harvey
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To: "Dimond" <dimond@lists.lmi.net>
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