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## News

### Political Notes

#### Cook plans fundraiser

Paul Cook, the Republican candidate seeking the 65th Assembly seat in the November election, will hold a fundraiser on Wednesday, Sept. 30 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Ramona Bowl, 274 Ramona Bowl Rd. in Hemet.

Tickets are \$125 per person or \$1,000 for a table of eight.

Among those on the "Host Committee" are Assemblyman Russ Bogh (R-65th) who is forced to leave office at the end of this year because of term limits, Supervisor Marion Ashley and Hemet Mayor Robin Lowe, one of Cook's opponents in the Republican primary election earlier this year.

Neither San Jacinto Councilman Jim Ayres nor Banning City Councilwoman Brenda Salas, the other two Republican candidates defeated by Cook in the primary, are listed as members of the "Host Committee."

For more information, call Jennifer Venable at 925-6405.

#### Botts announces website

Bob Botts, chairman of the Banning Economic Development Committee and city council candidate, has announced the launching of his campaign website [www.bobbotts.com](http://www.bobbotts.com).

"Communications in a campaign is so important, particularly in getting my message out to voters, as well as receiving feedback from them," he said. "In talking with individual voters or at meetings and candidate forums, I have such a short time to talk about the many vital issues that need to be addressed in order to Build A Better Banning. With the website, anyone can log on and review the Vision and Plan, which my committee and I have developed, as well viewing information about my business and legislative experience over the last 40 years."

#### Congressman endorses Botts

Congressman Jerry Lewis (R-41st, whose district includes the city of Banning, has indicated his support for Bob Botts' run for the Banning City Council, according to the Botts campaign.

"I don't normally get involved in local political races within my district," said Rep. Lewis. "However, when I learned Bob Botts was running for the vacant seat on the Banning City Council I was pleased to offer my support. I have known Bob for over 50 years and have worked with him in many areas in business and government, as we have both been dedicated to working to improve the lives of people around us."

#### Botts announces committee

Banning City Council candidate Bob Botts has announced his campaign committee and chairmen.

Co-chairpersons are Banning City Planning Commissioner Betty DeSantis and auto dealer Jim Smith who is also president of the Banning Chamber of Commerce.

Also serving as co-chairpersons are Banning School Board Member Amy Herr, and former Banning Treasurer Audrey Nathan.

Co-treasurers are John and Trish Klimkiewicz.

Botts announces vision

Banning City Council candidate Bob Botts has announced his "Vision and Plan for Building A Better Banning."

"Many of my 98-member campaign committee provided input into the plan," he said. After numerous meetings and a great deal of discussion, we are releasing our proposed plan today. We believe the City needs a comprehensive vision and plan that everyone understands, supports, and wants to make happen, including the City Council, City Staff, Community Organizations and residents. There is no one place or document you can go to and say, 'this is our comprehensive plan; this is where we want the city to be in five years'."

The Redevelopment Agency has a plan, required by State Law, and the city has the newly-updated General Plan, which is an important land use and zoning document, and a number of other plans including many proposals from numerous public forums, but not one comprehensive document, bots continued.

"If you have not discussed and outlined where you want the city to be in five or 10 years, then how can you build a plan or roadmap with measurable goals and objectives as to how to get there? "

"During my 40 years of working with small businesses and a large corporation, we always had a comprehensive plan that everyone understood and supported, and all of our job objectives and activities were focused on accomplishing the goals established to carry out the plan. Governmental organizations can utilize this same approach and be more productive and accountable to the taxpaying public," Botts concluded.

Copies of the full text of the Plan or an Executive Summary can be obtained by calling the Botts campaign office at 845-3219.

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