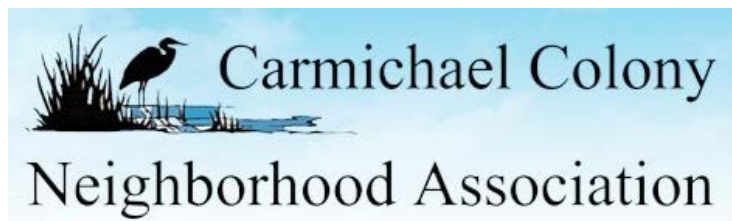


2020 UPDATE



Dear Neighbor:

2020 has started off *very* differently than we had expected. As conditions continue to evolve, we want you to know your CCNA Board continues to look out for the community's best interest and safety. The CCNA Board is communicating and meeting regularly (virtually!) to tackle issues in our community, as they emerge. Now for some key accomplishments and updates for you, our valued membership:

1. **Board of Supervisors District 3 Candidate Interviews:** The upcoming Board of Supervisors District 3 election is upon us; a very important election to determine Sup. Peters' replacement who will directly influence the quality of life and safety of Carmichael Colony. After holding a very informative and well-attended candidate's night in February at Milagro Center to introduce the candidates to our community, we have now asked the candidates, Rich Desmond and Gregg Fishman, to submit their responses to 8 questions we posed. Those responses are included with this letter. CCNA knows it's important you are as informed as possible as you vote.
2. **Security Camera Program:** CCNA has placed a third Security camera system at a house in our neighborhood where there had been verifiable and ongoing security concerns in that location. We have approved money for a fourth system and are currently taking applications. The application can be found at: www.carmichaelcolony.org/wp-content/uploads/Private-Security-Camera-Incentive-CCNA-buys-2020.pdf
3. **Representing CCNA Interests:** CCNA has worked hard for our members this year. Among our many efforts, we regularly monitor and testify before the Carmichael Planning and Advisory Council about issues within or bordering our boundaries and are in touch often with Supervisor Peters office on different issues as concerns are raised.
4. **Reviving the CCNA Quarterly Newsletter:** Local matters and innovations emerge all the time. CCNA will be bringing back an electronic quarterly newsletter to keep you engaged and updated throughout the year on interesting and important topics ranging from local history, environment, public works projects, health, and safety.
5. **CCNA Would Like to Hear from You:** To improve upon our neighborhood's safety, aesthetic, environment and overall health, if you have ideas and/or concerns you would like to elevate to the CCNA Board's agenda to consider, please let us know. Feel free to send thoughts or comments directly to carmichaelcolony@yahoo.com or Carmichael Colony Neighborhood Association, PO BOX 131, Carmichael, CA 95609-131. We will be sure to place your item on the Board's agenda for discussion and follow up with you after.

We Need YOU!

Membership Renewal: Your membership dues provide funding to directly support on-the-ground neighborhood improvement efforts. There is a choice of a one-year membership (only \$25) or a two-year membership (\$40). Please also encourage your neighbors to join our CCNA to build our community's network and expand our improvement efforts here at home!

Recruiting New CCNA Board Members: The CCNA Board has two open positions for those seeking to be the change they wish to see in this neighborhood! Become part of our ongoing work to make Carmichael an even greater place to live, expand amenities, plan our community's development, and protect our community and environment. We welcome all people, of all backgrounds! **To apply or for more information on the role and its responsibilities, see contact information under "Membership Sign Up/Renewal" on the next page!**

MEMBERSHIP SIGN UP/RENEWAL

Please show your support for our neighborhood which enables funding for improvement projects, directly applied to our community. Complete the membership* form below and mail with your **check or money order** (NO CASH CAN BE ACCEPETD) payable to:

Carmichael Colony Neighborhood Association (or CCNA)

Mail to: P.O. Box 131, Carmichael CA 95609

We thank you for your support!

Need More Information?

Email: carmichaelcolony@yahoo.com

Or Visit: www.carmichaelcolony.org

*One membership per voting member (if two members or more in a single household want to vote, each individual pays the appropriate fee). A voting member must be at least 18 years of age, live or own property, or have a business within the CCNA area and pay dues. All others may participate in the CCNA as non-voting members

Carmichael Colony Neighborhood Association Membership

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ please check: _____ \$25 (2020) _____ \$40 (2020 + 2021)

Email: _____ (important)

Gregg Fishman Responds

1. What will you do to reduce crime in Carmichael?

Much of the crime problem in Carmichael has been driven by homelessness. If we can address this issue in an effective and sustainable way, we will reduce crime and free up more time for Sheriff patrol deputies to deal with other criminal behavior. I will go into more details about how I plan to address homelessness in question #2, but it is imperative that we have the ability and the capacity to move people off of the streets and Parkway and into sustainable housing situations if we want to address the crime problem in Carmichael. As member of the Board of Supervisors, I would also continue to work closely with the Chamber of Commerce, the PBIDs, the Sheriff's Department and other local groups to make sure we are coordinating our efforts and sharing resources where appropriate. Finally, at least some criminal behavior is driven by economic need. We are entering what appears to be a steep economic downturn. We have to do everything possible to reduce the impact on people who are living on the edge already, and to recover quickly and fully from this downturn.

2. What will you do to address the homeless problem in Carmichael?

Homelessness is a complex problem and there are no easy answers, but I believe we must work collaboratively with other local governments to take a regional approach to this issue. We need to establish safe camping and parking areas, so we can then legally move people off the streets and off of the American River Parkway and into places with basic sanitary services and the triage system to begin addressing why people are homeless. We need to enact Laura's Law, giving family members more authority to compel people with diagnosed mental disorders into treatment. I think we need to also make it easier in general to compel treatment for people with mental health issues. It is not compassionate to allow them to live on the streets or parkway. At the same time, we must get creative about how we procure better places for these people to live. We must offer job training and other assistance to people who can use that to rebuild their independence. and we need to make housing less expensive to build. That means reducing the fees and streamlining the permitting fees for housing construction.

3. What is your strategy to fix/maintain roads (e.g., potholes), address traffic, problem drivers, and protect pedestrians and bicyclists in Carmichael?

The roads in much of Carmichael and frankly in all of District there have been neglected for far too long. We need to make them a higher priority and I will do so if elected. I will utilize my relationships with the Sacramento Transportation Authority and best practices I have learned working with the California Association of Counties to make sure our road money is used to target the roads most in need of repair. It is because of neglect like this that the Sacramento Bee said that I am the change this district needs.

4. Given decreasing tax revenues (declines in commercial occupancy/increasing unemployment) it is presumed that countywide budgets will severely contract and the County will have to do more with less. What will your highest priorities be, how will you prioritize, and how will you maximize co-benefits of your actions and how will you propose to increase revenue?

I believe we must do all we can to look after the most vulnerable among us; Children, the elderly, people who are sick, frail and hungry. We need to work very hard to ensure the federal government does more to offer states and local governments some relief from this economic downturn and we need to do what we can locally to increase revenue. One way I propose to do that is to enact a responsible and enforceable cannabis ordinance in Sacramento County. Right now, the City of Sacramento allows the cultivation, manufacture and retail sale of cannabis. Sacramento county does not. We are leaving potentially millions of dollars on the table, and achieving nothing, because delivery of cannabis is already legal as well.

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5. What is your vision for improving the quality of life & safety of our youth in District 3?

The county has not invested enough in our youth. That is why I am supported by the majority of the San Juan School Board and former Board members Rick Launey and Larry Miles. Investing in youth programs will help reduce crime and improve our quality of life. My daughter attended public schools in the San Juan School district. I will work with the School Board, the Sacramento County Office of Education and the American River Parkway Foundation to offer more educational and recreational programs for kids that enhance the Parkway and develop a love for it among our children.

6. Given decreasing commercial district occupancies, what ideas do you have to for fixing the Fair Oaks Blvd corridor from Manzanita to Oak?

This problem has been ignored far too long. In my talks with local business owners I have repeatedly heard that there has been a lack of investment from the county in Fair Oaks Blvd. I have asked all my supporters to commit to shopping locally, but there also needs to be an investment from the county in improving the roads, parking and streetscapes to make the area more appealing. We need to leverage local funding with state and federal dollars to improve transit options along that corridor.

7. Given growth projections for Sacramento County in the coming decade, and looking beyond your own district, please share your vision for long term regional development and transport.

I will bring the vision I have had on the SMUD board, which is that we can provide better service at a lower cost by hiring and investing in our staff. People are the greatest resource that we have and with a workforce that feels supported in their job we can improve services even in tough economic times. That is why I am proud to have the support of the local county workers and that is why you will hear from many of them why they believe I am the right choice for supervisor. We have to strike a delicate balance so we are addressing was transit needs, and still maintaining the roads and bridges we all rely on.

8. How would you leverage proximity to State Resources (Capitol) and also build collaboration with the City of Sacramento to further District 3 priorities?

For too long the Supervisor representing District 3 has seen the city of Sacramento as a competitor and a scapegoat rather than a partner. We do not solve problems by pointing fingers. I have a great working relationship with the city from my years on the SMUD board. I am proud of the support I have received from the Mayor and Vice Mayor who represent a portion of this district. Together we can leverage state resources and also make sure that they are used efficiently and effectively. I also worked for six years at the California State Association of Counties and I am well-versed in state issues affecting counties. Sacramento, as the "Capitol County" has a special relationship with the legislature, the Governor and the state agencies and constitutional officers. These relationships will be more important than ever as we negotiate the next couple of years of economic downturn.

Rich Desmond Responds:

1. What will you do to reduce crime in Carmichael?

My background in the CHP has given me direct experience dealing with crime in our area. I spent time as a patrol officer in District 3 and worked closely with local law enforcement to reduce crime. I have received many endorsements from the law enforcement community, including the Sacramento County Deputy Sheriff's Association, California Association of Highway Patrolmen, and the Sacramento County Probation Association. I will leverage my experience and relationships to ensure we have resources to prevent and combat crime while forging strong community partnerships to make sure law enforcement is responsive to our needs. I will also strongly support the Carmichael Improvement District, which is a powerful force to make our Fair Oaks Blvd. corridor clean and safe.

2. What will you do to address the homeless problem in Carmichael?

The issue of homelessness is a top priority. The number of people living on our streets has doubled in the last few years. We need a humane approach to our homelessness crisis, and I support efforts of groups like Carmichael HART. Most people experiencing homelessness suffer from mental illness, addiction, or disabilities, and I support efforts at the state and local level to get them treatment while creating a path toward transitional and permanent housing. In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, the State has prioritized housing for the homeless. I support these efforts. However, I also believe we should not have to sacrifice our public safety or allow our American River Parkway to be jeopardized by encampments that damage the environment. Our public response to homelessness should be balanced with support for law enforcement.

3. What is your strategy to fix/maintain roads (e.g., potholes), address traffic, problem drivers, and protect pedestrians and bicyclists in Carmichael?

Our roadways must be fixed, but we also need to balance our commitment to infrastructure with an investment in multiple transportation options that reduce GHG emissions and congestion. I support programs like the RT Smart Ride in Arden-Arcade and Carmichael. I also support Complete Streets and efforts to encourage more cycling, walking, and clean uses of our roadways. I look forward to serving on SACOG to ensure Sacramento County receives its proper share of infrastructure funding. I will also leverage my law enforcement background and relationships to bring more traffic safety education and enforcement to our neighborhoods.

4. Given decreasing tax revenues (declines in commercial occupancy/increasing unemployment) it is presumed that countywide budgets will severely contract and the County will have to do more with less. What will your highest priorities be, how will you prioritize, and how will you maximize co-benefits of your actions and how will you propose to increase revenue?

Balancing the budget will be even more difficult as a result of the Coronavirus's impact on businesses and employment. Public safety is my first priority, but social services are also crucial, and we must adequately fund the social safety net for people in need. All County programs will have to re-evaluate budgets during this new economic downturn. Many vacant positions will have to be eliminated, and we should eliminate or reduce programs that are not crucial to the delivery of services. I will maintain open communication with County Departments, labor organizations, and community leaders to make sure we strike the right balance.

5. What is your vision for improving the quality of life and safety of our youth in District 3?

While in the CHP, I was heavily involved in outreach to local youth, creating opportunities and making sure law enforcement was responsive to community concerns. I volunteer at Impact Sac and have been participating in the youth SIP challenge to support local youth. I will continue my involvement in these programs and look forward to getting more involved with our local schools. I support Carmichael Parks programs that provide recreational programs, and my vision is for these types of programs to expand by getting more youth involved and getting more organizations like the Carmichael Colony and Carmichael Chamber of Commerce to support them.

6. Given decreasing commercial district occupancies, what ideas do you have for fixing the Fair Oaks Blvd corridor from Manzanita to Oak?

It has been tough to attract investment in the County – and the Fair Oaks corridor has always had challenges. I support the CID involvement and expansion, and I will utilize County resources to improve infrastructure and economic opportunities to make sure the corridor is safe while looking for creative ways to attract investment that is consistent with the Corridor Plan, SPA, and NPA. I will work with property owners, community organizations, and residents to identify and attract development that is consistent with the community while improving services and amenities. I will also work with local, state, and federal agencies to find innovative ways to incentivize investment in our area.

7. Given growth projections for Sacramento County in the coming decade, and looking beyond your own district, please share your vision for long term regional development and transport.

Growth must be done in a sustainable way that improves our quality of life and enhances our communities. In District 3, we need smart infill projects – mixed use, affordable – while keeping in mind that this district already has a high concentration of low-income housing. I support sustainable projects that have transit, service, and employment amenities to reduce congestion and emissions. It is crucial these projects also preserve open space. I support the County's Climate Action Plan to reduce GHG emissions in development and transportation.

8. How would you leverage proximity to State Resources (Capitol) and also build collaboration with the City of Sacramento to further District 3 priorities?

We have many state leaders in this District. I worked with many of them at the Capitol and will use my personal connection to influence decisions that will benefit District 3. I have spoken to the Chairs of various state legislative committees who have ideas for innovative programs that can be implemented in Sacramento County. I will use my experience to bring more opportunities, ideas, and solutions to our local problems. I am a collaborator at heart and have extensive experience working with officials in other jurisdictions. I will use my background and interpersonal skills to forge relationships with the City of Sacramento that benefit everyone in Sacramento County and the region.