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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### **RPV needs Tetreault, Lewis**

The Breeze has endorsed two dedicated public servants for Rancho Palos Verdes City Council. But the endorsements make little sense. While Anthony Misetich's job as an oil company executive may bring "diversity" of a sort to the council, the council is not a place for some sort of affirmative action. The council makes policy decisions that set the direction of the city. Tetreault has the support of the majority of the council and would carry forward its initiatives to preserve open space and improve streets, storm drains and other infrastructure.

Misetich is supported by PVP Watch, a group that has consistently opposed open space preservation and taxes such as the user fee and the utility users tax that are necessary to improve infrastructure.

Misetich's idea of "zero-based budgeting" would waste city resources on unnecessary studies. RPV's problem is not that it spends too much delivering services, but rather that it spends too little. At only about \$1.30 per resident per day the city does not have money to spend on political dogma. What value would be gained by a zero-based budget for the Sheriff's Department or the pavement management plan?

I share the Breeze's support of Tetreault, but like most of my fellow council members and Tetreault himself I support Jeff Lewis for the second spot to best assure that the current direction of the council is carried forward. It is the issues and not "diversity" that really matter in this election.

— **Tom Long**  
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