Up close and personal with mayor candidates

ANU NATARAJAN

Occupation: Vice mayor and program director.

Natarajan is an experienced city planner and architect.

During his tenure on Fremont city council she has been an independent voice on the thought issues.

Natarajan has used her experience as a city planner to help facilitate the general plan to help build Fremont’s economic growth.

While on the council, Natarajan has facilitated the continued progress of several major infrastructure projects including the BART extension to Warm Springs.

In 2006 Natarajan served the city as the event chairperson for the Celebrate Fremont’s 50 anniversary.

She marshaled hundreds of volunteers and local businesses to celebrate the City of Fremont’s 50th anniversary.

Education: B.A. in architecture from University of Washington; M.A. in urban design and planning from University of Washington.

Plans: Make Fremont a hub for green and emerging technology; enhance Fremont as a great place to live, work, and play; strengthen the one-city many neighborhoods vision.

Key endorsements: Betty Yee, California State Board of Equalization; Gus Morison; former Fremont mayor; Kamala Harris, California attorney general.

BILL HARRISON

Occupation: Certified Public Accountant and Co Owner Harrison Accounting Group

Bill Harrison has been a member of the Fremont City council since 2006. He was re-elected in 2010.

From 2001 to 2006 bill served on the Fremont City Planning Commission.

Harrison currently serves on Warm Spring BART Advisory Committee, Sunol Express Lane Joint Powers Board under the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC), city of Fremont East Bay Regional Parks Committee; president and treasurer of the board of directors of Kidding Child Care Centers; president and treasurer of the board of directors of the Children’s Fund of the Bay Area; a member of the Centerville and city of Fremont Combined Project Committee, director and community service chair of the Fremont Kiwanas Club.

Education: Graduated from Washington High School, Fremont; B.A., business economics with a concentration in accounting, University of California, Santa Barbara.

Plans: Creating jobs, local economic growth; restoration of city services and strengthening Fremont Police and Fire departments; working to improve schools.

Key endorsements: Fremont Firefighters, Local 1659; Alameda County Democratic Party; Alameda Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

STEVE CHO

Occupation: Self-employed software consultant

Cho was active in the PTA and Site Council at Warwick Elementary, Thornton Junior High, American High School and other community and professional organizations.

He has served on the Fremont City Charter Committee (1997), Fremont Planning Commission (1996–2000) and serves as the president of Citizens for Better Community (1999 and 2000). Cho is also a member of the Niles Rotary, Fremont Chamber of Commerce, Centerville Business and Community Association, Warm Springs Business and Community Association, South Bay Chinese Club. He is co-president of the Fremont Symphony Orchestra, District Chair for Boy Scouts of America, Mission Peak District; treasurer for the American Association of University Women; Board Member of Ohlone College Foundation, Board Member of the Santa Clara Vanguard. He served as a Fremont councilmember from 2000 to 2006. While on council, Cho served on the League of California Cities (LCC) board of directors and was the president of the LCC, Asian Pacific Islander (API) Caucus.

Priorities: Bring business to Fremont; create jobs; increase city revenue; strengthen city emergency services; update and maintain city infrastructure; balancing land development; develop a cultural and performing arts center.

Education: B.A. mathematics, Washington University; M.S., computer science, USC.

LINDA SUSOEV

Susoev provided no official information. The following information is gathered from the Fremont Argus.

Occupation: Housekeeper and private investigator. She has never held public office.

Education: Graduated from Mt. Eden High School.

AZIZ AKBARI

Occupation: engineering student; University of Southern California.

Plans: Increase funding for schools; bring more jobs to Fremont, including tech, biotech companies, retail, and dining and entertainment options; preserve historical lands and sites.

Proposition 30 roundtable

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Proposition 38 will raise taxes for those earning more than $7,310 per year over the next 12 years.

Proposition 38 is backed by Gov. Jerry Brown and will funnel funds into the state’s General Fund.

This is why chief Proposition 38 backer and civil rights attorney Molly Munger opposes it.

Munger’s argument is that Proposition 38 is not going to directly allocate money to the cash strapped system of education within the state of California.

Roundtable moderator Kay Harrison asked Corbett if Proposition 30 is ultimately being used as a shell game to help facilitate the general plan to help build Fremont’s economic growth.

Corbett said.

“People know I am religious,” Zarubin said.

“Jackson Zarubin is a great example of a wellbalanced student athlete,” Harrison said. “We expect him to help facilitate the general plan to help build Fremont’s economic growth.”

Faith first for Zarubin

Continued from Page 2 “Jack-on Zarubin is a good all-around person and is a great example of a well-balanced student athlete,” Russell said. “We expect him to compete for some serious innings this year.”

Zarubin is hoping to have a great season and continue to play baseball collegiately after Ohlone. TCL, Long Beach State and Fresno State are some of the schools that Zarubin would be interested in transferring to following his career at Ohlone.

Whatever path baseball takes Zarubin on he seems to be accepting and relying on the fact that his faith and religion will help him make the right decisions and stay on track to reach his dreams athletically and professionally.

“I don’t preach or try to overwhelm anybody with my faith or beliefs, but I am sure people know I am religious,” Zarubin said.