

Bipartisanship at Work in the Villages

In an effort to better acquaint Villagers with the mayoral candidates who will be contesting for the San Jose Mayor's job in November, the Villages Democratic Club and the Villages Republican Club are hosting a Mayoral Forum in Cribari Auditorium on September 11 from 3 to 5 pm. Candidates Sam Liccardo and Dave Cortese have accepted our invitation. Garrick Percival, Professor of Political Science at San Jose State University, will be the moderator of the Forum.

This will be a nonpartisan opportunity for Villagers to get each candidate's views on the major issues facing the City and each candidate's ideas about how these issues should be prioritized, and how they should be managed by the successful candidate. Each will be asked to comment on the various issues, and will have the opportunity to rebut, or refute their opponent's position. This should prove to be a lively event!

Sam Liccardo currently represents San Jose's downtown district, District Three, on the San Jose City Council. Prior to winning election to the Council in 2006, Sam served as a prosecutor in the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office. He has worked as a Federal Prosecutor and at private law firms.

Dave Cortese currently represents District Three of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. Dave served two terms on the City Council (and Vice Mayor) before being elected to the County Board of Supervisors.

The candidates are "local" boys as both of them attended local schools and Bellarmine College Prep before completing their advanced degrees. Mr. Cortese attended Santa Clara University, University of California at Davis, and Lincoln University Law School. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, and a Juris Doctorate in Law. Mr. Liccardo graduated Magna Cum Laude from Georgetown University, he attended Harvard Law School and Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, graduating with a Law Degree and a Masters Degree in Public Policy.