

Political Notebook

SIMBY (Schools In My Backyard), which describes itself as a grass roots group of parents and residents in the Tustin Unified School District, many of whom live in the Irvine communities of North Park, North Park Square and West Irvine, has endorsed Jonathan Abelove and Aaron Morris for election to the Tustin school board. "Irvine residents in the TUSD need to have a voice in the political process if they expect their concerns to be heard and acted upon," said Lyann Courant Collins, a founder of SIMBY, whose Web site is www.simby.org.

A forum for candidates running for City Council and mayor is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 16, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Lakeview Senior Center. Propositions will also be explained. Everyone is invited. The center is at 20 Lake at Alton Parkway in Woodbridge.

The candidates slate calling itself the New Priorities Team Mike House (mayoral candidate), Chuck DeVore and Christina Shea (City Council candidates) will be at the Irvine Harvest Festival this weekend to discuss issues and answer questions. The three candidates are sponsoring a voter registration drive at Northwood Place apartments on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 10 a.m. to noon and are hosting a neighborhood picnic from 2 to 4 p.m. the same day at the Turtle Rock Park and Recreation Center pool area. Everyone is welcome.

Mayor Larry Agran and running mates Beth Krom and Mitchell Goldstone and campaign workers this weekend will be giving away 10,000 California live oak and flowering magnolia seedlings to voter households. The intent, said Agran, is to draw attention to the Great Park planned for the former El Toro air base.

Campus Talk UCI, a radio show hosted by Doug Hill, will interview mayoral candidate Mike House and City Council candidate Chuck DeVore Monday, Oct. 14, from 4 to 5 p.m. on KUCI 88.9 FM Among the issues to be discussed are the candidates' positions on the proposed El Toro airport and Centerline light rail.