



# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

## AGENDA

### East Richmond Heights Municipal Advisory Council

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Wednesday, November 20, 2024

6:30 PM

Open Door United Methodist Church  
(6226 Arlington Blvd, Richmond, CA  
94805) | Zoom:

<https://cccouny-us.zoom.us/j/818744784>

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Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

1. **Roll Call and Introductions**

2. **Approval of Minutes**

approve September 18, 2024 Minutes

[24-3972](#)

**Attachments:** [erhMAC Minutes 9.18.24](#)

approve October 16, 2024 Minutes

[24-3973](#)

**Attachments:** [erhMAC Minutes Oct. 16, 2024](#)

East Richmond Heights Shaded Fuel Break Project

[24-3974](#)

**Attachments:** [East Richmond Heights Shaded Fuel Break Project](#)

3. **Treasurer's Report**

4. **Presentations (10 minutes)**

*P.1. Presentation by Contra Costa County Supervisor's Office*

*P.2. Presentation by Contra Costa County Fire Protection District*

*P.3. Presentation by Sheriff's Office Bay Station Commander, Lt. Brian Holland*

*P.4. Presentation by California Highway Patrol*

*P.5. Presentation by Judy Chen, Sewer Lateral Compliance and Incentive Program*

5. **Discussion Items**

6. **Subcommittee Reports**

*SR.1 Land Use Committee: Joann Pavlinec, Jinwei Zhang*

7. **Agenda Items / Speakers for Upcoming ERHMAC Meetings**

8. **Regional Historical Presentation**

*“Historic Historical Windows in East Richmond Heights,” Fran Cappelletti*

Historical Presentation: Historic Historical Windows

24-3975

**Attachments:** (presentation) Historic Historical Windows

9. **Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).**

The next meeting is currently scheduled for January 15, 2024

Adjourn

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1025 ESCOBAR STREET  
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

## Staff Report

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**File #:** 24-3972

**Agenda Date:** 11/20/2024

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Advisory Board: East Richmond Heights Municipal Advisory Council

Subject: Receive and Approve September 18, 2024 Minutes

**Information:**

Receive and Approve September 18, 2024 Minutes

East Richmond Heights Municipal Advisory Council September 18, 2024 MINUTES

PROPOSED

Hybrid Meeting. Recording on Supervisor Gioia’s YouTube channel: [📺 20240918\\_ERHMACmeeting](#)

MAC PRESENT: Members: Chair: Jon Sargent, Vice Chair: Victoria Curtis, Jinwei Zhang, Joann Pavlinec, Pam deWitt, Alternate: Bara Sapir

MAC ABSENT: Alternate: Royer Ruiz-Ramirez

6 other persons attended in person and \_\_\_ attended via Zoom.

time stamp	Topic	Presenter	Notes/Actions
0:05		Sargent	Meeting called to order at 6:42 pm.
0:39	Minutes	Pace	No minutes to approve.
0:43	Treasurer’s Report	Mills	\$2300 in budget. Several reimbursements pending. [Note: Fiscal year ends June 30.]
1:20	Office of Supervisor Gioia	Mills	Noise Ordinance Task Force meeting tomorrow, Sept. 19, 6:30 in Martinez. Get link from Mills.  Had successful collaborative Dumpster Day in Hasford Heights on August 21.  The County is seeking volunteers for boards and commissions. Contact Mills.  Sup. Gioia has appointed Pam DeWitt to fill Stephanie Nye’s seat on ERHMAC.  Sapir asked if ERHMAC can become bigger due to Hasford Heights being included in the ERHMAC. Mills: No.  Mills said he sent three emails about the open seat on the ERHMAC.
5:00	CCC Fire Protection District	Michelle Rhinehart	County Coordinator grant (her job) has been extended to December.  CalFire East Richmond Heights Shaded Fuel Break grant was denied, due to “lack of community support.” Con Fire will “regroup, gain additional resident support and reapply in the coming cycle” the date of which is not known, yet.

9:26		Inspector Barumen	<p>Oct. 19 is ConFire Open House at 2945 Treat Boulevard in Concord.</p> <p>Inspector Derrick Barumen gave a 24-minute presentation on how to become a Firewise Community: “a little to no-cost commitment that uses your sweat equity to make your community more fire-resistant.” See firewiseusa.org</p> <p><b>Rhinehart will share the slides with Mills.</b></p> <p>Rhinehart reminded neighbors to use the “Exterior Hazards Complaint Form” if a neighbor’s property poses a fire danger.</p> <p><b>Mills will put the “Exterior Hazards Complaint Form” form in his Friday “Update” newsletter.</b></p> <p>Pace asked Rhinehart for addresses in East Richmond Heights that have had [Measure X] fire mitigation work done. Rhinehart shared a “Project Locations” map that was too small scale for participants to read. “Applications by City” chart showed that very few Measure X fire mitigation projects have been done in unincorporated West Contra Costa County.</p> <p><b>Rhinehart “will carry” Sargent’s request for a reinstating of the “Wildcat Fire Group [includes all Wildcat municipal fire chiefs] “to leadership.”</b></p> <p>When asked Rhinehart said building resident support [for next fuel break grant application] will include: “emails, door-to-door, door hangers, community meetings, engaging with Firewise teams, gaining letters of support...I am willing to put my tennis shoes on and go talk to people...this project is important to the Fire Department.”</p>
57 :20	Sheriff’s Department	[Lt. Holland had to leave for a call. Mills reported ]	Lt. Holland sent these statistics: 0 select crimes reported, 64 calls for service, 9 reports generated, 64 calls for service, most re: towing, alarms, 911, and parking complaints.
58:00	CA Highway Patrol	Sargent	No report, but Sargent reports that CHP was present during school hours recently with radar and giving tickets for speeding on Arlington.
58:41	Public Works Department	Monish Sen, CCC	None of the three Hasford Heights intersections where neighbors asked for stop signs meet the volumes, collisions,

		Senior Traffic Engineer	and sight distance warrants necessary to generate stop signs. Contact Supervisor Gioia if you want to request a sidewalk be built. Chances are that <i>new</i> developments will have a “road diet” and will typically have better pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, possibly even trail requirements. For speeding problems look at the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program. Contact Sen if you want him to come out and see the traffic problems in front of your home.
1:16:24	Discussion Items		None.
1:16:26	Land Use Committee		No projects.
1:16	Agenda Items		A regional historical presentation is coming.
1:17	Announcements		No announcements from ERHMAC.
1:16 1:18:45	Public Comment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pavlinec announced that the General Plan has been passed by the Board of Supervisors with all of our suggested changes and additions [Ed. Note: See 08.16.24 Minutes.]</li> <li>● Pace welcomed all to the free “Second Sunday” concert at 6226 Arlington, October 13, 5:00 pm. Artist is: Kate Boyle.</li> <li>● Sargent welcomed Pam DeWitt as the new MAC member [replacing Nye]</li> <li>● Pavlinec: We need subcommittees to work on our priorities.</li> <li>● Curtis: I will be on a fire subcommittee.</li> <li>● Sargent: We will have a Festival subcommittee.</li> <li>● Sapir: Please have PGE come and talk about undergrounding. <b>Mills will contact PGE for an update on undergrounding (which is being done in Berkeley.)</b></li> <li>● Sargent: Let's get Wildcat Fire group going again.</li> <li>● Sapir: How do we get County to monitor NextDoor?</li> </ul>
1:25:01	Adjournment		Sapir moved, Curtis seconded, to adjourn meeting. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.



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## Staff Report

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**File #:** 24-3973

**Agenda Date:** 11/20/2024

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Advisory Board: East Richmond Heights Municipal Advisory Council

Subject: Receive and Approve the October 16, 2024 Minutes

Information:

Receive and Approve the October 16, 2024 Minutes

PROPOSED

Hybrid Meeting

Recording on Supervisor Gioia’s YouTube channel: None posted.

MAC PRESENT: Members: Chair: Jon Sargent, Vice Chair: Victoria Curtis, Jinwei Zhang, Joann Pavlinec, Pam deWitt, Alternates: Bara Sapir, Royer Ruiz-Ramirez

MAC ABSENT: None

9 other persons attended in person and \_\_\_\_ attended via Zoom.

Topic	Presenter	Notes/Actions
	Sargent	Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm.
Minutes to approve	Sargent	Pavlinec moved, Sapir seconded <b>approval of August 21, 2024 minutes.</b> Passed unanimously.
Treasurer’s Report	Mills	\$2300 in Treasury, pending a few items from past Festival.
CA Highway Patrol	Sargent	No CHP officer present.
Contra Costa County Animal Services	Ben Winkelblack, Director	<p>Director Winkelback, a Certified Animal Administrator, has been on the job for 5 months and gave his report in person.</p> <p>Basic facts about the department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● serving 7,000 animal/year</li> <li>● Average stay is 20 days.</li> <li>● Animals must be spayed/neutered to be able to adopt (state law)</li> <li>● Measure X funding will fund 2700 spay/neuter services in the next three years.</li> <li>● Animal Benefit Fund will fund 544 spay/neuter this year as well as community outreach.</li> <li>● July 5 is the busiest day</li> <li>● 3, 998 licenses in June, a 54% increase.</li> </ul> <p>Animal Services challenges are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Down 5 field services officers.</li> <li>● Increasing animal intake.</li> <li>● Shelter is beyond capacity every day.</li> <li>● Medical costs went up 40%.</li> <li>● Veterinary costs have increased 100%.</li> <li>● Increased needs in community</li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Usually responding to 300 “holdover calls.”</li> </ul> <p>Animal Services is addressing these challenges by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Adding staff (see below.)</li> <li>● Focusing on “pathway planning:” weekly meetings with partners to coordinate care of animals most in need.</li> <li>● Rolling out barcode scanning to collect health data.</li> <li>● Adding sound-deadening in the cat area.</li> <li>● Planning to house dogs differently.</li> <li>● Opening some of the kennels.</li> <li>● Making a renewed focus on animal licensing, to meet rabies requirements. 37% return to home rate. Goal is 100%.</li> <li>● Reopening “adoption galleries” in the back.</li> <li>● A vet behaviorist has toured and made facility suggestions, i.e. different kinds of beds for dogs; different ways to feed dogs; new ways to lower stress in animals.</li> <li>● There is a cat foster program.</li> <li>● Possibly starting a “Barn Cat” program.</li> </ul> <p>Staffing changes being made are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2 new officers have completed training and 4 more are in the training process.</li> <li>● Chief of Shelter medicine is an open position and the Department has begun to recruit for.</li> <li>● A dog foster program person has just been hired.</li> <li>● No dedicated staff right now, for youth programs. (Some partners do “humane education.”)</li> <li>● Hiring an additional medical technician.</li> </ul> <p>Upcoming events include a microchip support event. In answer to audience questions he assured us: strays are not put in play groups; no, there is no longer a facility near Sugar City; he wants partners [i.e. Jelly’s] to succeed.</p>
Regional History Presentation	Cappelletti	Due to technical difficulties the presentation on the ODUMC stained glass windows is postponed to the next meeting.
Discussion Items		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Curtis moved, Sapir seconded: <b>“The ERHMAC increase the amount paid for taking its meeting minutes to \$125/meeting retroactive to the September minutes.”</b> Approved unanimously.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pavlinec moved, Ramirez seconded: <b>“The ERHMAC will cancel its December ERMAC meeting.”</b> Approved unanimously.</li> </ul>
Land Use Committee		No new proposals this last month.
Agenda Items/Speakers for Upcoming ERMAC meetings		<p>Sapir: Reminder to get PGE to speak.  JinWei: Let’s make our banner  Sapir: “We need to make the MAC sexier,” and spread the word by reaching out to PTSA’s, Houses of Worship, Schools.</p>
Adjournment		Sargent moved, Sapir seconded: <b>Adjournment.</b> Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.



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**File #:** 24-3974

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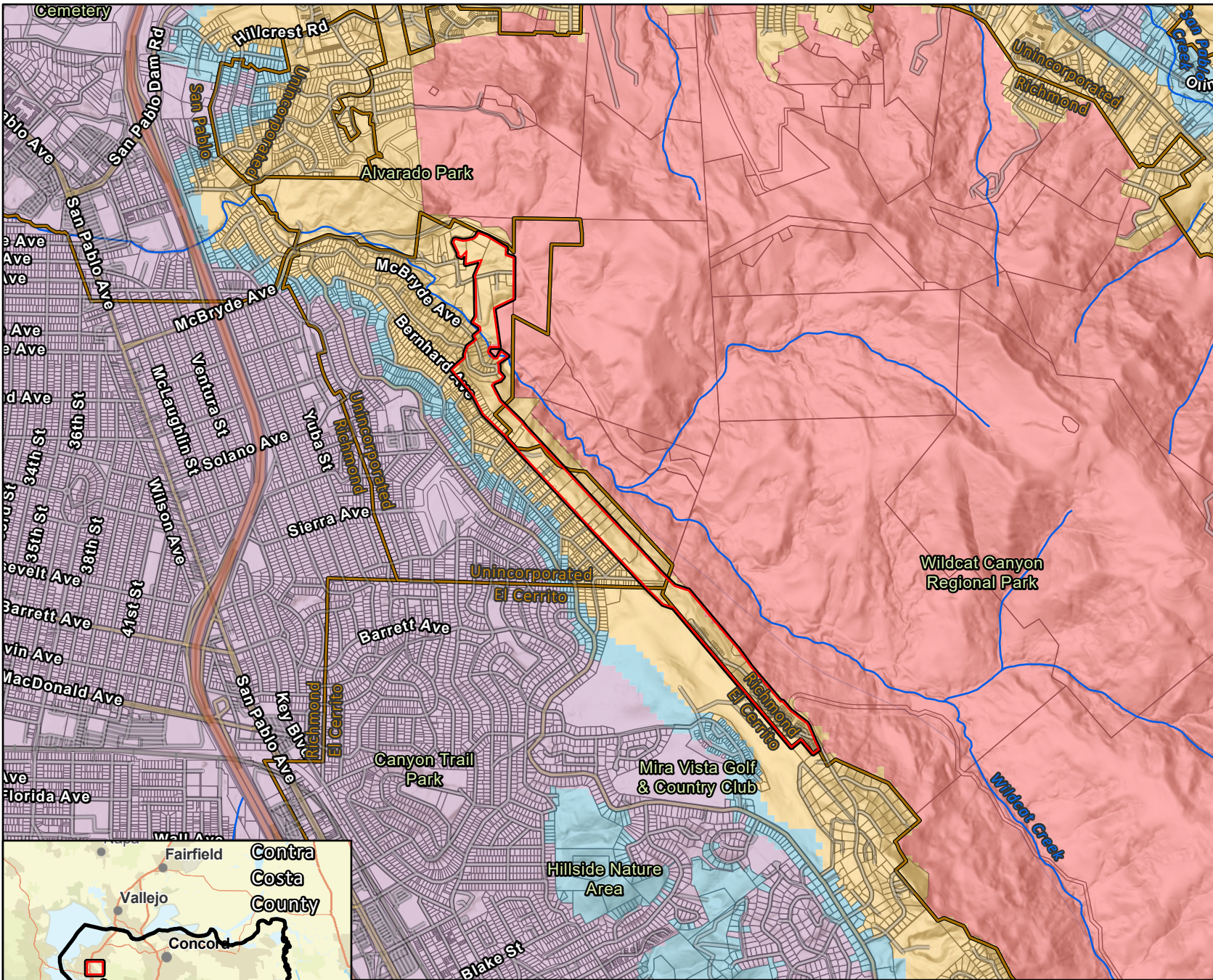
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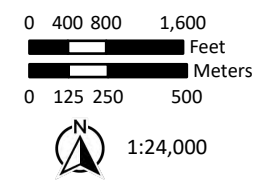
Subject: East Richmond Heights Shaded Fuel Break Project

Information:

East Richmond Heights Shaded Fuel Break Project



-  Fuel Break Area (73 acres)
  -  City Boundary
  -  Parcel
  -  CalStreams (NHD)
- Fire Hazard Severity Zone Class**
-  Very High
  -  High
  -  Moderate
  -  Urban Unzoned



Coordinate System: NAD 1983 2011  
StatePlane California III FIPS 0403 Ft US



**East Richmond Heights Shaded Fuel Break Project**  
 Project Tracking Number: 23-WP-SCU-58648249  
 Project Proponent: Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

Service Layer Credits: California State Parks, Esri, TomTom, Garmin, SafeGraph, GeoTechnologies, Inc, METI/NASA, USGS, Bureau of Land Management, EPA, NPS, US Census Bureau, USDA, USFWS, California State Parks, Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, Bureau of Land Management, EPA, NPS, USFWS, Esri, NASA, NGA, USGS, FEMA





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**File #:** 24-3975

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Advisory Board: East Richmond Heights Municipal Advisory Council

Subject: Historical Presentation "Historic Historical Windows"

Information: Historical Presentation "Historic Historical Windows"

# Historic Historical Windows In East Richmond Heights



Fran Cappelletti, East Richmond Heights resident

The stained glass windows were designed and built by Dr. John Wallis of the Wallis-Wiley Studio of Pasadena.

Wallis began working with stained glass in the 1920s.

Works include the windows at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and the Riverside Church, both in New York City to The Cathedral of St. Andrew in Honolulu, Hawaii.



Locally, their work is found in Kensington, Orinda and Berkeley.

Berkeley's Northbrae Community Church  
A-frame chapel dating to 1958.





For example, Berkeley's Northbrae Community Church 1958 A-frame chapel



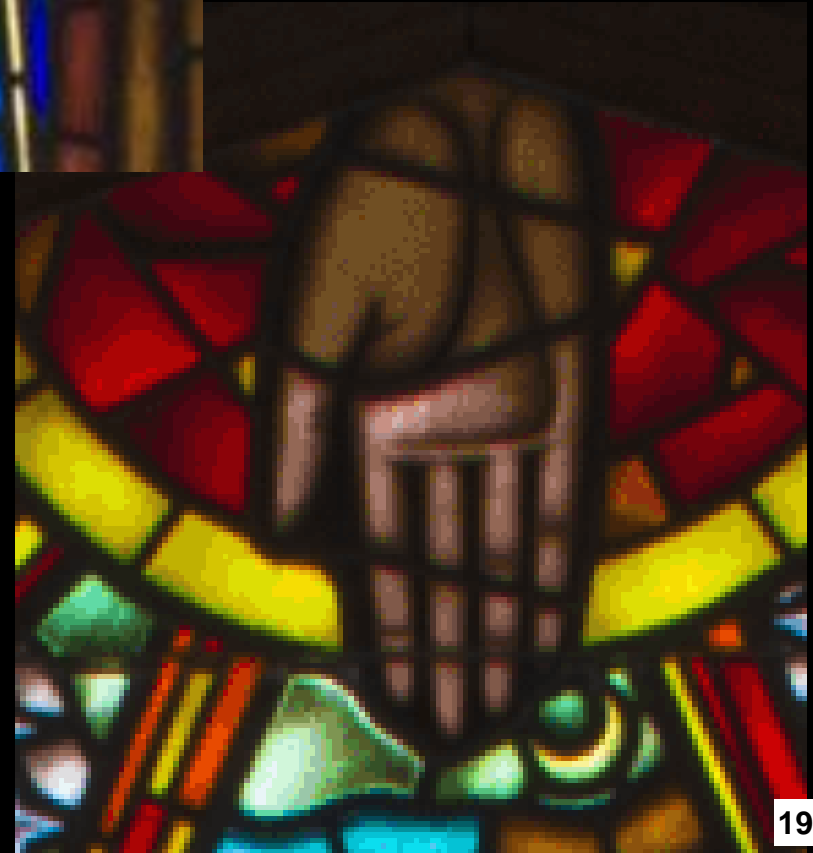
<https://www.northbrae.org/the-northbrae-chapel-windows-and-the-torchbearer-legacy/>

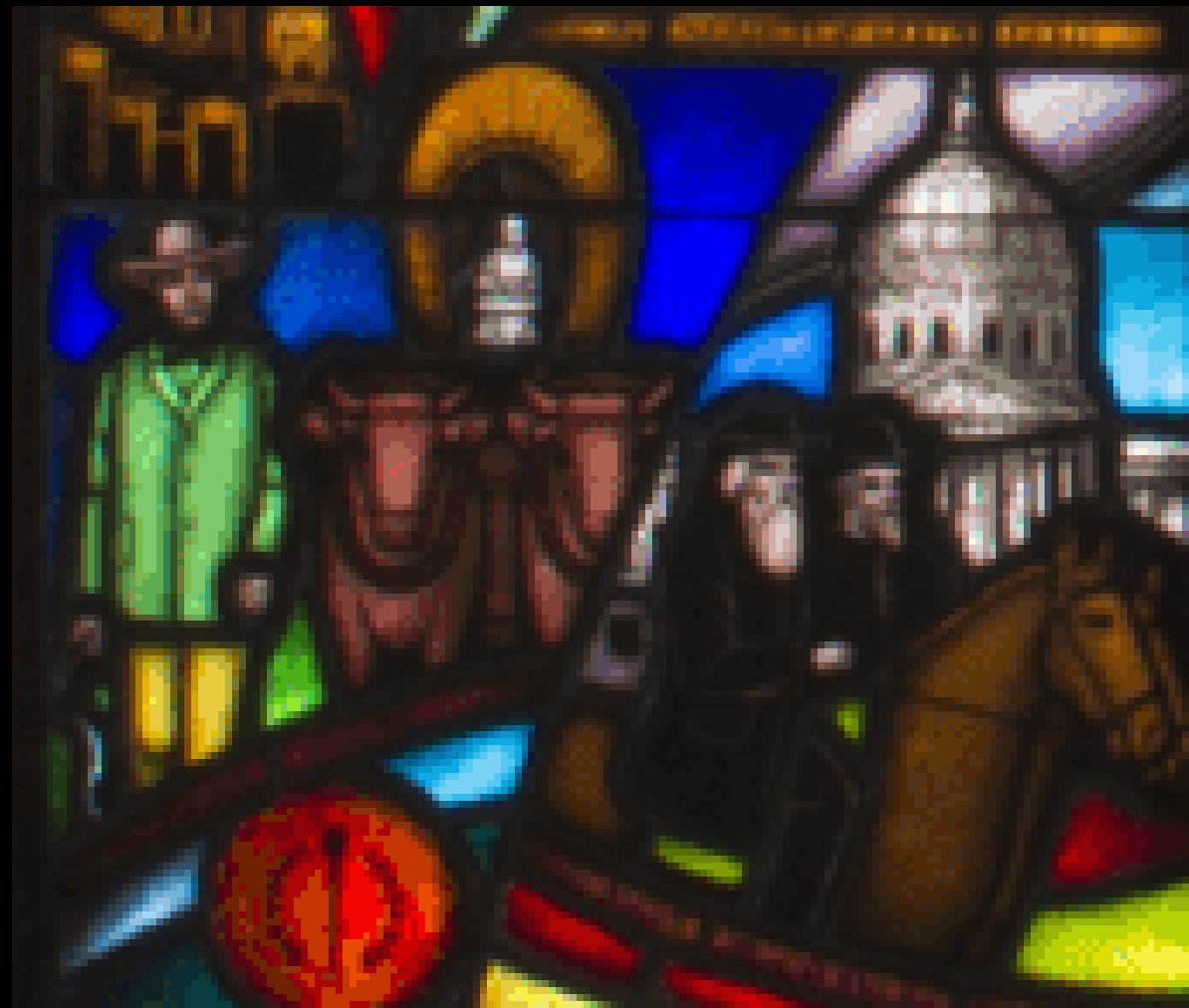
Also Stewart Chapel at San Anselmo's former SF Theological Seminary, now University of Redlands Marin County campus.

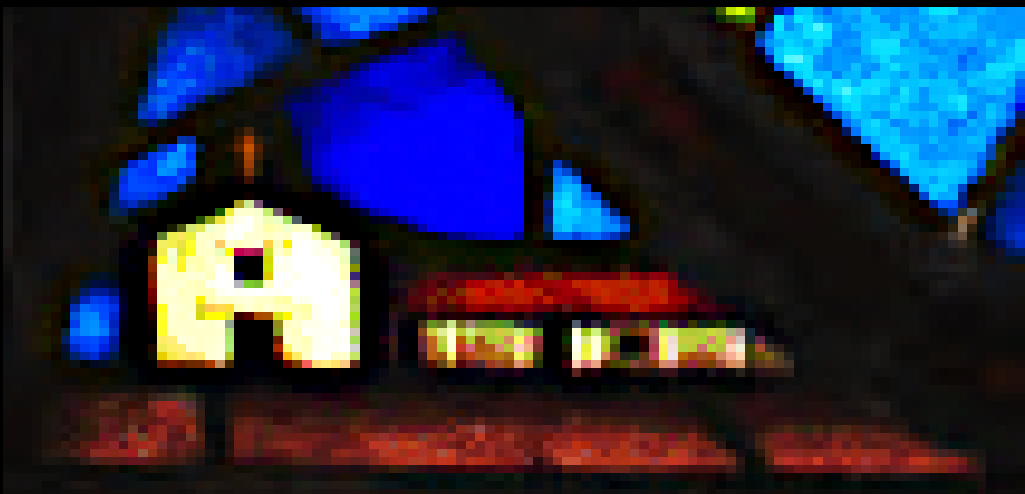


<https://marincampus.com/our-spaces/stewart-chapel/>

Their windows depict the history of the Presbyterian Church in the West, a visual narrative of the Church's historical journey.







# The Twelve Apostles (of California)

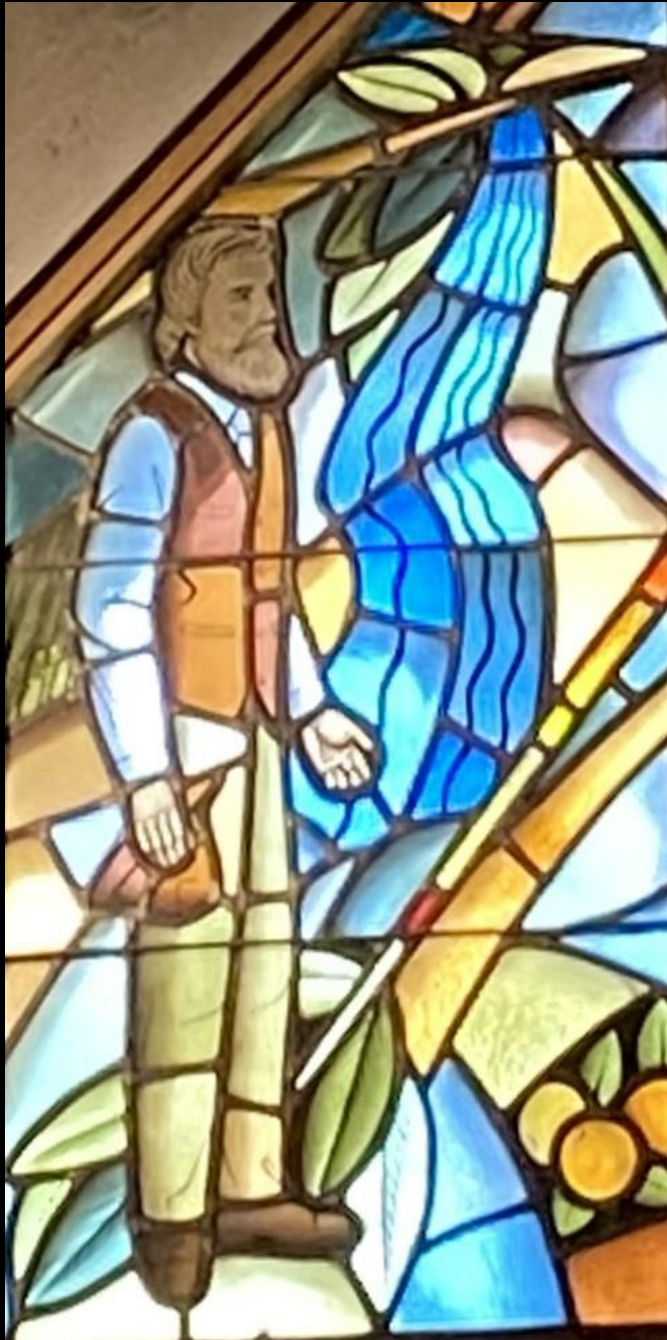


The Twelve Apostles of California :  
Men of Integrity of Character, Service to Humanity, Devotion to God

By Leonidas Latimer Loofbourow

Published for The Historical Society of the California-Nevada Conference of the  
Methodist Church, The McDougall Press, 1962

[The twelve apostles of California : men of integrity of character, service to humanity, devotion to God](#)



John  
Muir

Jedediah  
Smith







John  
Bidwell

David  
Lubin



Junipero Serra

William  
Taylor



Edwin  
Markham

Aurelia  
Reinhardt



David Starr  
Jordan

Will  
Rogers



Mariano  
Guadalupe  
Vallejo



Amos Alonzo Stagg

# THE BUILDING

## From Good Shepherd to Open Door

When I see some recently erected buildings, how I wish their people might have had the skill and Methodist background my beloved architect friends have had! I am sure it is easier to build a beautiful church than an ordinary one, and no more expensive—if we can combine the two factors mentioned above. Good Shepherd, with its *God in California* window, draws visitors from many faiths and many lands. Pacific School of Religion brings its senior class here year after year. Yet here we had nothing but debts to build with! Debts, plus a master architect and a wonderfully capable and loyal people. My blessing on them, and on all who build useful and beautiful churches!

# ARCHITECT

## Reginald F. Inwood

Inwood is credited with several churches in California.

The A-Frame in Northbrae

San Fernando Valley

San Diego

Chalet Style in East Richmond Heights

Berkeley's Northbrae Community Church A-frame chapel dating to 1958.



# St. John's in the Valley Methodist Church (Demolished)



*St. John's in the Valley Methodist Church, July 2013 | Courtesy of the San Fernando Valley Blog*

# First United Methodist Church of San Diego

The new contemporary, Spanish cathedral-style church, was designed by Reginald Inwood and completed in 1964.



[About First Church  
of San Diego |  
FUMC San Diego  
\(fumcsd.org\)](#)



# Say to the City of Richmond.



[opendoorumc.org/](http://opendoorumc.org/)

The End?