

The Last Nine Years: A Legacy of Leadership

Larry has provided strong leadership in the church community and our Valley. In 2008, the VAC took the lead in the evangelical churches in the 'Yes on Proposition 8' campaign. Larry and a coalition of conservative Catholics and leaders LDS church leaders coordinated the church efforts to preserve of traditional marriage between one man and one woman in our County.

In 2009, Larry's leadership was behind the measure to have pornography filters installed on children's computers in the San Jose Public Library brought before the San Jose City Council. The Council voted not to install the filters. But in 2014, Larry's worked once again with Mayor Reed and members of the San Jose City Council. The filters are being installed as you are reading this. This is the leadership, tenacity and focus with which Larry tackled the job.

Larry has worked quietly and steadily with Pastors and churches to create the relationships needed to allow the VAC a proper place at the table. For the last nine years, Larry has organized the National Day of Prayer Pastor Prayer breakfast in the Rotunda at San Jose City Hall and the evening Time of Prayer and Worship. Now over 100 pastors from throughout the Valley come together for breakfast and a time of Prayer, Fellowship and Worship.

Shortly after assuming the position of President, he instituted a bi-monthly luncheon series. The bi-monthly luncheons, which has grown to between 80-100+ attendees, have featured an array of top quality speakers such as an annual appearance from Mayor Chuck Reed, Tony Perkins from the Family Research Council, Rabbi Daniel Lapin, Brian Sussman from KSFO radio, Lila Rose of Live Action, Sgt. Kyle Oki from the SJPD Sex Crimes Unit on Sex Trafficking, and Reverend Walter Hoye II who was arrested, convicted, and jailed standing in front of an Abortion Clinic holding a sign that read "Jesus loves you and your baby. May we help?".

Under his leadership and direction, the local Values Voter Guide has been compiled and published before each election. Working to implement Dr. Bill Bright's 5 Duties of a Christian Citizen, Larry helped create Watchman Ministries in 50 + valley churches. These Watchmen Ministries helped register Christian voters, distribute Values Voter Guides, and get Christian voters to the polls.

After the action by the California and U.S. Supreme Courts legalizing same sex marriage in California, Larry organized a Christian Leader's Conference to help pastors and ministry leaders prepare their churches and ministries for the post-Prop. 8 era. Over 140 Christian pastors and leaders attended this conference.

Larry has been an effective and respected representative of Christian values in our community; working to see that God's will be done in our very secular Silicon Valley. The Board of Directors of the Values Advocacy Council commends him for his leadership, vision, and hard work on behalf of the Christian Community in Silicon Valley.

You may go online to www.vac.org or use the enclosed envelop to share your thoughts and bless Larry and Shelley with your tax deductible "love offering".

If you have any questions or wish to know how you may personally bless Larry and Shelley, please feel free to call me at 408-221-6728.

