

## **Sierra Madre City Clerk Candidates' Statements**

By Bill Coburn

The following are the statements of the Sierra Madre City Clerk Candidates, as they will appear on the sample ballot for the April 8<sup>th</sup> election. These have been provided to us by the City Clerk. Citizens will be asked to vote for one candidate. The incumbent is Nancy Shollenberger. The challenger is Karma Bell.

**KARMA L. BELL** Age: 54

Occupation: Community Volunteer

My name is Karma Bell, and I want to be your next City Clerk. I have the background to do an excellent job and a genuine commitment to serve the City of Sierra Madre.

After graduation from college, I worked in administrative positions in both corporate and private business, including manufacturing, law and accounting. Starting in 1983, as my husband and I raised our three sons in Sierra Madre, I devoted my talents to our town's non-profit organizations.

I have served as President of the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce, President of Sierra Madre little League, and President of Sierra Madre PTA. I have served on several Boards of Directors as Recording Secretary, organized community events, and managed fundraisers. In those responsible positions, I worked in cooperation with various departments at City Hall, and have an intimate working knowledge of our city government.

I believe in service to my community. It would be an honor to serve the citizens of Sierra Madre. I am honest, trustworthy and dependable. As City Clerk, I promise to faithfully execute each and every duty of the office with accuracy, initiative and expertise.

**NANCY SUE SHOLLENBERGER**

Age: 68

Occupation: Incumbent

It has been my extreme honor to serve as your City Clerk for the past twenty-four years. I have handled my duties at City Hall with pride and dignity. My duties include the complete election process which I have also undertaken with honesty and integrity.

I attended and took Minutes of the Regular City Council Meetings from 1984-2004. A select few City Council Members decided to change the Minute Taking process and as of January 8, 2008 I had my duties and responsibilities restored.

I have had a Secretarial Service in town for over 30 years and have saved the City thousands of dollars by using my office to conduct City business and type the Minutes.

My experience, dedication and devotion to this position, along with quality of work have been exemplary. My enthusiasm to serve the residents in Sierra Madre has never wavered.

I would be most pleased to be your City Clerk for four more years and I ask for your vote on April 8, 2008.