

## **Sierra Madre Treasurer Candidates' Statements**

By Bill Coburn

The following are the statements of the Sierra Madre Treasurer 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. There is no incumbent in this race.

### **GEORGE ENYEDI**

Occupation: Certified Public Accountant

Resident of Sierra Madre since 1979. I am a practicing CPA since 1961, senior partner in my own firm. Since semi-retirement in 1994 I devoted substantial volunteer time to our city.

From 1994 through 2001 I volunteered each Monday to reconcile the city's general fund and payroll bank accounts, becoming thoroughly familiar with the City's finances.

In 1995 I was elected treasurer, and am presently president, of the Sierra Madre Pioneer Cemetery. I was instrumental in quadrupling its endowment fund enabling the cemetery to be self-supporting. In 2002 I passed the State exam as a "Cemetery Manager", allowing the cemetery to stay in business.

In 1998 I rescued the Sierra Madre Playhouse from the brink of bankruptcy by leading the rejuvenation of its interior and finances. I negotiated the purchase of its building and look forward to a "mortgage burning" ceremony in 2010.

I was Elected "Citizen of the Year" in 1999.

As your treasurer I will use my financial background and experience to apply the highest degree of professionalism, safeguard our resources, oversee expenditures, and guide our City through some of the most difficult years ahead of us.

### **SALVATORE F. TESORO, III**

Age: 36

Occupation: Property Manager/Publisher

As a native Sierran, I have a great understanding and appreciation for what once made this a community of friends and neighbors. In the past, volunteers were defined by what they gave to Sierra Madre; not what they got from Sierra Madre.

Today, the "spirit of giving" means overspending on expensive, outside consultants, overpaying unproductive, politically appointed administrative staff, and boondoggle, "white elephant" building schemes.

If elected, I promise to scrutinize all City finances and expenditures, and hold publicly accountable all elected, appointed and employed persons in City Hall.

I promise to establish real, financial transparency in our government while helping to restore Sierra Madre's fiscal integrity.

Remember! It's not just about accounting. It's about Accountability.

SALVATORE F. TESORO, III