

# New wrinkle hits harbor elections

Election officials today are seeking a judge's permission to revise the ballot statements for two candidates for the San Mateo County Harbor District.

Candidate Brian Rogers is the second person in the harbor district elections to run into trouble over his statement. As the Post reported Wednesday, the statement of incumbent Sabrina Brennan was also called into question.

## Controversies

Rogers' statement appears to take issue with Brennan. Brennan has been the source of various controversies since first becoming a commissioner in 2012. Rogers' statement reads, "I will ... work to control the constant drain on the finances of the district due to legal fees and settlements for the bad behavior of one commissioner."

One of the other candidates for the Harbor Commission race complained to Church about that sentence in Rogers' statement, according to court papers filed by Mark Church, the county's

chief elections officer. Church's paperwork says that someone raised the concern and said that the sentence is a reference to Brennan.

Rogers said that he had read the rules provided to him by Church's office and thought that since he was not referring to his opponent in the race, Ed Larenas, that he could put the sentence in there. He and Larenas are seeking a two-year seat on the board.

## Incumbent's race

Brennan, who is running for re-election, wrote in her statement that she is a member of the county Democratic Central Committee. State election law prohibits candidates from referencing a party or partisan office in a nonpartisan race such as for harbor commissioner.

Brennan said that when she asked the elections office why her statement was allowed, it was because the elections official who helped her was unaware of the state law that doesn't allow the mention of political parties.

# City has only 1 new piece of public art

Over the past year, only one new piece of public art in San Mateo has been completed, according to a report from Senior Management Analyst Heather Stewart.

Since the city initiated the public art ordinance in 2005, 11 pieces of art have been completed. Stewart said there are seven projects either being worked on or in the pipeline for approval by the Civic Arts Committee.

The art completed in March of this year is called "Synthesis." It was created by Jonathan Russell and Saori Ide and made of powder-coated steel and stainless steel. It is located at 2000 S. Delaware St.

The art is paid for by a building permit fee. Developers can commission or install art in projects over \$3 million. If developers wish to not include public art in their developments, they pay a fee to the city, which is then earmarked for future



**THE SCULPTURE** "Synthesis" can be found at 2000 S. Delaware St. in San Mateo.

public art. The San Mateo City Council will be hearing an annual update regarding the public art program on Monday.

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according to Wolf Richter of the Wolf of Wall Street blog, citing government statistics. Among the jobs to go will be those of chauffeurs, truck drivers and bus drivers. He said the jobs will go away faster than society is prepared to deal with it.

**BANK SAYS 'NEIN':** Deutsche Bank AG said today it does not intend to pay \$14 billion to settle civil claims with the U.S. Department of Justice for its handling of residential mortgage-backed securities and related transactions. The bank confirmed in a statement that the Justice Department had proposed a settlement of \$14 billion and asked the German bank to make a counter proposal.

**ANOTHER PROTEST:** Megan Rapinoe knelt during the national anthem before a U.S. women's national team match against Thailand last night. She said she wanted to express solidarity with 49ers backup quarterback Colin Kaepernick, who is not standing during the anthem to bring attention to racial inequality. After last night's game, which the United States won 9-0, U.S. Soccer issued a statement that said representing the country is a "privilege and honor" for any player or coach associated with the national teams.

**VENEZUELA'S MARGARITA ISLAND** was once mobbed with international tourists who loved the sparkling blue water, fine white sand and flawless sunny days. Now, swimming pools are empty, toilets don't flush and many hotels can't afford to offer meal service. Crisis-wracked Venezuela gave the island community of 600,000 a last-minute cleanup to host leaders from the developing world for a summit of the Non-Aligned Movement. But all the attention can't hide the steep decline the island has suffered as the socialist country sinks into economic and social collapse.