Message to Voters from

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In 1946, voters approved creation of the Sequoia Hospital District to build, operate and maintain a community hospital. The District has a five member Board of Directors.

In 1996, the Sequoia Hospital District called an election to effect a bailout sale of Sequoia Hospital (after hospital CEO Art Faro incurred a \$29,000,000 loss). Measure H, as it was known, was overwhelmingly approved by voters. After sale of the hospital, the District continued to collect taxes, and assumed a philanthropic role never approved by voters. The 2000-2001 **San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury** issued the following recommendation:

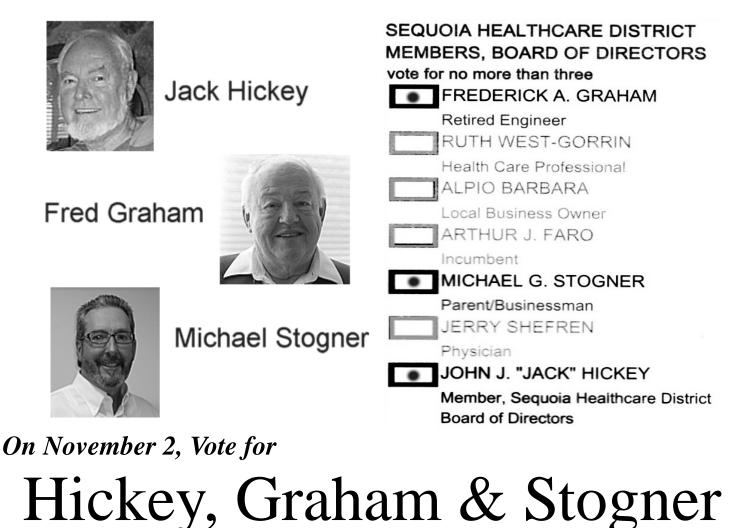
"The Sequoia Healthcare District should reduce property taxes for district taxpayers unless in a future election district voters approve expenditures for purposes not approved by district voters in the 1946 measure establishing the district or in 1996 Measure H. This reduction would equal the amount expended by the district for purposes not approved by the voters in the 1946 measure or in 1996 Measure H and effectively limit district expenditures to those purposes approved by district voters. By this reduction in property tax receipts to be requested under the Revenue and Taxation Code §96.8, property taxes would be lowered for all district taxpayers."

In 2002, I was elected to the Sequoia Healthcare District Board of Directors with 12,333 votes.

In early 2003, the political power brokers controlling the District were on a fast track to relocate Sequoia Hospital. I opposed that action and circulated a Referendum petition collecting > 4,000 signatures. The relocation plan was derailed and Sequoia Hospital is being upgraded on its historic site by it's owner, CHW.

In 2006 I was re-elected to the Board, this time with **29,234** votes.

In 2008, with 2 years of my term remaining, I sought to unseat one of the incumbents by running for a 4 year seat. Voters supported me with **30,378** votes,1.5% shy of a victory. I retained my existing seat and today I am asking voters to support me and two other candidates in November. We are a TEAM which promises to act upon the Grand Jury recommendation. See **www.SmartVoter.org** for candidate info and *Visit* <u>www.XSHCD.com</u>



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