

Here are the comments (as of April 24, 2012) at the San Ramon Express about Roz Rogoff's blogcast interview with former San Ramon Mayor Abram Wilson on April 18, 2012:

Link to comments: <http://www.sanramonexpress.com/square/index.php?i=3&d=&t=1104>

Posted by Paul Mitchell, a resident of another community, on Apr 18, 2012 at 12:05 pm

Nice blogcast, Roz. I learned a few things about my former city of residence from you and former Mayor Wilson. I don't see government having a role in borrowing money (selling bonds) to buy land and operate a cemetery, but if that's what the local citizens want to do, more power to them.

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Posted by Roz Rogoff, the San Ramon Observer, on Apr 18, 2012 at 12:53 pm
Roz Rogoff is a member (registered user) of San Ramon Express

Thanks for the nice comment, Paul. Did you try phoning in? The phone number for the free program is long distance, but if enough people want to call in I can upgrade to a toll-free number.

Abram referred to Colma. You might recall Herb Moniz was City Manager of Colma for a couple of years. I'm not sure if Colma owns the cemeteries in it or how it profits from them. Maybe I should have asked Abram that.

Here's the link to the recorded version of the show:

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Posted by Roz Rogoff, the San Ramon Observer, on Apr 18, 2012 at 3:00 pm
Roz Rogoff is a member (registered user) of San Ramon Express

I just listened to the replay. The voice quality wasn't great and there was a lot of air popping, but overall everything was understandable with a minimum of dead air.

I goofed up the exit music and increased the volume when I should have faded it out, so it gets very loud at the end. Just turn it off or down before the last 15 seconds.

The Blogtalkradio specs said I had 2 live listeners and 5 who played the recording. I played it twice, so 5 other people listened to it.

I plan to host another show next Wednesday at 11:30 am again. I haven't set up my next guest yet.

Roz

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Posted by Paul Mitchell, a resident of another community, on Apr 19, 2012 at 2:14 pm

I was one of the two live listeners. I did not call in because I did not have a question for the former mayor. Well, actually I would have like to have asked him a question about abolishing the transient occupancy tax (the San Ramon "hotel tax"), but I already knew former Mayor Wilson and I will never agree on that subject, and he is no longer in a position to change his mind and vote to eliminate it. I did not need a toll-free number to call in; I have unlimited long distance service.

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Posted by Roz Rogoff, the San Ramon Observer, on Apr 19, 2012 at 2:48 pm
Roz Rogoff is a member (registered user) of San Ramon Express

Thanks for listening, Paul. Measure U in 2004 would have increased the TOT from 7.25% to 10% in 1/2% increments over 5 years. It was defeated 48.6% to 51.4%. The council has not tried to increase it since then.

I know how much you hate tax increases, but San Ramon has the lowest TOT in the region, and I believe it could be upped by 1 or 2% to offset deficits and cover lost income from other sources. Voters might be more inclined to increase it now than face more cuts in services.

Roz

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Posted by Resident, a resident of San Ramon, 2 hours ago

It would be interesting to know if either Mr Wilson or Mr Moniz are now paid consultants for Sid Corrie.

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Posted by Roz Rogoff, the San Ramon Observer, 2 hours ago
Roz Rogoff is a member (registered user) of San Ramon Express

Resident,

Mayor Wilson told me Sid Corrie wants to sell the property for health reasons. Mr. Moniz is retired and in a totally different business now.

Roz

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