

**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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