

GARY PHELPS



Address: **90 Foxtail Lane, Templeton, CA 93465**
How long living in TUSD: **19.5 Years**
Education: **B.S., Business, Cal Poly, Pomona**
Occupation: **Mortgage Professional - Broker**
Marital Status/Family: **Married; Two daughters, Templeton schools' graduates**
Current Civic Activity: **Current TAAG Delegate, Treasurer and Secretary, & Bylaws Committee Chairperson**
Past Civic Activity: **Templeton, Chamber of Commerce Treasurer and Current Budget Programmer**

Reasons for wanting to be a delegate and my positions:

I wish to represent the people of Templeton, by helping to maintain the town's character while supporting new developments. I believe that additional commercial properties will bring jobs and prosperity, but they have to make sense within the confines of our community. The County lacks adequate funds to enhance our local infrastructure, so each new building project needs to minimize the burden on our County resources. This is why I feel that projects like high density residential construction are not right for our community, because they overburden the police and fire protection, while heavily congesting our small streets. If a new project puts a strain on any aspect of our community, the developer should pay to alleviate the problem.

In the past, some of the projects within Templeton have been approved, because they meet the minimum county standards, I believe TAAG should set Templeton's minimum standards. Standards that account for issues such as, the school district's severe financial crisis, which resulted in limited bussing for students. By making each new project include sidewalks, parks or open space, and bicycle lanes we can ensure that developments meet citizens' needs. After all, TAAG is the voice for the citizens of Templeton to the County Planning Department.

A medical marijuana facility appears to be back on our agenda for 2010. I oppose having a facility in Templeton. They are plagued with problems and 90% of the facilities have been cited for criminal activity. I believe for the residents that need medical marijuana, it should be dispensed through the Sheriff's Department. The social problems that marijuana use creates will never be paid for by any increase in tax revenues.

I believe that my common sense approach helps TAAG achieve their goals. My personal goal of increasing communication from TAAG to the residents has resulted in an official monthly e-mail notification list and a quarterly information bulletin inserted in Templeton Community Services District newsletter.

Committees I am Interested In:

**Architectural Review
Bylaws
Traffic/Circulation**

**Templeton Community Design Plan
Public Outreach**

Thank you for your support!

Gary V. Phelps