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ELECTION

Gentry challenges incumbents

Council candidates promise policies to promote housing

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What do Napans want more in their leaders: experience in city affairs, or a fresh bolt of energy? This fall, two members of the City Council – and a second-time challenger for their seats – will get an answer.

Mary Luros, a Napa attorney ap-

pointed to the council at the beginning of 2015, is seeking her first full term.

Joining her on the Nov. 8 ballot is Scott Sedgley, who was elected in 2012 after nearly three decades of service with the Napa Fire Department.

The two are part of a team that in recent years has made the call



Scott Sedgley



Mary Luros



Doris Gentry

on numerous issues with potentially long-lasting effects for Napa's residents and visitors – on housing, parking, traffic and other matters.

But this election season, a third player hopes to take over for one of the two council members: Doris Gentry, who has made her name as

a community volunteer and foster mother during more than a quarter-century in Napa.

Doris Gentry

Much has changed in the four years since Gentry first ran for the Napa City Council. Gleaming restaurants and shops have filled downtown, a five-story hotel is rising on a long-dormant stretch of First Street, and even the shell of the failed Copia center is being recast into a new satellite of the Culinary Institute of America – all while growing tourist revenue

makes the recession-triggered shortfalls of earlier in the decade into a receding memory.

But for the 62-year-old former businesswoman and 27-year Napa resident, one ingredient remains missing – a more forceful and proactive approach to make Napa livable for those who reside, rather than visit, there.

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PUBLIC SAFETY



COURTESY OF THE NAPA COUNTY BICYCLE COALITION

Napa County is using raised "rumble dots" along an 8-mile stretch of Silverado Trail and a short stretch of Solano Avenue to warn drivers when they are veering off the road. The method is an alternative to the more common rumble strips.

'Rumble dots' project aims to improve safety for cars, bikes

8-mile test stretch of Silverado Trail has high accident rate

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Napa County has turned to "rumble dots" to try to keep motorists from drifting off an eight-mile stretch of Silverado Trail and improve safety for bicyclists riding in the shoulders.

New shoulder striping along the sides of the road is made of a thermoplastic material. At intervals of every couple of feet, a cookie-shaped mass of the material has been added on top of the stripe.

People driving on the rumble dots, either from sleepiness or carelessness, receive a slightly jarring reminder to head back to the main part of the road. That can spare motorists from driving

off the road, injuring or killing either themselves or bicyclists.

Alfredo Pedroza, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, cast a vote for the Silverado Trail safety project that added the rumble dots. His father was killed on this stretch in 2012 while riding a bicycle in the shoulder. A motorist veered off the road and hit him.

The rumble dots are designed to keep this from happening to somebody else.

"Obviously, it's a personal issue for me and my family, given what we went through," Pedroza said. "I've been paying attention to it. I think anytime we can enhance the safety on the roadways, it's something we have to support."

The county didn't have safety statistics readily available for this stretch of Silverado Trail, though he said it has a higher-than-expected rate of collisions involving motorists driving

off the road.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Vital Signs website shows four cyclists injured in three incidents and one cyclist killed in collision accidents on this Silverado Trail stretch from 2006 to 2014. Vital Signs shows many more incidents of vehicle-only accidents, but doesn't list the cause.

A more traditional way to provide a safety jolt is the rumble strip, such as those found along the sides of Highway 12 in Jameson Canyon. This method consists of grinding divots into the pavement near the shoulder line to shake up straying motorists.

"It's creating damage to the pavement surface by this grinding process," county Deputy Public Works Director Rick Marshall said. "If we have a better way to do it, that's a good thing."

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ELECTION

Gregory tops Luce in funds for supervisor

Race has attracted \$310,000 in donations

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Challenger Ryan Gregory holds a substantial fundraising lead over incumbent Mark Luce in the 2nd District Supervisor seat campaign.

Gregory is a 42-year-old civil engineer and Napa native who is running his first local campaign. He received \$48,379 for the July 1-through-Sept. 24 reporting period, \$133,855 for the year and \$200,182 for the past two years.

After all of his spending, Gregory reported in papers filed with the Registrar of Voters that he still had \$38,173 as of Sept. 24.

Luce is a five-term county supervisor. He raised \$37,939 for the latest reporting period, \$63,526 for the year and \$110,454



Mark Luce



Ryan Gregory

for the past two years. He had \$18,991 remaining as of Sept. 24.

Both men emerged out of a June primary to compete in the Nov. 8 runoff election. They want to represent a district that covers much of the western part of the city of Napa.

During a recent candidates forum, Luce addressed the importance of fundraising.

"That's what is required to get the word out," Luce said. "Unfortunately, it does cost money

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WINE INDUSTRY

Supervisors volunteer for wine conferences

Local industry needs international voice

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Napa County Supervisors Diane Dillon and Keith Caldwell will travel 5,500 miles to represent the county at the Great Wine Capitals conference in Porto, Portugal.

Agricultural Commissioner Greg Clark will also attend the event from Nov. 5 to Nov. 11. The

estimated cost is up to \$17,500 in public money.

Great Wine Capitals is a network of nine wine destinations across the globe, including San Francisco/Napa Valley. Napa County began sending the agricultural commissioner and one supervisor to the annual conference in 2006 and in 2008 increased the Board representation to two supervisors.

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