

## Outstanding Professor Award to Fullerton Resident ChorSwang Ngin

Cal State LA Professor of Anthropology ChorSwang Ngin was one of four Outstanding Professors honored for excellence in teaching and significant achievement in scholarly inquiry or creativity, as well as professional activities and community service during the August 17th University Fall Convocation at the Luckman Fine Arts Complex.

Ngin is the founder of the university's Bachelor of Arts degree in Asian and Asian American Studies where she has served as director. She has conducted research in China, Malaysia, Indonesia, and the US. Her research has also focused on Vietnamese in refugee camps in Southeast Asia.

She has served as a consultant for the World Health Organization, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the World Bank, the Rand Corp, several school districts, and various professional organizations in the US on culture, race, racism, ethnicity, and identity.

Ngin has authored more than two dozen journal articles, book chapters and memories, and over two dozen confidential reports on asylum seekers. Her book, *Identities on Trial in the United States: Asylum Seekers from Asia*, was released in



August.

A resident of Fullerton, she has served for more than two decades on the OC Human Relations Council and for a decade on the Sheriff's Community Coalition. Ngin holds a Ph.D. in socio-cultural anthropology from University of California, Davis.

## Hunt Library Ad Hoc Committee Report

by Matt Leslie

The second of four planned meetings of the Hunt Library Ad Hoc Committee took place in the Community Room of Fullerton's Main Branch Library on Monday, August 6. The Ad Hoc's agenda reflected a committee still searching for basic information about the Hunt Branch Library.

The ambitious agenda laid out for the evening gave rise to the hope that essential questions about the actual cost to operate the facility as a proper library, requirements for bringing the building up to current accessibility standards and needed repairs, and even an accurate map of the property might finally be forthcoming.

Picking up where they left off weeks earlier, the Ad Hoc moved to unanimously elect Mr. Beard as Chair with Ms. Schmalfield as Vice Chair.

With one clear decision under their belts, the nine Ad Hoc members surged on to the next item, existentially entitled *Prioritizing Council Direction Regarding the Purpose of the Library Ad Hoc Committee*, which was precipitated by a July 30 memo by member Barbara Kilponen, who suggested prioritizing, in order, funding, the Hunt library build-

ing's use, and landscaping.

Library Director Judy Booth, an ex-officio member of the Ad Hoc also unreasonably tasked with staffing it, attempted to locate a map of the Hunt and its surrounding grounds on the city's own website. Attendee James Cho, an affiliate of Hunt leasee Grace Ministries International (GMI) called out navigational instructions from the audience. Once found, the map led to more questions from the committee, including whether or not the adjacent dog park should be considered part of the Hunt Branch property. Eventually, Molly McClanahan requested a more accurate map.

Several members suggested that a Request for Proposals/Request for Qualifications (RFP/RFQ) be issued to solicit possible uses and occupants of the facility, referred to by Jan Flory as a "dying library." Former council members on the committee explained that the Ad Hoc itself was not allowed to issue RFPs or RFQs, but there was general agreement that the committee could recommend the City Council to do so.

For many years people have asked how much money it would cost to repair and

**A suggestion was made to transfer the open spaces surrounding the Hunt Library to the Parks and Recreation Department to take advantage of Park Dwelling Fees.**

## Candidates on Your Ballot

by Jane Rands

The filing period for local candidates on the November 6 General Election closed on August 10. The incumbent for the Fullerton School District (FSD) Area 1 and two North Orange County Community College District (NOCC-CD) incumbents were not challenged and the contest will not appear on the ballot.

### Candidates for Fullerton City Council District 5:

Qualifying for the ballot are Vicki Calhoun (Counselor/Educator), Paulette Marshall Chafee (Attorney/Nonprofit Boardmember), Sabrina Narain (Attorney at Law), John L. Ybarra (Real Estate Broker), Ahmad Zahra (Educational Media Businessman).

Candidate Jose Trinidad Castaneda is awaiting the results of a judge's decision on September 7 regarding signatures that he submitted to the Registrar of Voters to qualify for the ballot.

### Candidates for Fullerton City Council District 3:

Qualifying for the ballot are recently elected at-large City Councilmember Jesus Silva, Mayor Protem Greg Sebourn, and Nikolas Wildstar, a Libertarian candidate for Governor in the June Primary who received 11,566 votes (0.2%) statewide.

### Candidates for North OC Community College District Trustee Area 6:

For Trustee Area 6 (most of Fullerton east of Harbor) the incumbent Jeffrey P. Brown (Boardmember/Engineer) has one challenger, Pao Ling Guo (Public School Principal).

reopen the Hunt Branch Library building. A definitive answer was not to be had at this meeting, but Director Judy Booth did provide a Preliminary Inspection Estimate totaling around \$2.5 million.

\$1 million of the figure, characterized as a "guess" by Director Booth, was dedicated to the cost of replacing unbroken windows that had been painted black because they had been repeatedly etched by vandals. Replacement of interior lights was the second highest expense at \$720,000, followed by \$120,000 to replace the roof and another \$160,000 for new heating and air conditioning systems. Other expenses included fence repair, exterior light replacement, and a fire sprinkler system. Other costs, like seismic retrofit, landscaping and internet connectivity were classified as "Unknown," while gas, sewer, and water systems were not inspected.

A staff report estimated the cost of operating the Hunt Branch as a library once again as \$832,956 for seven days a week or \$679,630 for five days per week.

Director Booth explained that an additional \$200,000 would need to be spent on new collections, since the books currently housed at the Hunt were assumed to be in such poor condition, presumably due to being shrink-wrapped for years

Trustees in Areas 1 (mostly Los Alamitos, Cypress, Stanton) and 3 (mostly Buena Park and La Palma) have no challengers.

### Candidates for Fullerton School District Areas 3 & 4

Incumbent Fullerton School District Trustees in Areas 3 (Northeast Fullerton) and 4 (Central/East Fullerton) each have one challenger.

Area 3: Jennifer Harris (Parent) is running against Trustee Beverly Berryman.

Area 4: Shana Charles (Public University Professor) is running against Trustee Janice Catlin Meyer.

### Candidates for Fullerton Joint Union High School District Areas 1, 4 & 5

The Fullerton Joint Union High School District has contests in Area 1 (La Habra and East La Mirada); Area 4 (portions of Southwest Fullerton and central Fullerton east of Bastanchury); and Area 5 (Rolling Hills and surrounding CSUF).

Area 1: two newcomers, Regina Cuadra (Community Volunteer) and Chester Jeng (Dentist, Attorney, Educator) are vying for the open seat.

Area 4: Trustee Robert Singer is not running for reelection which has attracted a large field of candidates; Lauren Klatzker (Mother/Educator), Nathan Vestri (Theatre Technician/Businessman), FSD Trustee Chris Thompson, and Mike Oates (Businessman/Educator/Parent).

Area 5: Trustee Marilyn Buchi is running but Robert Hathaway is not. There is, however, one challenger, Bridget Donoghue Vornholt (University Recruitment Liaison).

while the building has been leased out to GMI. Technological upgrades were not included in this estimate either. Former Fullerton City Council member Jan Flory doubted that the current City Council would allocate \$2.5 million to refurbish and repair the Hunt, but didn't think the public would support selling the building and grounds either, and so supported finding an alternative use for the Hunt.

The committee moved on the next item, to consider Publicly Beneficial Uses of the Building and Grounds, including, but not limited to, a CSUF reading program satellite facility, a "maker-space" for robotics, a "creative space" for seniors, and different permutations of art and science spaces for kids. All the Arts for All the Kids was said to be interested in submitting a proposal. Committee member Michael Williams wondered whether or not the Hunt Branch was the best site for many of the suggested uses.

Committee member Egleth Nunci reported that Robert Pletka of the Fullerton School District had been about being a partner for programming at the Hunt, but no realistic suggestions for programming partners who might bring the necessary funding to repair the facility were forthcoming. Overall, fewer funding ideas were presented than uses for the site. They included Barbara Kilponen's suggestion to invite architectural firms to lease the site for 99 years, and sell off portions of the property to fund the remainder, or to transfer the open spaces surrounding the building to the Parks and Recreation Department to take advantage of Park Dwelling Fees.

The Library Ad Hoc Committee voted to invite members of the public to submit ideas about possible funded uses for the Hunt Library at the Ad Hoc's next meeting, to be held on Tuesday, September 4, 5:30 p.m. at the Muckenthaler Cultural Center, 1201 W. Malvern Ave.

## Sister City Seeks Families

Jan-ai University students from Fullerton's Sister City Fukui, Japan are coming to spend two weeks at Cal State Fullerton from September 7 through the 21st. There are five girls ages 20 through 21 hoping to spend the weekend Friday through Sunday with a Fullerton family. If you are able to host one or more of the students please contact Mike Oates at fullertonsistercityorg@gmail.com.

## CORRECTION

**•SPELLING ERROR:** In the article "Overflow Crowd Attends Meeting on Hunt Library Future" (August issue) which continues from frontpage to page 11, a nearby neighbor's name was misspelled. Apologies to James Wofford.

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## #Citizenship4All

Jung Woo and ten other young people are riding bikes from Seattle to San Diego to spread the word about the #Citizenship4All campaign. Texas and seven other states sought a nationwide injunction to stop DACA renewals and new applications but in a victory for immigrant communities US District Judge Andrew Hanen refused to block the program. The ruling allows DACA renewal applications. Call the Korean Resource Center at (323) 937-3718 for free help with application and renewals. Learn more at [www.godreamriders.org](http://www.godreamriders.org)