

SEA WAVES

Shame on the Simi Valley Police Officers Association!

On page 5 of the October 31st edition of the Simi Valley Acorn, the Simi Police Officers Association placed a full page political ad denouncing our schools with the headline **“DO SIMI SCHOOLS SUCK?”**. They also state in the ad, **“The message is clear: Simi Valley Schools are failing everyone!”**

They conveniently do not state anywhere in the ad who produced it until you read the fine print on the bottom of the page, “Paid for by SVPOA”. They cowardly printed the ad on the Friday before the election when there’s no time to refute the many misleading statements printed in the ad.

This type of political campaigning reaches an all-time low. Although the SVPOA made no official endorsements for the school board race, the ad suggests that Scott Blough (SEA’s publicly endorsed candidate) was endorsed by the SVPOA and subsequently is connected to the negative messages in the ad.

SEA’s concern is that Scott Blough will become part of the backlash over this ad, when he had no knowledge that they were planning this ugly hit piece against our district and staff.

Blough issued the following statement on Thursday evening:

“Early in the campaign, I signed a clean campaigns pledge. Most politicians sign it to hold their opponent accountable. However, it places on us the obligation to hold ourselves to account as well.

This acorn newspaper ad in tomorrow’s paper was neither paid for nor produced by my campaign. However, it promotes my name as a preferred campaign choice.

Let me be clear- I reject this ad. We do not need to tear down our schools to fix them. We need to work together to help our schools”. Scott Blough

SEA would like to thank Superintendent, Dr. Jason Peplinski, for his immediate response to the ad by reminding employees of the constant good work we are doing for our students and stating that it’s time to start pushing back on the negative messages about our district.

SEA’s question to the SVPOA — Does this ad reflect the opinion of the rank and file of the police officers, or just a few who are in charge of the campaign?