

## **EDITORIAL : THREE FOR SAN FERNANDO; ALL FIVE CANDIDATES HAVE THE CITY AT HEART, BUT INCUMBENT WYSBEEK, TEACHER RAMOS AND ACTIVIST DI TOMASO ARE OUR CHOICES.**

THE good news is the city of **San Fernando** has five City Council candidates who have the best interests of the city at heart. The bad news is there are only three seats open in Tuesday's election.

The candidates have diverse ethnic, work, life and family backgrounds that surely would benefit the city's 24,000 residents.

All have the same position on the major issue of the day: loosening the city's tough anti-liquor license ordinance so nice, sit-down restaurants can move into the downtown area. None would accept easing the rules for more bars or liquor stores.

Because there is every reason to believe the current City Council has been doing a good job, we recommend that voters [re-elect](#) the pro-business Doude Wysbeek, a member of the council for 14 years who owns a machine retail and repair business.

Wysbeek wants to add family-owned businesses to the ``mall" and provide incentives, but not cash giveaways, to lure firms that support the entertainment and airport industries.

It is a tough decision to whittle the four challengers - John Becker, Beverly Di Tomaso, Cindy Montanez and **Richard Ramos** - to two. All are energetic, and have either lived in the community for most of their lives or have been active in its government.

**We believe Di Tomaso, a receptionist at Guide Dogs of America, and Ramos, a teacher at Morningside Elementary, seem to offer the community the most. Both hope to improve after-school programs for the city's children.**

Di Tomaso, who ran unsuccessfully for the City Council in the 1980s, wants to use the city's cable access channel for tutoring and encourage local businesses to adopt schools and pay for much-needed supplies.

**As a teacher, Ramos deals with students every day and sees a need for city-sponsored reading programs for children and their parents. Ramos also wants to post the city's crime statistics on the Internet to rebut the notion the city has a problem with crime.**