Sample Journal Prompts
1. Kingdon describes policy-making in terms of a “garbage can model” in which policy problems and solutions float around in the political context in a seemingly random fashion until a policy entrepreneur links them together. Working at the CPF, have you noticed instances in which a policy entrepreneur(s) have been able to link local policy problems to potential solutions? Who is/are the entrepreneurs? How did they accomplish that task?

2. Economists highlight the critical nature of “opportunity cost” in realizing that not all policy problems can be fixed at one time. Trade-offs between priorities must be made. What kinds of trade-offs between policy needs have been made in Stockton? What makes one policy more important than another at any given point in time?

3. Munger discusses the ongoing conflict between markets and policy experts, with each advocating for different types of solutions to policy problems. In your experience at CPF, under what circumstances are market-based approaches or government-regulation type approaches favored?