

## Dancers

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the last nine years for this group, mostly as a courtesy to them."

Crenshaw has no intention of becoming a city employee just to be a caller at the Senior Squares' dances, he said.

City officials have a different view.

"The fact is that this [caller] wants to pocket \$100 in tax-free cash every week from an event held in a city-owned building," Elizondo said.

Using a public building that way is "inappropriate," Elizondo said.

Still, he added, there are alternatives and the city wants to work something out.

"We want to make it happen and we are willing to work with everybody involved," he said.

Crenshaw does want to help keep the Senior Squares promenading every Friday, but it's going to cost the city much more than it does now.

"Under these new rules, it will be much more expensive," Crenshaw said.

Jeannie Greenwood, Romero's immediate supervisor, said square dancing has to be treated like any other recreation activity, such as volleyball and other sports.

"It is physical," Greenwood said. "There are liability concerns. The



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Ann Poland is followed by Donna Graham in a square dance at the Visalia Senior Center. Seniors say the dancing offers them recreation and exercise. Senior Squares is a club that has used the Visalia Senior Center for 15 years.

whole idea is to provide a foundation where that group and others can safely participate and protect everyone involved."

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