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STATEMENT PRESENTED BEFORE SAN DIEGO CITY COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 7, 1969, BY MRS. DONNA L. SALK, 5550 SOLEDAD MOUNTAIN ROAD, LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA, PRESIDENT OF THE CITIZENS' INTERRACIAL COMMITTEE.

In May of 1969, the Citizens' Interracial Committee presented its budget request to the City Council.

For several months prior to that time, representatives of the Board of CIC, the City, and the County had been meeting regularly to work out a method by which the City and County could jointly fund CIC so that its services, as recommended by the Board of Supervisors on December 9, 1968, could be extended county-wide.

In accordance with the agreement with the City and County representatives, CIC submitted its budget to the City and to the County in identical forms. Subsequently, the City and County were to decide between them the percentage of financial contributions to be forthcoming from each. Therefore, the proportion of the overall budget this year ($219,458.00), that these governmental entities were to assume, was to be the responsibility of City and County officials.

Representatives of the City Manager's office, the CIC Board, and the County Chief Administrative Officer's office continued to hold regular meetings with reference to the changed budget forms and the contemplated joint funding.

In the meantime, the City adopted its regular budget with a designated amount of $80,000.00 earmarked for human relations activities, but not specifically for CIC. CIC was not funded at that time, nor was it subsequently scheduled to appear at either another budget conference or at a regular council hearing. From 1964 through 1968, the City had assumed total financial responsibility for CIC and contributed the major portion of its funds during the past year. Since July of this year, however, the County has been the sole contributor of funds for this agency.

At this time, the County's final financial contribution will allow CIC to remain open for approximately 10 more days. On October 15th, this agency, the only professional human relations agency in San Diego City and County, and one which has gained a national reputation for excellence and effectiveness, will be closed and its human relations activities will cease. This means the cancellation of many ongoing programs and activities involving the school districts, law enforcement agencies, City departments, County departments, community groups, as well as the wide variety of services to individual citizens. It would signal the closing of an avenue of democratic participation to a large segment of the minority community and to interracial/ethnic communication and understanding to the total San Diego community.

Most significantly, it would mark the demise of a working concept that San Diego has engaged in for the past five years and which is just now becoming the direction of the future for human relations agencies throughout the country. The concept is a simple one: that a City government has for five years assumed a stance of genuine commitment to the

solution of its human relations problems by funding an agency independent of direct governmental control. This allows the agency to work independent of, but in cooperation with local government. The City has been funding an agency which enjoys the confidence and trust of the people it serves. Its staff, in its total composition from clerk, to consultant, to executive director, has exhibited an untiring dedication and commitment to the involvement of all people in the democratic process.

The City has shown its support of this contemporary philosophy and principle by its continued funding of the agency. This is a difficult, but highly important concept for government to comprehend and support. It is, however, an essential one if we are to keep abreast of the times and begin to solve some of the human relations problems of our City.

It is in continued support of this agency, its philosophy, and program that we make the following budget request at this time:

> In view of the fact that Citizens' Interracial Committee will be forced to terminate its activities as of October 15, 1969, the Board of the Citizens' Interracial Committee requests the City Council to release the already allocated $80,000 for human relations and appropriate said funds to the Citizens' Interracial Committee for the purpose of continuing human relations activities in the City of San Diego.
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> We respectfully request that the City Council inform the Board of the Citizens' Interracial Committee of its decision by not later than Friday, October 10, 1969.

This presentation was authorized and in keeping with the Citizens' Interracial Committee Board action of Friday, October 3, 1969, and duly recorded in its official minutes.