Leon - from the Aim meeting - They want some bumper stickers - Do you have any more? I'll take them to next Tues. meeting - Anne

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# PIC FLASH

## ELECT LEON WILLIAMS TO CITY COUNCIL

PIC supports Leon Williams for City Council for the following reasons:

1. Mr. Williams has proved himself to be a valuable asset as Councilman since his appointment early this year to fill the vacancy created by Tom Hom's resignation. He is the first Black man to serve in that capacity even though he represents a district that is predominately Black and Brown. His knowledge and experience fills some vital gaps that existed in the City Council.

2. The United Presbyterian church is commited to racial justice. The way racial justice is being achieved today by Black people is through Black Power. Black power has political, social, educational, economic, and cultural implications. A commitment to racial justice is a commitment to support Black Power. Therefore, to support Leon Williams is to support Black Power and racial justice.

3. For the first time in history the sample ballot will carry photos of the councilmanic candidates. Is it a matter of coincidence that this is also the first time that a Black man is running as an incumbent?. What effect will this have on Leon Williams chances for election when he must run against a white opponent in a city-wide election in San Diego which is not known for its absence of racial prejudice. This situation demands that those supporting Leon Williams will have to work more vigorously to assure his election.

## CHARTER AMENDMENT ON ELECTION BY DISTRICTS

Vote Yes on Proposition D to support representative democracy and as a step toward racial justice.

The present system of nominating councilmen by districts and electing them city wide makes it possible for business and financial interests to hold the key to power in the city. Unless, a candidate is independently wealthy he cannot conduct a city-wide campaign without monetary support of major buiness and financial interests.

As long as elections are city-wide racial prejudice works against the election of Mexican or Negro candidates even though they represent districts where the majority of the consitutents are Black and Brown.

Proposition D represents a change in the election procedures which will help assure the possibility for a member of the minority community or a person with limited financial resources being elected to City Council.

This also has the advantage of making the councilman accountable to his own consitutents, which is nearer the ideal of representative democracy than the present system. VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION D.

## INCOME MAINTENANCE SEMINAR

Enclosed is an announcement of an all-day program offered by the University of California extension on Income Maintenance, Nov. 7, at Holiday Inn, LaJolla. This is held on Friday in attempt to attract businessmen, taxpayers, and concerned citizens who need to have factual information about how poverty can be eliminated. If you cannot attend, hand the leaflet to an interested person.

President Nixon's speech on August 8 put this subject on the forefront of the political agenda for the nation. The General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in May 1969 took a position on eliminating poverty and urged Presbyterians to study the issues of income maintenance. This is a prime opportunity. Don't miss it.

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