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Thank you for your cooperation - and Mr. Mullen - Mary Freske


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# S. D. Voters Pick Mayor Nov. 2

## Four Councilmen and Three School Board Members To Be Chosen

## Ed Butler and Pete Wilson Answer Six Questions

**States Mr. Butler:**

1. Graduate from George Washington University, A.B. Public Affairs; Juris Doctor, Harvard Law School; Naval School of Naval Justice; practicing lawyer for 20 years; San Diego City Attorney five years; business manager of electronics company four years; served in World War II and Korea, Lt. Colonel USMCR; married, three daughters.

2. Developing communities must be structured along the lines of Reston, Va., such as the cluster or satellite city concept, with green belts, open space and high density collection centers for rapid transit. For existing communities, compulsory review of existing zoning, particularly in southeast San Diego and down zoning of excessive commercial, industrial and high density residential.

3. City councilmen should be nominated and elected by district to assure representation of the minority communities and to eliminate the present advantage an incumbent has in running city-wide in the general. This will give people interested in running for office, and without financial means, a greater chance of success. It is easier to walk a council district than an entire city.

4. The city is of course a region in itself. In all of its planning, we must contemplate a blend with areas beyond city jurisdiction. San Diego should take a leading role in developing the mechanism through which regional problems receive regional action and their solutions implemented by the constituent agencies.

5. Salaries and working conditions of city employees now get totally involved in the political process at budget time, usually to the detriment of the employees. I favor enactment of a strong ordinance providing for collective bargaining as to wages and conditions of employment and compulsory arbitration of differences with the ultimate decision reserved for the Council consistent with City Charter requirement.

6. The School Board should share with the City Council the political and economic pressures resulting from needs for low income and other housing to the end that these pressures will force the Board to exhaust every possibility for financing school site acquisitions and construction. If otherwise, political decisions which should be Council responsibility will be passed off to the School Board which is jurisdictionally authorized to act in a planning or zoning role.

**States Mr. Wilson:**

1. I'm an attorney and an Assemblyman with a long record of dealing with urban problems — housing, consumer protection, tax relief, drug abuse, and environmental quality.

2. Existing community development must consider population density keyed to adequate streets, public transit, parking, zoning to prevent blight and sprawl (loss of canyons, open space). The same criteria should apply to new communities. Additionally they must receive adequate public services without adding to the city's overall tax problems.

3. I favor election by district. The city has grown so large since the 1931 charter that city-wide election of councilmen is much too expensive. The danger of so-called ward heeling is far overshadowed today by the feeling of alienation from citizens who don't feel close enough to their elected officials.

4. At the request of cities, I introduced SANCOG, which provides machinery to meet problems such as smog, sewage and transit that know no boundaries. SANCOG had strong safeguards to provide spending limits, local control and voter approval. It was sent to interim study, but some version must be passed soon.

5. The City Council must retain the final word in determining salaries and working conditions for city employees. To maintain the excellent level of professionalism in its city departments, San Diego must continue to provide wages and fringe benefits competitive with those paid by other public and private agencies.

6. I favor the policy and as mayor would adhere to it strictly. Already, I've gone much further. As an Assemblyman, I introduced legislation that would enable the City council to require subdividers to dedicate sites for schools and other public uses. As mayor, I would put that policy into effect.

**For information on voting eligibility, registration, polling places, etc., call:**
**Registrar of Voters**
**5555 Overland Ave.**
**Box 23044**
**San Diego 92123**
**Phone 278-9400**

## Bond Proposal Is On Ballot

Ed Butler and Pete Wilson will face each other in a run-off for the office of Mayor of San Diego in the General Election Nov. 2.

In the September primary election, Wilson received 36.7 per cent of the vote, and Butler received 18.3 per cent. The remaining votes were divided among 12 other candidates. (In order to win in the primary, one candidate would have had to receive more than 50 per cent of the vote.)

Eight candidates for the City Council will also be vying for votes, as well as five for Board of Education Seats.

One proposition, a bond proposal to renovate the Ford Building in Balboa Park and to provide funds to help finance an addition to the Fine Arts Museum, is also on the ballot.

Four Council positions will be filled in this election. In District 2, Maureen O'Connor and Louis Ridgeway were nominated with 27.3 and 28 per cent of the vote, respectively.

Leon Williams, the incumbent, and Akers want to represent Council District 4.

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WILSON

Williams received 60.3 per cent of the vote, and Akers 25.9 per cent.

In District 6, the incumbent, Bob Martinet, received 34.2 per cent of the vote; Donald Harman, 29.3 per cent.

Jim Bates and Harry Standefer are running in District 8. Bates got 25.6 per cent of the vote; Standefer, 17.3 per cent in the primary.

In both City Council and Board of Education elections, the candidates are nominated in their districts in the primary. The final choices are made by all the voters of the city in the subsequent general election.

**3 School Board Members**

Five candidates are running for three Board of Education positions.

In District A., Matthew Gleason and Richard Kreile won places on the November ballot. Gleason received 25.8 per cent, Kreile received 49.2 per cent of the vote.

Only two candidates ran in the primary in District D. Richard Johnston, the incumbent, received 67.7 per cent; James Wood, 32.2 per cent of the vote.

Rev. George Walker Smith is assured of re-election in District E. He had no opposition in the primary.

## Talks Ready

Does your group want to know about Proposition A?

If so, the League of Women Voters can help. League maintains a speakers bureau for groups to call on for their programs.

Prior to elections, the speakers are briefed especially on the ballot propositions.

In addition to election material, Leaguers are qualified to speak in a number of areas — for example, city government, planning and education.

If you need a program and you think League may be able to help you, call 232-8583.

## QUESTIONS ASKED MAYORALTY, COUNCILMANIC CANDIDATES

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## LWV non-partisan, unbiased

The Election Extra is published by the League of Women Voters prior to each election to bring unbiased information to San Diegans.

This service is based on the belief that people must have objective information on candidates and issues to be responsible participants in government.

Information on candidates is obtained by questionnaire.

Candidates' answers are printed exactly as they reply to the questions except where length exceeds available space.

Every effort is made to have the questionnaire returned in time for publication.

Information for and against propositions is obtained by research.

The League requests quotations from this material state that these are not League arguments.

The League never supports, opposes, or evaluates candidates.

# Education Board Candidates

## QUESTIONS FOR EDUCATION BOARD CANDIDATES

1. Please indicate your background and qualifications.

2. What is your plan for desegregating the San Diego Unified School District?

**(Background:** This question is pertinent for two reasons: 1) The Board of Education presently has a policy of retarding and reducing racial-ethnic segregation in the schools using "whatever means are in keeping with sound educational policies." This policy was adopted in 1967. 2) The State Attorney General has sued the San Diego system charging that San Diego schools are racially imbalanced and that the district is not taking reasonably feasible steps to correct the situation.

The Fourth District Court of Appeals has reversed the Superior Court's ruling that the Attorney General lacked stanling to bring the suit. The Appellate Court said a full hearing of the facts is needed to determine if segregation is intentionally maintained or perpetuated.)

3. What innovative programs not now in use in the schools would you introduce?

4. Are you in favor of the State assuming a greater share of the burden of financing local school districts? If so, what is your attitude toward retention or loss of local control of schools?

**(Background:** The State Supreme Court has recently ruled that the present system of financing public education (principally by each county's property tax) is inequitable. The court held that the quality of a student's education should not be dependent upon the wealth of the county where he lives.

The Court's decision has not offered alternate plans for financing. Pressure is on the state legislature to develop a system of support which will provide equal resources for each student's public education.)

5. What are your plans for implementation of the Board of Education's recently adopted "Availability of Schools" policy?

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## ABOUT LEAGUE:

The League of Women Voters is a national organization with the purpose of encouraging citizens to take part in their government.

League is interested in helping all citizens become informed about their national, state and local governments; important issues; and the many ways an individual can effectively influence his government.

League does not support or oppose candidates or political parties.

League may take action in support of or in opposition to governmental issues that have been studied by the entire membership and consensus reached.

Financial support for League comes from the dues and contributions of its members. Further support comes from public-spirited men and women who consider their contribution to League an investment in the public political welfare of the community.

Membership is open to all women of voting age who believe in representative government.

For information regarding membership, meetings, services to the public, publications of studies, call 232-8583.

## DISTRICT A

Approximate area includes: Downtown, Balboa Park, College Area, East San Diego, and Normal Heights

### RICHARD JOHNSTON

1. Incumbent member and past president Board of Education and Trustees Community Colleges. Served on Board of Instructional TV. Academically completed Masters Degree, University of California.

2. Continued insistence with the Planning Commission, City Council and related governmental agencies that equal opportunity and economic housing be available throughout San Diego. Continue expanding integrated school opportunities like Silvergate. Increase integrated field trips, cultural exchange and exposure. Produce more involvement and presence of minority leaders and administrators.

3. We have proposed a study to create a general high school and vocational school in the Mission Valley area with use of the stadium grounds and dual use of common facilities for each high school. More emphasis on developing usable skills and use of understandable terminology on tests is a must.

4. Inequities of property taxation for support of schools must be corrected. I support the State assuming a greater share of taxation support but no lessening of local control or authority. Greater use of taxing authority through sales, amusement, gasoline and recreation tax should be studied and developed.

5. I fully support and voted for the policy. I intend to continue hammering away at the need for better community planning which should include not just parks, fire protection, etc. but schools as well. Good community planning dictates inclusion of schools before authorization of building new homes or rezoning existing.

### JAMES WOOD

1. My primary education was received in Ohio, while the secondary was in Indiana. I meet the qualifications set forth in the Charter. I have children and grandchildren in the local schools.

2. Enact General Education Campuses in each of the school districts where all the students from 7 to 12 will attend, automatically eliminating segregation. Free transportation to and from these campuses for all students attending.

3. A complete Vocational Training Center in each of the Educational Campuses where the non-college student will receive a Jr. Apprenticeship Certificate recognized by all vocations and trades.

4. The more the State assumes of the financing of our schools, the more control they will want to have. Local taxes will have to be removed and the enactment of a State School Sales Tax invoked. This is to be distributed (only) by the State in a manner reflected by the enrollment of the local districts.

5. There seem to be many fallacious areas in the "Availability of Schools" policy. Yet, the Planning Commission and the Council must be directed NOT to issue permits unless other than residential structures are available for schools.

## DISTRICT E

Approximate area includes South and Southeast San Diego

### GEORGE WALKER SMITH

George Walker Smith is unopposed. Due to lack of space, the answers to the questions sent him were not included in this issue of **Election Extra.**

## DISTRICT D

Approximate area includes La Jolla, Pacific Beach, South Clairemont, and a portion of North Clairemont.

### MATT GLEASON

1. I am a volunteer in U.C.S.D. Medical School. I have three school children. I am concerned with the rising cost of quality education.

2. De facto segregation will not be solved by bussing. Rather, the community must recognize its responsibility and provide city-wide low cost housing through tax incentives, etc. At the same time the central city should be improved to bring back families who have fled to the suburbs.

3. Among innovative programs I suggest are: (a) Each year, one third of the teachers would be rotated to another school so that teachers and students alike could benefit from a constant infusion of fresh ideas. (b) All school playgrounds should be available to the City Parks and Recreation Department after school and on week-ends for community use.

4. For all their problems, the local school systems are often "the most vigorous manifestations of responsive government that exists on any level." If local taxing autonomy is transferred to the state, our local control will be diminished. Let us not forget that State funds have their origin in the local taxpayer's pocket.

5. The City Planning Commission can help prevent over-crowding in schools of the future. Present overcrowding can be alleviated with portable classrooms. The "ungraded" classroom in elementary schools utilizing teacher supervisors and trained para professional aides, (mothers and older students) would allow students in large classes to receive more individual attention while acquiring the basic skills.

### RICHARD KREILE

1. Voters' overwhelming choice in primary election. Honors graduate, State College. Ex-Navy officer. District Manager, Telephone Company. Member: California Water Quality Control Board; PTA Board; Sierra Club. Tutor at Lincoln High.

2. Encourage, publicize, expand **voluntary** student transfers to reduce racial-ethnic imbalance. Insure new schools and attendance boundaries do not contribute to racial-ethnic imbalance. More model schools like Fremont, Silvergate. Consider educational centers, drawing students from diverse areas, backgrounds. Greatly improve quality of education in minority areas so that whites won't leave racially mixed schools.

3. An **organized** means of utilizing senior citizens, college students, and other interested citizens as volunteers to assist in schools. Within the framework of the Miller Education Act, develop a thorough revision of secondary school requirements to offer more freedom to parents, students, counselors to plan an educational program to best meet the needs of the individual.

4. Yes. In the past State support was about 50 per cent. This year State support will drop to only **30 per cent.** This caused property taxes to skyrocket. Property taxes are too high — State support should return to 50 per cent level. I strongly oppose State or Federal control of our schools and I believe we can continue to receive aid without unreasonable controls.

5. I favor allowing the special committee of School Board, city government, and interested citizens a chance to function. I support the Board policy on availability of schools. However, the school district should be willing to consider hardship cases involving any citizens. We should expand the policy to insure that homebuyers are told the truth by developers about lack of schools in an area.

## Can't Go Vote?

Unable to get to the polls on Election Day?

You may still exercise your right to vote with an absentee ballot.

Absentee ballots are available at the Registrar of Voters office, 5555 Overland, San Diego 92123, 278-9400.

Application can be made in person or in writing. Ballots are available between Oct. 4 and Oct. 26. The deadline for returning the ballot is 5 p.m., Monday, November 1.

Letters written to the Registrar must state the reason for the request, the place of residence, the place to which the ballot should be sent, and must be signed as the registration affidavit is signed.

## DON HARMAN

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an active participant in regional planning. Problems that exceed our city boundaries include land use, transportation, open space, water and solid wastes management, flood control, housing, coastal resource protection, air pollution, health facilities and services and criminal justice. We cannot plan in a vacuum. The City can and must exert cooperative leadership.

5. Benevolent but businesslike. I predict the eventual need for a third-party arbitrator. Perhaps he/she can be appointed by an interested but not directly involved judicial personage.

6. The Council should be in the quality-of-life business. I believe the quality of education is a prime ingredient in this.

Sufficient instructional space and economic-ethnic balance are a must in our changing society and recent studies are a positive factor in quality education.

My actions will support the "policy."

## CAN YOU VOTE?

In order to register to vote, a person must meet the following requirements by the time of the next election:

Be at least 18 years old; be a citizen of the U.S. for 90 days; be a resident of the state and county for 90 days and of the precinct for 54 days.

However, you must be a citizen to register.

Some persons may be disqualified from voting because of a prior felony conviction.

Registration is permanent unless there is any change in the information in the registration affidavit (e.g., change of address, name, political party). Failure to vote in a state or federal general election also makes re-registration necessary.

If you have moved from the precinct in which you are registered within 54 days prior to an election, you may return to your former precinct to vote or vote with an absentee ballot. However, you must re-register to be able to vote in the next election.

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## MEETINGS OPEN

The City Council and the Board of Education both meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the meetings are open to the public.

The Council meetings start at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Administration Building downtown. The Board meetings begin at 2 p.m. at the Education Center Auditorium on Normal St.

# Council Candidates

## DISTRICT 2

Point Loma, Shelter Island, Ocean Beach, Loma Portal, Old Town, Mission Hills, Portion of Hillcrest, Portion of Frontier Street Area

### MAUREEN O'CONNOR

1. B.A. Psychology, San Diego State. High school teacher-counselor. Memberships: Muscular Dystrophy Association; State and City Park and Recreation Associations; Community Services Club founder, active in church affairs.

2. I feel all community development, new or existing, should be guided by criteria based upon the concept of realistic, sensibly regulated growth programs. These programs should bring all concerned interests together with the goal of developing an understanding of one another's problems and effectuating equitable solutions.

3. It is my belief local and city-wide representation can be achieved by at-large elections with district nomination by primary. To strengthen this system I recommend: apportionment by population to widen the base of representation; limitation of campaign expenditures, and equal media coverage as a public service for all candidates, regardless of wealth.

4. Development within greater San Diego has proceeded irrespective of traditional city boundaries. There is need for an area wide planning program which addresses itself to solving urban problems resulting from this growth pattern. The city's role in regional planning should be to work collectively with other cities in developing planning policies at the regonal level.

5. The City Council should continue to rely primarily on the professional recommendations of the Civil Service Commission. However, no final Council decision on salaries and benefits should be made until the employe organizations and the public can speak on the matter.

6. City Council should work closely with the School Board to facilitate integration of physical and social development goals. Where schooling may be affected by growth, the interest of quality education in existing neighborhoods deserves primary consideration. Physical development should be balanced against our ability to provide high quality social services.

**POLLS OPEN**
**7 a.m. - 8 p.m.**

### LOU RIDGEWAY

1. College degree-business and finance. Self-employed for past ten years. Previously, management positions with national company.

2. New communities must be planned completely to include all utilities and schools financed by developer. Existing communities must be assisted in maintaining their neighborhood character.

3. City councilmen must represent city at large to prevent area interests influencing their decisions on matters affecting all San Diegans.

4. City must regulate development to assure complete communities.

5. City Council and employees must be in close communication to assure good working conditions at the lowest cost to all San Diegans.

6. Council and School Board must plan community education facilities together. School Board deserves the closest City cooperation.

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## DISTRICT 6

North Clairemont
Mission Beach and Bay, Pacific Beach, Morena, Linda Vista, portion of Frontier Street Area

### BOB MARTINET

1. Southern California Water Research Project; California Marine Parks and Harbors Association; Board of Health; Stadium Board; San Diegan, 18 years, and Councilman, 3 years.

2. Our communities should work toward — and future communities must develop — citizen-planned guidelines, which provide for schools, housing, open spaces, recreational areas and transportation needs as anticipated in a well thought-out community plan. This alone will maintain a high standard of living, a good environment and lowest possible taxes.

3. The present system suits the job. Most of the questions a councilman votes on do not affect his district as much as the entire City. Therefore, while the District should nominate, all San Diegans should have the right to select the man who represents them.

4. As the largest City in the area, San Diego has the staff and facilities necessary to take the lead in planning for the area. Only planning, within the jurisdiction of elected City officials, can give us comprehensive proposals for problems such as rapid transit, environmental protection.

5. The Council, as an elected body, is responsible for City funds, and must have the last word on wages. Still, the best possible wage-fringe benefits package, limited only by the availability of funds, can be worked out by conferring with employee representatives.

6. While the School Board has sole responsibility for making schools available, I would prefer a system which assesses new developments as part of the purchase price to finance their schools. New areas should pay for their schools, allowing older areas to finance needed school improvements.

DISTRICT 8
CANDIDATES
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### DON HARMAN

1. Degrees, SD State: Public Administration and Urban Studies. Active in Serbian Orthodox Church. PTA, VFW, Citizens Coordinate for Century III, Clairemont-Mesa Development Committee, Northern Area Recreation Committee. Associations: Public Administration; Marine Corps Reserve Officers.

2. New communities need not be allowed unless strictly enforced planning criteria are met. These can include timing, distribution and proper sizing in construction of sewer, water, transportation and school facilities. There should be boldness in re-creating existing, tired communities. The old grid pattern is not the handsomest or only alternative.

3. Yes. Councilmen should be elected or removed by their own constituency. This sometime proposed Charter change would allow councilmen to feel more responsible and responsive to their districts but does not imply lack of the broad perspective. Realities of city-wide election costs have denied opportunity to serve to many qualified persons.

4. The City should become

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## DISTRICT 4

Center City, Balboa Park, Downtown, Golden Hills, all of Logan Heights east to 47th Street, South San Diego (San Ysidro, Palm City, Brown Field areas)

### LEON WILLIAMS

1. Councilman since 1969; also director, Neighborhood Youth Corps, cited as best in nation; earned degree at San Diego State College in two and one-half years, plus work, except thesis, for master's degree.

2. New developments must provide for all people in San Diego such as adequate housing, schools, parks, ready access to major transportation facilities, and balanced economy including compatible, quality industry and commerce.

Revitalization of older areas must continue through such programs as San Diego Environmental Task Force, initiated by Councilman Williams.

3. Effective representation is basic to all government. The notion of representative government is lost in city-wide elections because it results in the choice of a single district being reversed by voters in the entire city. This compares to Congressmen having nomination in a single district ratified by whole United States.

4. Planning on a regional basis is important because decisions affecting one jurisdiction affect neighboring jurisdictions. Representatives of all cities must join with the County in solving regional problems rather than having a number of different solutions by various jurisdictions that are often unrelated and even conflict with each other.

5. The Council is a governing body and not administrative. It formulates policies. The manager administers those policies. Better salaries and staff for Councilmen will attract candidates with knowledge and ideals, who create optimism and hope among people. The council should maintain conditions for employees to retain the high level of public service.

6. Policy 600-10 provided for the School Board to carry out its policy. State law requires the Board to determine adequate "availability of schools." The Council, through 600-10, does not turn over to the School Board the decision of land developments, but only determination of whether provisions for schools are adequate.

### ART AKERS

1. I am a strong advocate of fiscal responsibility. I am the Executive Vice President of AVEL Inc. I majored in Business Administration, Mathematics and Engineering in College.

2. For existing communities—we MUST FIRST provide the cultural, educational and protective services on a HIGH PRIORITY basis. For developing communities — we must insure that ALL SERVICES are available when the residents require them. If this means building for services first, then it must be that way.

3. NO. this would lead to "Chicago-type" ward politics. As long as a councilman votes on any issue affecting all residents of this city, then those residents should and must have the right to VOTE to keep him or her in office or REJECT them.

4. The city must act in all areas of planning affecting the city and county. This can be done through active participation in regional planning groups. We cannot afford a "third level of government" in the guise of a regional planning group.

5. The City Council must act as required to provide equitable salaries and working conditions for the city employees. Selected members of the City Council should meet with city employee groups to insure that working conditions and salaries are compatible with industry and neighboring cities.

6. The City Council must never relinquish its responsibility to the citizens. They must always act to conserve our youth; our land; and our atmosphere. If this means banning building until facilities are available for schools, fire departments, police stations, libraries, etc., then — that is the way it must be.

**You Can't**
**If**
**You Aren't**
**Register Now!**

# Park Improvements Bond Issue: Proposition A

The lone proposition on the ballot, Proposition A, concerns the improvement of Balboa Park.

The proposal is a general obligation bond issue to give the City permission to incur a $2.8 million bonded indebtedness. It requires a two-thirds majority vote to be approved.

Two buildings are concerned: The Ford Building and the Fine Arts Gallery. Some of the money, $2.1 million, would be used to refurbish the exterior and interior of the Ford Building so that it could be used as the Aero-Space Museum. The remainder, $750,000 would be used for construction of an east wing for the Fine Arts Gallery. This money would be matched by the Gallery from private or other public sources.

**BACKGROUND — THE FORD BUILDING**

The Ford Building was built in 1935. It is presently used by the San Diego Opera for storage and for building of stage sets. It is structurally sound, but needs interior work to meet code requirements, and exterior work to make it compatible with the Spanish architecture prevalent in Balboa Park.

The building is the round structure located in the Palisades area of the park, which also contains the Puppet Theatre and Starlight Bowl.

The Electric Building, where the Aero-Space Museum is now located, was built in 1915, and was intended to be a temporary structure. At the present time there is not enough room and the floor strength is not great enough for the exhibits which are available to the Museum.

**BACKGROUND — THE FINE ARTS GALLERY**

The Fine Arts Gallery has need of an extra wing to provide more room for permanent collections which have been offered to the gallery.

The wing would be built in an abandoned shipping and receiving entrance to the rear and slightly east of the Gallery. Very little additional Park land would be used.

The $750,000 in matching funds has already been raised.

In both institutions, the collections have been donated or bought with private contributions. Tax money has not been used.

**TAX RATE STATEMENT**

The estimated tax rate necessary to finance the principal and interest of this bond issue during 1971-73 is $.0064 on each $100 of the assessed valuation of real and personal property in the City.

These bonds will have a 20-year life.

**ARGUMENTS FOR**

This bond issue will not increase property taxes as the bonds will be issued on a schedule to maintain or lower the present tax rate for bond redemption.

The refurbishing of the Ford Building and the Fine Arts Gallery addition will improve the park as a whole.

Using the Ford Building is an economical way of provding for the Aero-Space Museum. The building is now only being used for storage, but it is ideally suited to be an Aero-Space museum.

The Fine Arts Gallery has had collections promised which it is now unable to accommodate due to lack of space.

**ARGUMENTS AGAINST**

No arguments against Proposition A were filed with the City Clerk for inclusion in the sample ballot. However, one consideration which has been raised is that it might have been better to draw up a comprehensive plan for Park improvement before presenting this bond proposal.

Critics of bonding feel that it is unwise because the city has to pay interest costs on borrowed money. Also, cirtics say, it is unfair to pass on responsbilities of the present to future taxpayers.

# *WHAT ARE BONDS?*

Selling bonds is one method by which governments can raise money to pay for capital improvements, the cost of which is too great to be paid out of the operating budget.

It is like a house mortgage. Money is borrowed by the city and then paid back to the purchasers with interest.

In San Diego, general obligation bonds are placed on the ballot by a vote of five or more members of the City Council, and then must be approved by two-thirds or more of the electors.

By approving bonds on the ballot, citizens are agreeing to pay (as a part of their city property tax bill) for the yearly principal and interest costs of the borrowed money.

Currently, 17.5 cents of the San Diego's $1.809 tax rate is applied to bond interest and redemption costs.

# Extra 'Extras' Available Now

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# *KPBS, League Sponsor Series*

The highlight of an election series co-sponsored by KPBS-TV (Channel 15) and The League of Women Voters will be a debate between Ed Butler and Pete Wilson, the mayoralty candidates.

The debate will be broadcast from the KPBS Studio at San Diego State College at 8 p.m. on Oct. 24. It will be moderated by Ed Self, publisher of "San Diego Magazine."

A tape of the debate will be broadcast at 6 p.m. Oct. 25.

The election series, titled "Candidates and Issues," will also include conversations between members of League and candidates.

Each set of candidates will be interviewed by two Leaguers. The conversations will last one-half hour; two sets of candidates will be presented in each program.

The series starts Oct. 12 and continues through Oct. 26. The broadcasts will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and at 11 p.m. on Thursdays.

The first week's programs will include the Board of Education candidates. The second week will cover the candidates for Council Districts 2 and 4; the third week, candidates in Districts 6 and 8.

Each week's conversations will also be broadcast on KPBS-FM (89.5) at 7 p.m. on Oct. 18, Oct. 20, 22, 25, 27, and 29. The mayoralty debate will be broadcast Oct. 24 at 11 p.m. and Oct. 25 at 9 a.m.

The League interviewers will be Nancy Anderson and Jackie Carpenter for the Board of Education candidates, and Mona Moon, Bernice Leyton, Geri Jordan, Ann Kantor and Mary Cormier for the Councilmanic candidates.

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# DISTRICT 8

**Fairmont Park, Redwood Village, Chollas, Encanto, Lomita Village, Valencia Park, Paradise Hills**

## JIM BATES

1. Jim Bates, 30, majored in Political Science, has extensive business experience, active in San Diego Jr. Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts, Job Fair and Consortium '70.

2. First, we should undertake an objective analysis of costs and benefits of new communities as they affect the established city. New area residents are entitled to the same level of services as other city residents. Schools must be provided in new areas and we must improve established neighborhoods.

3. Councilmen should be elected by DISTRICT rather than at large. Several reasons justify this position: 1) costs are eight times greater city-wide; 2) democratic process is enhanced by "home rule" and more direct representation; 3) non-partisanship eliminates "ward politics;" 4) in keeping with elections for all other offices.

4. The City of San Diego, comprising 51 per cent of the population of the County, must take a leadership role in solving regional planning problems. It must not take on obstructionist view. The liaison must be more cooperative between the regional planning body, the City staff and the City Council.

5. The Civil Service Commission must be utilized in preparing the proper recommendations for salaries and working conditions, but the Council must always be willing to negotiate differences of opinions in "good faith."

6. I strongly endorse the new "Availability of Schools" policy adopted by the School Board. The City Council must assume a major portion of the responsibility to see that schools are provided prior to subdivision map approval.

## HARRY STANDEFER

1. Twice President E. San Diego Chamber of Commerce. Five years Chairman Mid-City Development Council. Twice member Charter Review Committee. Member City General Plan Committee.

2. None to be built without school facilities. Planned and laid out for the 21st century with sufficient open space and designed for the use of high-speed transportation. Existing — planned and rebuilt with greater use of CLUSTER grouping to facilitate the use of high-speed transportation and highrise surrounded by landscaped open space.

3. I prefer the existing method of electing Councilmen. My reasons are: first, the general electorate has indicated that they want a voice in electing all councilmen. Second, it encourages every councilman to interest himself in every sector of the city. There is less of a tendency for so-called WARD politics.

4. It is indeed essential that San Diego have a voice in regional planning. We must protect our run-off water supply from pollution. We must have a voice in the development of lands that are separated only by an imaginary line. We must have a voice in controlling the encroachment of all potential open space that ours within the city will not be too overcrowded.

5. There should be constant communication creating an atmosphere for successful arbitration at all times.

6. This problem is of such importance that there should be constant communication keeping abreast of the ever-changing conditions. The present policy is a great stride in the right direction. It should have been adopted many years ago.

The lack of schools is perhaps our greatest problem but only one of many brought on by our explosive growth.

# *ELECTION CALENDAR*

Oct. 26 Last day to apply for absentee ballots
Nov. 1 5 p.m. deadline for returning absentee ballots.
Nov. 2 ELECTION DAY

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