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also / sent to:
Jim Arnold
Mary Harvey
Ernie Mason
John Welsh

Leon,
I thought you might like to know some of the things in the wind—
Russ Doolittle

July 9, 1969

Mr. Richard Arter
2135 Blackmore Court
San Diego, California 92109

Dear Dick,

I am writing to you and four other former presidents of the La Jolla Democratic Club to ask that you join me in supporting a worthwhile enterprise on behalf of Leon Williams. Ernie Mason recently asked the Club to finance a citywide mailer to solicit contributions for the Williams campaign from approximately 3,000 persons who in the past have supported worthy political causes. He estimated the cost of printing and mailing at $300.00.

The feeling of the executive board was that, although we were extremely enthusiastic about Leon Williams, the club simply could not sustain the entire $300. cost at this time, and certainly not without consulting the membership directly. It must be remembered that it was only after our very successful gourmet dinner that the Club was able to climb out of the red, and that we have a number of other responsibilities for the coming election year.

It was agreed, however, that the club would put up $100.00, and an effort would be made at our June meeting to raise the remainder. Unfortunately our June meeting, addressed by Congressman George Brown, was attended by more people from outside the club--especially from San Dieguito, which is not involved in the Councilmanic election--than by our own members. I felt it would be inappropriate to attempt a major collection at that time.

Instead I am asking each of us to contribute $25.00 on behalf of the club. Checks should be made out to Ernie Mason and mailed directly to him at 908 Archer Street, San Diego 92109. I am sure each of you agrees that the election of Leon Williams is one of the most important local concerns we have. He is an outstanding person and deserves all the support we can muster.

Sincerely,

Russ Doolittle

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