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MAYORALTY AND COUNCILMANIC CANDIDATES PRIMARY ELECTION, September 21, 1971

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1. Indicate your background and qualifications as they pertain to the office you are seeking. (50 words) Strong advocate for all people, sensitive to their needs. Effective administrator (15 years), Administrative Assistant - San Diego County Sheriff. Sincere interest in youth (six years, NYC, 3600 youth in program); pollution control, environmental planning and improvement leader. Action person, able administrator, sensitive to needs, concerned and devoted to better government.

2. If you see the need for continued growth of the city, what criteria would you apply to guiding that growth? (50 words)

(Background: In 1967, the Planning Commission found that 38% of the city was "urbanized." This figure has not changed substantially since then, which means that about 60 % of the city is undeveloped, or is agricultural or grazing land. This question asks whether growth should be encouraged or discouraged, what kind of growth, and the need for providing housing, transportation, jobs, schools and protection of the environment.)

The welfare of all people must be the primary concern of the City. Positive growth, not expansion for expansion's sake, should be the primary aim. Future developments should depend on the availability of adequate schools, transportation, jobs, recreational areas, open space, police and fire protection, and other essential municipal services.

3. In considering budget priorities, how would you rank the following: cultural and athletic activities; advertising and promotion of the city; protective services; housing; open space; planning and community development; transportation; other? (25 words) Protective services - pertaining to health and general welfare of all people. Planning for orderly community development. Others interchangeable prime consideration is citizen health and welfare.

4. Would you strengthen the role of the mayor in city government? If so, how? If not, why? (50 words)

(Background: The City Charter now provides that the mayor be as one of the councilmen in voting, that he preside at Council meetings, and that he may have appointive powers of the Planning, Funds, Park and Recreation and Civil Service Commissions, and advisory Boards subject to Council approval. Any changes in the Charter would have to be put on the ballot, and that is the pregotative of the Council.

At a recent Council conference one of the prospective ballot measures that was tabled was to provide the mayor with veto power and to excuse him from attending council sessions. The Council in turn would have the authority to override a mayor's veto by a six-vote majority.) The Mayor could be excused from Council meetings to allow him more time for activities as the political and legislative head of the City. He should receive as much staff support as he needs, but should not have a veto over Council actions.

5. How can the Board of Education and the City Council work toether to solve the problems of racial and economic imbalance in the schools, and to keep these problems from ossurring in new developments? (50 words)

(Background: According to the City Council Policy, the School Board has to be consulted before subdivision maps are approved by the Planning Commission and COuncil, as far as adequate schools for the area are concerned.)

The Board and the Council should stress increased cooperation toward eliminating ghettos, providing adequate schools, providing planned developments with adequate houses, and discouraging projects that lead to racial and economic imbalance by withholding approval of permits and educating the citizens on the importance of positive programs for the general welfare.

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