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## Kurtz Opens Drive for Council Seat

Torrance attorney, George Kurtz, announced his candidacy for city council this week and immediately branded the present council as "a part-time real estate debating society, fascinated by the residential boom and too unconcerned about long-range city problems."

Kurtz, who played a leading role in the successful referendum drive against rezoning of industrial property last fall, charged that "we are operating a city of more than 100,000 people like a whistlestop village in the hinterlands." He pointed to what he called "piecemeal slicing" of potentially invaluable industrial tracts, the construction of libraries where the city owns land, not where they are needed, and the failure to provide for minimum recreation facilities as examples of council confusion.

THE CANDIDATE set forth four major issues which he expects to debate during the campaign leading to the April 10 city elections:

1. A plan for calling a moratorium on industrial rezoning to insure the most favorable



GEORGE KURTZ

tax balance, pending a complete study of community-wide zoning and creation of a master zoning plan.

2. A program of city-sponsored public information on the future of Torrance Library service, which will face a contract deadline with the county next year. The city must either vote to establish its own service or join the county library system.

3. A sound recreation program for a city in which one-third of the population is under 18 years of age. This should include a city auditorium, youth centers, and more parks and playgrounds.

4. The need for more police officers, "to help a dedicated police department do a thorough police job in an expanding and decentralized community."

KURTZ, A practicing attorney and a former high school English instructor, has been active in Torrance civic affairs since he moved here with his family five years ago. He is chairman of the Torrance Library Commission, chairman of the YMCA Youth and Legislative Committee, past chairman of the Torrance Traffic Safety Council, past director of the South Bay Bar Assn., past director of the Torrance American Little League, and a member of the Kiwanis Club.

He received his law degree from the University of California (Berkeley), and also holds a bachelor's degree from UCLA. He was an English instructor at Santa Cruz High School from 1950-1952, when he entered law school. He is an infantry veteran of World War II campaigns in the Pacific.

He is married to Eileen Grimes Kurtz, who is president of the Calle Mayor School PTA. They have three sons, Robert, 11; and twin sons, Clifton and Kenneth, 9. They live at 23004 Evalyn Ave.

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