

### Letter to the Editor . . .

Editor, Peninsula Press:  
 Supporters of a certain candidate, or candidates, for city councilman have recently criticized the Torrance Veterans Council for endorsing Mr. C. Ed Jones, because he has recommended a "No" vote on Amendment Four.

We would consider it a favor to us and to the voters of Torrance if you would publish our views in respect to this amendment.

The Torrance Veterans Council was not formed for political purposes but its members consider it a duty to take an active part in civic affairs and to be ever alert to attempts to undermine our form of government, be on the city, state or national level.

Amendment Number Four provides that the City Council, by ordinance, require city employees "to affirm their loyalty to the United States of America and its principle of government." Torrance city employees are now required to swear allegiance to the United States and in addition are required to swear that they are not now, never have been, and so long as employed by the city, never will be a member of a subversive organization. Passage of Amendment Four would wipe out this existing, effective "Loyalty Oath" and replace it with a meaningless affirmation.

Removal of such safeguards is frequently the first move of subversive groups attempting to obtain a foothold. We would be interested in learning the identity of the supporters of this "Welcome Comrade" amendment.

We consider this to be a very important issue and believe that you would be doing a public service by publishing in your paper, the present Oath of Loyalty and Allegiance required of city employees, and the proposal contained in Amendment Number Four.

Repudiation, at the polls, of such attempts to obtain an opening wedge for subversive groups in our city government, is the duty of every loyal citizen.

REMEMBER! VOTE "NO" ON AMENDMENT FOUR.

Yours truly,  
 C. N. WEBER, Chairman  
 Torrance Veterans Council

Editor, Peninsula Press:

If I am elected to the office of city treasurer, it is my intention to actively participate and conduct the work of that office as prescribed in the City Charter. That is: To receive and safely keep all moneys which shall come into my hands as city treasurer, pay out moneys only on proper authority, and at regular intervals submit to the City Clerk a written report and accounting of all receipts, disbursements, and fund balances, a copy of which report shall be



**GEORGE W. DOWNING**  
**For Council**

I am unable to see why any candidate should promise to fulfill, or deny, any one of the proposed amendments to our charter. It is all a waste of time and energy, and a subterfuge to gain votes.

Gambling and the sale of the bus system does not have a chinamen's chance of passage; public sentiment will not stand for it.

The old hard fact is that anyone of the amendments passed will be passed will be a part of the charter and—be the law.

Regardless of any promise the charter must be adhered to, and the successful candidate must take an oath to that effect. This is a municipal election that should be more near and dear to every Torrance resident than a State or National election; one that directly, not indirectly affects each and every one of us. There is, or should be a human side to an election of this kind, we are all, or should consider, each of us as neighbors, so to speak, with a common interest for the betterment of all.

I do hope this campaign is concluded in the true American spirit of sportsmanship. I can promise, only, honest, simple, wholehearted administration with consideration for all.

May you choose your candidate with the same consideration you have the right to expect of him.

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filled with the city council. I believe that the important position of city treasurer should be held by a person who has, not only business experience but executive ability as well. It is important for that officer to be cooperative with other city officials in order that the work may be carried on efficiently.

I feel that I am well qualified for the office by my fifteen years successful business experience as owner-manager of the Chevron gas station. Prior to that time I was affiliated with Standard Oil Co. of California as a salesman and superintendent in an executive capacity.

During my fifteen years residence in Torrance, I have taken an active part in civic affairs as a member of Kiwanis Club, fraternal, and other civic activities. My two children attended school here and both graduated from our high school. My wife has also been active in civic affairs, such as Woman's Club and PTA.

Now, I am for the first time seeking public office, and feel that the above qualifications justify my actions.

**CHARLES B. MITCHELL**  
 1323 Madrid Ave.

Editor, Peninsula Press:

I have expressed by views on the bus situation and the gambling shadow, and to summarize, I would like to say: "Keep the bus system; let it do its duty to

the residents of all of Torrance.

We, the residents, do not ask "how much money is it making?" Only give us service and make it good and service, and cheap. We are paying and are willing to continue paying.

The bus system is pioneering, but some day our investment will repay tenfold.

Gambling? Let's not give anybody the least indication we want gambling. Don't let this element get its foot into the door. Our plans are for a great industrial city with industry occupying every inch of our city's area zoned for this purpose. Children's clubs and playgrounds on sites where gamblers would like to be? Industry can never thrive along with gambling. We want industry.

City government and improvement are very vital factors. Our form of city government has been proven most effective and economical and so it has been, with a few exceptions, in Torrance.

I believe we have a group of department heads who are really trying to do a job. Under our present administration, in spite of a great deal of interference, the city has had one of its greatest years. Great forward strides have been apparent in conditions of streets, number of playgrounds, city-sponsored recreation, cleanliness of city, fire department improvement, police protection, park improvements;

yes, even bus service is better than a year ago.

The members of the council should cooperate amongst themselves and not harbor any selfish motives and try to justify them before the people. They should be fair and open minded at all times and cooperate to achieve the best for the good of all people.

Cooperation between the city government and industry would produce more industrial plants to move into our city and along with this, coordination of water systems is desirable.

Many other factors can be controlled and improved by "Cooperation and Coordination"—my platform for city government improvement.

**A. J. PATRONSKY,**  
 Candidate for City Council.

Candidate Jones claims any change in present Constitutional Oath expressly forbidden by State Constitution. State Legislature could request Referendum on Oath Limitations.

I am a loyal citizen of Torrance, the State of California and the United States of America. I came to Los Angeles County 34 years ago. My two sons, Charles Edward Jones and Robert Ellsworth Jones were aviators in the last war. Mine is an old American family from Tennessee and Missouri. I don't know whether my ancestors came over on the Mayflower, or met the boat. But Captain Bill

Jones commanded the ship.

Of course I am for proof of loyalty and the strongest language that can be used in a pledge of allegiance and loyalty by all appointed and hired city employees.

The Supreme Court recently approved dismissal by the President of a woman appointee for disloyalty reasons. The grounds stated were that her appointment was a privilege, not a right, and that she could be dismissed in the same manner as appointed.

I have been maligned in a recent article in the Torrance Herald because I oppose the adoption of Proposition No. 4. Please note that it includes elected officials after you have voted them into office. Public officials' total oath of office is specified in the State Constitution. The elimination of those limitations of the Constitutional Oath can be done only by State Referendum, not by Torrance. I quote references:

From Article 20, Section 3, Paragraph 2, Constitution of the State of California:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be), that I will support the Constitution of the United States and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of \_\_\_\_\_, according to the best of my ability."

"And no other oath, declaration, or test, shall be required as qualification for any office

or public trust. (Constitution of 1849, Art. XI, 3, revised 1879.)"  
 Proposed Amendment No. 4—

**VOTE NO RECOMMENDED.**  
 Clearly unconstitutional.  
 "Section 2. Oaths of office. All officials, officers, members

of boards, or commissions, and employees shall take the oath with the City Clerk the oath of (Continued on page 7)

**Assessed Valuation of Torrance**  
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Fresh Ground BEEF	<b>39</b> <sup>c</sup> lb
Fresh Ground PORK SAUSAGE	<b>39</b> <sup>c</sup> lb
PURE LARD 1-LB. PKG.	<b>2 for 25</b> <sup>c</sup>
Morrell's Pride SKINNED HAMS FULL SHANK HALF	<b>49</b> <sup>c</sup> lb
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<b>GARDEN FRESH VEGETABLES</b>			
FANCY WHITE ROSE POTATOES 10 lbs. 25 <sup>c</sup>	Spanish ONIONS 3 lbs. 10 <sup>c</sup>	FANCY LARGE CELERY 5 <sup>c</sup> STALK	FANCY LARGE Cauliflower 7 <sup>c</sup> HEAD
LARGE FANCY ORANGES 5 lbs. 29 <sup>c</sup>		DELICIOUS -- EXTRA FANCY APPLES 2 lbs. 21 <sup>c</sup>	
2-LB. TASTY LOAF CHEESE 69 <sup>c</sup>	HORMEL WITH BEANS Chili Con Carne 29 <sup>c</sup>	BETTY CROCKER PIE CRUST CRUSTQUICK 2 for 29 <sup>c</sup>	
SNOW-DRIFT 3 POUND CAN 73 <sup>c</sup>		Large RINSO 23 <sup>c</sup>	
BLACK AND WHITE CATSUP 2 for 25 <sup>c</sup>	HI-HO CRACKERS 1-LB. PKG. 25 <sup>c</sup>	KRAFT COTTAGE CHEESE Pint 25 <sup>c</sup>	
15-Oz. -- ROSE PEANUT BUTTER 27 <sup>c</sup>	2-Lb. Blue Rose RICE 23 <sup>c</sup>		
HOUSEHOLD SPECIALS		FROZEN FOOD SPECIALS	
SANI-CLOR BLEACH One-Half Gallon 19 <sup>c</sup>		CHANTICLEER CHICKEN PIES 21 <sup>ea</sup>	
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