

# Meet the Candidates for City Offices



NICHOLAS O. DRALE

## Nickolas O. Drale

Nickolas O. Drale, 42, a member of the City Council since 1948, is seeking reelection as Mayor.

Born in Indianapolis, he was graduated from high school in Claristown, Pa. and came to Torrance in 1934.

He was employed at the Columbia-General Division of U.S. Steel for 20 years until he entered the real estate business in 1935.

He has served as vice president and on the grievance committee for United Steel Workers Local 1414, and served a one-year term as mayor while on the Council.

With his wife and three children, he resides at 3431 W. 171st st.

Drale is a member of Torrance Elks, Moose, El Camino, Masons, and the Al Malaka Shrine.



WILLYS G. BLOUNT

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Only incumbent seeking reelection to the City Council is Willys G. Blount, 41, who has served two four-year terms.

A sales engineer for the Kirkhill Rubber Co. of Brea, he, his wife, and three children reside at 1444 El Prado.

Born in Texas, where he attended Texas A and M College, Blount moved to Torrance in 1948. He has attended Pacific Coast University of Law.

He is a member of the First Methodist Church of Torrance, the Masonic Lodge, R.A.M. Golden West Commandry No. 43, Knights Templar and Al Malaka Shrine.

Blount said he favors the present, city manager form of government, and called attention to progress made under the system during the past years.



TOM ABRAMS

## Tom Abrams

Tom Abrams, 53, president of the Torrance Airport Commission, is a candidate for the City Council.

The candidate is employed as chief surveyor for General Petroleum, resides with his wife at 2657 Loftyview dr. The couple has two married sons.

Born in Indianapolis, where he received his education, he came to California in 1929. Abrams worked for the County Flood Control District for several years before he joined General Petroleum.

He has served as president of the Alhambra Civic Association and the Torrance Hills Civic Association.

The candidate has also been a member of the Torrance Traffic Safety Council and the Citizens Steering Committee. He is a member of the Elks and served as chairman of the lodge's charity fund for eight years. He is also a director of the South Torrance Lions Club.



VIRGIL HANCOCK

## Virgil Hancock

Virgil Hancock, 39, a service station owner, of 3531 Madison Court, is a candidate for the City Council.

Born on a farm in Ft. Cobb, Okla., he came to Torrance in 1942, before he left to serve with the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

A high school athlete, the candidate is an avid baseball fan. He owns service stations at Hawthorne blvd. and Pacific Coast Highway and at Crenshaw and Lomita blvds.

He is a member of the Torrance Elks, South Torrance Lions Club, Zeta Epsilon Fraternity and the Walteria Businessmen's Club, where he served as president in 1955.

He, his wife, and two children are members of the Methodist Church.



RICHARD B. WILSON

## Richard B. Wilson

Richard B. Wilson, a real estate broker, is a candidate for the City Council.

The candidate, 31, was born in South Bend, Ind., and attended high school in Chicago. He has resided in Torrance for the past three years, and has been in business in Redondo Beach for seven years.

He holds a degree in business administration from Woodbury College, during World War II, he was in the Navy for one year.

He is a past president of Phi Sigma Nu Alumni Association and has been a member of the YMCA for 25 years, serving as counselor and swimming instructor.

Wilson resides at 109 Calle de Arboles.

Wilson, a licensed pilot and member of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, is in favor of street openings to end traffic tie-ups in this city.



ALBERT W. HINZ

## Albert W. Hinz

Albert W. Hinz, 39, director of industrial relations for Harvey Aluminum Co., is a candidate for the City Council.

A resident of 4733 Paseo de las Tortugas, Hinz is a graduate of Compton College, and attended Woodbury College and UCLA extension school.

Born in this area, he is a member of the Torrance High School PTA, the Torrance Lions Club, and was one of the organizers of a drag strip. He has served as chairman of the Red Cross, Community Chest and Cancer Funds drives, and is a member of the Torrance Home Owners Association.

He has received recognition from the American Legion for his hiring of handicapped veterans, and has been active, through his company, in sponsoring Babe Ruth and Little League teams.

Hinz is also active in professional organizations and serves as board member for the Los Angeles Civil Service Board for interviewing administrative applicants.



THIRVIN D. FLEETWOOD

## Thirvin Fleetwood

Thirvin D. Fleetwood, 35, a member of the Planning Commission, is seeking a post on the City Council.

Employed by the Southern California Gas Company since 1948; the resident of 3637 W. 182nd st., he has been active in Local 132 of the Utility Workers of America for a number of years.

Born in Oklahoma, he entered the Navy in 1942 after graduation from high school and served as coxswain of landing barges. After his discharge in 1945, he worked for General Motors and the Veterans Administration until he came to California in 1948.

He served four years as financial secretary of the union, was chairman of the legislative and political action committee and delegate to the CIO conventions. He is chief shop steward of Local 132 and serves on the negotiating committee.

He is past president of Torrance Democrats, Inc. and a member of the County Democratic Central Committee.

## Dearl Craft

Dearl Craft, 31, a head leader for Shell Oil Co., is seeking the city's top elective post.

The candidate for mayor, his wife and two children reside at 4812 Merrill st.

Born in Canton, Texas, he attended high school in Wichita Falls.

During World War II he served in the Navy, serving aboard a troop transport as a seaman first class.

He points out that he is no member of any social organization and has no special interest groups to serve.

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J. E. THOMPSON

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J. E. Thompson, 33, a former Torrance Police traffic investigator, is campaigning for election to the City Council.

For the past two years he has been employed as construction engineer for Morrison Knudsen and Maceo Corp.

He attended public schools in Ft. Worth, Texas, and Texas Christian University on a music scholarship. He has resided in Torrance for the past 10 years, living at 2031 Gramercy pl.

He is one of the founders of the Coordinating Council of City Employees and past president of Torrance Police Officers Association.

Presently he is vice president Torrance Democrats, Inc.

He is a former pilot with the U.S. Air Force, serving during World War II.



ALEXANDER MAZZIA

## Alexander Mazzia

Alexander Mazzia, 33, a candidate for the City Council, an attorney by profession, is employed by Northrup Aircraft as a senior projects administration in the company's government contract section.

He received his bachelor of science degree from the University of Rochester, and his law degree from S.C. He has been admitted to the bar and is a member of the American Bar Association.

The resident of 602 Palos Verdes blvd., is married and has two children.

Before he was assigned to his present post Mazzia was an engineer at Northrup.

He served as ensign in the Navy during World War II, and was industry and assistant education officer in the military government in Okinawa.



CLIFFORD J. PETERSON

## Clifford Peterson

Clifford J. Peterson, 35, who is running for the City Council, is an attorney by profession.

Born in Salt Lake City, he attended high school in Idaho. He received an Associate in Arts degree from Compton College and his law degree from Southwestern University.

He and his wife and four children, reside at 22720 Crosshill dr., and have resided in Torrance for six years.

Peterson served as an Air Force gunner during World War II and participated in six missions in target areas. He was discharged a staff sergeant and won the Air Medal.

He is a member of the Kiwanis, Elks, PTA, South Bay Bar Association, Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints.



GEORGE VICO

## George Vico

George Vico, 34, public relations director for the Dominguez Water Company and former baseball player, is a candidate for the City Council.

Born in San Fernando, where he attended high school, he later attended El Camino College. He was a professional baseball player for the Hollywood Stars, and also saw some action in the major leagues as a first baseman.

During World War II, he served in the Navy as a petty officer second class, and directed athletic programs while in the service.

He served on the Torrance Park and Recreation Commission, and has served for the Cancer and Red Cross funds and was Torrance Key Club chairman. He is a member of the 20, 30, Kiwanis, Masons and American Legion.

With his wife and two children, he resides at 219 Paseo De Las Delicias.



DAVID V. FIGUEREDO

## David V. Figueredo

David V. Figueredo, 39, a service station owner, and member of the Planning Commission, is seeking election as a City Councilman.

Born in San Bruno, his family moved to Torrance when he was three years old, and the candidate graduated from Torrance High School.

During World War II, he served three years with the U.S. Navy, and was discharged with the rating of boatswain's mate third class.

He, his wife, and three children reside at 2500 Torrance blvd., near his service station.

He is a charter member of the Torrance Elks, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, former assistant Boy Scoutmaster, the Optimist Club and the American Legion.



GEORGE A. BRADFORD

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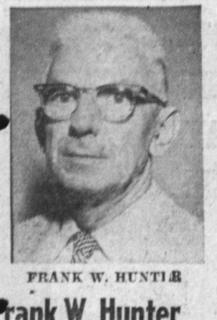
George A. Bradford, 41, a mechanical engineer and owner of the machine and mechanical designing company which bears his name, is a candidate for the City Council.

Born in River Rouge, the candidate came to Torrance at the age of 3, and is a Torrance High School graduate.

He attended UCLA, University of California and Stanford University, majoring in engineering and business administration.

He served as chairman of the Torrance Rose Parade Float committee and with his wife and three children, resides at 1323 Beech ave.

He is a member of the Torrance Optimist Club, Chamber of Commerce, YMCA, Mason, Royal Arch, American Petroleum Institute and the American Society of Tool Engineers.



FRANK W. HUNTER

## Frank W. Hunter

Frank W. Hunter, a heat and ventilating salesman for Sears and Roebuck, is a candidate for city treasurer. Born in Pittsburgh, he has resided in Torrance for the past five years, living at 2604 Dalemead st., with his wife. The Hunters have two married children.

The candidate has served in social capacities in the Walteria Methodist Church and is treasurer of the Walteria Kiwanis Club.

He has also served on the budget committee of the Masonic Lodge, and is a former member of the Lions and Toastmasters Clubs.

Following graduation from high school, Hunter attended a business college where he majored in business administration and bookkeeping.

Motorists should not park their cars by ear and bully into spaces which are too small, the Automobile Club of Southern California advises. Bumping another car not only damages that car, but it may damage the parking car as well.



A. H. BARTLETT

## A. H. Bartlett

Seeking to stretch his tenure as city clerk to 40 years, is Alber H. Bartlett.

Bartlett is seeking his 10th consecutive term as city clerk. He has held the office since 1922. He has been a Torrance resident since 1912, when he came here as a private building inspector.

Accountant  
Later he joined the Union Tool company as a cost accountant, until his election to the municipal office. He has been active in several organizations and was one of the founders of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

He is a charter member of the Kiwanis and Lions Clubs past governor of Moose Lodge 785, a member of the Masons, and former secretary of the United Association of Pipefitters and Steamfitters.

"My platform has always been honesty, efficiency, economy, co-operation and service to the public, citizens and taxpayers of Torrance," Bartlett said.

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## Planners Weigh Apartment Unit In Carson Area

A zone change request for apartments on the south side of 214th st., 500 feet east of Vermont ave., is under submission by the County Regional Planning Commission today.

Application to change the zone from agricultural to R-3, was made by Leonard B. Ziff.

In other actions, the commission approved a zone exception for Herman C. Sommer to add an auto repair garage to a service station at 22010 S. Normandie ave.

A subdivision for eight single family residences on one acre south of 212th st., east of Vermont ave., was approved for Barclay Development Co. R. G. Sebring, was granted approval for 11 homes south of Carson and west of Dolores sts.

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During the past twelve months more than 30,000 Los Angeles County Residents gave time to the American Cancer Society as volunteer workers in fund raising and educational programs.



## Engle Files for Senate Election

Congressman Clair Engle, Democratic candidate for United States Senator, has filed his papers for nomination for the Senate seat in his home town from which he has launched 11 successful political campaigns in the past 24 years.

The filing of the nomination papers with Tehama County Clerk Mrs. Alice Davis finished a week of intensive campaigning throughout the state. Congressman Engle spoke in Los Angeles, San Fernando, San Francisco and Oakland. He had a Democratic political "summit conference" with Attorney General Pat Brown, Democratic candidate for Governor, and repeatedly lambasted the Republican administration before responsive audiences.

Joe Morley is unopposed for the treasurer's job, but four candidates have been nominated to fill the one vacancy on the Board of Trustees. Mike Clever, Jud Morris, Joseph DePetris and Joseph Platt will appear on the ballot as trustee candidates.

James McCune and Stanley Heiman have been nominated as candidates for election as governor of the Torrance Moose lodge, and the annual election of officers will be held on Monday. James A. Evans, lodge secretary, announced this week.

The names of Harlan Briesse and Garvis Coffey were submitted as candidates for the office of junior governor; while William Olson and Harvey B. Cason will compete for the prelate's chair.

Walter G. Ryan, 62, a machinist of 1728 Abalone st., is the fourth candidate for mayor.

Born in St. Albans, Vt., he served as machine gunner during World War I, for 15 months while a member of the American Expeditionary Force. He was discharged a corporal.

He is a member of the American Legion and is employed by Doak Aircraft.

Tadpole tails are contributing to man's knowledge about cancer in a research project at the Philadelphia Institute for Cancer Research, the Los Angeles County Branch of the American Cancer Society reports.

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