

Voters Should Keep Right to Elect Mayor

(An Editorial)

A bare-faced attempt by self-serving elements to take over the reins of city government by changing the method of selecting the city's mayor is being proposed to Torrance voters at the polls on Nov. 8.

The proposal suggests that the voters turn the right of selecting a mayor over to the councilmen.

Petty and petulant councilmen, seeking some redress for their own lack of leadership on all fronts, have played into the hands of those elements who would like to add the rest of the city government as their private pawn.

It's a power play, out and out, and the voters of Torrance should have nothing to do with it.

The Press-Herald is opposed to the change suggested simply because the system now in use is better than the one offered as a substitute.

The Press-Herald agrees with the president of the League of Women Voters that a charter review is desirable, but that "piecemeal revisions made to accom-

date political animosities are certainly not the answer."

Torrance is a big-league city and the members of the City Council are always the first to ascribe greatness to it. As such, Torrance residents have a right to expect major league leadership—individuals who are strong enough to stand on their own feet; individuals who can tell special interest elements to go jump when the bosses try to move in.

Inspiration for the current move—which will be Amendment Z on the Nov. 8 ballot—obviously stems from the fact that some of the special interest bosses and their pawns on the City Council don't always care to follow the leadership of the present mayor.

To put it bluntly, their noses are out of joint. The quality of leadership exercised by the man

now holding the office of mayor is not the issue, however. The system of selecting the city's mayor is at issue.

The system now used was approved by an overwhelming four-to-one vote in 1957. Prior to that time, the council had selected the mayor. Sentiment ran strongly in 1957 that the election of the mayor by the people would make that office more responsive to the voters. The Press-Herald believes this sentiment has proved a valid one.

Efforts by a dissident group to put the city's leadership into hands more inclined to do their bidding should be rejected by all citizens and groups interested in the welfare of the community. This heavy handed attempt to subvert the city's leadership structure for self-serving cliques has no place in Torrance.

The Press-Herald urges strongly that Torrance voters say "No" to Amendment Z on Nov. 8.

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FLIP FLOP . . . Tom Tower (center), named head chef for the Torrance Family YMCA's 19th annual Good Neighbor Breakfast, shows Marshall Stewart (left), breakfast chairman, and Trudy-Lynn Meier of the Chargers Tri-Hi-Y Club, how to flip a pancake. The breakfast Saturday will honor the city's Good Neighbor for 1966 — and the winner won't know who he or she is until breakfast has been served. (Press-Herald Photo)

'66 Good Neighbor Fete Set Saturday

The 19th annual Torrance Area Youth Band and an organist from the Hammond Studios in Torrance.

THE BREAKFAST will be held in the central campfire circle-amphitheater at the YMCA building.

The giant trophy awarded annually in memory of the late Al (Pop) Turner will be presented the 1966 Good Neighbor by the Rev. Edward Goodell, last year's winner. The Rev. Mr. Goodell, who at the age of 84 served as a group leader for a YMCA boys' camp, has served in the ministry of The Methodist Church for more than 50 years.

Other Good Neighbor winners who have been invited to attend the breakfast include Catherine Chisholm (1958), Cliff Graybehl (1959), Vita Paxton (1960), Bernice Stoneberg (1961), Dick Felker (1962), Vi Kane (1963), and Stan Garland (1964).

LETTERS nominating a Torrance resident for the award may still be sent to the Torrance YMCA. The "Y" board will meet tomorrow evening to review the nominations and select the winner. (See YMCA on A-2)

Hearing Slated On Nazi Permits

Public hearings on the applications for a parade permit and Nazi Party, Western Division, with the city last Thursday afternoon by Ralph P. Forbes. The parade and rally permits are scheduled for 3 p.m. Friday, according to James Moss, license supervisor for the city.

The hearing before the License Review Board will be held in the city council chambers at city hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd.

Moss said the hearing is open and all interested parties have been invited to attend. At issue will be applica-

Petition Asks Election On Plan for Cemetery

Changes In Code Ordered

An amendment to the city's Uniform Housing Code spelling out the procedure to be used by inspectors who are denied entrance to a household has been ordered by the City Council.

Councilmen, on recommendation of the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Improvement, asked that necessary papers to effect the amendment be prepared.

The amendment will specifically require an inspector who is refused entry to a home to secure a court order granting entry before making an inspection. The code presently requires only that an inspector present "proper credentials."

CITY MANAGER Edward J. Ferraro has said the city will not force its way into any home. The proposed amendment, he told the council. (See HOUSING on A-2)



PLANNER HONORED . . . David B. Halstead (left), member of the city Planning Commission and a building contractor, is congratulated by James Finley, vice president of the Riviera Homeowners Association, as that group's outstanding award winner for the year. Formal presentation was made Saturday night during the annual dinner-dance meeting of the group at Los Verdes Country Club. (Press-Herald Photo)

Voters To Get Matter

Efforts to halt development of a proposed cemetery near 235th Street and Crenshaw Boulevard will be taken directly to the city's voters, the City Council was told last night.

F. C. Fuller, 23050 Nadine Circle, told councilmen he and two other residents of the area adjacent to the proposed cemetery will circulate a petition in order to put the issue to a vote of the people.

The petition, Fuller said, is being circulated to qualify a proposed ordinance for the ballot at a special election or at the next municipal election.

THE ORDINANCE would prohibit the establishment or operation of cemetery within the city.

Petitions will be circulated by Fuller, Jeffrey Bradpiece of 23313 Date Ave., and Wallace E. Brown of 23038 Nadine Circle.

Councilmen voted Sept. 27 (See PETITION on A-2)

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Turkish Government Officials Set Visit

Preparations for an official visit to Torrance by a six-man government team from Turkey are being completed here by the city's Sister City Committee, according to City Manager Edward J. Ferraro.

The Turkish delegation, which includes five provincial governors and the Mayor of Konya, Turkey, is due to arrive in Torrance Sunday, Oct. 30. The group will be in the city through Saturday, Nov. 5.

Konya is one of Torrance's sister cities.

THE GROUP is visiting the United States under the sponsorship of the Agency for International Development (AID) of the U. S. Department of State.

Members of the team include: Fethi Tansuk, undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior and Governor of Balıkesir; Ali Metin Dirimtekin, general director of personnel in the Ministry of Interior; Osman Meric, Governor of Eskisehir; Huseyin Meydonoglu,

governor of Kocaeli; Ali Cahit Bevil, Governor of Konya, and A. Hilmi Nalcaci, Mayor of the City of Konya and secretary general of the Municipal League of Turkey. Tansuk is the team leader.

The group will be accompanied by George H. Werner of the AID office, George Powell, an AID staff member, and interpreters Suat Demiray and Fikret Karayalacin.

THE TURKISH delegation began its visit to the United States Sept. 29 in New York City. Members currently are in Boston, Mass.

Mayor Albert Isen will head the city delegation to greet the Turkish officials on their arrival at Los Angeles International Airport Oct. 30. During their stay in Torrance, members of the team will stay at the Jump 'n Jack Hotel.

During their stay in Torrance, members of the team will visit several industrial facilities, including the TRW Systems plant in Redondo

Beach, the Hi-Shear Corp. of Torrance, and the Harvey Aluminum plant here. Visits to West High School, Victor Elementary School, and Los Angeles Harbor also are scheduled.

A ROUND of dinners and receptions honoring the six men is planned and a side trip to Las Vegas has been scheduled, as well as several visits to private homes in the city.

Visits to Disneyland and the Los Angeles Civic Center also are planned.

The Turkish officials will be guests of the city during a meeting of the City Council Tuesday, Nov. 1. Friday afternoon, Nov. 4, a special farewell program is planned. The Turkish delegation will leave Torrance early Saturday, Nov. 5, to fly to Washington, D. C., for a round of talks with government officials. The team is scheduled to return to Turkey Nov. 12.

New Off-Ramp Requested

The city of Hawthorne has added its backing to a move to gain approval of an off-ramp at Redondo Beach Boulevard on the Harbor Freeway. City Councilmen Monday approved a resolution asking the state to provide the ramps "to aid accessibility to and from the South Bay area." Alondra Boulevard off-ramp now is the only one feeding into the Gardena, Hawthorne, and beach cities area and it passes almost immediately through a residential area and ends at a junior high school and public park, it was pointed out.

Carson Man Reports Theft

Richard Rios, 64, who lives at 1129 E. 215th St. in the Carson area, told police Monday that he had been robbed of \$140 in the restroom of a bowling alley at 22000 Crenshaw Blvd. He said his attacker strangled him as he entered the restroom Monday night and that he momentarily lost consciousness. When he awoke, the assailant and his \$140 were missing, Rios said.

Bond Issue Endorsed

A \$9 million Torrance school bond issue which will be on the Nov. 8 ballot was endorsed last night by the City Council as "the cheapest way" to finance new classrooms in the city. Six members of the council unanimously endorsed the bond issue following a brief plea by George McMullen, chairman of the Speakers' Bureau for the Torrance Citizens' School Committee. J. A. Beasley was absent from the meeting because of illness. McMullen told the council the bond issue is "the most equitable way" to finance needed school construction in Torrance.