# Bonelli Plan for Changing State Senate Lineup Gaining Support

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Assemblyman, 46th District

The Honorable Frank G. Bonelli, of Huntington Park, chairman of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and a former member of The Assembly who sat near me on the floor of the Assembly for several years, is advocating reapportioning the California State Senate. This is an idea which has been advocated for many years but Supervisor Bonelli is the first man who has achieved any marked measure of public support for this violent change in our State Legislature.

Supervisor Bonelli's plan contemplates submission of an initiative act to the voters which, if he gets enough bona-fide signatures, will be a "proposition" on the Novemberber, 1960 ballot to amend the Constitution of the State of California.

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**BRIEFLY**, his proposed initiative provides that 20 State senators will be elected from Southern California and 20 State senators from northern California.

Under the existing provisions of the State Constitution, 30 State senators represent northern areas and only 10 State senators represent southern areas with a total population of 8,766,300.

The present situation is extremely unfair to counties south of the Tehachapi Mountains. For example, Los Angeles County has only one State Senator alohtough it sends 31 Members of the Assembly (commonly called Assemblymen) to the Legislature. Orange County sends one Senator and two Assemblymen, which is not a good example because there are always 40 Senators and 80 Members of the Assembly. San Diego County sends one Senator and one Member of the Assembly. San Bernardino County sends one Senator and two Members of the Assembly.

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**ANALYZING** the above and remembering that a ratio of two Members of the Assembly to one Senator is by no means unfair representation, it will be seen that Los Angeles County and San Diego County are the two Southern counties which are getting less than their share of voting strength in the Senate.

Supervisor Bonelli does not propose that the Senate be reapportioned entirely on a population basis, because if that were done, Southern California would get more than 20 Senators under his plan.

The details of his recommendation are too lengthy to report here, but if you want them write for them to: Honorable Frank G. Bonelli, Chairman, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, 220 N. Broadway, Los Angeles. Tell him that you are writing at the suggestion of Assemblyman Chapel and also tell him you read it in your Torrance HERALD.

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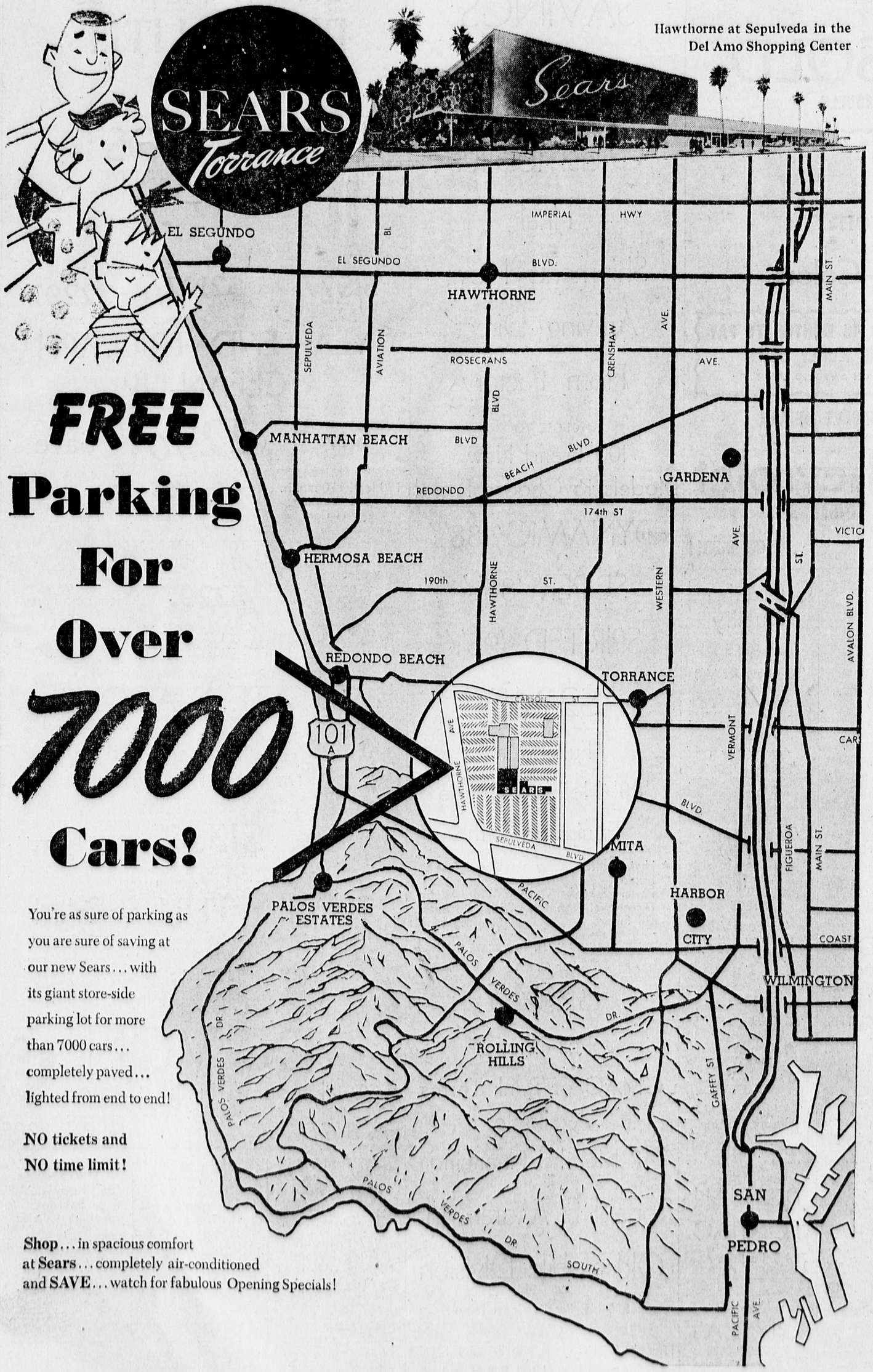
**ALREADY**, Supervisor Bonelli has received resolutions or letters endorsing his Senate reapportionment plan from 67 communities in Southern California, including 30 incorporated cities. Personally, I have stayed out of this discussion up until now, because I believe the cities should tell me what they want after they hold their own meetings. However, if the majority of the cities in my own 46th Assembly District want me to publicly and officially support the Bonelli plan, then I shall be happy to do so. Also, I ask that all who read this column to write to me at Post Office Box 777, Inglewood 5, and tell me what they think of the Bonelli plan, after they have received a copy of the detailed plan from Supervisor Bonelli.

**SOME VERY** intelligent people have asked me this question: "If Southern California gets enough signatures to qualify the Bonelli Senate Reapportionment plan as a proposed amendment to the State Constitution in time for it to appear on the November, 1960 ballot, what effect will this have on the passage of the California Water Plan (Sometimes called Feather River Project), which also will be on the November, 1960, ballot?"

My answer is that there is no connection between the two. Some people who are eager to have any kind of water plan enacted, regardless of how it affects Southern California, have expressed the fear that if the Bonelli plan goes on the ballot, it wlil make people in northern California so angry that they will not vote for the California Water Plan.



# BIRTHS

AT TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

ADDISON — Mr. and Mrs. Buddy, Venice, a son, Michael Edward.
MONTOYA — Mr. and Mrs. Delfino, 1646 W. 204th St., a son, Dennis.
SMITH—Mr. and Mrs. Henry, 2655 Grand Summit Road, a daughter, Dana Lynne, Aug. 24.
LeBOW — Mr. and Mrs. Gerald D., 21611 Moneta Ave., a daughter, Tammy Lynn, Aug. 25.
MAHAN—Mr. and Mrs. Tom A., 232 E. 227th St., a son, Tom Allan Jr., Aug. 26.
MELLINS—Mr. and Mrs. Sharwin, 20922 Menlo Ave., a daughter, Scarlett, Aug. 26.
PERRY—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wayne, 1552 W. 226th St., a daughter, Brenda Larie, Aug. 27.
OLIVER — Mr. and Mrs. Richard, 22417 Anza Ave., a son, David Anthony, Aug. 27.
NESS—Mr. and Mrs. Michael, 922-B Sartori Ave., a daughter, Dana Michelle, Aug. 27.
FIELDS — Mr. and Mrs. Daniel G., 4622 Cadison St., a son, Dana Corliss, Aug. 28.
MUENSTERMAN — Mr. and Mrs. James, Redondo Beach, a son, Gregory Jon, Aug. 29.
HOLLER—Mr. and Mrs. William E., Manhattan Beach, a daughter, Shawn Louise, Aug. 29.
STONE—Mr. and Mrs. Lowell, 3960 W. 187th St., a daughter, Tanja Marie, Aug. 29.
ALLISON—Mr. and Mrs. George, 1418 W. 247th St., Harbor City, a son, Kevin Michael, Aug. 30.
SCHWAB—Mr. and Mrs. Donald R., 21616 Madrona Ave., a son, Robert James, Aug. 30.
ROBISON—Mr. and Mrs. H. F., 1517 W. 212th St., a daughter, Lori Lynne, Aug. 30.
WALDROP—Mr. and Mrs. Don, 4106 Spencer St., a son, Michael Wayne, Aug. 31.
WELLS—Mr. and Mrs. Virgil, Gardena, a son, Robert John, Aug. 31.
CARRASCO — Mr. and Mrs. Jesus, 1603 W. 209th St., a son, Robert Anthony, Aug. 31.
EGGERS—Mr. and Mrs. R. J., 22431 Kathryn Ave., a son, John David, Sept. 1.
BOURLAND—Mr. and Mrs. Donald, Redondo Beach, a daughter, Donna Renee, Sept. 1.
NELSON—Mr. and Mrs. Morris, Redondo Beach, a daughter, Jill Eileen, Sept. 1.
KRIVDO—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E., 25317½ Cypress, Lomita, a son, John Kenneth, Sept. 1.
LAWSON—Mr. and Mrs. James C., 15717 Eastwood Ave., a daughter, Beverly Diane, Sept. 1.
STROBEHN—Mr. and Mrs. William T., Glendale, a son, William Thomas, Sept. 1.
BELLOWS—Mr. and Mrs. Robert L., Redondo Beach, a son, David Allen, Sept. 2.
LeLEUX—Mr. and Mrs. Vernice J., Wilmington, a daughter, Karen Renee, Sept. 2.
REYES—Mr. and Mrs. Silviano, 2213 Cabrillo Ave., a daughter, Christine Thomass, Sept. 3.
BRYANT—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lee, Wilmington, a son, Russell Lee, Sept. 3.
DETWILER—Mr. and Mrs. Jerry F., Gardena, a son, Barry Randall, Sept. 3.
DURBIN—Mr. and Mrs. Melvin, 2456 W. 247th St., a daughter, Cassie Lynn, Sept. 4.
CHAVEZ — Mr. and Mrs. Ray, 1131 W. 254th St., Harbor City, a son, Ray, Sept. 4.
ROACH—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Allen, 2045 W. 264th St., a son, Craig Allen, Sept. 4.
COLCLASURE—Mr. and Mrs. James, 1528 W. 205th St., a son, Gregory Harrison, Sept. 5.
ANDRADE — Mr. and Mrs. Ernie, 21517 Halldale Ave., a son, Christopher Dana, Sept. 6.
LeDOUX—Mr. and Mrs. Alex, 1917 W. 222nd St., a daughter, Della JanAnn, Sept. 7.
WILSON—Mr. and Mrs. Robert, Hermosa Beach, a son, Thomas Edward, Sept. 8.
MILLIGAN — Mr. and Mrs. Jackie, 524 Harbor Hills, Lomita, a son, Kelly Ward, Sept. 8.
MELER—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jr., 2211 Winlock, a son, Kenneth Ross, Sept. 8.
HERBERT — Mr. and Mrs. W. J., 22515 Gaycrest Ave., a daughter, Elaine, Sept. 8.
O'GARA — Mr. and Mrs. Frank J., 1456 W. 170th St., a son, Frank John Jr., Sept. 9.
TRIMBLE — Mr. and Mrs. David, 2215 Sepulveda, a son, Eric Bruce, Sept. 9.
HOUSER — Mr. and Mrs. Charles, 23534 New Hampshire, a daughter, Cheryl Annette, Sept. 9.
STEPPEL—Mr. and Mrs. George B., 2454 W. 258th St., a daughter, Tammi Marilyn, Sept. 9.
SCHMIDT—Mr. and Mrs. Robert W., 1738 W. 235th St., a daughter, Sheryl Ann, Sept. 9.
WATKINS — Mr. and Mrs. Clifford, Redondo Beach, a daughter, Cherish, Sept. 10.
GREENAN—Mr. and Mrs. Utah, 1880 Lincoln, a daughter, Sheri Ann, Sept. 12.
WALLACE—Mr. and Mrs. Donald C., 5519 Towers St., a daughter, Lisa Anne, Sept. 12.
IBARRA—Mr. and Mrs. Ernesto, 1206 W. 254th St., a son, Ernesto, Sept. 12.
KEALEY—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur, Redondo Beach, a son, Clifford Lawrence, Sept. 12.
DUNCAN—Mr. and Mrs. Harold, 2418 W. 233rd St., a daughter, Lori Ann, Sept. 13.
WONG—Sing and Suey Len Wong, 1647 W. 228th St., a daughter, Lillian Suey Wong, Sept. 13.
LOPIN—Mr. and Mrs. Robert, 5031 Emerald, a daughter, Cheryl Ann, Sept. 13.
EBERT — Mr. and Mrs. Donald B., Redondo Beach, a son, Anthony Wayne, Sept. 13.
JOBE—Mr. and Mrs. Euel D., 2044 W. 237th St., a daughter, Cynthia Joann, Sept. 14.
WOOD—Mr. and Mrs. Edgar, 182 E. 214th St., a daughter, Shirley Susan, Sept. 14.
BOISE—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Boia, 21329 Mildren Ave., a son, Myles, Sept. 13.
METTUIER—Mr. and Mrs. Edmund, 3431 W. 225th St., a son, Charles Edmund, Sept. 13.
HANSEN—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph, 1634 W. 257th St., Harbor City, a daughter, Rebecca Ann, Sept. 13.
JOHNSON—Mr. and Mrs. James, 2147 Plaza Del Amo, a son, Jeffery Lewis, Sept. 14.
SINGLETON—Mr. and Mrs. Robert, Hawthorne, a daughter, Donna Joan, Sept. 14.
MINAKER—Mr. and Mrs. John A., Hermosa Beach, a daughter, Lisa Ann, Sept. 15.
McLAY—Mr. and Mrs. Wallace, 22902 Petroleum Ave., a daughter, Karen Ann, Sept. 15.
WEEN—Mr. and Mrs. Olay, Redondo Beach, a son, Jon Erik, Sept. 15.
DERINGER—Mr. and Mrs. Edward, 171 W. 223rd St., a son, Paul Howard, Sept. 15.
ZYNDA—Mr. and Mrs. Earl A., 3309 Antonio St., a son, Paul Anthony, Sept. 16.
NORRIS — Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H., Redondo Beach, a daughter, Rosemary Agnes, Sept. 16.
SCHEIDELL—Mr. and Mrs. D. L., 21119 Royal Blvd., a daughter, Torri Lee, Sept. 17.
HAMILTON — Mr. and Mrs. Edwin M., 4902 Marion Ave., a daughter, Kim Louise, Sept. 18.

# Group Hails Walteria Post Office Changes

Reports that a 24-hour box service would soon be available to users of the Walteria Post Office was greeted with cheers by members of the Walteria Civic Assn., it was reported this week by Bessie D. Slonecker, secretary of the group.

Mrs. Slonecker said she was advised in a telegram from Congressman Cecil King that a plan for remodeling the service lobby of the Walteria station had been developed. His report was confirmed by a letter from Verne Scoggins, regional operations director for the Post Office Department.

The change had been requested by the Walteria civic group, and was supported by a resolution of the city council.

**EXPLOSIVE FORCE**

Nitroglycerine had its origin in experiments conducted in 1846 by Ascanio Sobrero, but its explosive force was not discovered and developed until 1863 by Alfred Nobel.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