

Watts Hospital Efforts Paying Off, Hahn Says

Spearheading a drive to provide a county hospital in the Watts-Willowbrook area, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said, "We are moving forward because the strong vote in favor of the Watts Hospital has re-emphasized the need for this facility, as did the McCone commission and medical authorities."

Action which has been taken includes:

- Secured funds for the 1966-67 budget (current) for the architectural plans, site preparation, and engineering studies on the site at 120th street and Wilmington avenue (Palm Lane Housing Project).
- Placed in the budget funds to transfer the deed of title for the 30-acre site from the County Housing Authority to the Board of Supervisors. The land is already in public ownership and the county is having to pay only \$3,000 an acre, a price agreed upon in 1945 when the original arrangement with the County Housing Authority was established. (Current value of the land is almost \$30,000 an acre.)
- A representative of the County Counsel and Chief Administrative Officer has met with state Health officials and it has been determined that Hill-Harris funds are available to the county for financing the hospital through a non-profit corporation, which will also act as the county's agent in securing low-interest bonds for financing.
- On Hahn's motion, the Board of Supervisors has made formal application for Hill-Harris funds, approximately \$9.1 million.

To High Court

Realtors Will Appeal Proposition 14 Ruling

Burt Smith of Bellflower, president of the California Real Estate Association (CREA), told a gathering of the association's directors last week that a poll of California lawmakers and candidates indicated mixed support of repeal of the Rumford Act.

"Candidates for both the State Senate and Assembly seem strongly in favor of repeal," Smith said "but so far there is no such clear-cut indication from incumbents in Sacramento."

The Rumford Act, which forbids racial or religious discrimination in the sale or rental of most housing, was reinstated May 10 when the California Supreme Court declared Proposition 14 unconstitutional.

The proposition was approved by voters two to one in 1964. CREA has announced it will ask the U. S. Supreme Court to review the decision.

SMITH SAID that CREA has had replies from more than one third of the legislators and candidates it polled in a letter asking if they would support or oppose repeal of the Rumford Act during the 1967 Legislative Session. He said a final count is not yet available.

"The public is asking us what they can do to recover their right to sell or rent their own residential property to anyone they choose," Smith said.

He said CREA has not yet decided whether to publish final results of its poll. "This is information wanted by our members," he said, "to guide our actions in regard to Proposition 14 and the Rumford Act."

SOME 800 directors of the 51,000-member association, winding up a three-day meeting, reaffirmed their determination to take all possible legal steps to overturn the Supreme Court decision on Proposition 14.

In another action, they adopted a resolution calling on California Congressmen and Governor Edmund G. "Pat" Brown to use their influence to have a Californian appointed to fill the current vacancy on the Federal Home Loan Bank Board. "The presence of such a person," the resolution stated, "would more equitably serve the people of California and the nation."

Smith also reported to the directors that CREA leadership is using "all avenues open to us to relieve the tight money situation now affecting real estate sales."

He said CREA has asked the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) to raise the ceiling on mortgages it will buy beyond the \$15,000 ceiling imposed recently, and to extend the time and amount requirements on certificates of deposit.

Garden Checklist

1. Feed dahlias now if you haven't done so in the past month. Large-flowered, show varieties should have side buds pinched out to channel all growth into a few terminal buds.
2. Plant Tuberous Begonias now. Many good-sized plants ready to bloom are available in nurseries.
3. Plant annuals such as zinnia, salvia and other sun lovers now for bloom mid-summer through fall.
4. Dig daffodils and other spring flowering bulbs only after tops have completely died back.
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