

WE HAVE LOTS OF LAND. WHY CAN'T WE GET INDUSTRY TO COME IN?

Our sewer system must be replaced, enlarged, and expanded before any development can take place. It will cost us millions of dollars to do this. Even the \$500,000 accumulated by our Sanitary District will be transferred to the city treasury to pay for salaries and other administrative costs. New "user fee" taxes will be levied against the homeowner, but it will take time to save enough money.

WON'T INCORPORATION HELP BRING IN INDUSTRY?

No. Bankers and industrialists will not invest in a new city government governed by fledgling councilmen trying their wings for the first time.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF INCORPORATION?

"Local autonomy and self-determination" say the incorporation supporters. They expect and want to be the new City Council. They, not the Board of Supervisors will make the decisions for us.

WON'T THE MAIN TAX BURDEN FALL ON THE HOMEOWNER AND SENIOR CITIZEN?

Yes. Homeowners will pay the largest cost for the additional bureaucracy of a new city council and all their administrative staff.

LET'S GET THE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT FIRST SO THAT AN UNFAIR BURDEN IS NOT PLACED ON THE HOMEOWNERS BEFORE WE INCORPORATE.

Concerned Citizens for a  
Responsible Incorporation



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# YOUR TAXES WILL GO UP YOUR SERVICES WILL GO DOWN

WILL INCORPORATION BRING US A CITY UNDER OUR OWN CONTROL?

No. The proposed city will be a contract city. Most services will be done by County personnel and we will pay for them under contract.

WILL WE HAVE A POLICE FORCE DIRECTLY UNDER OUR CONTROL?

Not really. The Chief of Police will be the same County Sheriff who will direct the same deputies. We will pay the County under contract. Because money is tight, one-man police cars are proposed, eliminating surplus deputies. The crime rate will remain the same, or worse.

WHAT ABOUT FIRE SERVICES?

They will continue to be provided by the Menlo Park Fire District to which we will continue to pay.

WHAT ABOUT SERVICES, SUCH AS HEALTH AND WELFARE?

These will continue to be provided by the County.

WHAT ABOUT STREET MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS WELL AS WATER SERVICE?

These will be provided by County personnel but paid by us under contract.

WHERE WILL WE GET THE MONEY TO PAY FOR ALL THIS?

Additional taxes, called "user fees" will be levied against your home for some services you now get. That's because the property taxes you now pay must go to the City treasury to pay salaries and other administrative costs, plus contract costs.

GIVE US A CONCRETE EXAMPLE.

The property tax that now goes to pay for sanitation facilities will be needed to pay salaries, etc. New user fee taxes will be used to pay for sewer service, sewer maintenance, and other services. These fees can be raised by the City Council without a vote of the people and without limit.

CAN'T WE GET MONEY FROM THE FEDERAL, STATE, OR COUNTY AS BEFORE?

Federal and state monies formerly available have been cut to the bone. Even the \$500,000 presently given us by the County will be gone in a year. We are totally

NORTH OF EUCLID RESIDENTS!

VOTE NO ON "C"

DO NOT DISSOLVE EAST PALO ALTO SANITARY DISTRICT

WHY?

A "YES" VOTE WILL INCREASE FEES FOR SEWERS. EVEN IF YOUR LANDLORD PAYS SEWER, HE WILL PASS EXTRA COST ON TO YOU.

A "YES" VOTE WILL HELP EAST PALO ALTO INCORPORATE. SAN MATEO COUNTY INTENDS TO THEN ANNEX THE NORTH OF EUCLID TO EAST PALO ALTO NOT MENLO PARK.

VOTE NO ON "C"

A "NO" VOTE WILL KEEP SEWER FEES LOW. A "NO" VOTE WILL KEEP YOUR RENT LOWER. SAVE MONEY - VOTE "NO" ON "C".

A "NO" VOTE WILL HELP KEEP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD FROM BECOMING PART OF THE NEW CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO.

VOTE NO ON "D"

DO NOT DISSOLVE THE COUNTY SERVICE DISTRICT.

DO NOT DISSOLVE RECREATION DISTRICT.

HELP STOP INCORPORATION - PREVENT THE NORTH OF EUCLID FROM BEING ANNEXED TO EAST PALO ALTO.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!! VOTE NO ON "B" & "C"

GO TO THE POLLS APRIL 13, 1982. HELP YOUR POCKETBOOK AND HELP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. IF THERE IS NO EAST PALO ALTO, ANNEXATION OF THE NORTH OF EUCLID TO MENLO PARK IS A

SURE THING!

# SAVE OUR HOMES

*Gertrude Wilks*

There was a time when people or groups could come into the Black community and tell us anything. We would go along with whatever the program was. We, as a community assumed that they knew what was best for us. This kind of activity went on for many years until we realized that most of these so-called "leaders", "community planners", and "developers" disappeared a few months later, after receiving the PHD's and taking big money jobs elsewhere.

During these times, unemployment is at an all time high; 16-25% among Black adults, and 40% among Black youth. The Reagan administration is slashing the Federal budget, counties across the nation are having problems, and Ford motor company, along with General Motors company are in trouble. Many people are losing their homes because of lay-offs and cut-backs.

The troubling thing to me in terms of East Palo Alto's Incorporation at this time is the question "where will some of these people that are so "gung-ho" on incorporation be in the next six months?"

Incorporation is not about who should be in charge, it is about economics and who can afford to stay after the liens are put on homeowners in the name of "user-fees".

I have often wondered, and I am still wondering why this community was not allowed to discuss annexation to Menlo Park? How can the "community leaders" tell the community in good conscious that we have a tax base when they know that we don't? I say let the community know that the burden of incorporation will fall on homeowners. Let the people know, especially those on fixed incomes, that they can lose their homes if they cannot afford to pay the "user-fees".

Friends, if you care about your home and community, plan to vote no on Tuesday, April 13, 1982. Plan to vote no on A, B, C, & D. Keep in mind that the home you save may be your own.

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