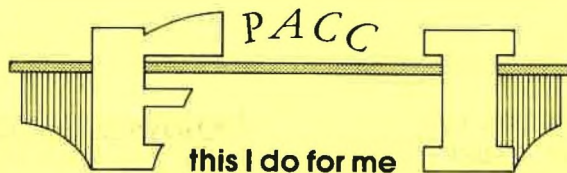


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BREAKING THE CHAINS.....

Activity behind the Incorporation scenes grows frantic. LAFCo's executive officer, who opposes the Incorporation of EPA, and is giving both EPACCI and LAFCo false information, has come up with all kinds of "new" requirements to stall the Incorporation vote. He has even gone so far as to blame other County departments for his failure to produce the reports required by his office.

But EPACCI will not be moved from its determination to incorporate East Palo Alto. Our group has thus far collected and submitted all of the reports required for LAFCo. We have made a responsible request for a November election. We have cooperated fully with the County despite the misrepresentations by the LAFCo executive officer and the misleading stories in the Peninsula Times-Tribune.

All of the local press coverage in the Times is focusing on attempts to delay the Incorporation vote; the paper deliberately headlines the false information provided by the LAFCo staff. East Palo Altoans demand an Incorporation vote and are not fooled by the collusion between LAFCo staff and the Times-Tribune.

Basic information on EPA's capacity to start a new city is absolutely favorable. Stanford Research Institute International (SRI) concludes that Incorporation is fiscally and administratively feasible and the best possible option for EPA. A recently completed study by Recht, Hausrath and Associates, commissioned by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, concludes that any new land development in EPA would be beneficial regardless of whether it is residential or commercial. Staff in the County Manager's Office have also concluded that Incorporation is financially feasible.

The residents of EPA recognize the the LAFCo executive director's stall for what it is. A deliberate delay in the Incorporation vote will allow the County and others with vested interests to put into place their plans for making EPA an additional bedroom community for the Peninsula--a very simple solution really for the current job and housing imbalance problems beleaguering San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties.

More and more of us must step forward and be counted in the Incorporation Movement. BREAK THE CHAINS THAT BIND--County, NO; City, YES. Do your part in making history: Buy an Incorporation T-Shirt, stick on an EPACCI bumper strip, xerox this article and pass it on.

NOTE:

On April 15th, the LAFCo Commissioners finally moved to consider shortening the LAFCo executive director's timeline for scheduling hearings on the Incorporation Application.

JUNETEENTH IS COMING

Last year's magnificent celebration of Juneteenth and the move for the Incorporation of EPA is still afresh in our memories. This year once again the Juneteenth festivities will be co-sponsored by EPACCI.

An Ad-Hoc Committee has been formed to organize the program, and your help in this enormous undertaking would be welcome. Proceeds from the EPACCI booths will go towards our Incorporation coffers just as last year. For those of you who missed the two-day spectacular in 1980, a day on the green in EPA has been likened to receiving a paycheck free of tax deductions! How can you miss with a day like that. Drop by 321 Bell St. if you can work with the Juneteenth Committee.

EPACCI SALUTES

It is once again time to salute a familiar face in East Palo Alto.

One man who has worked untiringly for many years with our kids, with little regard for fanfare or awards, is East Palo Altoan Chester Prince. As a resident of the community for the past twenty years, Chester, who lives with his family over in University Village, has devoted much of his spare time to studying the bible, while reserving the remainder of his energies for the local 4-H clubs.

During his twelve years with the Cooperative Extension of the University of California's Agricultural Department, Chester has stimulated the interest of many local youngsters, ranging in age from 9 to 19, in animal husbandry and farming. In recruiting these youngsters to 4-H projects and the like, he has shared some of the old-fashioned farm skills learned in his native Beaumont, Texas.

Chester, who believes that our youth can do much to turn EPA around so that it can become a wonderful place to live, recalls one fond memory of EPA's first 4-H entry into the San Mateo County Fair Livestock Show back in 1971. "It was the first time we had young people from EPA participating at that level at the County Fair. One of our kids, Wilford Brooks, did extremely well exhibiting his steer and was a real inspiration to the other 4-H'ers. Another year, we nearly took a 'Reserved Grand Champion' Ribbon; and, at the end of the Fair, our entry darn near won top bidding dollar at the subsequent auction."

