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OUR APPLICATION FILING NEAR

With the signing on of Tom Fletcher and associates from SRI (Stanford Research Institute), extensive work has begun on the Incorporation Application, slated for filing with LAFCo in Mid-December. The preliminary draft will be submitted to EPACCI at the end of October. Following our review of the document, the finalized report will be issued in early December.

It should be mentioned unfortunately that LAFCo, headed by Mr. Sherm Coffman, who made a presentation before EPACCI members in February this year, has indicated a bias towards incorporating any more cities in San Mateo County. Last month, LAFCo released a "Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Menlo Park/East Palo Alto Sphere of Influence Study." In citing the 4 possible cityhood options open to EPA, the study noted that maintaining our present status or Incorporating would have substantial negative impact, whereas Annexation to either Menlo Park or Palo Alto would be potentially beneficial.

Mr. Coffman's admitted reluctance to Incorporate more cities in this County, in light of this 'new' report, seems to signal some anticipated obstacles from LAFCo in allowing EPA to "get away" from the County. No one ever said Incorporating was going to be easy!!!

SUB-COMMITTEE'S REPORT ...

Fundraising Committee is to be congratulated for another rousing success. On August 28th at Keystone Korner in Palo Alto, the folks gathered for an evening of good food, fabulous music by Gwank Movement, and enjoyable socializing. A good time for all the participants in addition to enriching the coffers of EPACCI. Now that's how to do business.

Jim Crawford from that committee has also tentatively setup a fundraising luncheon, featuring Congressman Pete McCloskey, for October 25th. More details next issue.

Publicity urges all EPACCI members and friends to purchase their T-Shirts soon:



Cost: \$6.00

These are not only great T-Shirts, but when you buy one you buy a piece of the future--your future--THE INCORPORATION OF EPA. T-Shirts are available at the following locations: <u>East Bayshore Barber Shop</u>, 1497 East Bayshore Blvd., and <u>Crescent Cleaners</u>, 1930 University Ave., EPA. A warm thank you to these places for handling the shirts and supporting Incorporation.

Education Committee has sent out 150 letters to community residents asking their support as Block Captains. This is just the kind of communication system we need to establish-neighbors spreading the word about Incorporation to other neighbors. If you received a letter, you should be hearing from a committee member soon. If you did not receive a letter and would like to serve as a Block Captain, let the Education Committee hear from you at our next Tuesday Night Meeting.

Voter Registration registered the 1000th voter this month. Way To Go Voter Reg! This Committee, with their unceasing energy is outstanding and deserves special mention again--Dorothy Romes, Lola Clewis, Marie Vidrios, Melanie Nugent, Carmaleit Oakes, etc.--you are wonderful.

For Incorporation Application Committee activities, please see lead story.

FRONTIER VILLAGE DAY

25 East Palo Alto youths enjoyed a thrilling day at Frontier Village under the sponsorship of EPACCI. The children left on the morning of August 21st by bus to enjoy a full day of rides and excitement, including a Bar-B-Que lunch. They returned tired but happy in the early evening. Thank You Lorena Anderson and all the many EPACCI members and sponsors who contributed to make the event possible.

OOPHS ...

A slight blunder in our last issue needs to be brought to your attention for clarity's sake. We reported then that EPACCI had received two \$10,000 grants, one from Kaiser and the other from the Hewlett Foundation. Actually, the Institute for the Study of Community Economic Development, headed by Brother Omowale, was the recipient of the funding, which was designated specifically to cover the expense of writing and filing our Incorporation Application with LAFCo. As they say, however you need to get it.

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