

I am Jane Tolmach, one of those CHUMPS from Oxnard (Dr. Stone objected to at the June 27th meeting of this Bd)

In 1961 and 62 we in Oxnard supported the formation of the Ventura County Community College district because we received a firm promise of an Oxnard College and the structure of the district, giving a vote on every trustee to every voter gave us the assurance that we could count on that promise being kept.

We have attempted to work with the district for years while that promise was reaffirmed time after time. During the past 8 years we have had to fight to get that promise fulfilled while contributing our millions of dollars to the grand buildings and programs at Ventura and Moorpark Colleges.

We are hearing again of attempts to eliminate Oxnard College or keep it a trade school. Since Prop A was passed Ventura County Community College is not the district we joined. We may not have the ability to make the trustees keep the promises of the district.

We are fed up with fighting this battle every year to get our fair share of our tax dollars. It will not increase or decrease taxes in the County to build or not build Oxnard College.

With our resources, (we have the largest population of the county and the largest tax base) we could have a top notch community college in Oxnard and meet the needs of the people in Oxnard instead of simply adding to the frills of Ventura and Moorpark Colleges.

Our committee has delivered ~~to~~ a letter to Dr. James Cowan, secretary of the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization, asking for information on the steps necessary for the formation of a new college district from an existing district. ~~We have examined the legislation~~ ^{Dr. Grossday is} ~~They are pursuing that information with the State.~~ Our instant committee ~~of more than one hundred~~ (and growing rapidly) is itching to begin the signature gathering of 25% of the registered voters of ~~the~~ our proposed district.

~~We are confident that~~ A separate district appears to be our best solution. We are confident that in the final hearing that we can gain a sympathetic ear from the State Board of Governors of the Community colleges to gain an equal opportunity to the education ^{for which} ~~that~~ we are paying ~~the~~.