

STATE CONTROLLER'S OFFICE

September 12, 1961

Honorable Edmund G. Brown
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, California

Dear Governor Brown:

I am writing to apply for appointment to the Municipal Court of the Oxnard-Port Hueneme Judicial District, vacant since the death of Clarence E. Pecht.

An experience summary is attached. I have been a resident of California for over thirty years, served in the Navy in World War II, and was graduated from UCLA (Business Administration 1946, Commencement speaker) and Stanford (LLB 1949). I was admitted to the bar in 1950, did legal work in France, and practiced before the courts in Los Angeles, Oxnard, and Ventura County before coming to Sacramento with Alan Cranston as Administrative Adviser. My family and I have maintained our legal residence in Oxnard, and I have voted there in all elections since 1953.

As Oxnard City Attorney from 1953 to 1959 I worked closely with Judge Pecht and the members of his staff, first when the court was a justice court and later when the court was designated a municipal court. My work involved both prosecuting violations of City ordinances and representing the City in a great variety of civil actions before trial and appellate courts, including two cases heard by the State Supreme Court. I know the people and the problems of the District, and the continuing need for protection of civil liberties in an area of large minority population. One project which is needed in Oxnard is an effective community rehabilitation program for the transients who regularly crowd the morning session. The municipal judge, who is more aware of the steadily worsening situation than anyone in the District, is in a position to communicate the problem to community leaders and encourage more affirmative action.

I feel I have the confidence of the bar and of the majority and minority groups in the area. In my work as City Attorney I was able to encourage and assist liberal and progressive projects--expansion

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of a low rent housing and redevelopment program, a new city bus system, three new parks, a new jail and courthouse, a new recreation center, two fire stations, seven parking lots, a sewer plant and interceptor system, all of which were accomplished while maintaining a stable tax rate. I believe I would be elected to the judgeship when the term expires.

My duties in Sacramento have been to advise the Controller on matters coming before the Boards and Commissions of which he is a member and to advise on the variety of legal questions arising in the various divisions of the Controller's Office.

During the two years I have worked for the Controller I have been able to assist the District in completing a project which I originally helped sponsor--acquisition by the State of McGrath Beach Park. With the State Lands Commission and City and County officials, I helped arrange for the lease offering of submerged oil lands within and adjacent to Oxnard City Limits. In the reapportionment, I worked with leaders from Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties for a 13th Congressional District which did not include parts of downtown Hollywood and the San Fernando Valley.

I have been a liberal Democrat all my life, my grandfather was a Democratic mayor and my uncle a Democratic congressman. I have worked for Democratic candidates in every election since returning from France in 1953.

I would welcome the opportunity to serve the State and the District as a municipal judge, and I am most grateful for your consideration of this application.

Respectfully,

Joseph W. Goss
Administrative Adviser
to the State Controller

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Experience
Summary

Name: Goss, Joseph William

Business Address: Office of State Controller
State Capitol, Sacramento

Telephone: HI ckory 5-4711, Ext. 2586

Age: 35

Family: Married to Patricia Mann, 1958
Walter Woodbridge Goss, born 1960

Religion: Episcopal

Political Party: Democratic

Employment

Administrative Adviser to the State Controller, 1959 to present

Chief legal adviser in the office of the Controller.
Representing the Controller in litigation and before
legislative committees. Drafting and reviewing proposed
legislation. Assisting with the problems of the following
Divisions of the Controller's Office:

- Audits (auditing all claims before payment)
- Disbursements (advising on legality of signing
Controller's warrants)
- Accounting (accounting for all State funds)
- Inheritance and Gift Taxes
- Tax Collection and Refund
- Tax Deeded Lands
- County Budgets and Reports

Assisting the Controller in his duties as Chairman or
member of 17 State Boards and Commissions, including:

- Franchise Tax Board
- Board of Equalization
- Lands Commission
- Board of Control
- Pooled Money Investment Board

Selected in civil service examination (final score 93.45;
rank on list, 1)

<u>Beginning Salary</u>	\$12,600
<u>Present Salary</u>	14,556
<u>Scheduled Increases to 1962</u>	16,052

City Attorney, City of Oxnard

1953-1959

Legal adviser to City Council, City Manager and other City officials, boards and commissions in period of population increase from 26,000 to 40,000. Acting as City Manager during City Manager's vacations, illness and other absence. Representing City in litigation, twice before the State Supreme Court. Representing City before State, County and District governing bodies, commissions and committees in matters of taxation, water supply, waste disposal, annexation, zoning, subdivision of land and public utility rates. Preparing City ordinances, resolutions, contracts, bond issues, leases, deeds and other legal instruments, including oil development contracts and leases. Preparation with City Manager of \$2,106,985 budget in 1957. Ex-officio member of Planning Commission.

Civilian Attorney, Headquarters Staff, US Army Communications Zone, Orleans, France

1952-1953, General Purchasing Division. Legal adviser and first assistant to Col. H. L. Hart, Chief of Division. Interpretation and implementation for France of US procurement regulations. Coordinating US and French statutory requirements with special procurement executive agreements between the two countries. Staff supervision and preparation of regulations on contracting for supplies, services and equipment by US Army units throughout France. Acting as emergency procurement officer with authority to contract up to \$100,000. Clearance - top secret. Offered promotion to GS-12 at time of resignation.

1950-1952, G-4 Division. Chief, Distribution Section of Supply Branch. Assisting in establishing supply and ordinance depots, hospitals, air bases, communications, transportation and port facilities under Line of Communications Agreement with France, negotiated in 1950 to supply US troops in Germany. Staff supervision of procurement. Other legal duties as required.

Private Practice, Los Angeles, 1950

General practice of law - contracts, corporations, claims and domestic relations.

Confirmation Assistant, E. F. Hutton & Co., Los Angeles, 1945-1946

Review of stock and bond transactions for accuracy in amount, commission, tax and insurance.

Dispatcher, Aircraft Components, Van Dux, 1943

Routing and stock control of aircraft parts through processes of manufacture.

Military Experience: USNR 1943-1945; Commissioned Ensign, Supply Corps, 1945.

Admitted to Practice: California and US District Court, 1950.

Education: LLB, Stanford Law School, 1949.
Moot Court Board, 1948-1949.
BS, School of Business Administration, UCLA, 1946.
Commencement speaker, 1946.
Accounting, corporate organization and management,
marketing, personnel administration, statistics,
economics.
Naval Supply Operational Training School, Bayonne,
New Jersey, 1945.
Van Nuys High School, Van Nuys, California
Commencement speaker, 1943.
Editor-in-chief, Van Nuys Mirror, 1942-1943.