



TO: John K. Flynn, Candidate in the June 8, 1976 Primary Election
for the office of Supervisor-5th Supervisorial District

FROM: Ventura County Public Employees Local Coordinating Council
for Political Action

SUBJECT: Questionnaire

(TO BE RETURNED BY MAY 10, 1976)

The Ventura County Public Employees Local Coordinating Council for Political Action, a federation of independent public employee groups representing over 17,000 taxpaying members, is vitally interested in your personal qualifications as a candidate for public office, as well as your views with respect to issues of concern to all public employees of Ventura County.

It is our intention, based upon your reply to this questionnaire, to prepare an evaluation of your qualifications and personal views which will be submitted to all of the groups affiliated with our Council.

You are invited to complete this questionnaire and qualification statement at your earliest convenience, but no later than May 10, 1976.



QUESTIONS

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- 1) Do you support the right of public employees to strike? _____
- 2) Do you support binding arbitration as a method of resolving disputes in public sector bargaining and employer relations? _____
- 3) Do you support the repeal of S.B. 90, which limits the ability of a public agency to increase taxes? _____
- 4) Do you support seniority (or tenure) as a criteria for decisions on such matters as transfers, layoffs, promotions? _____
- 5) If faced with budgetary problems in maintaining the services provided for your constituents, would you favor: (check appropriate squares)

- A reduction of public services necessary to maintain the present tax rate?
- An increase in taxes to continue the current level of government services?
- A reduction in work force to offset excess costs?

- 6) Do you support the construction of a third Community College in Ventura County (Oxnard)? Yes
- 7) Do you support the construction of a liquified natural gas plant in the Pt. Hueneme/Oxnard area? _____
- 8) Do you support the construction of a steel plant in the county? _____
- 9) Do you support construction of or improvement of highways 118 and 33 in the county? Yes
- 10) Do you support "strip mining" in the Upper Ojai? No
- 11) Do you support operations of a commercial airport at the old Oxnard Air Force Base site? _____

12) What, in your opinion, are the three major issues in this election?

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The above responses, with indicated qualifications, represent my views on the questions posed by the Local Coordinating Council in this questionnaire.

A Candidate's Forum will be conducted on the evening of May 12, 1976. Please call 644-8291 to indicate whether you will be able to attend. We will contact you on May 11 to establish the time of your appearance.

Jane Tolmach
36th Assembly District

1. Do you support the right of public employees to strike?

Only if all possible impasse resolution mechanisms have been exhausted and if the strike does not endanger the health or safety of the public.

2. Do you support binding arbitration as a method of resolving disputes in public sector bargaining and employer relations?

In the event that an injunction were handed down by a court of competent jurisdiction declaring that a strike or lock-out were dangerous to the health or safety of the public, then a mechanism for compulsory arbitration should go into effect so that the court does not become a third party to the negotiation process. With respect to binding arbitration of grievances, I believe that the law should permit the parties to develop a provision for third party binding arbitration as the final step of the grievance procedure of any contract which is negotiated between the parties.

3. Do you support the repeal of S.B. 90, which limits the ability of a public agency to increase taxes?

It is imperative, in the light of current economic realities, to begin a broad program of tax reform. Part of this tax reform program would certainly involve a hard examination of the effects of S.B. 90. It is my opinion that S.B. 90 has failed to achieve many of the purposes it was intended to achieve and that the arbitrary restriction on government spending which it put into effect has made it very difficult for many government agencies to even keep pace with the actual rates of inflation.

4. Do you support seniority (or tenure) as a criteria for decisions on such matters as transfers, layoffs, promotions?

Seniority, as a basis for making decisions on these kinds of matters, should be within the scope of bargaining and should be decided by the affected parties at the bargaining table as part of the negotiation process rather than being dealt with as a matter of state law.

5. If faced with budgetary problems in maintaining the services provided for your constituents, would you favor (a) A reduction of public services necessary to maintain the present tax rate (b) An increase in taxes to continue the current level of government services (c) A reduction in work force to offset excess costs ?

Depending upon the nature of the budgetary problems and all other circumstances, it might be necessary to examine all three of these options and to work on striking the proper balance. It would also seem to me always appropriate to seek additional sources of funding, such as Federal funds, in order to maintain valuable programs and services.

6. Do you support the construction of a third Community College in Ventura County (Oxnard)?

Yes

7. Do you support the construction of a liquified natural gas plant in the Pt. Hueneme/Oxnard area?

As a member of the Oxnard City Council, I will be receiving all relevant information on this proposal as it becomes available, including Environmental Impact Reports. I will have to reserve judgment on the matter until I have had an opportunity to adequately study all relevant materials and until public hearings have been conducted.

8. Do you support the construction of a steel plant in the County.

My answer to this question would have to be the same as it was for question number 7 concerning the LNG plant.

9. Do you support construction of or improvement of highways 118 and 33 in the County?

Yes

10. Do you support "strip mining" in the Upper Ojai?

No

11. Do you support operations of a commercial airport at the old Oxnard Air Force Base site?

Only if noise and danger studies show that there would be no detrimental consequences to the communities involved and if the commercial operations contemplated would not place an additional burden on local taxpayers.

12. What, in your opinion, are the three major issues in this election?

FOUR YEAR COLLEGE -- One of the most critical unmet needs of Ventura County is for a four-year college. The financial burden on the families of young people who must leave the area to continue their educations beyond the community college level is intolerable. I believe that I am the Assembly candidate who has the best chance of bringing a four-year college to the people of Ventura County.

TAX REFORM -- Low and middle income people and small businessmen cannot be expected to pay a disproportionate share of the tax burden, while wealthy individuals and large corporations pay less than their full share. The tax system, as it exists today, is not only unjust and unfair, but it causes people to lose confidence in government. The Governor and the State Legislature have begun to translate the concept of tax reform into reality for the first time in many years. They will need additional members of the Legislature who have a proven record of courage and a freedom from special interests. I am totally committed to reform of the tax system and, at the same time, I will be vigilant to assure that this reform does not simply consist of shifting a larger share of tax costs to the local property taxpayer.

QUALITY OF REPRESENTATION -- The people of Ventura County are entitled to the most accessible, experienced, and effective representation of their interests, needs, and concerns in Sacramento. No elected official can begin to understand the complex issues of State Government or effectively represent the people, without having had the experience of having served the public at the local level in a variety of different situations. This background of experience in local government provides the candidate for higher office with a knowledge of the need for hard work, diligent study of the issues, and also gives the voter a record of past performance which can be judged. I intend to be an active, hard working member of the Assembly and to commit myself to maintaining a close relationship with my constituents. I also intend to seek a position of leadership in the Assembly to insure that the people of Ventura County will have a strong voice in Sacramento. My past record of performance in local government -- as a School District Trustee, a former Mayor of Oxnard, and a member of the Oxnard City Council -- and my commitment to hard work are proof that I am the candidate with the best background of experience. My professional relationships with many legislators are the best proof that I will be able to effectively and actively represent the people of Ventura County.