

STATE CONTROLLER'S OFFICE

September 14, 1961

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

Dear Pat:

Joe Goss, the attorney in our office, has applied for appointment to the vacancy on the Municipal Court of the Oxnard-Port Hueneme Judicial District. I would hate to lose Joe's help here but this seems an opportunity he should seek. He would be most capable in every respect on the bench.

I believe the appointment would be very well received in the District. Joe has maintained his residence in Oxnard for eight years, and one reason I selected him was his standing with the local bar, the two newspapers and community leaders throughout the area. I understand that he has the support for the judgeship of Rex Cunningham, the Mayor and Council of Oxnard, the Chairman of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors, the Oxnard and Port Hueneme City Attorneys, the Secretary of the Ventura County Bar Association, attorneys throughout the county and the County Democratic Central Committee among many others. The President of the County Bar Association, Harvey Longman, is writing you his personal recommendation in Joe's behalf. The appointment would be very acceptable to the judiciary and the local papers.

Apparently Joe is the only qualified Democratic candidate with general support. I understood former District Attorney Roy Gustafson has been at work trying to promote a Republican candidate. This part of Ventura County is 65% Democratic, and a liberal appointment would be more acceptable to the majority of the community.

With these factors in mind, it would seem that the sooner the appointment can be made the better. The area is growing rapidly and the court calendar is even more crowded than other districts.

Cordially,

Alan Cranston

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