

STATE CONTROLLER'S OFFICE

September 14, 1961

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

Dear Pat:

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Joe Goss, the attorney in our office, has applied for
appointment to the vacancy on the Municipal Court of the Oxnard-Fort
Brazos 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.

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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, Barney Loughran, is writing
you his personal recommendation in Joe's behalf. The appointment would
be very acceptable to the judiciary and the local papers.

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Apparently Joe is the only qualified Democratic candidate
with general support. I understand 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.

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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,

Alex Cranston