



CITY OF OXNARD

MEMORANDUM

February 17, 1971

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To: City Manager

From: Community Relations Representative

SUBJECT: Concern of Local Citizens
Re Term of Office for Mayor

On February 16, 1971, on local Spanish Radio Station KOXR, "El Pueblo Opina", representatives of a citizens' committee expressed their dissatisfaction with the one year time limit set on the incumbent Mayor, Sal Sanchez, and feel that the plan for two other members of Council to serve a six months term is ridiculous and degrading to the Mayorship and the City. They further pointed out during the radio broadcast the fact that since the incorporation of the City of Oxnard, the Mayor's term of office has been for a minimum of two years, but that the past Mayor, Mr. Soo Hoo, had served for four years.

It was stated by those present, Mr. Garland Bell and Mrs. Josie Vera, that as far as their committee was concerned, it was too coincidental that at a time when this community had a Mayor of Mexican descent, the lifelong tradition of the City Council was changed. Due to this change in Council policy, many residents have taken the change as an insult not only to Mr. Sanchez but the entire Mexican/American community. As Mr. Bell put it, "The entire City of Oxnard has been insulted".


Brought out during the program was the committee's plan to circulate a petition throughout the city and have a strong show of citizen support at the Council Chambers when they present their petition to the full Council.

As you know, "El Pueblo Opina" is a two-way talk show. A party calling in asked the committee members if Mr. Sanchez would make any public statement on the subject and if he had asked for the action that they were now taking.

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Mrs. Vera replied "that the committee had been formed by herself because she just was not satisfied with the short time as Mayor for a fellow Mexican/American, and one who is so well qualified to carry out his duties". She also informed that Mr. Sanchez had not been involved until just a few days ago.

This office has submitted this information to you as it is an item of much citizen concern.


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