

PROPOSED DRAFT
MEDICAL COMMITTEE LETTER

Dear Colleagues:

It just doesn't make sense to us to send ~~one more~~ lawyer^a to Sacramento when we can elect Jane Tolmach -- a fine public servant who has an excellent record of service in local government and who has earned the respect of Democrats, Republicans, and Independents. *(without experience in government)*

This statement is not intended to impugn the integrity or competency of lawyers as a group. The legal profession certainly performs a vital service in a Democratic society built upon laws. However, it is necessary to take a hard look at the composition of the State Legislature and ask if we have not reached the point where there now exists an over dominance by lawyers? An analysis of the latest edition of California Legislature, published by the State Legislature, reveals that over 30% of the members of the State Assembly are lawyers. In the case of the State Senate, 45% of the members are lawyers.

We submit that this is a clear case of over representation of one professional group in the making of laws which affect the professional and personal lives of all Californians. Moreover, there are many issues which come before the State Legislature which directly or indirectly affect the legal profession. It seems to us that there is a great possibility of a conflict of interest situation in these circumstances.

We are not, of course, asking you to support or not support a candidate solely on the basis of what he or she happens to do for a living. But, we do believe that the above considerations are certainly relevant to the question of the State Assembly race in Ventura County.

We urge you to help support Jane Tolmach with your dollars. You will be making a solid investment in good government.

Incidentally, political contributions are tax deductible. (up to \$100.00 on a joint return and \$50.00 on an individual return each year)

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,