

LABOR DAY PICNIC -- Camp Comfort

TEXT OF JANE TOLMACH'S REMARKS

ONE OF THE MOST BASIC PRIORITIES WHICH THE STATE LEGISLATURE MUST ADDRESS IS THE QUESTION OF TAX REFORM AND TAX RELIEF -- ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA OF PROPERTY TAXES. WE MUST STOP THE TREND OF THE STATE SHIFTING MORE AND MORE OF THE TAX BURDEN UPON LOCAL PROPERTY TAX PAYERS. WE MUST TAKE A HARD AND CAREFUL LOOK AT ASSESSMENT PRACTICES WHICH HAVE BECOME ONE OF THE CHIEF MECHANISMS FOR ALLOWING THIS TAX SHIFT TO TAKE PLACE. PROPERTY TAXES ARE BASICALLY INEQUITABLE AND UNFAIR UNDER OUR PRESENT SYSTEM OF TAXATION. AS WE RELY MORE AND MORE ON THEM TO FINANCE THE COST OF GOVERNMENT, WE COMPOUND THE BASIC UNFAIRNESS. WE NOW HAVE THE SPECTACLE OF PEOPLE LITERALLY BEING TAXED OUT OF THEIR HOMES. I SUBMIT THAT THIS IS MORALLY WRONG AND THAT THE SITUATION IS FAST BECOMING INTOLERABLE. WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO INCREASE THE TAX BILLS FOR ONE GROUP OF TAXPAYERS -- PARTICULARLY MIDDLE INCOME HOME OWNERS. IT IS UNFAIR, IT IS UNJUST, AND WE ARE REACHING THE POINT WHERE THE TAXPAYER WILL NO LONGER STAND FOR IT. WHEN I GO TO SACRAMENTO, I INTEND TO FIGHT FOR TAX REFORM ONCE AND FOR ALL. I AM GOING TO TAKE THIS MESSAGE TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND I AM NOT GOING TO REST UNTIL SOME KIND OF TAX RELIEF IS GRANTED TO THE HOMEOWNERS OF THIS STATE.

I BELIEVE THAT I HAVE DEMONSTRATED MY ABILITY TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE, ANYONE CAN LOOK AT MY RECORD-- AS A SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEE, AS A MAYOR OF OXNARD, AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN OXNARD -- AND SEE WHERE I STAND ON THE ISSUES. ANYONE CAN LOOK AT THE RECORD AND SEE THAT I AM WILLING TO ^{act} ~~SPEAK~~ OUT ON BEHALF OF MY CONSTITUENTS. I INTEND TO BE AN EFFECTIVE LEGISLATOR. I INTEND TO SEEK A POSITION OF LEADERSHIP IN THE STATE ASSEMBLY AND I INTEND TO BE A VIGOROUS ADVOCATE FOR THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF VENTURA COUNTY.