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Because of the growth ~~projections~~ for Oxnard during the coming decade, the
City Council ~~will~~ ^{free} be making critical decisions ~~in the next few years.~~

I wish to serve on the City Council because I ~~am~~ ^{want} concerned that those decisions be correct -- that I will still want to live in Oxnard ten years from now.

① We have adopted a General Plan. It is essential that ~~as~~ ^{we use} the tools of planning, ~~we~~ keep a broad perspective and our plan in mind, in the handling of day to day growth. We need informed, and courageous councilman ~~whose~~ ^{intelligent} ~~decisions are made by real estate dealers, instead~~ ^{wise to local} ~~lobby special interests~~ to achieve and maintain a balanced city. A balanced city is one with accepted percentages of industrial, commercial and residential zoning, compatibly located.

To protect this balance we will ~~need~~ ^{also} to be aggressive in seeking good clean industries. We are fortunate that we are a rare coastal city and, even more, that we have an ideal climate. We can attract the best. We should guard against bad industries, ones that cause air, water or noise pollution. These industries instead of benefiting the community would drive people and good industries from the ~~city~~ ^{also} making it unpleasant for those who have to remain. This would be entirely harmful to retail business, a vital source of support for any city.

② In reference to "compatibly located" we need to remember the purpose of zoning. As one jurist described zoning, "It is to keep the pig out of the parlor." Keeping trucking off established residential streets is an example of just that.

~~I will not engage in personal battles with the councilmen to influence their decisions on the council. It is important that the councilmen not allow petty personal battles to divert their attention from the important issues of a growing city. The council should address itself to the items in the past budget messages -- such as "Providing leadership to be certain that the location for development of the future commercial airport is not the OXNARD AIRFORCE BASE or the local Ventura~~