

Thank you Dr. Kato  
 Fellow Councilmen, Supervisors, Justice, Supervisors, etc.  
 MAYOR'S ADDRESS  
 "COMMISSION RECOGNITION NIGHT 1973"  
 OXNARD COMMUNITY CENTER  
 MAY 23, 1973  
 Commissioner, guests

ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND CITY STAFF, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EACH OF YOU FOR JOINING US HERE THIS EVENING. THE ANNUAL "COMMISSION RECOGNITION NIGHT" PROGRAM IS A VERY SPECIAL OCCASION FOR US SINCE IT PROVIDES AN APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION TO THE MANY INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE OXNARD COMMUNITY THROUGH THEIR SERVICE ON ONE OF THE CITY'S APPOINTED GROUPS.

AS YOU KNOW, MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE IMPORTANT, AND OFTEN DIFFICULT, TASKS OF IDENTIFYING THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE NEEDS OF LOCAL RESIDENTS, AND DEVELOPING PROGRAMS AND SETTING PRIORITIES WHICH RESPOND TO THESE NEEDS. EACH OF YOU BEING HONORED HERE TONIGHT HAS BEEN OF INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE TO THE CITY COUNCIL'S EFFORT TO MEET THIS RESPONSIBILITY. THROUGH YOUR SERVICE ON A BOARD, COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION, ~~YOU HAVE NOT ONLY LIGHTENED THE BURDEN OF WORK UPON THE CITY COUNCIL BUT, MORE~~ IMPORTANTLY, HAVE HELPED INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY AND RESPONSIVENESS OF OXNARD'S CITY GOVERNMENT. YOU HAVE MADE THESE CONTRIBUTIONS BY PROVIDING TECHNICAL EVALUATION AND SOUND ADVICE TO THE CITY COUNCIL, BY INJECTING FRESH AND <sup>creative</sup> INNOVATIVE IDEAS INTO THE CITY'S DELIBERATIONS OF PENDING ISSUES, AND BY BROADENING CITY GOVERNMENT'S PERSPECTIVE SO AS TO INCLUDE AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF THE DIVERSITY OF INTERESTS WHICH EXIST WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY.

AS WE REFLECT UPON THE MONTHS WHICH HAVE PASSED SINCE THE LAST "COMMISSION RECOGNITION NIGHT" PROGRAM, I THINK ALL OF US HERE

CAN TAKE SOME PRIDE IN THE PROGRESS WHICH OXNARD HAS MADE IN SEVERAL IMPORTANT AREAS. OF COURSE, THERE IS MUCH WORK YET TO BE DONE IF WE ARE TO ACHIEVE THE FULL POTENTIAL OF OUR COMMUNITY. MEMBERS OF THE OXNARD CITY GOVERNMENT TEAM MUST CONTINUE TO PROVIDE STRONG COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP IN THE PURSUIT OF THAT POTENTIAL. WE CAN DO THIS BY ENCOURAGING A RESPECT FOR THE AREA'S UNIQUE NATURAL RESOURCES, BY SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE AND MAINTAIN A HEALTHY, PLEASANT AND ATTRACTIVE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL RESIDENTS, BY ASSISTING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. WE MUST ALSO HELP PROVIDE FOR THE GROWING CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL NEEDS OF ALL AGE GROUPS. AND, WHILE RESPECTING THE COMMUNITY'S RICH DIVERSITY OF ETHNIC AND CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS, WE MUST SEEK TO IDENTIFY OUR COMMON BONDS AND ESTABLISH A GREATER SENSE OF UNITY. ALTHOUGH EACH OF THESE CHALLENGES IS FORMIDABLE, MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL BELIEVE THEY ARE ACHIEVABLE. <sup>these goals can be achieved</sup> THESE ARE ~~ACHIEVABLE~~ BECAUSE OF PEOPLE LIKE YOU WHO ARE WILLING TO MAKE GREAT PERSONAL SACRIFICES IN WORKING FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY. ~~FOR THIS SACRIFICE~~, MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY STAFF AND OXNARD COMMUNITY ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO EACH OF YOU. THANK YOU.

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