

Thank you Mayor Pro Tem Sanchez. It is an honor to accept the office of Mayor. The city of Oxnard has been fortunate in having a succession of outstanding individuals serve as Mayor during its 70 year history. I have enjoyed serving on the council with 4 fine mayors, each hard working, dedicated to serve Oxnard, each with a different style, each broadening the representation of the Mayor's office. Oxnard has a great mixture of people. It can well be served with a variety of Mayors -- maybe even with a woman.

During the coming year I look forward to the Council reassuming the hard work of the past year, carefully examining each issue, feeling free to exchange ideas, agreeing, disagreeing, a healthy interchange of opposing views in ~~its~~ our pursuit of the best solutions. Our decisions will not always be unanimous. We are independent Councilmen, not rubber stamps.

We are here as Councilman for the purpose of protecting ~~the~~ and serving the people of Oxnard. The people of Oxnard are diverse --- homeowners, renters, businessmen, professionals, industrialists, workers on all levels, the ~~rich~~ poor and the rich. We must bring these people and their interests together for the good of the entire community. Only a united and cooperative Council can ~~and~~ lead the way.

Councilman Jewell has given unsparingly of his time and concern to serving as Mayor of Oxnard this past year. He has been one of our most popular Mayors. I ~~was not in favor of his term now~~ opposed his term ending now and I am sorry he resigned. However, nothing detracts from his excellent year as Mayor.

And now, on behalf of the~~l~~ city Council, I would like to present a gavel to Councilman Jewell commemorating his year of outstanding service as Mayor of the city of Oxnard. Councilman Jewell.....