

# Here Are Some Questions, TUT; Voters Would Like the Answers

As the time narrows between now and the Torrance City Council election on April 8, a number of questions arise. It is about time the voters of this community had the answers to some of these questions before they go to the polls to elect three men to the council.

The following questions are directed at Frank S. Selover, president of the TUTs—a corporation, formed under the laws of California, with the express purpose (Article 8) of electing men to public office. The by-laws of this corporation so state.

**Q.** Will you, Mr. Selover, take the stand and under oath deny that there exists a plan whereby if the trio of TUT candidates are elected you will be made city manager to replace George Stevens at the termination of his contract—if not before?

**Q.** Is it not true, that part of this plan is to appoint A. B. Gianni, one of the backers of the TUTs, chairman of the planning commission?

**Q.** Is it not true that you are the "ghost editor" of the Torrance Press, which is being used to push the three TUT men into office on April 8, and that you receive \$50 per month as a retainer from that newspaper?

**Q.** Can you deny that you are supporting Councilman Nick Drale, who claims to be against gambling yet who was the only councilman to ignore the pleas of the Council of Churches and the P.T.A. and voted to allow pinball machines and punchboards to be played in Torrance?

**Q.** Can you deny you have on several occasions presented one of the three TUT candidates, Al Isen, as a lawyer and a small businessman but never as the owner of two liquor stores?

**Q.** Why not?

**Q.** Tell us, what it is you are afraid will come to light if you allow reporters to ask questions at your meetings, a gag rule that you have enforced on two occasions at TUT meetings held in the Hollywood Riviera Beach Club recently.

**Q.** You have charged that the present city council is dominated by a ruling four. It is true, is it not, that you propose to substitute a "ruling three" by electing the three TUT candidates to the council?

And now here are some questions for Councilman Drale.

**Q.** Mr. Drale. You were the only member of the present council to vote to allow marble machines and punchboards to be licensed in the city of Torrance, yet on your campaign literature you indicate you are a "staunch and avowed opponent of gambling in Torrance." Can you explain this double talk?

**Q.** What prompted you to override seven members of the planning commission who recommended disapproval of a contractor's tentative tract map?

**Q.** Did you admit at a meeting recently in North Torrance that you were considering the contractor and not the people of your own area, North Torrance, when you voted to allow a contractor to forego the expense of installing sidewalks, curbs, and gutters or to pave one-half of 174th street?

**Q.** Did you not, in open council meeting, vote to grant a permit for a goat farm, again in your own area of North Torrance, on the theory that nanny goats do not smell—only billy goats smell, and therefore there should be no objection to a goat ranch of 100 head in North Torrance?

**Q.** Did you vote to allow a contractor to omit sidewalks in a proposed new home development in Hollywood Riviera in spite of a city law which states contractors must install sidewalks in all new home developments? Why did you vote thusly?

**Q.** What form of budgeting do you propose to follow to make good on your campaign promises to increase police and fire protection to provide a "well-round" park and recreation program, and to annex Alondra Park and El Camino College, and still lower taxes—also a campaign promise?

**Q.** Have you picked a site for the new city dump which is away from habitation? If so where?

**Q.** You state it is necessary to annex Alondra Park and El Camino College to be able to annex a "vast and rich industrial area to the North of the park and college." Do you mean the .2 of a square mile of industrial development adjacent to the City of Hawthorne and which is approximately five miles north of Central Torrance?

**Q.** Do you intend to lead the residents of this city to believe that the slight additional revenue the city would obtain by annexing the aforementioned industrial section would override the cost of policing three square miles of low value residential area which has few sidewalks, curbs, gutters or other improvements?

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