## EDITORIALS

## Keep Schools Free

A number of amendments to the city's charter have been proposed recently and a public nearing on such proposals has been scheduled here for Jan. 10. Among the changes to be considered formally at that time is an amendsame ballot.

The HERALD can not believe that such a change would be in the best interest of economics, efficiency, or-
most important of all-the welfare of the city's educational program.
ral obvious disadvantages of such elections dic. tate this conclusion

It would expose the school elections to the petty
poititics which have marked Councilmanic campaigns, andidates off the ballot whan able and qualified themselves to such a political scramble.

Costs of city elections now will exceed $\$ 20,000$, no shool election yet has cost more than $\$ 1000$. Yet onsolidated election, probably far heyond its mal expenditures. This money could better be used for educational purposes.
3. Tickets on both Council and School Board ballots could put one group in a position of power on dome propan ts of the to
Some proponents of the move to consolidate the elecachool elections, giving this as one of the reasons for the voters of Torrance were in any measure dissatisfied with the condu
large numbers.
ach registered otice of the time and place of all board elections, rent-fre publicity has always preceded any such election, foard members is not represengestions that the selection

Because of these and other apparent disadvantag his newspaper recommends that the proposal be dropped The voters overwhelmingly endorsed split elections seven years ago, and the situation has not changed since that time.


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Building, Babies Increased
Population by 15,000 in ' 55

