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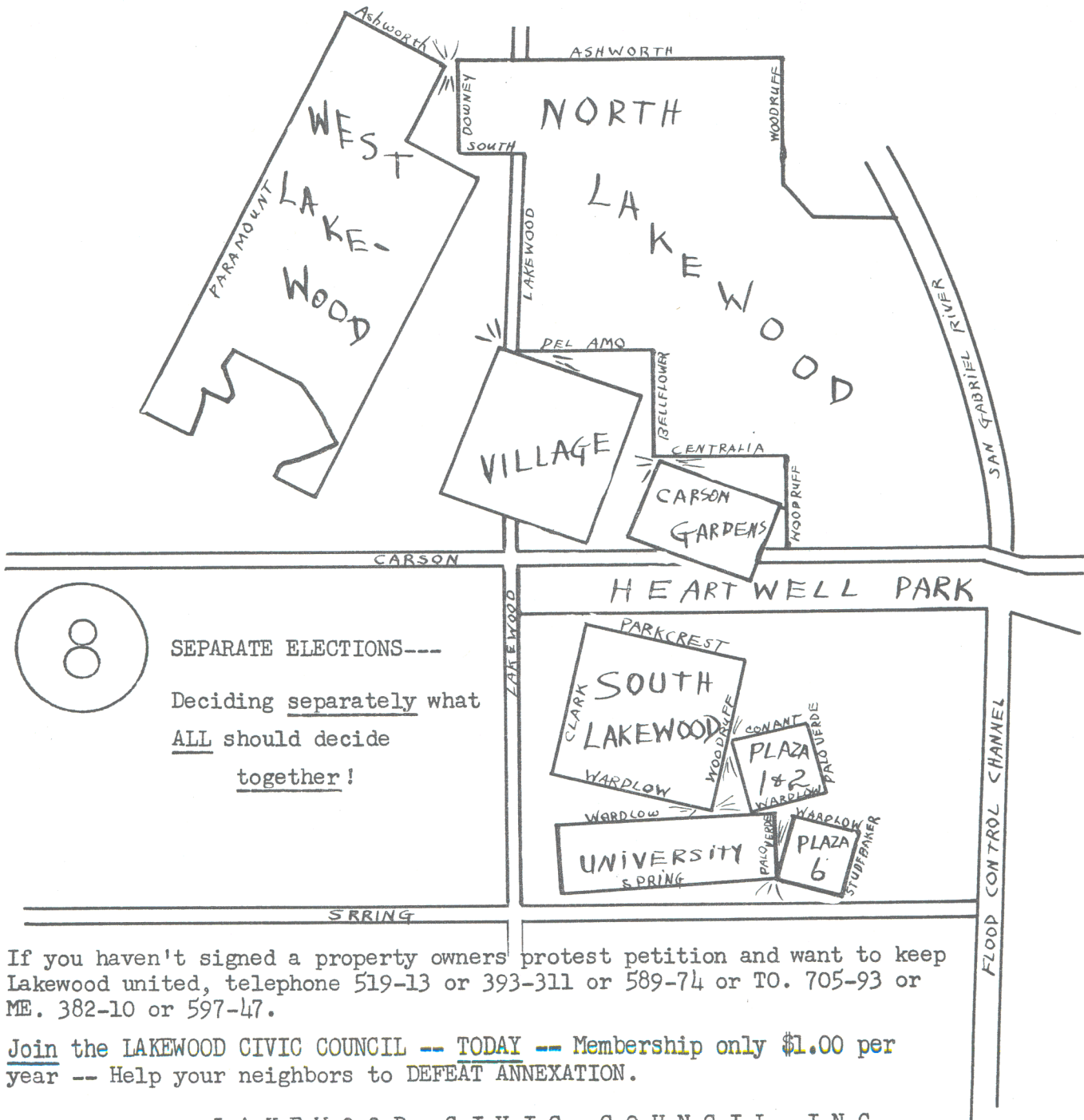
Long Beach is using an ancient technique-- "Divide and Conquer"-- in the drive to annex Lakewood.

Pro-Long Beach forces have rigged a series of separate annexation elections in various Lakewood districts. Their aim: To divide and confuse us, then to move in and knock off one district after another.

If they really had our best interests at heart they would have put the issue before all the people of Lakewood at one time with one election.

Give us one year by defeating annexation now! Let's unite Lakewood and solve the issue all together at one time at one election-- not 8 separate elections.

DON'T LET THEM PUT US BEHIND THE (8) BALL!



If you haven't signed a property owners protest petition and want to keep Lakewood united, telephone 519-13 or 393-311 or 589-74 or TO. 705-93 or ME. 382-10 or 597-47.

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# Says Annexation Will Add Burdens

PRESS-TELEGRAM:  
Our city officials persistently urge Lakewood to annex to Long Beach, although they know that annexation will add gigantic burdens upon this city.

Our city budget this year was met only by increasing gas and tax rates a lot. Our vexing problem of trash, rubbish and garbage disposal is unsolved and now has reached a precarious situation, and our storm drain controlling officials would magnify this situation by assuming the obligation of supplying these necessities and many more to an additional 105,000 population, rapidly increasing, without giving our citizens a voice in the matter, which could be accomplished by simply refusing to accept the annexation petitions.

There also are many, and some better, reasons why Lakewood should not desire to annex. It is significant that if absorbed by Long Beach, Lakewood will lose its identity and independence, which should be first consideration of a community of so large population, and growing rapidly.

Citizens of Long Beach have, during my 26 years residence here, resented every move by Los Angeles that even remotely suggested that that city would like to swallow up Long Beach. We cherish our independence, even as our forebears did when they broke away from England, despite the appalling cost it entailed. Lakewood should ponder these facts well.

Neither is the lure of financial gain at all assured. Just as puzzling too is the determined effort to proceed with building the annex to the auditorium, despite the subsidence situation, already costing millions for protection as far east as the proposed parking lot at Alamitos Ave. Why not heed such warnings?

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