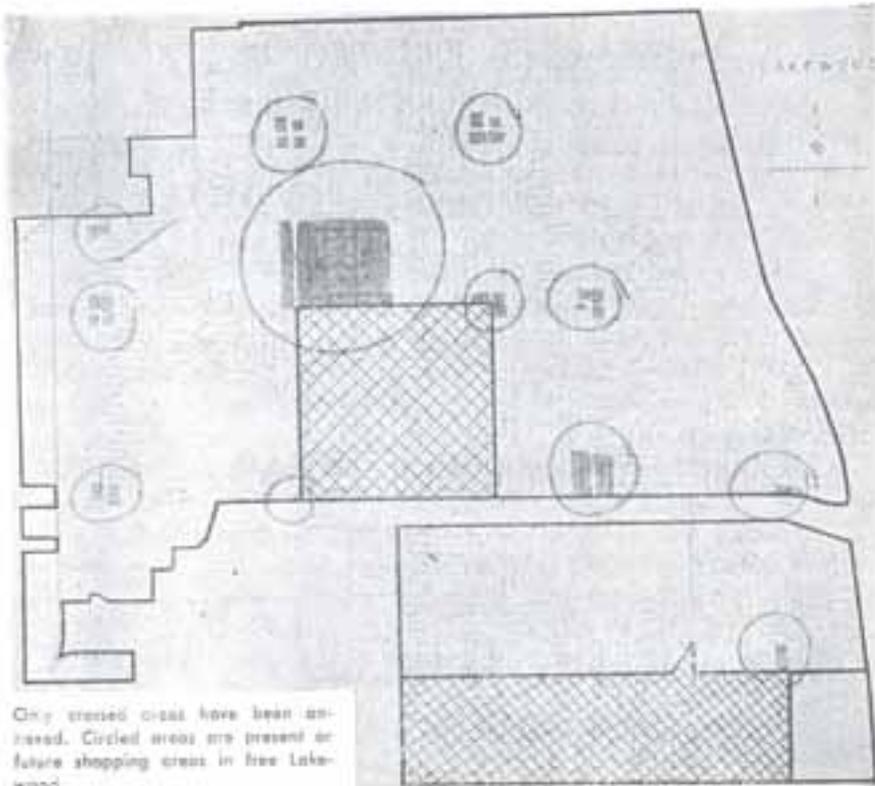


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The Biggest and Best Part of Lakewood is Still FREE!



LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY!

Vote "NO"

**ON ANNEXATION
AT THURSDAY'S ELECTION**

Despite Annexation . . .



80,000 PEOPLE ARE STILL FREE AND INDEPENDENT

Annexation battles have been noisy. But despite all the elections thus far, the biggest and best part of Lakewood is still free to decide its own future!

A look at the map on the cover shows that we still hold by far the greater part of our original territory.

Here's the thrilling fact: over 80,000 people still remain in free Lakewood . . . and within still unannexed territory lies vacant property that will soon hold an estimated 15,000

We have the nucleus of a community larger than Glendale, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, Burbank, Whittier or Inglewood.

If Lakewood were a city today, it would be one of the largest in Los Angeles County.

That is our answer to the gloomy pro-annexationists who try to tell us that "we might as well annex."

We have just begun to fight!

WHAT ABOUT THURSDAY'S VOTE?

The election of August 27 is the LAST. No more are scheduled.

Once we have defeated annexation here, we can then join with the other unannexed areas to form our own city government—forever free from the threat of annexation!

BUT WE MUST VOTE—AND VOTE NO— ON THURSDAY.

Long Beach is staging this election in violation of the California government code, in violation of Judge Swain's ruling, and in opposition to the majority protest of over 60% of West Lakewood homeowners.

WE MUST WIN. The annexation strategy is to stage the contested election in the hope of winning it for propaganda purposes.

WHAT ABOUT OUR FUTURE ?

Many Lakewoodites are asking: "Where do we go from here? Once we defeat annexation, what is the next step?"

Sentiment is building up rapidly in favor of forming **OUR OWN CITY** of Lakewood. This is far different from the defeatist feeling that put over annexation in the older areas. The solid community spirit of the **NEWER** neighborhoods is enthusiastic for self-government.

We have everything we need to put over this great project.

We have youth and enthusiasm. We have intelligence and spirit.

We have a high assessed valuation, and a very high average income.

We have splendid shopping areas—and 10 more of them on the planning boards.

We have all our improvements—streets, lighting, sewers, water and gas. We need no bond issues for such things.

We are part of a unified school district. We are already paying on a bond issue that will provide us with the schools we need.

We have a splendid program of parks and parkways that is just now getting under way.

We have one of the finest communities for children and young people in the United States. We are the talk of the nation.

There is **NOTHING** quite like Lakewood anywhere.



HOW WOULD OUR OWN CITY WORK ?

Here are some of the things we **WOULDN'T** need if we incorporated as the City of Lakewood.

We **WOULDN'T** need a city hall. As a 6th Class City we would contract with the County for services—at the same cost they are today, or even less.

We **WOULDN'T** need politicians. We could hire an ex-

perienced City Manager to administer our affairs, as so many other cities do with great success.

We WOULDN'T need our own fire and police departments. We would continue to contract with the county for these.

We WOULDN'T need a sales tax. Our present high income would enable us to bear our burdens easily. Two experts—Dr. Neff and Mr. Stevenson—have said that incorporation is economically feasible for Lakewood.

We WOULDN'T have to raise taxes. In fact, after a few years we might even be able to lower them.



WHAT WOULD BE THE ADVANTAGES ?

We WOULD have better services than the annexed areas.

We WOULD maintain and increase the value of our homes.

We WOULD protect ourselves from unpleasant heavy industry to the west. The City of Long Beach wants to rezone our west strip for factories, warehouses and freight yards. Incorporated, we would control this property.

We WOULD tailor our services to meet our own needs.

We WOULD retain our freedom to plan our own parks, schools and zoning.

We WOULD be free to govern ourselves, free to make our own laws and chart our own future.

We WOULD have direct control over the spending of our own taxes.

We WOULD have our own INDEPENDENT community, something we would be proud to call our own home town.

**Let's prove that we are mature and intelligent
enough to govern ourselves!
OTHER CITIES HAVE DONE IT—WE CAN, TOO!**

West Lakewood Civic Association