

Carson Group Celebrates at Victory Dinner

Carson Gardens will remain in Lakewood rather than become a part of the City of Long Beach, it was claimed today with announcement that a majority of homeowners there have acted to overrule the 31 residents who sought to annex the area to Long Beach.

Bob Bergman of 6036 Warwood Rd., chairman of the Carson Gardens Civic Association, said that more than 60 per cent of the 2000 property owners in the area have signed petitions to overrule the Long Beach annexation drive.

The area is bounded by Carson and Centralia Sts. between Bellflower Blvd. and Palo Verde Ave.

Authorization was given recently by Long Beach City Council for circulation of petitions favoring annexation. The pro-annexation petitions, which were started this week, require signatures of only 25 per cent of the registered voters in the area. The anti-annexation petitions require 51 per cent of the homeowners.

Few Favor Annexation

The anti-annexation petitions will be submitted to the city when protests are called for, Bergman said. Once annexation is defeated in any area, the city cannot try again to annex that area for a period of one year.

The Carson Gardens Civic Association announced its petition success at a victory buffet dinner at the Lakewood County Club last night.

In the house-to-house canvass of homes in the area, less than 200 residents were found to be in favor of annexation, it was announced.

Urge More Signatures

"The consensus in Carson Gardens was that only by Lakewood remaining united can Lakewood solve its own problems," said Bergman. "We hope this will emphasize to the people of Lakewood as a whole that a decision on this issue is not necessary now. Too many people do not have all the facts to make a permanent decision at this time."

Property owners in the Carson Gardens district who wish to sign anti-annexation petitions are urged by the Carson Gardens Civic Association to contact Mrs. Gifford at 5-9747.



CELEBRATE VICTORY — Leaders of Carson Gardens Civic Association, which circulated petitions to defeat annexation of 1300-home area, check final tallies before departing for victory dinner celebration at Lakewood Country Club. In front,

left to right, are Bill Richardson, Mrs. Francis Waslager, Mrs. Irene Gifford, and L. E. Knisley. In back are Douglass Gifford, Mrs. Esther Bergman and Bob Bergman, chairman of the organization.

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