

## WHY WE CANNOT POSSIBLY "STAY AS WE ARE"

### Lakewood Must Either Incorporate-- Or Face Immediate Annexation to Long Beach

LET US MAKE NO MISTAKE: the issue in Lakewood today is nothing less than incorporation vs. annexation to Long Beach.

Annexation means higher taxes...slim representation...the submergence of Lakewood into the politics and problems of an old city.

Anti-Lakewood elements are staging a lavish anti-incorporation campaign. Their theme: "Stay As We Are." THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE-- and they know it.

We can't stay as we are! Long Beach won't allow us to!

A glance at the article reprinted below from a Long Beach newspaper exposes completely the sly "stay as we are" propaganda.

It shows that Lakewood is Number one on the annexation time table. It shows that annexation is still the main issue.

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## Annexation Theme Stirs Talk at City Hall; 18 Issues Listed

By GEORGE WEERS

That controversial word annexation, is being heard often around the city hall again. No less than 18 annexations are currently in the works or in litigation, 10 of them involving inhabited Lakewood areas. Most of the proceedings are in the early stages. An exception is the case of the area bounded by Dr. Starbuck St. and Shumaker Ave. Population, 4227. Circulation of petitions has been authorized but is being delayed pending outcome of the incorporation election. This area is within the proposed city of Lakewood. Annexation 125--220-acre Central Lakewood area bounded by Bellflower Blvd., Gower St., Dolan Ave. and Central St. Population, 2856. Circulation of petitions is delayed by the incorporation election. Annexation 126--17-acre area bounded by...

Unless we VOTE YES ON INCORPORATION ON MARCH 9, annexation proceedings will soon break out again in Lakewood. In districts where we once voted it down, it can come up again this year!

When you receive a piece of this "stay as we are" literature, examine closely the names which are signed to it. You will find that every one of them is a proponent of annexation to Long Beach.

Where are they getting the money? Certainly not in Lakewood.

Long Beach needs and wants Lakewood. Why? Because Lakewood is a rich plum. Lakewood's share of state gasoline, auto, and liquor license taxes would be \$600,000 a year if we incorporate. And that's only the beginning!

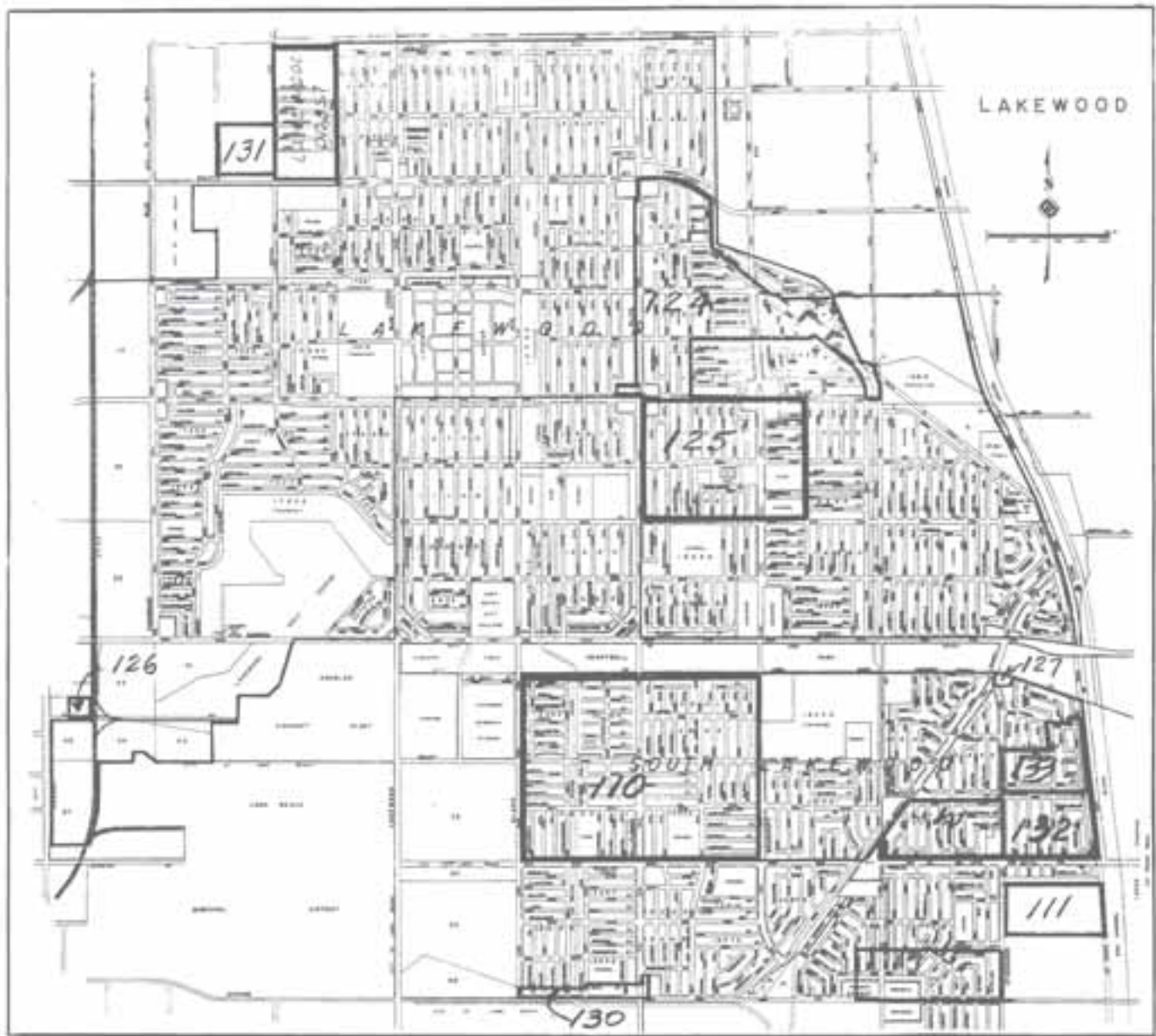
If Long Beach annexed us, Long Beach would use that money in Long Beach. We'd have nothing to say about it.

To preserve our civic identity....to obtain local representation....to control our own tax dollars....to decide our own civic matters in our own way....to have the pride of our own "home town"....with LOWER TAXES,

VOTE YES ON INCORPORATION MARCH 9: Defeat Annexation

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HERE IS LONG BEACH'S PIECE-MEAL ANNEXATION PLAN...OTHER INCREMENTS WILL FOLLOW!  
Our Only Sure Defense Against Annexation---VOTE YES ON INCORPORATION MARCH 9!



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