

# VOTE FOR



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2806 Newlands, Belmont

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## TUESDAY, APRIL 8th

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# DO YOU WANT YOUR BELMONT BLANKETED WITH SOOT and SMOG?

- DO YOU WANT TO LIVE IN AN "EMERYVILLE" OR "SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO"?

OR

- DO YOU WANT CLEAN AIR, HEALTHY CHILDREN, GROWING PLANTS - A RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY IN WHICH YOU CAN ENJOY LIFE?

There is a group running for Belmont City Council who have declared in favor of a plan which can give you industrial smoke, chemical smells, more heavy trucking – A SMOG-BLIGHTED AREA – NOT FIT FOR OUR CHILDREN!

Here's a published statement by their leader!

**The Redwood City Tribune of February 26, 1952 . . .**

*"I'm personally interested," continued Cook, "in an industrial city for Belmont similar to Emeryville where the property taxes are kept low due to the large amount of industry."*

**Here are three young men dedicated to a Belmont fit to live in.**

**A group of men who believe our city should carefully CONTROL its future and not sell out to any group with special interests which would prove detrimental to the families of Belmont.**

**WALLACE BENSON says,**

"My objectives are to provide for street improvements, closer cooperation between City Government and the School, Water and Fire Boards, and city planning that will increase the value of our homes."

**WALTER FOSTER says,**

"The residential charm of Belmont has been long established. Immediate and long range planning should be carried out without regard to the interests of a few. We must increase the advantages of our community by logical development."

**RUSS ROSELLINI says,**

"I am vitally concerned with improving our down-town parking and shopping areas, providing adequate and well-planned recreational facilities for both the children and adults, and the development of constructive plans that will assist the families living on unimproved streets to obtain surfaced roads."

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WITHDRAWS ITS SUPPORT OF WALLACE BENSON FOR

BELMONT CITY COUNCIL

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Dear Neighbor:

Members of the Better Belmont League have, in a written statement mailed to Wallace Benson, accused him of being responsible for the full page advertisement appearing in the April 3rd issue of the San Carlos Enquirer, and they have called to his attention that the information appearing under the caption, "Wallace Benson Repudiates Support of Better Belmont League" is false.

Mr. Wallace Benson met with the executive committee of the Better Belmont League on two different occasions and asked for the organization's support.

On Sunday, March 10, 1952, Mr. Benson attended a meeting with the executive committee, held at the home of Ken A. McMillan. Further, present at that meeting were two other candidates for the Belmont Council -- Mr. Walter Foster and Mr. Ildo "Russ" Rosellini. The material used in the printed piece of literature entitled, "Do You Want Belmont Blanketed With SOOT AND SMOG" and mailed to the residents of Belmont, was prepared at that meeting. Wallace Benson was not only present, but contributed to the preparation of the material.

For reasons unknown to the League members, Benson has now seen fit to repudiate his position notwithstanding the fact that there were ten other citizens present at this particular meeting.

Wallace Benson also attended neighborhood meetings held at the Virginia Phipps residence at 2309 Newlands, and at the Virginia Pike residence, 2040 Irwin Street. Mrs. Phipps and Mrs. Pike are active members of the Better Belmont League and arranged these meetings to assist the candidates the League is supporting.

Members of the League wish to call to your attention that, in view of the facts that a serious question has arisen in regard to Wallace Benson's integrity and honesty. As such, we seriously question the advisability of electing Wallace Benson to the Belmont City Council, and, therefore, have withdrawn our support. We strongly urge that you give careful consideration to the following suggestions.

We have prevailed upon our present Mayor, Lester R. Reetz, to allow volunteer women workers to suggest to their neighbors that his name be written in on the ballot as the people's choice to fill one vacancy on the City Council.

The members of the Better Belmont League and volunteer workers, consisting of residents living in all areas of the town, wish to emphasize the extreme importance of your voting at the Council Election on Tuesday, April 8, 1952.

They recommend that you vote for Walter Foster, a resident of the Home-view area, Ildo "Russ" Rosellini, a resident of the Cipriani area, both of whose names will appear on the ballot. Further, they ask that you bring a pencil with you and that you write in the name of LESTER REETZ, who is our present Mayor, and who has served our City in an exceptionally able manner.

Sincerely yours,

P.S. Any assistance that you can provide by urging your neighbors to vote on Tuesday, April 8, 1952, will benefit you as a citizen living in Belmont. They may need transportation to the polls, baby sitters, etc., and your cooperation is important.

# MAYOR LESTER REETZ DRAFTED FOR COUNCIL RACE!

1952

Some weeks ago the Better Belmont League, which is merely a group of your friends and neighbors, residents of all parts of Belmont, who are interested in good government, interviewed the candidates for the Belmont City Council.

After careful consideration the League endorsed Wallace Benson, Walter D. Foster and Ildo L. Rosellini. All three accepted the endorsement, attended meetings with members of the League and co-operated in the preparation of literature.

On Thursday, April 3, without consulting or advising the people who have been working for his election, Wallace Benson publicly repudiated the endorsement of the League and denied his acceptance of their support. The members of the League are forced to admit that they were mistaken and misled with regard to his sincerity, and submit to the people that a man who employs such tactics is not qualified to serve on our City Council.

A meeting of more than 50 residents of Belmont, including members of the Cipriani Association, the Homeowners Association, the Homeview Association, the Ralston Avenue Improvement Association and the Belmont League, visited with Mayor Lester Reetz on Thursday, April 3.

Fortunately, MAYOR LESTER REETZ, who has accepted

ber of the City Council for four years and Mayor of the city for two years, has been persuaded to accept re-election if the people so determine.

The qualifications, experience, ability and integrity of Mayor Reetz are beyond question, and there is still time to re-elect him to office by write-in votes. The League urges every voter sincerely interested in good government to write in Mayor Lester Reetz for City Councilman and suggests that your vote be cast as follows:

**For Your Sake - Vote on April 8**

**For Belmont's Sake - Your Neighbors Urge You Elect**

**Walter D. Foster - Ildo (Russ) Rosellini - Mayor Lester Reetz**

WRITE  
WITH  
PENCIL



WALTER D. FOSTER	X
ILDO L. ROSELLINI	X
<i>Lester Reetz</i>	X

# Belmont League to Support Three Council Candidates

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Battle lines in the fight over industry vs. homes in Belmont were drawn today with the announcement that the Better Belmont League, recently formed civic group, will support a slate of three candidates for the Belmont Council.

They are Wallace Benson, Walter Foster and Ildo "Russ" Rosellini. Six candidates are in the race for three seats to be filed at the April 8 election.

"These three men are unified in their attitude toward keeping Belmont the kind of residential city we all searched for as our home," said Kenneth McMillan, president of the league. "They have pledged themselves to work in the council for the solution to our city street problems, sensible long-range recreation plans and orderly growth as a town in which we can raise healthy children."

Benson, a special insurance agent, has lived in Belmont for five years and on the Peninsula for more than 30 years. He was in unsuccessful candidate in the 1950 election. Foster is an engineering draftsman for a San Francisco firm who has made Belmont his home for four years.

**L. S. M. F. T.**

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He is past-president of the Homeview association.

Rosellini is a practicing attorney in San Mateo and has lived in Belmont for three years.

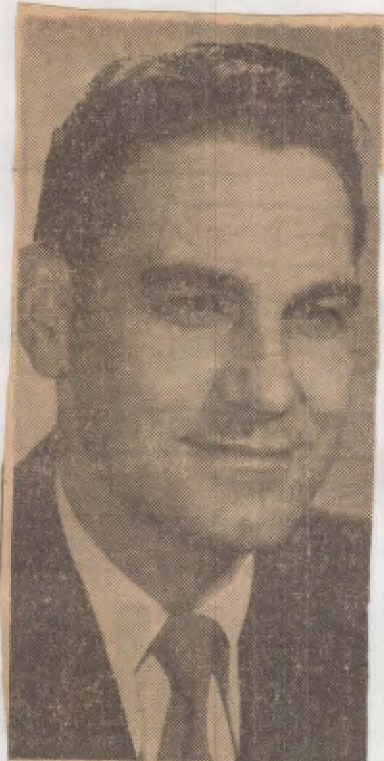
Teas for the candidates have been scheduled for March 23 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Pike, 1020 Irwin street; and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Phipps, 2709 Newlands avenue.

## SF Speeder Nabbed After 90MPH Chase Up El Camino Real

Robert E. Miller, 29, of 1231 Larkin street, San Francisco, appears in Belmont police court tonight to answer charges of reckless driving resulting from a 90-mile per hour "speed-spree" up El Camino Real early Sunday morning.

Officer George DiPaola reported that he was parked at El Camino and Waltermire streets at 4:50 a. m. when he saw the car driven by Miller proceeding up the highway at an excessive rate of speed.

He gave chase and "noticed his speedometer wavering at around 100 miles per hour with no apparent gain on the vehicle" so he radioed San Mateo police for an assist. San Mateo officer Clarence Silva intercepted Mill-



Ildo L. Rosellini, above, is the fourth candidate to enter the Belmont city council race. Rosellini is a claims adjuster. He lives with his wife, Patricia, and son, Ron Timothy, at 2806 Newlands avenue, Belmont, and passed his bar examination in October, 1951. He is present secretary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie No. 440, San Mateo.



2/7/52

# BELMONT NEWS

BELMONT, CA

## Citizens Form League To Work For City Problems' Solution

Formation of the Better Belmont league, whose purpose is to investigate and attempt to solve problems confronting the city, was announced yesterday by Kenneth McMillan, chairman. The group was organized Monday at the home of Mr. William Pike. The first action was to vote letters to be sent to all Belmont residents urging them to vote in the April 8 election.

"There are three replacements to be elected to the Belmont city council in April," McMillan stated. "It is the aim of this league to have city-wide representation on that council and every vote is of the utmost importance if residents are truly interested in the welfare of their community."

"Countless improvements are urgent in the matter of roads, sewage developments, schools and recreational facilities. Problems such as ours have been solved by other communities."

"The league doesn't expect miracles, but it does hope to aid in putting into public office men who thoroughly understand our problems and who will pledge themselves to do something about them," he concluded.

The league represents all sections of Belmont. Other officers are Vaughn Eranosian, vice-chairman; Virginia Pike, secretary; Robert Hunter, treasurer; William Pike and Don Howard, finance committee; Dorothea Kelly, programs; Virginia Phipps, telephone chairman; E. J. Hodges, Robert Winningham and Jeanne Miles, publicity.

One of the first objectives of the group will be the compilation of a city directory. Work already has started and every home is to be contacted within a few weeks. The league hopes for the co-operation of all Belmont residents in obtaining necessary information.

McMillan said the league plans to hold a forum in the near future open to all residents, to acquaint the public with the aim and policies of the organization. All candidates for public office will be invited to speak at the meetings.

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## 'Better Belmont League' Formation Is Announced

Formation of the "Better Belmont League" was announced today in the City of Belmont by Chmn. Kenneth McMillan.

The group, whose announced purpose is to "devote time and effort to study, investigate and attempt solution of the problems confronting all sectors of the community," recently held its first meeting, electing McMillan chairman, and Vaughn Eranosian, vice chairman.

Other officers include Secy. Mrs. Virginia Pike, Treas. Robert Hunter, Financial Committee-men William Pike and Don Howard, Program. Chmn... Dorothea Kelly, Telephone Chmn. Virginia Phipps, and Publicity Committee-men E. J. Hodges, Robert Winningham and Jeanne Miles.

First action taken by the organization was the mailing of letters to all Belmont homes urging residents to make certain they are registered properly for the April 8 municipal election.

Compilation of a city directory is also a project being undertaken.

Members also plan an "open forum to explain the functions of the organization" and will extend invitations to city council candidates to speak at future meetings.