

Clinton Asks for Recount Of Votes Cast in Election

821 Covington



WALLACE BENSON



GEORGE P. CLINTON

Six-Vote Span With Benson Prompts Action

The six-vote margin of victory by which Wallace Benson won election over his close-running competitor Candidate George Clinton in last month's municipal election touched off a last-minute bid for a recount in superior court at Redwood City Tuesday morning.

Filing a statement of contest in behalf of Clinton was Thomas W. Mapp of San Mateo, an attorney.

Date for a hearing on the recount has been set for 9:45 a. m., Monday, May 19, in Department 2 of superior court before Judge Edmond Scott.

Clinton and Benson ran a close race for the Belmont city council in the April 8 election when tallies ended with Benson leading Clinton by only nine votes.

Tallying of absentee ballots the following week saw Clinton gain, bringing the final difference to only six votes between the candidates.

Final tally was Benson, 1091 and Clinton, 1085.

The county clerk's office Tuesday also issued a subpoena to City Clerk Catherine Heartsner ordering her to appear at the May 19 hearing with the regular ballots, all rejected ballots, absentee ballots, tally sheets and the posters used in the municipal election.

In the event a recount shows errors in counting—and Clinton gains enough votes to win a majority—he will unseat Benson, former city councilman.

Cost of the recount will be borne by Clinton in the event the final amended tally fails to show him the winner of the election.

Tuesday was the deadline for filing a request for a recount under election laws.

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'No Conflict' Says Belmont Mayor Mendel

By WARREN GROSHONG
Tribune Staff Writer

BELMONT — "I can see no conflict of interest," Mayor Warren R. Mendel said today of an article in his business concern's monthly publication.

The house organ published by the Engineering and Grading Contractors Association, of which Mendel is state manager, has asked contributions to battle the various trucking ordinances in Belmont and other cities on the Peninsula.

"The EGCA is making contracts for support of legal counsel and the accumulation of such case evidence as engineering data and aerial photographs to substantiate claims that municipal trucking ordinances are restrictive to the construction industry," the article said.

Contributions to the "Trucking Ordinance Fund" are being mailed to the EGCA, 735 Industrial Way, San Carlos Mendel's office.

Despite this Mendel and two councilmen Wallace A. Benson and Victor G. Wandmayer agreed that no conflict of interest is involved.

"I am supporting the ordinance (the Belmont initiative trucking ordinance) to the best of my ability," said Mendel.

"But that doesn't stop me from feeling it's a lousy law," he said.

"I have never said I favored the law. I think Belmont is suffering because of the law."

Mendel has disqualified himself from voting on several occasions involving trucking and other matters that he felt might involve a conflict of interest, he emphasized.

But he said he believes the proposed test of the Belmont ordinance and others in the courts is the best way to determine whether they are good laws.

Wandmayer, who has opposed Mendel on many matters before the council, said "he has the right to fight it in private."

"But as mayor I'm sure he would do everything he could to uphold the ordinance."

Benson said he felt there was no conflict of interest, because Mendel, except when he disqualified himself, has always voted in favor of maintaining the status quo regarding the initiative ordinance.

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VOTE FOR
FABER
COUNCILMAN
City of Belmont
TUESDAY, APRIL 10

As vice-chairman of the Belmont Planning Commission, Raymond Faber has the know-how to become an effective Councilman.
 A homeowner and taxpayer, Raymond Faber will actively work to keep city costs at the lowest tax level.
 A college graduate and Hastings Law School postgraduate, he understands local government.
 Raymond Faber believes in broadening the local tax base through proper commercial and light industrial development.
 Raymond Faber recognizes that Belmont's future destiny must be prepared for through careful planning. He has the ability to help accomplish this.

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Raymond Faber - An Able Civic Leader with Proven Ability

Vote Tuesday, April 10 **FABER** COUNCILMAN **[X]**

*W. H. Hughes
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 REYNOLDS
Has Two Jobs
 Councilman
 C. Reynolds, who was Councilman Reynolds until two weeks ago, found himself still very much in city affairs this week.
 While Raymond Faber was taking over Reynolds' seat on the council, Reynolds, as announced out, will be taking over Faber's seat on the planning commission. There seemed to be no opposition to the idea and Councilman Henry Hughes, motor went through with an discussion.
 Reynolds will occupy the planning commission position for one year to finish out Faber's term.

*over
 Faber*



VOTE FOR BENSON

COUNCILMAN City of Belmont

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

Wally Benson refuses to spend a dime of Belmont city taxes for improvements when he can get the money elsewhere.

Wally Benson acquired county and state tax funds to widen Ralston Avenue. No city taxes were spent on this project.

Wally Benson obtained at no cost to the city the Belameda Park with a swimming pool thrown in.

Wally Benson sweet-talked the county into building a city library — at county expense.

Wally Benson brought the Prentiss-Hall and Wadsworth firms to Belmont, easing the local tax load and providing job opportunities.

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LET'S KEEP WALLY BENSON ON THE JOB!

Vote Tuesday, April 10

BENSON

COUNCILMAN

X

BENSON



COUNCILMAN WALLACE BENSON HAS INJECTED HIMSELF VIOLENTLY INTO THE COUNCIL ELECTION AGAINST THE INITIATIVE CANDIDATES, GRAY, JACOBSON & SCHMORDE!

WHY?? WHAT IS HIS REAL INTEREST?

THE INITIATIVE CANDIDATES STAND IRREVOCABLY AGAINST "CONFLICT OF INTEREST" IN CITY GOVERNMENT. AND . . . COUNCILMAN WALLACE BENSON, AN EMPLOYEE OF ARGONAUT INSURANCE COMPANY HAS BEEN DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THE AFFAIRS OF **E.G.C.A., THE DIRT HAULERS ASSOCIATION. See note below.

The reproduced article, which appeared in the January 30, 1958 issue of the DAILY PACIFIC BUILDER, will show Belmont Councilman Benson's little known activities.

Note: E.G.C.A. is the quarry operators and dirt haulers association of which Belmont Councilman Warren Mendel is manager. This association was instrumental in having Belmont's protective trucking law set aside.



WALLACE BENSON
Convention Planner

Affiliates of EGCA Plan Dinner Party

SAN FRANCISCO — The affiliate members of the Engineering and Grading Contractors Association will present an evening of entertainment for EGCA members and their wives on the opening night of the annual convention here February 13.

Wallace Benson, executive special agent of Argonaut Insurance Group, chairman of the affiliates committee, said yesterday one of San Francisco's outstanding night clubs has been reserved for exclusive use of the members.

Other committee members working on arrangements are Frank Hagen, Miller & Ames; John E. Peterson, Union Oil Co.; and Don See, Peterson Tractor & Equipment Co.

A cocktail party, dinner-dance and show are planned for the evening. All will be paid for by the EGCA affiliates, Benson said.

Chartered buses will carry the members of the EGCA and their wives or guests from both the St. Francis Hotel, convention headquarters, and the Sir Francis Drake Hotel to the night club.

Other social events of the convention, which will be held Feb. 13, 14 and 15, are a cocktail party at the St. Francis Hotel Friday evening, Feb. 14, and the annual president's ball at the hotel Saturday night.

Daily Pacific Builder will issue a special editorial supplement for the convention on Friday, Feb. 14, and will feature complete coverage of convention events in the following two issues.

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NOTICE

NOMINEES TO BE VOTED ON MEASURES TO BE VOTED ON

GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION — CITY OF BELMONT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following persons have been nominated for the offices hereinafter mentioned to be filled at the general municipal election to be held in the City of Belmont, State of California, on Tuesday, the 8th day of April, 1958; and notice is further given that the following measures are to be voted on at the general municipal election to be held in the City of Belmont, State of California, on Tuesday, the 8th day of April, 1958:

Office	NOMINEES Name	Occupation
CITY CLERK (One to be elected)	Catherine "Kittie" Heartsner - Incumbent	
	Ruth B. von Berg	
CITY TREASURER	Rebecca Manning Incumbent	
COUNCILMAN (Two to be elected)	Wallace Benson	Special Agent
	George F. Clinton	Attorney
	Edward H. Drotleff	Industrial Real Estate
	Robert H. FitzGerald	Teacher
	Alfred J. Kaiser	Lease Negotiator
	Lincoln C. "Tom" Reynolds	Lumber

MEASURES

(Compensation of Councilmen) Shall the City of Belmont pay to each member of the City Council of the City of Belmont who is duly elected at this election, or at any subsequent election, compensation in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per month as and for acting and serving as a member of the City Council during the term of each such City Councilman, with said compensation commencing at the beginning of the term of office of the Councilman taking office subsequent to the date of the canvass of the returns of the general municipal election of the City of Belmont held on April 8, 1958?

(Recreational Facilities) Shall the City of Belmont incur a bonded indebtedness in the principal amount of \$270,000 for the acquisition, construction and completion of the following municipal improvement, to wit: The acquisition of certain parcels of real property within the City of Belmont, and the construction and completion of improvements including swimming pool, rest room, storage facilities, playground facilities, landscaping, fencing and all appurtenances, including the grading, paving and surfacing of streets, roadways and parking facilities, gutters, sidewalks, drains and such other works and structures as are necessary or convenient for the improvement of the recreational facilities of the City of Belmont?

Dated: February 24, 1958.

CATHERINE A. HEARTSNER,
City Clerk of the City of Belmont.

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