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AS WE ENTER THE 1980's, IT BECOMES APPARANT THAT WE IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY WILL NEED GOOD GOVERNMENT MORE NOW THAN EVER BEFORE.

THE PAST THIRTY YEARS HAVE SEEN GROWTH HERE UNEXCEEDED ANYWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES. MANY AREA RESIDENTS WERE NOT HERE TEN OR TWENTY YEARS AGO. WE HAVE GROWN FROM A PRIMARILY AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY TO AN IMPORTANT URBAN-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX. PROBLEMS OF URBAN SPRAWL NOTWITHSTANDING, MUCH OF OUR GROWTH HAS BEEN CLEAN INDUSTRY AND WELL-BUILT HOMES.

WE WILL PROBABLY NEVER AGAIN SEE A LIKE GROWTH RATE. HOWEVER, WE WILL CONTINUE TO GROW. SANTA CLARA COUNTY IS A BEAUTIFUL, DESIRABLE AND DYNAMIC AREA. IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO PLAN FOR THAT ADDITIONAL GROWTH. WE MAY SEE IN THE NEAR FUTURE A CALL FOR MORE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF LOCAL TAX REVENUES.

PLANNING HOUSING IN CLOSER PROXIMITY TO PLANNED INDUSTRIAL GROWTH IS A FUNCTION OF GOVERNMENT. PROVIDING GOOD TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS TO UNIT AREAS IN AN ECONOMICAL AND DEPENDABLE FASHION IS A FUNCTION OF GOVERNMENT. PROMOTING A HEALTHY SOCIAL CLIMATE IS A FUNCTION OF GOVERNMENT. POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION, SANITATION, HEALTH, AND A MULTITUDE OF OTHER SERVICES ARE FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT.

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THESE FUNCTIONS ARE BEST PROVIDED BY A SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT WITH A BALANCED APPROACH TO THE CONCERNS OF ALL CITIZENS. OFTEN THE BALANCE IS UPSET BY ACTIONS OF SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS.

STRONG GOVERNMENT REQUIRES ADEQUATE FINANCING JUST AS ANY OTHER STRONG ENTERPRISE.

OUR FOREMOST GOAL MUST BE TO RESTORE FAITH IN GOOD GOVERNMENT. OVERZEALOUSNESS IN THE THINGS GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTED TO DO IN THE PAST WAS MET BY AN OVERZEALOUS ATTEMPT TO STOP THOSE PRACTICES. PROPOSITION 13, IN COMBINATION WITH PROPOSITION 4, AND NOW JARVIS II, ARE SYMPTOMS OF THAT LACK OF TRUST.

JARVIS II WILL BE ON THE BALLOT IN JUNE. ITS PASSAGE WILL HAVE A MORE DRASTIC EFFECT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT. WE IN GOVERNMENT MUST SERVE YOU FULLY AND EFFECIENTLY, BUT IN RETURN WE NEED YOUR MORAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

THESE WILL BE MY GOALS FOR THE 1980's.

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