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COMMON SENSE
April 14, 1993

Re: Mayoral Candidates's Meeting, Friday April 2, 1993

Congratulations KCET, Our Life and Times, Journalists who asked challenging questions, candidates who gave intelligent, clear answers.

1. Together, you would make a good Council for the City of Los Angeles.

2. Our chief executive should be a Phd, a well-educated, penny-pinching, bean counting City Manager. He or she should be appointed by the elected City Council. Political scientists tell us a good captain cannot sail a leaky boat. Our Mayor-Commission form of government divides executive power so many sloppy ways, it is the leaky boat. We need to repair our City Charter.

3. Is it wise to vote for term limits for our legislative branches, good thinkers like you? Would it be better to take all private money out of public campaigns? Let us give all candidates, regardless of personal wealth, a free fair forum for discussion of the issues just as KCET, Our Life and Times did April 2, 1993.

Thank you again.

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OUR CITY'S PROBLEMS ARE PICTURED IN ENCLOSED MAPS.

TO PUT IT BLUNTLY,
millionaire-land-monopolist-speculative-developers, in violation of Federal Law and wise economics, develop huge ranches in Southern California with subsidies from taxpayers, depriving the residential center of Los Angeles of health, education and welfare monies.

Monopolist-speculative-developer policy promotes land monopoly at home and abroad stealing resources such as water, land and timber; using slave labor to work ranches.

The Rodney King beating was no accident. It was established policy to hold people down. Before the Rodney King beating, 16 people died of choke holds, 12 of them black.

Correct answers to our political and economic problems have been told to us by our political scientists and economists for years. See bibliography.

Meantime, convince yourselves by reading enclosed maps that government of, by, and for millionaire-land monopolist-speculative developers at the expense of the rest of us must be brought to a screeching stop. See:

1. land monopoly map
2. developing ranches map
3. Ernani Bernardi is correct about the CRA
4. Who voted for a giant reservoir near Hemet? Reservoirs in Southern California should be voted down. Reservoirs in Southern California lose water by evaporation.

Above is a photographic print of a map made at the request of Vernon Kilpatrick, a member of the California legislature in 1959. The dark line snaking through the map represents the California aqueduct. The outlined property to the South-east is owned by the <u>Los Angeles Times Mirror Corporation</u>.† Since 1959, this property has grown from 168,000 to 300,000 acres. The other dark areas to the West and North are property that once belonged to Kern County Land Company, now belongs to Tenneco and has grown to about 400,000 acres.

Other land holdings include:
   Southern Pacific R.R.   201,000 acres
   Standard Oil Co.   218,000 acres
Other oil companies   264,678 acres
Boston Ranch Co.   35,555 acres
Other private holdings of 1,000 acres or more =1,323,821 acres
Government lands, including parks   192,762 acres
Irvine Ranch Orange Co. 99,000 acres

The above figures are printed in the great senate debate p. 6886 <u>Congressional Record</u>, May 5-12, 1959

† <u>Walker's Manual of Western Corporations and Securities</u> 1970 - (79?)

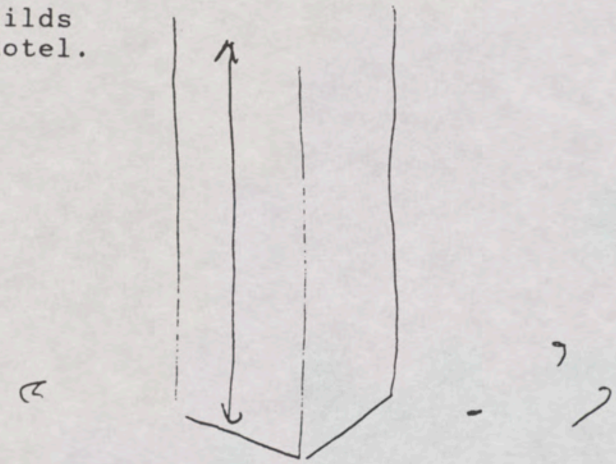
COUNCILMAN ERNANI BERNARDI IS CORRECT ABOUT COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TAX-INCREMENT FINANCING

In a phone conversation, Economics Prof. Jerome W. Milliman, author of *Water Supply Economics, Technology and Policy* directed me to draw the following sketch.

1. Clear houses from property at taxpayer's expense. Leave rubble on the ground.

2. Sell cleared land to a developer at discount price.

3. Developer builds a 20-story hotel.



4. Developer pays taxes for rubble ground.

5. Tax relief called "tax-increment financing" applies to 20-story hotel. See arrow. Tax increment financing goes to developers.

6. Public schools, libraries, City and County government, the common people, are deprived of necessary tax revenues.

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