

July 22nd, 1929.

Judge M. R. Thorpe
Encinitas, California.

My dear Judge Thorpe:

Answering your inquiry regarding opening of De Witt Avenue, I am willing to see that the De Witt Avenue is opened up so far as any interest in which I am concerned or my sister, providing I am refunded the actual cost of the surveys which Mr. King made. These surveys will be turned over to your principals so that they can get the benefit of them. We have a complete survey.

If I remember rightly the actual cost is somewhere between \$1000 and \$1200. The plans are all drawn and every detail is ready for letting of bids. I wish you would have your principals see Mr. King and find out if the above is correct. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. T. H. King.

I feel this way about it -- we gave the Encinitas crowd everything they asked for. They agreed to everything and then repudiated it on account of other plans and favoring other attorneys and engineers.

In making this statement, I am not in any way referring to you Mr. Thorpe.

I am willing to give the land away, but I do want a refund of the actual cash that I expended in trying to get into Encinitas and I will not consent to the improvement as far as De Witt Avenue is concerned otherwise.

Yours very truly,

EF:CMF

Dictated by not reviewed by Colonel Fletcher.

San Diego, California,
August 6, 1929

Colonel Ed Fletcher,
1024 Ninth Street,
San Diego, California.

My dear Colonel Fletcher:

On visiting Encinitas, I found your letter with respect to the improvements of the streets on the East Side of the railroad and particularly on DeWitt Avenue, and as you suggested I took the matter up with my principals, and the Engineers who report to me that the character of the improvements which they have proposed, including that of grading, from property line to property line, and the installation of sidewalks, curbs and gutters would not in any way conform to your plans and specifications and therefor they advise me that they could not pay anything for those plans and specifications.

It seems that this would unfortunately defer the proposed improvements on the East Side of Encinitas, if not entirely defeat the same, unless you can consent to different terms of improvement out there. You evidently will some day desire this improvement to be made for the benefit of your own property and if some different basis of negotiation for your consent can not be had then the improvements must be entirely defeated to the great disappointment of the people interested in the East Side Improvements.

Hoping that you can see your way clear to consent to such improvements on some other basis, I remain,

Yours very truly,

M. R. Thorpe
3503 - 4th St
San Diego

August 7th, 1929.

Dr. M. R. Thorpe
3563--4th Street
San Diego, California.

My dear Dr. Thorpe:

Answering yours of August 6th will say that I have had a rotten deal from certain officials in Encinitas and the people of Encinitas, and I am not yet a shining light to the extent that I can overlook the fact that they made two definite agreements regarding paving De Witt Avenue, repudiated both of them, and it cost me \$1400.

Let them take some other street and pave it, not De Witt Avenue as far as I am concerned.

This is nothing personal, Dr. Thorpe, I have always highly respected you and I am sure you would never have been a party to what certain people in Encinitas have done to me.

Yours very truly,

FF:GMF

Ed Fletcher Papers

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