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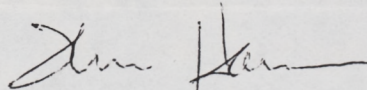
I compared the stories in the May 13th San Diego Union and San Diego edition of the Los Angeles Times on Supervisor Susan Golding's claims undocumented aliens are costing the public huge amounts of money.

While the Union's reporter apparently was satisfied to take Ms. Golding's supposed "facts" at face value, the Times article showed that even a modicum of research undermined the false and ultimately racist charges by Golding.

In all fairness, it should have been reported that taxes paid by undocumented aliens result in more money flowing into the public coffers than is paid out as a result of their residency. Furthermore, Golding's "statistics" are based on an assumption that all arrests by police and sheriff's deputies result in prosecution. The fact is a great many felony arrests are rejected for prosecution by the District Attorney and never result in any prosecution.

A little skeptical research into Golding's "data" would make for an interesting follow-up article.

Very truly yours,



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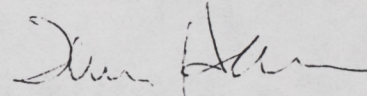
To the Editor:

The Times story on May 13th disclosing the falsity of Supervisor Susan Golding's claims undocumented aliens are costing the public huge amounts of money was excellent.

You might also note that her "statistics" were apparently based on an assumption that all arrests by police and sheriff's deputies result in prosecution. In fact, a great many felony arrests are rejected by the District Attorney and never result in any prosecution.

Worse than Golding's manipulation of erroneous data to produce false "statistics" is the racist mentality her claims represent.

Very truly yours,



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LA CCR DENUNCIA A LA SUPERVISORA SUSAN GOLDING Y LE DEMANDA UN DISCULPA Y UNA RETRACCIÓN DE SUS DECLARACIONES PROVOCADORAS QUE PODÍAN FOMENTAR VIOLENCIA CONTRA PERSONAS DE ASENDENCIA MEXICANA.

A LA SUPERVISORA SE LE ATRIBUYE EL COMENTARIO DE QUE 61.5% DE LOS RAPTO, 34% DE LOS ROBOS DE AUTOS Y 25% DE ALLANAMIENTOS SON COMETIDOS POR 1 LEGALES.

ESTAS DECLARACIONES HECHAS POR LA SUPERVISORA FUERON REFUTADAS POR EL DEPARTAMENTO DEL SHERIFF DEL CONDADO DE SAN DIEGO.

"LA SUPERVISORA GOLDING FOMENTA LA POSIBLE VIOLENCIA CONTRA PERSONAS DE ASENDENCIA MEXICANA CON SUS IRRESPONSABLES DECLARACIONES Y CAUSANDO IRREPARABLE DAÑOS A LOS DERECHOS, PAZ Y SEGURIDAD A MAS DE 350,000 PERSONAS DE ASENDENCIA MEXICANA -

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RECIDEN, TRABAJAN Y PAGAN IMPUESTOS
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"El silencio y falta de Protesta
por parte de Los Liberales, LA COMUNIDAD
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PERSONAS de ASENDENCIA MEXICANA Y
LA CAMPANA POLITICA INICIADA DELIBERADAMENTE
POR EL JEFE de POLICIA KOLENDER

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REMARKS TO PRESS CONFERENCE ON ILLEGAL ALIENS

May 12, 1986

We are facing a problem that threatens to bankrupt county government. It is a problem that has been thrust upon us by the federal government, and it is time to do something about it. Everyone is talking about it, but is anyone doing anything about it?

We are being invaded by illegal aliens. From 1980 to 1985, 2.2 million illegal aliens from 72 different countries were apprehended crossing into San Diego. That is equal to the entire present population of San Diego County, and the problem is just getting worse.

Last month, 72,000 illegal immigrants were apprehended by the Border Patrol in San Diego. For every one who is apprehended, as many as 10 may get through.

Since 1965, the number of aliens apprehended crossing into San Diego has risen by over 6,400 percent! And that does not count the number that are stopped at the San Ysidro port of entry, which is the largest port of entry in the world. The I.N.S.

estimates that last year more than 200,000 people tried to enter the U.S. at San Ysidro using fraudulent papers. Calculate these 2 figures out and you have 1,064,000 - over one million in one year!

(This illegal immigration problem that we face is not just the worst in California. It is not just the worst in the United States. It is the worst in the world.

San Diego County is the single most highly impacted area anywhere. It is costing local taxpayers an arm and a leg. It is time for us to do something about it. It is time to take action locally, because we're not getting any help from Washington, which appears to be incapable of formulating any type of workable immigration policy.

The time has come for Uncle Sam to pay the bill for all the uninvited visitors who have come to our county. And I just happen to have the bill right here.

This is an invoice from the County of San Diego for \$23.27 million. It is only a partial bill, but it is long past due.

This figure represents the costs we can presently identify for criminal justice and health and social services San Diego taxpayers must pay because of illegal aliens.

These costs are the result of a federal problem and a federal responsibility that is being borne entirely by one local community. Fairness is part of the American way and this is simply not fair, no matter how you look at it.

Our best guess is that the real figure is closer to \$100 million annually.

The exact figures will be determined by a SANDAG study hopefully to be completed over the next year through a grant from the National Institute of Justice.

In the meantime, tomorrow I am going to ask the Board of Supervisors to file a lawsuit against the federal government to seek reimbursement for the staggering costs we are presently having to pay. I've contacted other counties in Texas and Florida, and they have responded favorably.

Just to give you an idea of what we face, the Criminal Justice Council estimates that 25% of all people in the criminal justice system are illegal aliens. Police Chief Kolender recently attributed the rise in San Diego's crime rate to the massive influx of aliens. The Sheriff estimates that 61.5% of all rapes, 34% of the car thefts and 1/4 of the burglaries in our county are committed by aliens.

Last year the Sheriff and the San Diego Police Department arrested nearly 12,000 illegal aliens for criminal offenses in San Diego. This is not counting those arrested in the 15 other cities of our county. It costs us \$5,200 to prosecute each misdemeanor and \$10,000 to prosecute low grade felonies.

Because there is no tracking system presently in place, we don't know exactly how many of those who were arrested were actually prosecuted. In the bill that I am asking the Board to send to the federal government, we list only the 672 that we can presently document. But if the SANDAG study finds that all 12,000 went to trial, the prosecution cost alone could top \$60 million for the year.

On top of that there are detention costs, court costs and police costs. The City of Escondido estimates that 50% of their police time is spent on illegal aliens. If the average time spent was only 25% across the county, the total police cost would be about \$32 million.

If the federal government won't reimburse us for all these costs, they ought to at least house the prisoners. After all, the first offense these criminals committed - before being arrested for a burglary, car theft or rape - was a federal offense of illegally entering the country. Let them go to

Federal prison, not the county jail.

On top of the criminal justice costs, there are health costs. From 1980 to 1985, the county alone spent over \$16.5 million at University Hospital treating illegal aliens. The annual cost for this service has escalated by 96% since 1980. In fact, 85% of the cost of the County's third agreement with University Hospital goes to paying the cost of emergency care for illegal aliens.

In addition to hospital care, aliens are also using community clinics and local social service programs.

Emergency Care Room
County Board of Supervisors

Aliens can come here illegally, and know that they can go to a health clinic or social service program for help, and receive the same service that any taxpayer or legal resident receives.

This year, the County was forced to cut services for almost 40,000 people because of the loss of federal revenue sharing money. Those health, social service and Area Agency on Aging programs are all accessible to aliens. When combined with the revenue sharing cuts of \$12 million and the cuts of up to \$16 million that will result because of Gramm-Rudman, to total of \$28 million in cuts means the increased number of aliens using these services serves to deny access for legal residents to many of these programs. In the final analysis, non-citizens are taking a greater and greater percentage of the amount that is

allocated, and citizens are getting less.

And it is not just county run health and social service programs that feel the pinch. Over the last 8 months, Palomar Hospital wrote off \$800,000 in hospital costs that resulted from treating undocumented immigrants. And that figure represents only the hospital's direct costs - it doesn't include physician fees. This is just one hospital. What if all costs were tracked and added?

These health care costs, and similar ones at other hospitals throughout the county, have to be made up somewhere. Generally, it is through increased costs that are borne by county residents.

One of the problems in trying to determine the exact cost the County bears is that there is presently no tracking system in place. The proposal that I am bringing to the Board of Supervisors, besides calling for the lawsuit, will also call for a system of tracking the money we spend locally on illegal immigrants.

The bottom line is that local taxpayers are footing the bill for a national problem. Roads are going unfixed, sewers are overflowing and senior citizen programs and children's services such as child abuse are going under-funded because we don't have the money.

It's not fair. It's not right. And it has to change.

By billing the federal government, and suing them, maybe we can get the attention of Congress, and get some sort of relief from this massive invasion.

Somehow we must secure our borders, Adding to the incredible flood of immigrants, we now also have the spector of terrorists crossing into our country. The time has come for the federal government to act. We can wait no longer.

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Committee on Chicano Rights, Inc.

FOR IMMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE

MAY 14, 1986
NATIONAL CITY, CA

THE COMMITTEE ON CHICANO RIGHTS (CCR) TODAY AT A PRESS CONFERENCE DEMANDED THAT SUPERVISOR SUSAN GOLDING ISSUE AN IMMEDIATE APOLOGY AND A RETRACTION FOR STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO HER WHICH THE CCR CLAIMED COULD FOMENT VIOLENCE AGAINST PERSONS OF MEXICAN ANCESTRY. SUPERVISOR GOLDING WHO WAS QUOTED IN NEWS ACCOUNTS AS STATING "THAT 61.5% OF ALL RAPES, 34% OF ALL CAR THEFTS AND $\frac{1}{4}$ OF THE BURGALARIES IN OUR COUNTY ARE COMMITTED BY ALIENS," (ALL STATEMENTS WERE LATER REFUTTED BY THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT) WAS ACCUSED BY CCR CHAIRMAN HERMAN BACA OF "FORMENTING POSSIBLE VIOLENCE BY BIGOTS AND RACISTS AGAINST PERSONS OF MEXICAN ANCESTRY WITH HER IRRESPONSIBLE STATEMENT" AND "OF CAUSING IRREPAIRABLE DAMAGE TO THE RIGHTS, SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE 350,000 PERSONS OF MEXICAN ANCESTRY WHO RESIDE AND WORK WHO PAY TAXES IN THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO." WE FIND IT APPALLING," STATED BACA THAT "SUPERVISOR GOLDING WHO IS OF JEWISH ANCESTRY AND WHOSE OWN PEOPLE HAVE SUFFERED THE PANGS OF HISTORICAL GENOCIDE, RACISM, AND DISCRIMINATION WOULD CONSCIOUSLY JOIN IN THE RACIST HYSTERIA NOW BEING DIRECTED BY BIGOTS WHO WOULD PROPOSE SIMILIAR SOLUTIONS TO INDIVIDUALS WHO TODAY FIND THEMSELVES IN A SIMILIAR PARRARREL TO THE ONE THAT JEWISH PEOPLE SUFFERED IN NAZI GERMANY IN THE 1930'S. STATEMENTS BY SUPERVISOR GOLDING THAT:

1. "AN "INVASION " OF UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS IS BANKRUPTING THE COUNTY (S.D. UNION 5/13/86)
2. "S.D. COUNTY SHERIFF JOHN DUFFY ESTIMATES THAT 61.5% OF ALL RAPES, 34% OF THE CAR THEFTS, AND $\frac{1}{4}$ OF THE BURGLARIES IN OUR COUNTY ARE ARE COMMITTED BY ALIENS," (S.D. UNION 5/13/86)
3. "ESCONDIDO POLICE SPEND 50% OF THEIR TIME ON ILLEGAL ALIENS," (L.A. TIMES 5/13/86)
4. "THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT AS LOCAL CITIZENS WE ARE GETTING LESS AND LESS, AND THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARE GETTING MORE AND MORE," "ROADS ARE GOING UNFIXED, SEWERS ARE OVERFLOWING AND SENIOR CITIZENS" PROGRAM AND CHILDREN SERVICES SUCH AS CHILD ABUSE ARE GOING UNDERFUNDED BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY."

WAS ATTACKED BY BACA AS BEING "PURE FABRICATIONS, FALSEHOODS AND SLANDER," IN LIGHT OF THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

1. "THE 62.5% RAPES, 34% CAR THEFTS AND 25% BURGLARIES APPLY ONLY TO FALLBROOK AND VISTA." NOT SAN DIEGO COUNTY (SHERIFF SPOKEPERSON JOHN TENWOLDE L.A. TIMES 5/13/86)
2. "COUNTY STUDIES IN 1977 AND 1980 SHOWED THAT UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS RETURN MORE TO THE COUNTY IN TAXES THAN THEY REQUIRE IN SERVICES. STUDIES IN OTHER CALIFORNIA COUNTIES, BY ACADEMIC RESEARCHERS AND BY THE U.S. SELECT COMMISSION ON IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE POLICY MAKE THE SAME FINDING." (evening tribune 5/13/86)
3. SUPERVISOR GOLDING OWN STATEMENTS TAHT "ALOT OF THESE FIGURES ARE VERY SOFT (EVENING TRIBUNE 5/13/86) "MY STAFF MADE AMISTAKE "LA TIME 5/13/) she does not know how many aliens are currently benefitting from county services." L.A. times 5/13/86

IN CONCLUDING THE CCR WARNED THE CHICANO COMMUNITY THAT BECAUSE OF :THE "DEAFNING SILENCE" OF THE JEWISH, BLACK, LIBERAL AND RELIGIOUS VOICES OF NOT PROTESTING THE RACIST HYSTEIA NOW BEING SUFFERED BY PERSONS OF MEXNCAN ANCESTRY, AND THE DELIBERATE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN WHICH HAS BEEN INITIATED BY SAN DIEGO CHIEF OF POLICE KOLENDER AND SHERIFF DUFFY THAT HAS RESULTED IN A CLIMATE OF HYSTERIA ANANIST ALL PERSON OF MEXICAN ANCESTRY, THAT THE COMMUNITY MUST NOW LOOK TO ITSELF TO PROTECT ITS RIGHTS, FAMILIES AND PROPERTY."

PERSPECTIVE

Michael Tuck

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The Great Wall of China would pale by comparison. In fact, if you think about all the ~~man-made~~ barriers we've put up throughout society, there's only one so monumental, so darkly foreboding as to guarantee the isolation of people on separate sides. The language barrier. Tear that one down and at least you can start to work on all the others.

That's why it hit me as sadly ironic today, when efforts to make English this country's official language drew such a stinging response from the Chicano Federation. Said Spokesman Herman Baca, The effort is "...racist, demagoguery, a long-term assault on people trying to assimilate into American society."

Well, I can understand the sensitivity of Chicano leaders, if not their logic. But, it seems to me it's the present system that leads to racism and demagoguery. English may not be the official language, but it already is the language of mainstream America, of the economy, the only language of hope for breaking that cycle of poverty that's gripped immigrants to this country for two hundred years.

If they can't even speak the language, how can they possibly assimilate? What kind of decent jobs can they get, what kind of intelligent vote can they cast, even if the ballot did happen to be in their native tongue? It seems to me that doing everything possible to teach Americans the English language and encourage them to use it, is the most compassionate, least racist thing you can do for them.

Making English the official language would not stop bi-lingual education, wouldn't prevent our schools from offering special classes to teach Hispanics and others English, wouldn't stop the present requirement that all students learn a foreign language. The only thing it might do is encourage a kind of unity to help wipe out the problems of racism and poverty. But, that unity will never happen as long as some people are separated by that worst barrier of all, the language barrier.

I'm Michael Tuck, and that's my perspective.

Aired on KGTV May 21, 1986



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June 2, 1986

Mr. Daniel L. Munoz
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Dear Dan:

The history of man is replete with valuable instruction that demagoguery, racism and bigotry is not best challenged by more of the same.

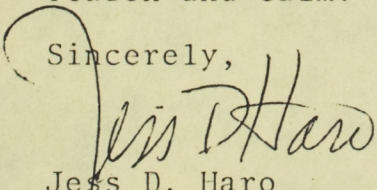
Your editorial cartoon relating to Supervisor Susan Golding was an indiscriminate attack on her because she happens to be Jewish. There could be no other conclusion.

Her indiscretion was not redressed by your editorial characterization, but celebrated it. Racism is not an answer to racism, anymore than violence is an answer to violence. Centuries of Latino subjugation to irrational laws and institutions cannot be remedied by appealing to man's lowest instincts.

I urge you not to contribute to an atmosphere of hatred or ill-will in the future, and in the interest of better understanding and harmony among all groups, that you apologize to those that you have offended.

The long years of injustice and humiliation endured by our community can best be changed by voices that speak with truth, reason and calm.

Sincerely,


Jess D. Haro
Chairman of the Board
Chicano Federation of San Diego County, Inc.



La Raza En Su Lucha Por Una Vida Mejor Tiene Que Unirse Para Asegurar Sus Derechos y Su Existencia

A United Way of SAN DIEGO COUNTY Agency - Affiliated with National Council of La Raza



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The South Bay Political Association (SOPA) is an independent political association working in the San Diego County but based in the South Bay area. The large Mexican population in this region is affected directly by the border tensions and violence. We therefore see the urgent need to establish a new organization that can readily address the defense of this community. We recognize that our interests have historically been neglected by established government representatives, community-based organizations and other political franchises. SOPA is an international organization which is actively involved in developing strong, meaningful ties with organizations and groups that are directly organizing and defending the rights of migrant workers.

Today, SOPA is joining the efforts of other organizations in San Diego who are denouncing the national political hysteria generated by local government representatives and the media against Mexican people. Susan Golding, a San Diego County Supervisor, in particular, has publicly gone on record with defamatory statements based on misinformed and misused statistics to declare that "illegal aliens are bankrupting county government". We are disgusted that the San Diego Chapter of American Jewish Committee is honoring Susan Golding with a Human Relations Award.

SOPA, therefore, makes the following demands:

- 1) that an international community review board be set up to investigate how Susan Golding and other public officials are using city, county and federal funds to develop systems of tracking and other studies directed towards repressive actions against Mexicans and other migrant workers.
- 2) that Susan Golding initiate a public conference where people are provided a forum to address her statements and to develop humane solutions to the issues of immigration.



Committee on Chicano Rights, Inc.

SAN DIEGO, CA

JUNE 10, 1986

FOR IMMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE

A COALITION OF CHICANO/LATINO ORGANIZATIONS AT A PICKET AND PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY DEMANDED THAT SUPERVISOR SUSAN GOLDING DISCLAIM, RETRACT, AND PUBLICLY APOLOGIZE TO ALL PERSONS OF MEXICAN ANCESTRY FOR HER MAY 12, 1986 STATEMENTS TO THE NEWS MEDIA. STATEMENTS ISSUED BY HER, ANNOUNCED THAT 61.5% OF ALL RAPES, 34% OF ALL CAR THEFTS, AND 25% OF ALL BURGLARIES IN THE COUNTY (STATISTICS WHICH HAVE SINCE BEEN REFUTED BY THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF) WERE BEING COMMITTED BY ILLEGAL ALIENS. (SEE ENCLOSED COPY OF GOLDING RELEASE)

ACCORDING TO COMMITTEE ON CHICANO RIGHTS CHAIRPERSON HERMAN BACA, "SUPERVISOR GOLDING'S FALSE STATEMENTS TO THE NEWS MEDIA HAS CAUSED IRREPARABLE DAMAGE TO THE RIGHTS, SAFETY, AND SECURITY OF THE 350,000 PERSONS OF MEXICAN ANCESTRY WHO RESIDE, WORK AND PAY TAXES IN THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO. ONLY A PUBLIC DISCLAIMER, RETRACTION, AND APOLOGY WILL BEGIN THE PROCESS TO RECTIFY THE DAMAGE WHICH SHE HAS INFLICTED ON PERSONS OF MEXICAN ANCESTRY."

PAUL JIMENEZ, CHAIRMAN OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN G.I. FORUM STATED THAT, "WE VETS FIND IT INCOMPREHENSIBLE THAT SUPERVISOR GOLDING WOULD MAKE POLITICAL HAY AT THE EXPENSE OF THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE OF MEXICAN DESCENT BY USING FALSE STATISTICS. WE REPUDIATE HER STATEMENTS AS RACIST AND UNFOUNDED AND DEMAND THAT SHE IMMEDIATELY ISSUE A PUBLIC APOLOGY."

NICOLAS BRITTO, STATE VICE-CHAIR OF THE CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN HISPANIC ASSEMBLY SAID, "SUPERVISOR GOLDING HAS SHOWN LITTLE RESPECT TO THE HISPANICS OF THIS AREA AND THE STATE. HER REFUSAL TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE ONLY HISPANIC REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATION STATE-WIDE ATTESTS TO THIS FACT. NOTHING LESS THAN A FULL APOLOGY AND A RETRACTION OF HER FALSE STATEMENTS AGAINST THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY WILL SUFFICE. IN ONE STROKE SHE HAS DESTROYED EVERY EFFORT OF THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN PARTY TO BRING HISPANICS INTO THE GOP FOLD."

AL DUCHENY, CHAIRMAN OF THE HARBORVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL STATED, "GOLDING'S FALSE AND RACIST STATEMENTS ARE A COVER-UP FOR THE WASTE AND GROSS INCOMPETENCE OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT. BY SCAPEGOATING THE MEXICAN UNDOCUMENTED WORKER SHE HAS ATTEMPTED TO EXORT MONEY OUT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO SUBSIDIZE COUNTY GOVERNMENT WASTE."

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ALBERT GARCIA, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED CALIFORNIA MEXICAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION, ADDED, "SUPERVISOR GOLDING'S STATEMENTS ARE SLANDEROUS TO THE MEXICAN/AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND WE DEMAND AN IMMEDIATE RETRACTION AND APOLOGY FOR HER RACIST REMARKS."

GUS CHAVEZ, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN BORDER REGION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MEXICAN-AMERICAN EDUCATORS, SAID, "AS EDUCATORS WE DEPLORE THE MISUSE OF STATISTICS BY SUPERVISOR SUSAN GOLDING. EMPIRICAL STUDIES, (RAND CORP., S.D. COUNTY, ETC.), HAVE PROVEN THAT THOSE WORKERS CONTRIBUTE MORE TO THE ECONOMY THAN THEY WILL EVER RECEIVE. WE CALL ON SUPERVISOR GOLDING TO APOLOGIZE IMMEDIATELY."

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BURGLARY

1976	15 848
1984	15 248

RAPE (FORCIBLE)

1981	559
1985	338

HOMICIDE

1979	96
1985	96

BORDER PATROL

SAN DIEGO

APPREHENSIONS

266,709	1976
407,828	1984

326,836	1981
427,772	1985

337,930	1979
427,772	1985

SOURCE:

Border Patrol, San Ysidro

"~~CRIME~~ IN THE SAN DIEGO REGION
SANDAG"

Committee on Chicano Rights
474-8195

Robbery Statistics

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Source: Lt. Jim Clain SDPD San Ysidro substation 236 5901

Hill Crime - Border

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April decrease: number 10 per cent 37

Alien Apprehension Statistics

SD Union 6 May 86

Source: S.D. Chief Border Patrol Agent Alan Eliason

April 1986 71,910

April 1985 42,803

Increase: 29,107 in number 68 per cent

The San Diego Union

Tuesday, May 6, 1986

Congress blasted on immigration

Border Patrol has record month in apprehensions

By J. Stryker Meyer
Staff Writer

SAN YSIDRO — Immigration officials, announcing the third record month this year of apprehensions of undocumented aliens, lambasted Congress yesterday for failure to enact immigration reform including sanctions against knowing employers of undocumented workers.

Harold Ezell, regional commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, citing statistics that show 71,910 undocumented aliens were apprehended in the San Diego sector during April, branded Congress "do-nothing" and "ridiculous" for its failure to pass meaningful immigration legislation.

"We need desperately to have immigration reform," Ezell told a news conference. "... There must be a grass-roots movement similar to what the Mothers Against Drunk Drivers did to draw attention to the drunken driver problem ... These numbers are growing at a startling rate.

"Without immigration reform, we will never control these borders," he said. "We have to take away the jobs. We have to take that magnet away ... We just can't sit back and let the United States become another Third World country."

Ezell said illegal immigration drives up local crime rates and costs

taxpayers millions annually in medical, education and social service costs.

The 71,910 apprehensions in April marked the third monthly record this year in the San Diego sector. A daily arrest record of 3,460 was set April 6. The arrest total was 48 percent higher than last April's 42,803 detentions.

San Diego Chief Border Patrol Agent Alan Eliason said April marked the first time more than 100,000 undocumented aliens were arrested in the INS Western region, which includes Livermore, El Centro, San Diego County, and Yuma and Tucson, Ariz. The total of 103,594 apprehensions marked a 53 percent increase over April 1985.

For the first seven months of fiscal 1986, Ezell said, apprehensions in the Western region were up 41 percent from last year, to 508,877.

Eliason said his manpower has increased 30 percent since last year, but apprehensions have increased 68 percent.

Asked how many undocumented aliens made re-entries after being deported, Eliason said: "We simply don't have the capability to calculate that figure. We don't have the time to fingerprint and do a background check on every person we arrest, such as in a homicide investigation, because the volume is too great."

Eliason said his "gut reaction" is that of the 71,910 undocumented aliens arrested in his sector, only 40,000 to 45,000 were first-time arrestees.

Of the 71,910 arrestees, 1,473 had nationalities other than Mexican. Detainees came from Yugoslavia, Israel, Iran, India, China, Belize and South Korea. The number of non-Mexicans arrested was up 93 percent from April of last year, Eliason said.

Those arrested included 517 suspected alien smugglers. Border Patrol agents confiscated 254 smuggling vehicles, among them 71 cars and trucks that had been stolen.

May alien arrests set third record

By a staff writer

SAN YSIDRO — For the third consecutive month, Border Patrol agents have arrested a record number of undocumented aliens in San Diego County.

Agents in May arrested 73,630 illegal immigrants. There were 1,708 from countries other than Mexico, including 148 Colombians, 730 El Salvadorans, and smaller numbers from South Korea, Turkey, Iran, Iraq and

the People's Republic of China, said Border Patrol supervisory agent Ed Pyeatt.

The arrest records, Pyeatt said, shows a continued increase in the number of non-Mexican aliens attempting to illegally cross into the United States.

With a 29 percent increase in line agents, he said, the Border Patrol is arresting undocumented aliens at a rate that will exceed the fiscal 1985

total by 55 percent.

In fiscal 1985, 428,772 undocumented aliens were arrested. To date, during the first eight months of fiscal 1986, 416,000 aliens have been arrested.

"The monthly increase over May 1985 is a 79 percent increase, while arrests of aliens other than Mexicans were up 99 percent," Pyeatt said.

He noted there are many repeat arrests of illegals.

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"Although immigrant's use of services appears to be increasing, their contribution to public revenues exceeds the cost of their service usage, with the exception of educational services. However, local jurisdictions with substantial concentrations of immigrants may well find that they are losing money on services to immigrants, while other parts of the state and nation enjoy an implicit subsidy."

- from "Current and Future Effects of Mexican Immigration in California." The Rand Corporation 1985

"A major unresolved issue is which level of government should take responsibility for covering unreimbursed medical expenses of undocumented immigrants who lack insurance coverage and who cannot pay all of their bills out-of-pocket. A strong case can be made for federal assumption of these costs, since the largest portion of taxes paid by the immigrants (nearly 60%) goes to the federal government and is not returned commensurately to the local and state governments most heavily impacted by Mexican immigration."

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The Problem:

The U.S./Mexican international border which defines the Southern boundary of San Diego County is the most heavily impacted region in the United States in relation to the problem of illegal immigration. As the number of undocumented aliens from other nations flow across our border, existing systems and facilities become overburdened. Since 1980, the County of San Diego has spent over \$16 million alone in emergency health care for undocumented aliens and millions more in criminal justice costs.

The critical nature of the problem is heightened when we realize how many of our residents have been impacted by County services that have either been eliminated or drastically cut back that had been previously been funded by Federal tax revenues. Last year, when the County lost Federal Revenue Sharing money, nearly 40,000 citizens were impacted. Examples of these losses are: \$122,000 in programs for senior citizens, \$400,000 in cuts to community clinics affecting over 22,000 patients, and \$2 million in social service cuts which have impacted over 14,000 people. Add to this a possible \$16 million loss due to Gramm-Rudman.

Supervisor Golding's Proposal:

While studies indicate that taxes paid by undocumented aliens exceed the cost of local services (excepting public education) the fact is that very little, if any, of these revenues come back to the County to finance these services. Coupled with the fact that studies have shown that approximately 80% of undocumented workers do not file state or federal income tax returns a windfall in revenues flows to the state and federal government.

Immigration policy is a Federal responsibility, and I believe that we can wait no longer to approach the Federal government for reimbursement of costs borne locally - - costs which are not entirely the responsibility of local government, but costs which could be covered by the revenues generated by "undocumented taxpayers" of our own County.

My proposal will be to: (1) Investigate applying for Impact Assistance and/or special Federal legislation which reimburses the County for costs incurred for health programs relating to illegal immigration. (2) Establish a San Diego County International Border Commission. The purpose of this organization would be to work jointly with the Mexican government, U.S. Federal authorities, business and community organizations (assuring substantial representation of Hispanic interests), towards a better understanding and resolution of the shared concerns along our international border. (3). Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a tracking and monitoring system in which the full cost of undocumented alien's impact on County services - including criminal justice programs - can be identified, taking great care not to do so in a discriminatory manner. In addition, the CAO would be instructed to solicit the interest of other local jurisdictions similarly impacted by illegal immigration to join the County in litigation against the Federal government. (4) Direct County Counsel to prepare a litigation strategy which seeks full reimbursements from the Federal government for the costs absorbed by County government for health and programs as well as any other subsequent costs that may be identified through a tracking system.

I ask for your support in this proposal which, hopefully, will resolve an unacceptable situation that requires a few local communities to bear the cost of a national problem that is a Federal responsibility.

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SUSAN GOLDING

SUPERVISOR, THIRD DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

June 17, 1986

Dear

By now, you probably have heard of my proposal to seek cost recovery from the Federal government for the provision of County services to illegal immigrants.

While this proposal was initially dramatized and misinterpreted by some members of the media, it is a serious and thoroughly researched measure that I fully intend on presenting to the Board for approval.

Since 1980, the County of San Diego has spent over \$16 million on emergency health care for illegal immigrants and, undoubtedly, several million more in costs associated with other County programs and services.

This economic concern is even better comprehended when we realize how many residents have been affected as County services have either been eliminated or cut back as a result of reduced Federal funding. Last year, for example, nearly 40,000 citizens were impacted when the County lost Federal Revenue Sharing allocations. \$122,000 was cut from senior citizen programs, \$400,000 was slashed from community clinic budgets and \$2 million was eliminated from social service programs.

The U.S./Mexican international border, which defines the southern boundary of San Diego County, is the most heavily impacted region in the United States with respect to illegal immigration. At a time when publicly provided services are overburdened and under-financed for many reasons, we must address viable solutions to the economic impact placed on these services by illegal immigrants. We must do this in order to continue to supply these services to all County residents.

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There is no question that health services must be humanely provided to all who are in need. And, it should also be obvious that our ability to supply services has been diminished for reasons other than the impact of illegal immigrants.

The questions I have raised -- the only questions that are being addressed with respect to the services provided by the county to undocumented aliens -- are; "who pays?" and "who benefits?" with regard to public costs and revenues.

Immigration policy is a Federal responsibility, and I believe that we must ask the Federal government for reimbursement of costs disproportionately borne by a few local communities while Federal public revenue accounts reap the benefits.

Studies have indicated that taxes paid by illegal immigrants exceed the demand such individuals make on local services. Unfortunately, the fact is that very little, if any, of these revenues are returned to the county to finance these services. Studies also show that approximately 80% of undocumented workers in the U.S. do not file income tax returns, thus allowing what could be termed a windfall in annual public revenues for the State and Federal government.

In a 1985 report entitled "Current and Future Effects of Mexican Immigration in California" the Rand Corporation made the following observation:

"Although immigrant's use of services appears to be increasing, their contribution to public revenues exceeds the cost of their service usage, with the exception of educational services. However, local jurisdictions with substantial concentrations of immigrants may well find that they are losing money on services to immigrants, while other parts of the state and nation enjoy an implicit subsidy."

A similar conclusion was reached by Wayne Cornelius, Leo Chavez and Jorge Castro from UCSD's Center for US-Mexican Studies. Taken from their report, "Mexican Immigrants and Southern California: A Summary of Current Knowledge", is the following:

"A major unresolved issue is which level of government should take responsibility for covering unreimbursed medical expenses of undocumented immigrants who lack insurance coverage and who

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cannot pay all of their bills out-of-pocket. A strong case can be made for federal assumption of these costs, since the largest portion of taxes paid by the immigrants (nearly 60%) goes to the federal government and is not returned commensurately to the local and state governments most heavily impacted by Mexican immigration." Clearly, studies such as these indicate that illegal immigrants are contributing to our public revenues.

The Federal government benefits economically while San Diego County bears a majority of the cost and responsibility. I believe that some of the tax revenues paid by undocumented immigrants should be returned to the communities that must bear the costs of providing needed services.

To seek redress on behalf of county residents, I will soon be asking the Board of Supervisors to approve the following proposal:

1) Establish a San Diego County International Border Commission. The purpose of this organization would be to work jointly with the Mexican government, U.S. Federal authorities, business and community organizations (assuring representation of Hispanic interests), toward a better understanding and resolution of the shared concerns along our international border.

2) Investigate applying for Impact Assistance and/or special Federal Legislation which reimburses the County for costs incurred for health services and programs made available to undocumented immigrants.

3) Direct the Chief Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Border Commission, to develop a tracking and monitoring system in which the full cost of County services provided to undocumented immigrants can be identified in a sensitive, confidential and nondiscriminatory manner.

4) Direct County Counsel to prepare a litigation strategy which seeks full reimbursements from the Federal government for the costs absorbed by County government for health programs and services made available to undocumented immigrants as well as any other subsequent costs for other programs and services that may be identified through a tracking system. This strategy would be implemented should other reimbursement methods prove unsuccessful, as they have in the past. Communities experiencing similar disproportionate costs, and considering similar methods of cost recovery, would be invited to join San Diego County in such litigation.

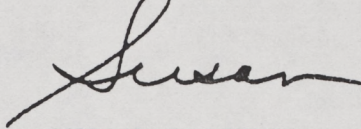
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I ask for your support of this proposal which, hopefully, will resolve an unacceptable situation that requires a few local communities to bear the cost of a matter that benefits the Federal revenues and has been identified as a Federal responsibility. I also look forward to receiving any comments or additional recommendations you might have with regard to the proposal.

If you could relay your personal and/or organizational support in the form of a letter to my office, I will be certain to share those sentiments with my colleagues on the Board. Such an effort, on your part, will be greatly appreciated. If you would also be willing to make a statement to the Board, please, let my office know so that we can provide you with the date and time of the hearing.

Thank you for directing your attention to this time sensitive matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Susan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

SUSAN GOLDING
Supervisor, District 3

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
INFORMATION DEVELOPMENT FORM

SUBJECT: Cost Recovery Program for County Services Provided to Undocumented
Immigrants and Formation of San Diego County Regional Commission on U.S. /
~~Mexico Affairs~~

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

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The Problem:

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

MEETING DATE

The nature of the problem is better comprehended when we consider that many San Diego County residents have been affected by the elimination or curtailment of County services that were previously funded by Federal Revenue Sharing, or other federal sources of funding. Last year, when the County lost Federal Revenue Sharing money, nearly 40,000 citizens were impacted. Examples of these losses are: \$122,000 in programs for senior citizens, \$400,000 in cuts to community clinics affecting over 22,000 patients, and \$2 million in social service cuts which have impacted over 14,000 people. Add to this a possible \$16 million loss due to Gramm-Rudman for fiscal year 86-87.

Supervisor Golding's Proposal:

While studies have indicated the taxes paid by undocumented immigrants exceed the cost of demand such individuals make on local services, the fact is that very little, if any, of these revenues come back to the County to finance these services. Coupled with the fact that studies have shown a large percentage of undocumented workers do not file state or federal income tax returns, a windfall in revenues flows to the state and federal government. Since immigration policy is a Federal responsibility, I believe that we must approach the Federal government for reimbursement of costs borne locally - - costs which are not entirely the responsibility of any local government.

The following proposal is submitted for your consideration:

- (1) Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to investigate applying for Impact Assistance and/or special Federal legislation which reimburses the County for costs incurred for health programs relating to illegal immigration.
- (2) Direct the CAO to establish a San Diego County Regional Commission on U.S. / Mexican Affairs. The purpose of this body would be to work jointly with the Mexican government, Federal authorities, local officials, academic representatives, and business and community organizations towards a better understanding and resolution of the shared concerns between our two regions. There would be local representation of Hispanic interests on the Commission. The CAO will submit the proposed composition of the Commission to the Board for its review and final approval.
- (3) Direct the CAO to develop programs to determine, in a nondiscriminatory manner, the full cost of County services provided to undocumented immigrants. The San Diego County Regional Commission on U.S. / Mexican Affairs would act as the advisory body on the development of such programs and would submit its recommendations to the CAO and Board of Supervisors.
- (4) Accepting the possibility that efforts to obtain impact assistance or legislation might not be successful, as has been the case in the past, direct County Counsel to begin preparation of a litigation strategy which seeks full reimbursements from the Federal government for the costs absorbed by local taxpayers for health programs related to illegal immigration, as well as any other costs that may be identified by the CAO.
- (5) Direct the CAO to solicit the interest of other local jurisdictions in the U.S. which may be similarly impacted by illegal immigration to join the County in litigation against the Federal government in the event Federal impact assistance or special legislation is not successful within a reasonable period of time.

I ask this Board for its support to resolve an unacceptable situation that requires a few local communities to bear the cost of a national problem that is a Federal responsibility.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The South Bay Political Association (SOPA) is an independent political association working in the San Diego County but based in the South Bay area. The large Mexican population in this region is affected directly by the border tensions and violence. We therefore see the urgent need to establish a new organization that can readily address the defense of this community. We recognize that our interests have historically been neglected by established government representatives, community-based organizations and other political franchises. SOPA is an international organization which is actively involved in developing strong, meaningful ties with organizations and groups that are directly organizing and defending the rights of migrant workers.

Today, SOPA is joining the efforts of other organizations in San Diego who are denouncing the national political hysteria generated by local government representatives and the media against Mexican people. Susan Golding, a San Diego County Supervisor, in particular, has publicly gone on record with defamatory statements based on misinformed and misused statistics to declare that "illegal aliens are bankrupting county government". We are disgusted that the San Diego Chapter of American Jewish Committee is honoring Susan Golding with a Human Relations Award.

SOPA, therefore, makes the following demands:

- 1) that an international community review board be set up to investigate how Susan Golding and other public officials are using city, county and federal funds to develop systems of tracking and other studies directed towards repressive actions against Mexicans and other migrant workers.
- 2) that Susan Golding initiate a public conference where people are provided a forum to address her statements and to develop humane solutions to the issues of immigration.

County should sue U.S. for alien-care costs, Golding says

By Claude Walbert

Tribune Staff Writer

Saying the federal government is responsible for controlling immigration but cannot do so, Supervisor Susan Golding wants federal reimbursement for money the county spends policing and taking care of undocumented aliens.

"The time has come for Uncle Sam to pay the bill for all the unwanted visitors who have come to our county," Golding said yesterday in a press conference, "and I just happen to have the bill right here."

With that, she waved what she described as an invoice for approximately \$23 million.

Golding said she will ask the Board of Supervisors to approve filing of a lawsuit seeking reimbursement from the federal government. She will also ask the county to begin a reliable method of tracking costs.

The \$23 million, she said, represents a partial list of estimated medical and criminal-justice costs. Health care at UCSD Medical Center for 1980 through 1985 accounted for \$16.5 million of the total. The remainder was made up of estimates from the Sheriff's Department, the district attorney's office and the Probation Department for jailing and prosecuting undocumented aliens for one year.

"A lot of these figures are very soft," Golding said, adding that the only statement she would attempt to defend about county costs is that they are "extremely high."

County studies in 1977 and 1980 showed that undocumented immigrants return more to the county in taxes than they require in services. Studies in other California counties, by academic researchers and by the U.S. Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy, make the same finding.

Golding said she did not attempt to compare the county's financial gains from taxes with the costs of services because data on the taxes were based on approximations and because no records exist to show how much of the total tax paid is returned to the county.



SUSAN GOLDING
Shows \$23 million invoice

She said 12,000 undocumented aliens were arrested by San Diego police and the Sheriff's Department in 1985. If a study by the San Diego Association of Governments, expected to be completed next year, finds that all those were prosecuted, she said, the total prosecution cost would be \$60 million.

However, that figure is bigger than the combined current annual budgets of the county's municipal courts, the Superior Court, the district attorney's office and the public defender's office. Golding said she was justified nevertheless in using the \$60 million figure because the number of prosecutions is unknown.

Although Golding quoted estimates by local law-enforcement officials of the percentage of crimes committed by undocumented immigrants, she declined to defend the figures.

Golding said she had contacted counties in Florida, Texas and Arizona about the idea of a lawsuit and had found them supportive.

She said local agencies in the past had attempted similar lawsuits. Of those that have been litigated, she said, all failed to gain a dime.

Golding could not estimate the cost of such a lawsuit.

Aliens: Golding urges suit

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care costs for undocumented aliens. Golding, in a telephone interview after the press conference, said she was unsure that a new lawsuit might succeed where the earlier one failed.

"Health cost is one issue and law enforcement is another issue," she said.

Detention of adult undocumented aliens at the county jails downtown and in Vista cost \$1.1 million last year, detention of juvenile illegal immigrants cost \$448,300 and health care \$16.5 million, plus court costs of more than \$1 million and prosecution costs of \$4 million, Golding said.

Over the last eight months, Palomar Hospital wrote off \$800,000 in hospital costs that resulted from treating undocumented aliens and that figure does not include physician fees, she said.

"This illegal immigration problem that we face is not just the worst in California," Golding said at the press conference. "It is not just the worst in the United States. It's the worst in the world.

"It is time for us to do something about it ... We're not getting any help from Washington, which appears to be incapable of formulating any type of workable immigration policy.

"Police Chief (Bill) Kolender recently attributed the rise in San Diego's crime rate to the massive influx of aliens. The sheriff (John Duffy) estimates that 61.5 percent of all rapes, 34 percent of the car thefts and one-fourth of the burglaries in our county are committed by aliens."

Noting that it costs \$5,200 to prosecute each misdemeanor and \$10,000 to prosecute low-grade felonies, Golding said the Sheriff's Department and San Diego police arrested nearly 12,000 undocumented aliens for criminal offenses in San Diego, not including those arrested in the 15 other cities in the county.

"(The federal government) ought to at least house the prisoners" she said. "After all, the first offense these criminals committed — before being arrested for a burglary, car theft or rape — was a federal offense of illegally entering the country. Let them go to federal prison, not County Jail."

In 1978 the county filed a claim against the government for \$1.8 million for health-care services over a three-year period that had been provided to undocumented aliens.

In 1979 U.S. District Judge Gordon Thompson Jr. dismissed the suit on the basis that the federal government could not be sued. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld Thompson's decision, and the U.S. Su-

preme Court refused to hear the case.

Deputy county counsel Philip Kossy, who handled the 1978 case, declined yesterday to discuss the possibility of the Golding suit succeeding where the other suit had failed.

John Neece, chief of the civil division of the U.S. attorney's office, said he would have no comment until he sees "exactly what it is they want."

Golding says county should sue on aliens

By Ken Hudson
Staff Writer

Supervisor Susan Golding, warning that an "invasion" of undocumented aliens is bankrupting the county, yesterday proposed that the county sue the federal government for reimbursement of at least \$23.2 million.

Saying that illegal immigration is a federal problem, Golding announced that she will ask the Board of Supervisors today to approve filing a lawsuit to collect from the federal government money spent on undocumented aliens.

She said the \$23.2 million figure is an estimate of what it has cost the county since 1984 to detain and prosecute undocumented aliens involved in crimes and to provide them with health care and social services. The actual figure could be as high as \$80 million, she said.

"The bottom line is that as local citizens we are getting less and less, and the illegal immigrants are getting more and more," Golding said at a press conference. "Roads are going unfixed, sewers are overflowing and senior citizen programs and children's services such as child abuse are going underfunded because we don't have the money."

The county was unsuccessful in a 1978 lawsuit that sought to force the federal government to pay health-

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Baca challenges remarks by supervisor Golding

By Janice Quesada
Staff Writer

A National City Chicano activist warned that remarks made earlier this week by San Diego County Supervisor Susan Golding could result in violence against Hispanics.

Herman Baca, chairman of the Committee on Chicano Rights, blasted Golding for making inflammatory remarks that "foment possible violence by bigots and racists against persons of Mexican ancestry."

Baca referred to Golding's call

for a lawsuit against the U.S. government to recover money spent by the county to arrest undocumented immigrants and to provide social services for them.

Among other things, Golding cited sheriff's department statistics stating 61.5 percent of all rapes, 34 percent of car thefts and one-fourth of the burglaries in San Diego county are committed by aliens. She later corrected that statement to apply to north county only.

"Supervisor Golding is one of a long list of drum beaters in putting out false propaganda, which

includes the border patrol and the INS (Immigration and Naturalization Service)," said Baca. "If she is being contradicted here by her own sources, what is she going to do when she gets into the larger arena (court) where things are black and white?"

Golding said she cited several statistics to back her case and that those particular statistics were taken out of context.

Baca characterized Golding's remarks as "wild-eyed fabrications" that help foster an "atmosphere of hysteria" directed

against the "350,000 persons of Mexican ancestry who reside, work and pay taxes in San Diego."

"That was just one statistic of a seven-page report," she said. "This is no different than Florida asking for aid from the federal government to deal with the refugees. The cost can't be borne by local government."

Golding said she sympathizes with the people of Mexico fleeing a near-bankrupt country to seek a better life. But the cost for providing health care, law enforcement and other social services

should be footed by the federal government rather than local taxpayers, she said.

She added that although studies show the state and federal government may benefit from taxes paid by undocumented immigrants, San Diego county does not. She warned that the problem of illegal aliens "threatens to bankrupt county government."

Baca disagreed with Golding's statements that undocumented immigrants are draining taxpayers' money.

"These people are keeping the Social Security system solvent

and the U.S. public from starving to death because no one else will do these jobs," he said. "Locally they keep our hotels clean for tourists. They are the busboys and cooks for restaurants and they clean the houses of some of the same people that are crying."

"If someone told you that 61.5 percent of rapes are caused by martians wouldn't you feel afraid of any martian?" Baca asked.



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County to Dun U.S. for Illegal-Alien Expenses

By DANIEL M. WEINTRAUB, *Times Staff Writer*

San Diego County supervisors on Tuesday took the first step toward seeking reimbursement from the federal government for services the county provides to illegal immigrants.

In a series of votes, the board endorsed a broad-based plan by Supervisor Susan Golding to recover what she says are millions of dollars in costs for health, social and criminal justice services the county provides to illegal immigrants.

But the board stopped short of agreeing to sue the federal government to recover the funds, as Golding had suggested a month ago in a press conference that prompted widespread criticism of her in the Latino community.

Instead, the board told county Chief Administrative Officer Norman Hickey to begin preparations for such a suit should all other efforts prove fruitless.

First, however, Hickey will seek from the federal government \$16 million that the county estimates it has paid in the last five years to give health care to illegal immi-

grants at UC San Diego Medical Center.

Hickey also was instructed Tuesday to develop a method of determining the full cost of all other county services provided to undocumented immigrants so that those costs, too, can be recovered.

Another Golding proposal—the creation of a Commission on U.S.-Mexican Affairs—was put off for a month to give Supervisor Brian Bilbray time to talk with San Diego Mayor-elect Maureen O'Connor about establishing a joint city-county border commission.

In her presentation to the board, Golding took pains to avoid the kind of language that prompted some local Latino leaders to brand her approach to the problem a month ago as “hysterical.”

Golding pointed out that she believes Immigration and Naturalization Service arrest statistics are not an accurate measure of the number of people crossing the border, and she conceded that arrest reports from local police departments are often subjective because officers frequently guess

whether a person is in the United States legally.

She said the federal government has an obligation to reimburse local government for services to illegal immigrants, just as it did for Vietnamese refugees after the fall of the U.S.-backed government there.

“I believe the principle is the same, and similar aid is needed today to offset the cost we are bearing for this illegal immigration into this country,” Golding said.

Her proposal won the backing of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce, the San Diego County Medical Society and the Mexican-American Business and Professional Assn. But the Chicano Federation remains opposed, said Jess Haro, chairman of the federation's board.

“What you are doing here is raising false hopes and inflaming passions,” Haro told the supervisors. “What you've done is point your finger at one group, singled out that group and blamed them for the problem of the loss of revenues.”

Editorials/Opinion

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Supervisor Launches Pogrom Against Mexican People

In one stroke Supervisor Susan Golding has labeled the entire Mexican population of San Diego County as "rapists, criminals, thieves and responsible for the county's" inability to service county residents.

We find it incredulous that the local media would have provided space for the outpouring of vicious verbiage by Supervisor Golding at a recent press conference. This in spite of the fact that the Supervisor was unable to support a single one of her racist allegations against persons of Mexican ancestry. Where does the responsibility of the press lie?

By claiming (erroneously as later proven) that Mexicans are responsible for 61.5% of the rapes in the county, Golding made it open season for every extremist in the county to take it upon himself and eliminate this so-called menace to American womanhood!

That Supervisor Golding failed to immediately retract her statements, after the real facts were known, lends credibility to the perception that Golding cares little for the truth but only wishes to act out her own perverted racist, bigoted views of the world, in order to promote her political career.

Perhaps Supervisor Golding should have looked a little deeper into the question of why the county can't repair roads, clean sewers, pick up garbage or provide social services. To blame all the shortcomings of the county administration on one group of people is unconscionable.

Why not send the INS a bill for all the deputies who are spending hours of county time doing immigration work? Why not have them also pick up the salaries of the Marshalls who have so little to do that they spend their time rounding up aliens? Why not sue the

federal government for the cost of prosecuting sailors who commit crimes or that we provide social services for? Why, we wonder, do we spend so much money making San Diego nice for the tourist but we can't support our seniors? They all bring money into the county. . . and so do the Mexican people, whether citizen or undocumented. Why launch this vicious attack on only one group within our society?

Where are the so-called guardians of law and order? Why haven't they raised their voices against this call to violence? Where are the voices of reason? Why haven't they challenged this perverted view of Supervisor Golding? Where is the Anti-Defamation League when one of their own launches a pogrom against a group of people? Where is the Black leadership, which certainly has been the target of these vicious attacks in the past? Where are the political leaders of this county, who know the price of uncontrolled violence? Where are the religious leaders who so piously preach the "brotherhood of man," is this only for Sundays? Where are the trade unionists when members of the working class are being unfairly attacked? Where are the liberals, who'd rather hold hands across America than face reality at home?

In the end, all the so-called leadership of the region of San Diego, including the media which conveniently failed to interview a single Chicano on the issue or allow a Chicano response the same space as Golding received, must bear the responsibility for the results of allowing the inflammatory statements of individuals such as Golding, Duffy, Ezell and all other racists to go unchallenged in our community. This kind of demagoguery has no place in our society.



Tezozomoc Speaks

Celia Ballesteros spotted in court recently. Indicates not too sure she wants to run for the 8th.

Memo to Equal Opportunities Types: How can Valencia and the MAF hire four people to service a Federal program without advertising job opening or asking for bidding of any kind? Are they exempt from the Law?

Memo to State Department of Business, Transportation and Housing: How can you consider giving the Mexican American Foundation grant monies for job development? How about **CET, RETC, MAAC, PIC**, etc. etc. etc., or is this another scam to fund more Republican speeches?

Ten Chicano groups including the **California Chicano News Media Association** held a mayoral conference; among them: **Chicano Federation, MEChA, LULAC, MAPA, CDA, Calif. Republican Committee, Calif. Hispanic Republican Assembly**. Only 50 people showed (including candidates and staff). . . which just shows politicking is not easy.

Burro Award of the Week: To **Mayoral Candidate Maureen O'Connor** for stating that if Hispanics support her for Mayor "she would learn Spanish if elected". Those kinds of patronizing remarks are sure to endear O'Connor to no one.

Pregunta de la Semana: Who ever told Reagan's administration that **Luis Acle** was a fitting representative? Acle demonstrated his ignorance for all to see at the monthly Mexican American Foundation Republican luncheon.

Mayor Bradley scoring heavily against **Gov. Deukmejian**. Exposed the governor as owning oil wells, selling out California to off-shore oil drilling companies, receiving mucho dinero from Toxic waste industrialists and then vetoing bills to control them. Interested in an Ambassadorship to Saudi Arabia Governor?

Memo to Governor's Flacks: no more free space for last minute Hispanic appointees of the governor. Advertising space however is available.

What's the price of a endorsement? I don't know. Ask **Larry Remer** of **NewsLine** (I wonder if the price is the same for O'Connor as it was for Hedgecock?) Larry who waxed over Hedgecock and axed O'Connor now bleating for **Larry Lawrence** and extolling for O'Connor!

Mike Aguirre, beefing up campaign staff, we hear. Mike has recently added **Ralph Anievas**, a throw away from O'Connor's campaign, after he was caught over-charging clients on immigration cases and was suspended from practicing law. Are you sure you want to represent the 8th Miguelito?

Supervisor Golding trying to fend off *Chicano* attack claim **Matt Camarillo**, the hamburger king. **Irma Castro**, the so-called "Chicano" Federation director, and **Dr. Ralph O'Campo** all approved of her press statements! With friends like these who needs enemies?

In town pushing for the formation of a Chicano group to keep the media honest was **Bert Corona**. One local Hispanic informed Corona that San Diego is way ahead of the game. Locals created the "Committee for Responsible Journalism" only problem was that they only attacked the *Chicano* media and found nothing wrong with the Anglo press. Of course the members were all employees of the system. . . que nuevas.

Letters To The Editor

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Golding gets an OK to seek funding for immigrant services

By Claude Walbert
Tribune Staff Writer

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Apologizing for misstatements in her original proposal, Supervisor Susan Golding has won approval of cautious efforts to seek federal reimbursement for county government's costs for services to undocumented immigrants.

Golding was refused, at least for the present, creation of a regional commission on U.S.-Mexican affairs. The rejection came after Supervisor Brian Bilbray said his yearlong effort to establish such a group was about to pay off.

The views of public speakers varied widely. One praised the proposal for a commission as a way to increase understanding. One wanted to sue to force the federal government to place the military along the border to guard against an invasion.

Others said they feared that any effort to track costs would lead to intrusive questioning of all Hispanics, citizens or not. Some said that reimbursement for costs to all medical institutions, not just UCSD Medical Center, should be sought, and that Golding's proposal arose from a "personal agenda" instead of humanitarian concern.

Bilbray said Golding's proposed commission would begin from the wrong place because, with the immigrants, "the greatest problem is not dollars and cents but human misery."

After meeting with Deputy Mayor Ed Struiksma and arranging for meetings with Mayor-elect Maureen O'Connor, Bilbray said, he believes that agreement on a joint city-county commission is very near.

He asked for 30 days to complete his talks, and the supervisors unanimously approved.

Golding set off a storm of community and editorial protest last month when she made erroneous statements about the percentage of crimes attributable to undocumented immigrants and said the county's costs threatened bankruptcy.

"I'm sorry that the mistake was made," Golding said yesterday. "If I have learned nothing else, I have learned that this is a very complex, complicated issue and there are no easy answers."

Nevertheless, federal reimbursement should be sought, she said, because undocumented immigrants are a federal responsibility, not the county's.

The county's federal assistance when large numbers of Southeast Asian immigrants settled in San Diego after the Vietnam War are a precedent for reimbursement, she said.

Rep. Bill Lowery has agreed to carry a bill, separate from pending immigration legislation, to repay the county for its costs, Golding said. She asked that Chief Administrative Officer Norman Hickey also be directed to investigate repayment.

Supervisors divided on alien plan

By Greg Krikorian
Staff Writer

The Board of Supervisors yesterday moved cautiously forward with a plan to collect more funds from the federal government to cover the county's costs of providing services, particularly in health care, to undocumented immigrants.

But the board did not agree to the formation of a county commission on U.S./Mexican Affairs, a key element of Supervisor Susan Golding's overall plan to force the federal government to reimburse the county for costs associated with illegal immigration.

Moreover, Golding's overall proposal continued to stir up controversy despite her insistence that it was not meant to disparage Hispanics.

"What you are doing is inflaming false hopes and inflaming passion. What you have done is pointed your finger at one group, singled out one group and blamed them for the prob-

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lems of lost revenue," said Jess Haro, chairman of the Chicano Federation.

"The reality is that this (federal) administration has set a very low priority on the problems of the poor and has deliberately and consciously set out to reduce the funding received by both cities and counties throughout the United States," Haro said.

"Whatever policy you decide, do not permit you employees to become an arm of the INS," Ralph Pesquera, of the Mexican American Business and Professional Association, told supervisors.

Pesquera, also, representing the Chamber of Commerce, noted that both organizations support Golding's efforts to "recover whatever funds are necessary to offset the tremendous amount of expenses that have

taken place in the county and city of San Diego.

"However, in order to come up with the statistics, a great deal of harm can be made," said Pesquera. "And this is where the greatest sensitivity must take place."

Objections to Golding's proposal surfaced when it was originally unveiled last month and she cited statistics that inaccurately suggested undocumented immigrants were responsible for a large number of rapes, burglaries and car thefts countywide.

Golding quickly acknowledged the statistics were in error but not before they led to sharp criticism of her proposal until its formal introduction yesterday.

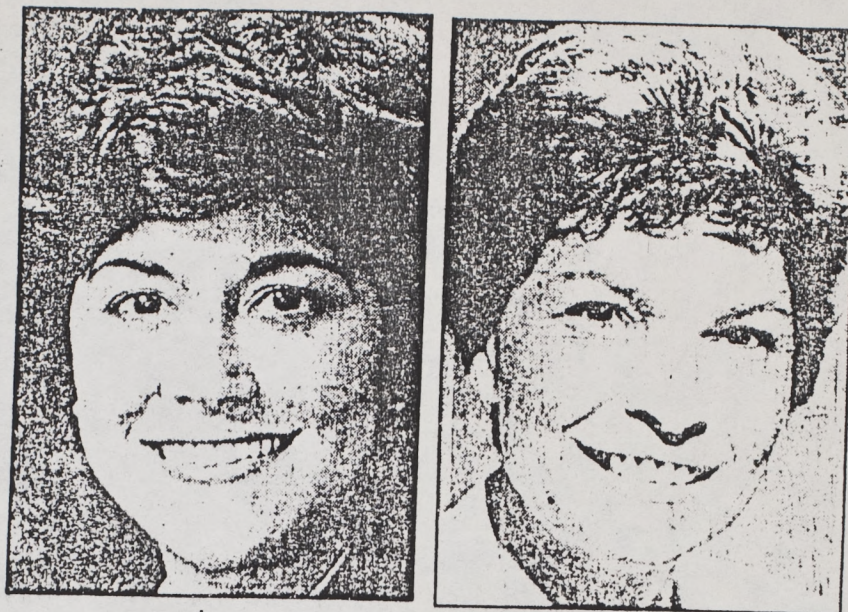
"I am sorry that the error was made," Golding said yesterday, "but

it was corrected within an hour or so and has not been made again."

Golding added that a commission on U.S./Mexican Affairs could help develop accurate statistical information on the local costs and services associated with immigration. Thus far, she said, county officials have identified \$16 million in emergency health care costs alone since 1980.

But while agreeing to seek legislation and consider litigation to recover the county's costs, the other supervisors postponed a decision for 30 days on whether to form a new county commission, which could cost more than \$100,000 for staffing.

The delay was requested by Supervisor Brian Bilbray, who said the county should first talk with San Diego city officials about joining their recently formed commission studying border issues.



File Photos

County Supervisor Susan Golding, left, and City Councilwoman Abbe Wolfsheimer will be honored June 10.

• The San Diego chapter of the American Jewish Committee will present the Col. Irving Salomon Human Relations Award to County Supervisor Susan Golding and City Councilwoman Abbe Wolfsheimer at its annual meeting June 10 at Sheraton Harbor Island East.

Keynote speaker will be City Manager Sylvester Murray. His speech is titled "Effective City Government."

Wolfsheimer is the daughter of the late Col. Salomon.

A hosted cocktail reception for contributors to the American Jewish Committee's Annual Human Relations Appeal will precede the dinner.

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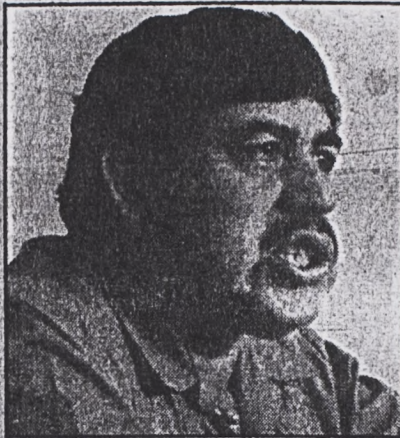
Baca assails Golding over suit proposal

Supervisor Susan Golding is either a political opportunist or a racist for proposing that the county sue the federal government over the issue of illegal immigration, the chairman of the Committee on Chicano Rights said yesterday.

Committee Chairman Herman Baca, at a press conference, said that Golding's remarks Monday were irresponsible and caused "irreparable damage to the rights, safety and security of the 350,000 persons of Mexican ancestry who reside and work, and who pay taxes in the county."

Baca said Golding is "fomenting possible violence by bigots and racists against persons of Mexican ancestry . . ."

Golding, contacted for a response, said she was saddened that the group had misunderstood and misinterpreted



The San Diego Union

Herman Baca

ed her remarks. She pointed out that the undocumented aliens came from 72 different countries.

Golding said she wants the federal government to bear the cost of illegal immigration much as it paid the cost of bringing refugees from Vietnam into the United States. Her proposal to have the county sue the federal government for reimbursement is scheduled to be discussed Tuesday by the Board of Supervisors.

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care costs for undocumented aliens. Golding, in a telephone interview after the press conference, said she was unsure that a new lawsuit might succeed where the earlier one failed.

"Health cost is one issue and law enforcement is another issue," she said.

Detention of adult undocumented aliens at the county jails downtown and in Vista cost \$1.1 million last year, detention of juvenile illegal immigrants cost \$448,300 and health care \$16.5 million, plus court costs of more than \$1 million and prosecution costs of \$4 million, Golding said.

Over the last eight months, Palomar Hospital wrote off \$800,000 in hospital costs that resulted from treating undocumented aliens and that figure does not include physician fees, she said.

"This illegal immigration problem that we face is not just the worst in California," Golding said at the press conference. "It is not just the worst in the United States. It's the worst in the world.

"It is time for us to do something about it . . . We're not getting any help from Washington, which appears to be incapable of formulating any type of workable immigration policy.

"Police Chief (Bill) Kolender recently attributed the rise in San Diego's crime rate to the massive influx of aliens. The sheriff (John Duffy) estimates that 61.5 percent of all rapes, 34 percent of the car thefts and one-fourth of the burglaries in our county are committed by aliens."

Noting that it costs \$5,200 to prosecute each misdemeanor and \$10,000 to prosecute low-grade felonies, Golding said the Sheriff's Department and San Diego police arrested nearly 12,000 undocumented aliens for criminal offenses in San Diego, not including those arrested in the 15 other cities in the county.

"(The federal government) ought to at least house the prisoners" she said. "After all, the first offense these criminals committed — before being arrested for a burglary, car theft or rape — was a federal offense of illegally entering the country. Let them go to federal prison, not County Jail."

In 1978 the county filed a claim against the government for \$1.8 million for health-care services over a three-year period that had been provided to undocumented aliens.

In 1979 U.S. District Judge Gordon Thompson Jr. dismissed the suit on the basis that the federal government could not be sued. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld Thompson's decision, and the U.S. Su-

preme Court refused to hear the case.

Deputy county counsel Philip Kossy, who handled the 1978 case, declined yesterday to discuss the possibility of the Golding suit succeeding where the other suit had failed.

John Neece, chief of the civil division of the U.S. attorney's office, said he would have no comment until he sees "exactly what it is they want."

Golding says county should sue on aliens

By Ken Hudson

Staff Writer

Supervisor Susan Golding, warning that an "invasion" of undocumented aliens is bankrupting the county, yesterday proposed that the county sue the federal government for reimbursement of at least \$23.2 million.

Saying that illegal immigration is a federal problem, Golding announced that she will ask the Board of Supervisors today to approve filing a lawsuit to collect from the federal government money spent on undocumented aliens.

She said the \$23.2 million figure is an estimate of what it has cost the county since 1984 to detain and prosecute undocumented aliens involved in crimes and to provide them with health care and social services. The actual figure could be as high as \$80 million, she said.

"The bottom line is that as local citizens we are getting less and less, and the illegal immigrants are getting more and more," Golding said at a press conference. "Roads are going unfixed, sewers are overflowing and senior citizen programs and children's services such as child abuse are going underfunded because we don't have the money."

The county was unsuccessful in a 1978 lawsuit that sought to force the federal government to pay health-

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Bases Plea for Lawsuit on Disputed Figures

Golding Wants U.S. to Pick Up Alien Tab

By H.G. REZA, *Times Staff Writer*

Supervisor Susan Golding proposed Monday that San Diego County sue the U.S. government to recover millions of dollars spent by the county to arrest illegal aliens and provide social services for them.

Golding said she will ask for the board's approval for the lawsuit today.

To show the financial impact that illegal aliens have on county government, Golding presented a dizzying array of figures, although some of them were later disputed. She said she had discussed the idea of such a lawsuit with county

officials in Arizona, Texas and Florida, who are also beset by problems brought on by illegal aliens and may join San Diego County in suing the federal government.

She said it is appropriate to sue the U.S. government because enforcement of immigration laws is a federal responsibility, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service should be doing more to stop the flow of "uninvited visitors" to the county.

According to Golding, county taxpayers are "footing the bill for a national problem." She claimed

that "roads are going unfixed, sewers are overflowing" and community programs are being cut because county money is being spent to halt crime committed by aliens and to provide social services for their families.

In an attempt to dramatize the costs, Golding waved an "invoice" for \$23 million allegedly representing funds paid by the county because of illegal aliens during the past five years. She said the \$23 million, which includes jail, health care and court costs, represents identifiable costs only and charged

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that the true cost could total \$100 million.

Some of the statistics Golding offered were later questioned by law enforcement agencies.

For example, Golding said the San Diego County Sheriff's Department estimated that 61.5% of all the rapes in the county are committed by aliens. But sheriff's spokesman John Tenwolde said that Golding took that and other figures out of context. Tenwolde said the department gave Golding some crime figures in March, but the rape statistic she quoted applied only to the sheriff's substations in Fallbrook and Vista, and were accumulated during the fiscal year 1984-1985.

"Those figures should've been qualified," Tenwolde said. "In fiscal year 1984 and 1985 there were 13 rape arrests in those two substations and of these 13 arrests, eight were illegal aliens. That accounts for 61.5%."

The sheriff's spokesman said the other figures quoted by Golding and attributed to the department should also have been qualified. Golding said that 34% of the car thefts and 25% of the burglaries in the county are committed by illegal aliens. But Tenwolde said those figures also apply only to Fallbrook and Vista, where a large concentration of undocumented aliens work on North County farms.

Golding later admitted that she used the figures inaccurately. "My staff made a mistake, but it's hardly the point I'm making," she said. "My message is not who commits crime. My message is what the cost

In a prepared statement passed out to reporters, Golding said the sheriff's Department and the San Diego Police Department arrested 2,000 illegal aliens for criminal offenses in 1985. She said that it costs as much as \$10,000 to prosecute a "low grade" felony and said that, if all 12,000 aliens arrested went to trial, it would cost taxpayers \$60 million. She said the current combined annual budget for the county district attorney, municipal

and superior courts totals about \$51 million.

Many criminal cases, including those involving U.S. citizens, are routinely settled in plea bargains reached before trial.

Golding claimed that Escondido police spend 50% of their time on illegal aliens. But a police spokesman said that while undocumented aliens account for a significant percentage of Escondido's crime problem, only 13% of the people arrested in that city in 1985 were aliens.

Responding to questions about the statistics, Golding said, "They are not my figures. . . . I will not defend all figures. . . . It may be more. It may be less."

Golding painted a gloomy picture of what she said could happen if the federal government does not step up its enforcement of immigration laws and if federal funds used to pay for health and social services are cut.

"In the final analysis, non-citizens are taking a greater and greater percentage of the amount that is allocated, and citizens are getting less," Golding said.

However, she said that she does not know how many aliens are currently benefiting from county services. Golding acknowledged that the possibility of successfully suing the federal government is slim, but she vowed to press forward anyway.

"By billing the federal government, and suing them, maybe we can get the attention of Congress, and get some sort of relief from this massive invasion," Golding said.

Golding's colleagues on the board said they have not seen her proposal. Board Chairman George Bailey said he favors sending a bill to the federal government "but I don't think we'll get anywhere with a lawsuit." Bailey said both El Paso, Tex., and Los Angeles have billed the government for services provided to aliens, but those claims were rejected.

Supervisor Brian Bilbray said the proposed suit would have to be discussed and studied carefully.

"We have to document direct

and indirect expenses," Bilbray said.

Supervisor Paul Eckert said he favors the suit because "this issue needs to be addressed."

In proposing the suit, Golding rejected three county studies done in the last 10 years that show illegal aliens paying more in taxes than they get in local services. She said that the studies no longer provide an accurate picture of what is happening because of a sharp increase in the number of alien living in the county. But Golding admitted that she has no idea how many undocumented aliens live in San Diego County.

In addition to Golding's proposal, the county counsel is filing two suits against the state to give San Diego County a share of tax funds used for social services.

Golding's remarks on aliens could spark racial violence, Baca warns

By Mark Monday

Tribune Staff Writer

Statements made earlier this week by San Diego County Supervisor Susan Golding could lead to violence against people of Mexican heritage, says a San Diego Chicano leader.

Herman Baca, chairman of the Committee on Chicano Rights, said yesterday at a National City news conference that Golding is "fomenting possible violence by bigots and racists against persons of Mexican ancestry with her irresponsible statement."

Baca said the Mexican-American community "must now look to itself to protect its rights, families and property."

Golding was quoted as saying Monday that crimes committed by undocumented aliens were costing county taxpayers millions of dollars each year. She has been urging the county file a lawsuit against the federal government seeking reimbursement of money that the county government spent on the aliens.

Golding said a suit against the fed-

eral government could be based on the fact that the federal government has responsibility for enforcement of immigration laws. She said the Immigration and Naturalization Service has not done enough to stop "uninvited visitors" from coming into the country.

Golding quoted figures from the county sheriff's department showing

that 62.5 percent of the rapes, 34 percent of the car thefts and 25 percent of the burglaries could be attributed to aliens.

Golding said the issue is the responsibility of the federal government to carry out an immigration policy — and the impacts on the county and its residents if the policy isn't properly enforced.

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TIDBITS

Duffy feeds bad data to Golding

by Larry Remer

Supervisor Susan Golding moved quickly to patch up feathers she ruffled in the Chicano community last week. Golding had held a press conference to announce a plan for the county to sue the federal government for reimbursement of more than \$23 million annually that the country incurs in providing social services to undocumented workers. There was no real problem with that. Immigration is acknowledged to be a federal issue and in other situations the U.S. government has long provided offset aid to locales like San Diego where federal installations (like the Navy) take property off local tax rolls. But the problem came when Golding cited statistics attributing virtually all of the increase in crime in San Diego to undocumented workers. The statistics were flat out wrong. They had come from Sheriff John Duffy's office and, as it turned out, applied only to some small section of north county. (Duffy, of course, has been waxing demagogic on this issue for years. At one point he tried to get all the county's cab drivers to refuse fares from people they thought were here illegally. Just recently, he called on the federal government to station Marines at the border.) In any event, Golding's statistics prompted an immediate outcry from Chicanos who felt they were being scapegoated and such statements by public officials contribute to a climate of fear and discrimination against all

people with brown skin. And, to Golding's credit, as soon as she found out the statistics were wrong, she publicly retracted them, taking to the radio waves to apologize. Then, last Wednesday, in a meeting with Chicano leaders she was even more contrite. She flat out said she was sorry and that she regretted the misstatements of fact. She said that she would do whatever it took to correct the public record on the issue—that while she still wanted to pursue the lawsuit itself and gain reimbursement to the county, she'd be real careful in the future about any statistical references linking undocumented workers to crimes in the community. But while Golding's original statements made headlines, her apology and clarification didn't seem to interest the *Union* or the *Times* to the same degree. In addition, *La Prensa*, a throwaway published by a racist and an anti-Semite named Dan Munoz, responded with a vitriolic cartoon against Golding, who happens to be Jewish, showing her wearing a Jewish star and blaming a group of undocumented for all the nation's ills. The Chicano leadership responded swiftly and negatively to Munoz' demagoguery, disavowing it in a letter to him and asking that he apologize for his cartoon.

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Herman Baca, chairman of the Committee on Chicano Rights, charged Wednesday that San Diego County Supervisor Susan Golding is "fomenting possible violence against aliens by bigots and racists" by alleging that police costs and social services for undocumented aliens are causing a serious drain on county revenue.

Golding announced Monday that she will ask the Board of Supervisors to approve a lawsuit against the U.S. government to recover millions of dollars spent by the county to arrest undocumented aliens and provide social services to them.

Baca charged that Golding's remarks are "pure fabrications, falsehoods and slander." He quoted from two county studies done in 1977 and 1980 showing that aliens pay more in taxes than they get in public benefits. Baca said that the 1977 study estimated that aliens living in San Diego County at the time were paying \$48 million annually in taxes and getting only \$1 million in social services.

Man Seeks Help Finding Deaf Wife INS Put on Bus

By JERRY BELCHER, *Times Staff Writer*

LOS ANGELES—Maria Arevalos is missing.

She may be in Los Angeles but, if she is still alive, she almost certainly does not know where she is.

Arevalos cannot tell anyone her plight, cannot ask for help, because the 34-year-old Mexican national is almost totally deaf and can speak only a few words in Spanish. She cannot read, write or use sign language. She carried no identification papers, and had only \$5 in her pocket when she vanished two weeks ago.

Jose Herrera, her 48-year-old common-law husband, said Wednesday that he has been searching since May 1, when two Immigration and Naturalization Service agents took Arevalos off a train at Ocean-side for questioning.

Herrera said he tried to tell the agents that she could not talk, but they did not seem to understand. He said he did not learn until much later that Arevalos was taken to San Clemente and then, after she failed to respond to questioning from INS agents, she was given a ticket and put on a bus for Los Angeles.

"I think something bad happened to her," Herrera said.

Then, hopefully, he added. "Or maybe

she met somebody at the bus depot in Los Angeles, a kind and good person who is taking care of her. If someone took her in, I want them to communicate with me . . . I am very worried . . . She is very timid, very shy."

Speaking through an interpreter at the Los Angeles office of the National Center for Immigrants' Rights, Herrera asked that anyone with any information about his wife telephone him at (213) 232-8281, the number of the Los Angeles home of the missing woman's sister, Margarita Recendos. Herrera, who has lived and worked in Fresno for the last five years, holds a green card work permit and is in this country legally. He admitted that Arevalos was entering the United States illegally.

"She was going to come live with me in Fresno," he explained.

When the plainclothes agents took her from the Amtrak passenger train, Herrera said, he expected that she would be sent back across the border at Tijuana, where their journey had begun.

Instead, as an INS spokesman said Wednesday, she was taken to the agency's San Clemente facility. Marshall Mehlos, assistant chief of the agency's San Diego Sector, said the agents who questioned

Arevalos thought she was only pretending to be deaf. He said that at one point she made a rocking motion with her arms and, apparently by pointing northward, caused the agents to believe she had a baby in Los Angeles.

Mehlos said the INS could neither prove nor disprove that she was an illegal alien and so she was released and put on the Los Angeles-bound bus.

Mehlos said the INS did not realize she was an illegal until Herrera showed up at their Chula Vista headquarters and told them his story.

Robert Schey, executive director of the Center for Immigrants' Rights, said that the INS has been "reasonably cooperative" since Herrera contacted his organization earlier this week and he and his staff began making inquiries. But, he said, checks with the six alien detention centers in Southern California turned up no trace of the missing woman.

Schey believes Arevalos should not be missing at all.

"I think it should have been evident that she had significant disabilities, that she was without funds and without any form of identification," he said. "I think under the circumstances as they were related to

me—that she was put on a bus and left to her own resources—that it was an improper course of action."

Herrera said that Arevalos did not have her sister's Los Angeles address and, because of her hearing and speech disabilities, could not communicate with anyone.

"She can hear me if I talk real loud," he said, "and she can say about 20 words, but not consecutively."

Herrera, a seasonal farm worker presently employed at a Fresno tortilla factory, said he first met Arevalos five years ago, and has considered her his wife for the past 2½ years, although they are not legally married.

He described her as 5 feet 3 inches tall, weighing about 145 pounds, with dark eyes and long dark hair. When he last saw her, she was wearing a red sweater, a blue blouse, blue jeans and black shoes. He said she trembles visibly when she is nervous or upset.

"I fear for her life, of course," he said.

If she is alive, he said, "she probably is very confused . . . if she did get to Los Angeles, she would probably go with the first person who showed her some kindness."

Golding Shelves Bid to Sue U.S. Over Spending on Aliens

By H.G. REZA, Times Staff Writer

San Diego County Supervisor Susan Golding on Tuesday withdrew her controversial proposal that the county sue the U.S. government to recover millions of dollars spent by the county to arrest illegal aliens and provide health services for them.

Golding said that she intends to refine the proposal and re-introduce it for the board's debate next month, after she meets with the county counsel, a private attorney and various community groups.

"I am hopeful of developing a strategy, which would be partly political and partly administrative, to complement the suit," Golding said. The renewed strategy includes putting additional political pressure on the federal government and asking the supervisors "to try additional administrative remedies" in Washington.

Golding's lawsuit proposal raised considerable controversy when she announced it last week. She charged that legal residents are going without adequate services because money is being spent by law enforcement agencies to arrest and prosecute illegal aliens who

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■ Environment of Imagination

"Habitat," a collection of artworks by Donald Hughes, reflects his occupation as director of exhibitions at the San Diego Natural History Museum. **CALENDAR, Page 1**

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commit crimes. In addition, Golding charged that the county is spending millions of dollars on health services provided to aliens and their families.

She proposed suing the federal government for \$23 million to recover funds paid by the county because of illegal aliens during the last five years. However, Golding's proposal came under immediate attack from some Latino community leaders and groups, many of them charging that the lawsuit and the rhetoric behind it were racist.

On Monday, Golding said that she had discussed her proposal

with several groups and individuals, including Latinos, before announcing it last week. According to Golding, the people she talked to were supportive of the idea. But she declined to name them.

As part of her new strategy, Golding said that she will meet with more community groups, including the Chamber of Commerce, local taxpayer groups and Latino leaders to further discuss the possibility of filing a suit.

Golding complained about the negative publicity that the proposal has brought her, which resulted in part from some incorrect statistics that she used in proposing the suit. Despite the publicity, Golding said

that she has received about 100 calls about the lawsuit, only two of them opposing it.

"I don't think that I'm asking for anything unreasonable. I simply want the federal government to adopt responsibility for the county's law enforcement and health costs in dealing with undocumented aliens," Golding said.

She added that her biggest complaint is that the county does not benefit directly from taxes paid by illegal aliens to the federal government.

"The tax money we get from the

federal government is not directly, or for the most part indirectly, for the county's law enforcement or health costs. . . . I know that undocumented aliens contribute to the economy through the service industries and agriculture and pay taxes. But we're not seeing this tax money," Golding said.

Last week, Golding rejected three county studies done in recent years that show illegal aliens paying more in taxes than they get in local services. She argued that the studies are outdated because of a sharp increase in the number of aliens living in the county.



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ng plan: Two views

Herman Baca's response (May 15) to Susan Golding's proposal to sue the federal government for reimbursement of city and county funds expended in the support of apprehended, undocumented, immigration-law violators from 72 different countries is one of the strongest arguments to be presented in favor of Sen. Hayakawa's bill to legislate the establishment of English as our national language.

From what has been said to date, there is not one scintilla of evidence to show that Golding has anything in mind except to make Tip O'Neill's House of Representatives pay for its collective contumely as regards every piece of legislation pertaining to regaining the lost control of our border with Mexico.

If Baca can read into Golding's proposal any other inference, it would show a pathetic lack of comprehension of written English, and *The Union* would be well served to refrain from allowing itself to become the abetter to an innocent display of ignorance in a public medium.

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Concerning your story on San Diego County Supervisor Susan Golding's press conference warning that an "invasion" of undocumented aliens was bankrupting the county. She stated that "local citizens are getting less and less and the illegal immigrants are getting more and more" of the county budget.

She also quoted estimates supposedly from Sheriff John Duffy (since refuted by his office) stating that "61.5 percent of all rapes, 34 percent of the car thefts and one-fourth of the burglaries in our county are committed by aliens."

The use of these false and unsubstantiated figures by a public official in order to bolster her threatened lawsuit against the federal government for reimbursement of county law-enforcement expenses is totally irresponsible.

Supervisor Golding has done a great injustice to the Mexican nationals and all people of Mexican heritage living in this area with her false and bigoted statements to the press. Through the use of innuendo, she has branded the hard-working, tax-paying, Mexican/Mexican-American community as rapists and thieves. We will not accept anything less than the complete repudiation of her statements and a public apology to our county's residents of Mexican descent.

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Golding drops bid to sue U.S. over expenses on aliens

By Greg Krikorian
Staff Writer

Supervisor Susan Golding yesterday withdrew a politically volatile proposal that the county sue the U.S. government to recover millions of dollars spent on undocumented aliens.

But Golding said her decision to postpone a debate by the Board of Supervisors on her proposal had nothing to do with the controversy it has generated, particularly among Hispanic leaders.

Rather, Golding said she needs a week or two to develop a legal strategy for the lawsuit and to talk to more people about her proposal. Finding a winning legal strategy could be difficult, since a similar suit by the county in 1978 was rejected by both the trial court and appeals court.

The supervisor did not specify who would be contacted but said she "would talk to anybody" interested in the proposal.

Golding said her office has received nearly 100 telephone calls about her proposal since it was unveiled May 12 at a news conference. Only two of the calls, Golding said, have been from people opposed to her proposal.

"The rest of the people are basically saying they agree that the federal government" should reimburse the county for health care, social services and law-enforcement costs associated with undocumented aliens, Golding said.

The supervisor has placed the cost of those services since 1984 at a minimum of \$23.3 million and said they represent "a problem that threatens

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to bankrupt county government."

But Golding's proposal was quickly challenged after it was revealed that she used the wrong statistics to bolster claims that undocumented aliens are responsible for a large number of crimes.

The Sheriff's Department clarified after her news conference, for example, that undocumented aliens did not commit 61.5 percent of the rapes in the county, as Golding had claimed.

That figure, according to the department, was drawn from fiscal 1984 and 1985 statistics at sheriff's substations in Vista and Fallbrook, when eight of the 13 people arrested for rape were undocumented aliens.

The use of the wrong crime statistics was not the issue, Golding said yesterday. "The real issue is the cost

of the services and that is what should be talked about," she said.

But Golding's sentiment and statistics have come under attack by community activists, including Herman Baca, chairman of the Committee on Chicano Rights, who called her proposal slanderous and inaccurate.

At a news conference two days after hers, Baca said said county studies in 1977 and 1980 showed aliens paid more money in sales taxes and other levies than they received in public services.

In recent days, several county officials have speculated that Golding might withdraw or significantly alter her proposal.

"My guess is that she withdrew the proposal because she was getting some much heat," said one county official who asked not to be identified.

Falaces las Declaraciones Contra Indocumentados: HB

● Peligrosa Provocación que Puede Generar Violencia Contra Mexicanos

NATIONAL CITY.-Las declaraciones de Susan Goldwing, Supervisora del Condado de San Diego, en el sentido de que el más elevado porcentaje de violaciones en contra de mujeres y robos de autos son cometidos por indocumentados, "son falaces y pueden incitar a los norteamericanos a utilizar la violencia en contra de ellos".

Lo anterior fue afirmado ayer por el Presidente del Comité Pro Derechos Chicanos, Herman Baca, quien en conferencia de prensa ante los medios de difusión estadounidenses criticó a Goldwing por vertir opiniones injustas y

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sin bases auténticas.

Al inicio de la conferencia, Baca recordó que recientemente Goldwing, en rueda de prensa, con cierta ligereza declaró que el condado de San Diego debe demandar al gobierno federal estadounidense por la entrada de indocumentados a San Diego.

Susan Goldwing, agregó Baca, muy a la ligera afirmó que el 61.5% de los actos de violación en contra de mujeres y el 34% de los robos de autos que registra San Diego y su entorno urbano son cometidos por indocumentados.

Tras de señalar que estas declaraciones son falsas, Baca declaró que solicitará que Susan Goldwing se retracte de sus aseveraciones y en su oportunidad dé una disculpa por vertir opiniones que pueden fomentar la violencia en contra de personas mexicanas.

Herman Baca sostuvo que las declaraciones de Susan Goldwing en contra de personas de ascendencia mexicana son irresponsables y están causando daños irreparables a los derechos, la paz y la seguridad de más de 350 mil indocumentados que residen, trabajan y pagan impuestos en San Diego.

El Presidente del Comité Pro Derechos Chicanos enfatizó que causa asombro y sorpresa que Goldwing, siendo de ascendencia judía y sabiendo que su propia gente sufrió el genocidio, el racismo y la discriminación, "hoy se una a los que propagan la histeria racista y proponen en el caso de los indocumentados soluciones similares a las que el pueblo judío enfrentaba bajo el gobierno nazi en Alemania en los años treintas".

Baca criticó también la iniciada campaña política y policiaca en contra de indocumentados seguida por el Jefe de Policía de San Diego, Bill Kolender, y el Sheriff del Condado, Jhon Duffy.

Las actuaciones de estos jefes policiacos, agregó, han provocado un clima de histeria entre la comunidad mexicana, misma que ahora tendrá que buscar una solución a sus problemas dentro de su propio seno.

Entre nosotros, añadió, en su momento se darán las medidas necesarias para proteger y defender nuestros derechos, nuestra familia y nuestra propiedad.

Baca enfatizó que declaraciones como las de Goldwing significan un gran peligro para la sociedad sandieguina en general, pues sabido es que los robos y violaciones en contra de mujeres no son cometidos por los indocumentados, como afirma la Supervisora del Condado.

En nuestra propia sociedad, agregó, siempre ha habido gente que comete los delitos y actos criminales pero como en las corporaciones policiacas no hay eficiencia ni organización, se ha tomado a los indocumentados como chivos expiatorios y se les está acusando de que ellos son los que cometen la mayoría de actos criminales.

En cualquier raza, agregó, hay individuos que cometen delitos, pero nunca debe formularse una acusación en contra de una sola raza porque esto es injusto y capaz de provocar la violencia.

Los indocumentados, concluyó Herman Baca, cruzan la frontera procedentes de México para trabajar porque quieren superarse, "ellos no vienen a cometer delitos en contra de la sociedad norteamericana", sentenció.

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Countywide

Herman Baca, chairman of the Committee on Chicano Rights, charged Wednesday that San Diego County Supervisor Susan Golding is "fomenting possible violence against aliens by bigots and racists" by alleging that police costs and social services for undocumented aliens are causing a serious drain on county revenue.

Golding announced Monday that she will ask the Board of Supervisors to approve a lawsuit against the U.S. government to recover millions of dollars spent by the county to arrest undocumented aliens and provide social services to them.

Baca charged that Golding's remarks are "pure fabrications, falsehoods and slander." He quoted from two county studies done in 1977 and 1980 showing that aliens pay more in taxes than they get in public benefits. Baca said that the 1977 study estimated that aliens living in San Diego County at the time were paying \$48 million annually in taxes and getting only \$1 million in social services.