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VOTE FOR LOYA - BLYTHE, RIPLEY, & PALO VERDE

On June 2, 1970, you voters of Flythe, Ripley, and Palo Verde will have a chance to actually do something to better your economic conditions by voting for Raul Loya for Assemblyman of the 75th District.

It does not make a difference if you are a Democrat or a Republican, when you vote for Loya, it means that you want the non-partisan things that Loya advocates which will improve the economy of the people, homeowners, merchants, businessmen, and working people. If you are a Democrat, just make an X next to Loya's name on the ballot. If you are a Republican, just write in Raul Loya in the empty space below Whittlesey's name on the Republican ballot.

In 1968 when I was running for Assemblyman, I distributed leaflets just like this one you are reading which for the first time explained to you voters that in the 75th Assembly District, there were 4 big irrigation districts, the Palo Verde Irrigation District, the Ford Irrigation District, the Imperial Irrigation District, and the Coachella Valley County Water District.

All these districts are able to get vast amounts of water from the Colorado River BECAUSE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BUILT THE BOULDER DAM AND SINCE THEN MANY ADDITIONAL DAMS SO THAT WATER FOR LARGE SCALE FARMING COULD BE DONE.

BUT THE PEOPLE IN ALL THESE DISTRICTS WERE KEPT IN IGNORANCE THAT ALL THESE DAMS WERE BUILT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE U.S. RECLAMATION LAWS WHICH SAID 1. ONLY BONAFIDE RESIDENTS COULD GET WATER TO FARM HERE AND 2. EACH FARMER COULD GET WATER TO FARM 160 ACRES-EACH CHILD IN A FAMILY COULD GET WATER TO FARM 160 ACRES.

A big corporation could not hire a man to farm big acreages for it in the Palo Verde area for example. A husband and wife with 4 children are a family which is entitled to get water to farm 6 x 160 acres for a total of 960 acres.

Now these U.S. Reclamation Laws were not enforced either by Democratic Administrations or Republican Administrations BECAUSE THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE 75TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THESE LAWS AND MADE NO PROTESTS TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

I started these protests going in to the Federal Government as regards the Imperial Irrigation District and on January 11, 1967, the United States filed a lawsuit against the Imperial Irrigation District in the U.S. Court in San Diego, Calif. (Civil Case No. 67-7-K) to stop absentee landowners from getting water to farm and to start the limiting of the water to that amount necessary for one person to farm 160 acres.

So you see that this is not theory, for the U.S. Government has

already taken legal steps to enforce the U.S. Reclamation Laws. Raul Loya has been active in starting protests to go to the Federal Government from the Indio area where the Coachella Valley County Water District is.

When I ran for Assemblyman in November of 1968, I ran on the same platform that Raul Loya is running on. Those people who voted for me wanted the U.S. Reclamation Laws enforced. It must be realized that the big ranchers do not want these Laws enforced so that they contribute much money to candidates like Alfred Singh and Susan Marx who are running as Democrats and Ray Seeley and Barry Whittlesey who are running as Republicans.

But you Democrats and Republicans living in the Blythe, Ripley, and Palo Verde areas must be made to realize that Loya is attacking the Democratic candidates Singh and Marx, and the Republican candidates Seeley and Whittlesey FOR THEY WILL NOT TALK ON THESE ISSUES BECAUSE THEY WANT YOU TO BE KEPT IN IGNORANCE AS THESE OTHER CANDIDATES ARE ALLIED WITH THE BIG FARM INTERESTS.

It is most important that you know what the difference in the economy would be when the U.S. Reclamation Laws are enforced. The big absentee farm corporations, when they buy supplies, they buy them wholesale from out of town and the supplies are shipped in by freight car so that local suppliers do not get the business. If you have many small farmers as was intended by the U.S. Reclamation Laws, they will buy the farm supplies from the local suppliers. Then the many small farm families will buy the things that families need. Now there ARE NOT MANY SMALL FARM FAMILIES-THE FARMING IS DONE BY BIG COMPANIES WHOSE OWNERS DO NOT EVEN LIVE IN YOUR AREA.

So you can see how the towns of Blythe, Ripley and Palo Verde would boom if only local people could do the farming and the absentee corporations were chased out. Merchants, insurance men, auto companies, etc. etc. would have good business. People who are doing farmwork would have a chance to get land and go into farming for themselves SO THAT THIS WOULD BE A GREAT BOON FOR FARMWORKERS.

Where is the money coming from to get the land and do the farming? Here again you have been kept in ignorance. The United States has laws where the government will finance buying a farm on a 40 year mortgage at 3% interest just as it finances buying homes on FHA.

The Federal Government in addition gives "subsidies" to farmers. This is a fancy word to disguise "charity handouts" that the big ranchers who are MILLIONAIRE MOOCHERS GET so that merchants, businessmen and farmworkers should be fooled into not knowing about these "handouts".

I will repeat again the list of "charity handouts" that I printed in a Newsletter dated Sept. 10, 1968, so that you voters will realize why it is good business to be a farmer and receive these handouts. If there were many little farmers, they would all receive these handouts but in much smaller sums of course so that everybody will be helped instead of a few MILLIONAIRE MOOCHERS HOGGING ALL THE HANDOUTS.

Wilco. Produce	Box 1179, Blythe, Calif.	\$296,484.00
Riverview Farm & Cattle Co.	Rt. 1, Box 161, Blythe	\$266,654.00
Clarence Robinson	P.O. Box 1064, Blythe	\$139,745.00
John Norton Farms	P.O. Box 1000, Blythe	\$128,735.00

The Wilco Produce Co. has now been bought out by the big Purex Corp. which is worth more than $\frac{1}{2}$ Billion. Wilco in 1969 collected "charity handouts" of \$314,402.00; Riverview Farm collected \$262,114.00; Clarence Robinson-\$127,025.00; and John Norton Farms-\$121,803.00. These figures do not include the handouts given as price support loans which would make the handouts even bigger. The Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corp. worth \$1 billion has bought the Berylwood Investment Co. which farms about 8,000 acres in the Palo Verde Irrigation District. Enforcement of the U.S. Reclamation Laws will drive all these big companies out.

The officials in Washington, D.C. are watching this election for they know that every vote for Raul Loya is your protest that you want the U.S. Reclamation Laws enforced. Democrats and Republicans-help yourselves by voting for Raul Loya. The other candidates will not help you.