

However, it is my fundamental belief that all such public improvements of a permanent nature should be paid for through the issue and sale of bonds. Through this means such improvements are paid for as they are actually used—in other words, future generations of taxpayers will participate in the cost of those facilities and improvements which they themselves are using.

I most emphatically recommend that in the near future a bond issue be brought before the public for the purpose of constructing all vitally needed improvements. I have already mentioned the necessity for a new Public Library building program; and the demands of our citizenship require expanded park areas and additional recreational facilities—but one improvement absolutely mandatory is that of the city's main drainage and sewer system. Much of the downtown system now in use was originally constructed for a city of only 60,000 population. It is inadequate today, and will surely be totally inadequate for the half million population that will soon be Oakland's. Again, the opening of arterial highways, necessary if our city's traffic problem is to have relief, should be paid for out of bond money. In my estimation the entire program of necessary improvements can be met by one issue, but I repeat again that the matter should be laid before the public at the earliest possible date.

I must again emphatically urge, as I did in my message of 1928, that in any and all bond issues *all monies be appropriated to a definite and specifically determined use and that no money from such bond issue be put to any other use than that to which the taxpayers specifically voted it.* Too often in the past have the people, not only of this community but of many others, voted sums that they were told were to be used for a specific purpose—only to see those same sums later deflected to another and often unanticipated channel of expenditure. In any future bond issues, therefore, I urge that the wording of the bond issue ordinance be such that the public clearly understands what the money is to be used for, where the improvement or construction is to take place, and further worded so as to make it mandatory upon the expending powers to see such money laid out only for the specific purposes outlined.

OAKLAND'S DESTINY IS HIGH

Statistical tables, comments through personal observation of men and women in authority, and the confidence of our citizens themselves, indicate clearly that Oakland's future will be a great one. All authorities concur in the declaration that Oakland is one of the fastest growing and most prosperous cities in the land. Our healthful climate, our low death rate, our rich and productive background, our unexcelled dockage and transportation facilities, our exceptionally meritorious schools and recreational facilities, our inexhaustible supply of pure mountain water, all combine to encourage the coming here, not only of homeseekers, but of persons looking for business opportunity and industries seeking manufacturing sites. With the continued development of our harbor; with the expansion of our schools, our transportation systems, our public places of recreation and amusement, and our airport; with the widening and extension of our arterial highways; with proper architectural supervision of our buildings, and more comprehensive control of new subdivisions; with efficiency and beauty-making zoning laws, Oakland's progress is assured.

If, in addition to this, the people of Oakland adopt the "City and County" plan of local government, and thereby cut in half the present exorbitant taxes, due to our support of unneeded county institutions, our city need never fear a rival. The biggest natural advantages combined with the smallest tax rate—these will make the name of Oakland ring with invitation throughout America, and our destiny will be assured.

Very truly yours,

JOHN L. DAVIE,

Mayor of the City of Oakland.