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### Ronald Reagan

.SPEAKS OUT ON THE ISSUES.....

#### CRIME

California, with 9% of the nation's population, has 17% of the nation's crime. It costs the average family of four a minimum of \$1,000.00 a year.

Our skyrocketing crime rate dates from certain judicial rulings that took much of the law inforcement authority away from local police and left them handicapped in their efforts to protect the law-abiding citizen from the increasingly insolent criminal element.

#### As Governor, I will:

- 1. Take positive action to restore to the cities and counties their rights to enact local ordinances designed to meet local law enforcement problems.
- 2. Support and work for a plan to take the appointment of judges out of politics.
- 3. Call on the legislature to re-enact those key crime prevention bills passed overwhelmingly by the legislature at its last session but vetoed by the Governor. When re-enacted, I will sign these measures into law.
- 4. Ask legislative support in an effort to end the growing flood of smut and pornography aimed primarily at degrading our young people.
- 5. Recommend legislation aimed at curbing the growing use of narcotics, hallucinatory drugs and pep pills, especially in schools and on campuses.

It will be my purpose to see that California's streets and neighborhoods become safe again.



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#### PUBLIC WELFARE

I strongly support welfare programs designed to provide the permanently disabled, the aged and the infirm, with not only the necessities of life, but also some of the comforts with which can make life worth living.

Another area of welfare has to do with those who are in need of temporary help until they can regain their rightful places in our productive economy. It is here that we have, too often, strayed from welfare's original purpose. We frequently perpetuate poverty by making welfare a way of life rather than by using it to help people back to productive jobs.

#### As Governor, I will:

- 1. Propose a commission to redefine welfare's goals and recommend appropriate legislation.
- 2. Explore every avenue whereby, through state, business, labor cooperation, the business climate can be improved and thousands of new jobs provided.
- 3. Seek to provide useful employment in our public institutions, or training for as many welfare recipients as possible in order to give them the self-respect which comes from useful service and to hasten the day when they can take their places in California's productive economy.

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#### - HEALTH -

Our unmatched health industry with its basic general and convalescent hospitals; registered nurses; licensed technicians, therapists and pharmacists; and Doctors of medicine, dentistry, optometry, podiatry and chiropractic was developed under our free enterprise - creative society system.

To insure the continuing high quality of medical care for all our citizens I strongly support:

- 1. The free choice system in health care.
- 2. Actuarily sound, privately operated health insurance to augment social security, Medicare and public welfare.

#### As Governor, I will:

- 1. Continue to respect the traditional, ethical doctor-patient relationship and will vigorously oppose any interference with this age-old relationship.
- 2. Continue to protect the independence and integrity of our local religious, community and privately accredited hospitals. Each institution must be allowed to develop at the local level so that it can best meet local conditions and needs. These institutions must be allowed to maintain their traditional autonomy.
- 3. Appoint to the state Health and Welfare agency and its review council professional and public people who will encourage the creative genius of our magnificently trained professional people and our independent health institutions to work at the local levels for the betterment of the health of all our people.
- 4. Rededicate our civil servants in the areas of health and welfare to the task of providing the best service possible for those they serve by keeping their services oriented within the community.

California government must again become the servant of the people, in the area of health as well as all areas of public responsibility.

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# RONALD REAGAN SPEAKS OUT ON THE ISSUES

#### EDUCATION

Education if the bulwark of freedom. Removed too far from parental influence, it can become the tool of tyranny. Local control of education is basic to the traditions of America. Only with local control can Americans be assured that their children will receive the finest education possible, with safeguards against ideological or political indoctrination.

Financial support of our state's school system was once evenly divided between the local communities and the state. Today, the state's share has fallen to 35 per cent.

#### As Governor, I will:

- Work to increase the state's contributions to local school districts, to relieve the growing burden on local property taxpayers.
- 2. Seek appropriate ways to help local school districts attract and keep good teachers.
- Call for legislation to put unification of local school districts on a voluntary--not compulsory--basis.
- 4. Work to assure the teaching profession a position of dignity and respect, and to restore to our educational system the teaching of the traditional concepts of individual responsibility and good citizenship.
- 5. Explore every modern technique and technology in education that could lead to giving, the taxpayer more for his educational dollar.

With such a program and plan of action we can work toward the creative educational system that Californians need and deserve.

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#### ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Nothing exposes the "leadership gap" in Sacramento more glaringly than recent events that have taken place on campuses of some of our California universities.

In preserving academic freedom, we must preserve the right to learn as well as to teach. We must make sure the principal purpose of our universities is served; namely, to provide an education for the thousands of young men and women who go there for that purpose.

Faculty, from teaching assistants to professors, must be ever aware of a responsibility that goes beyond teaching a subject in a classroom. Members of the faculty must set examples in and out of the classroom of adult behavior, decent conduct and good citizenship for the young people in their charge.

Preservation of free speech does not justify letting beatniks, and advocates of sexual orgies, drug usage and 'filthy speech' disrupt the academic community and interfere with our universities' purpose. No one would denythat free speech includes the right to criticize every aspect of national policy, but when some Americans are fighting and dying for their country, free speech must stop short of lending comfort and aid to the enemy.

As Governor, I would consider it my responsibility to take the lead in returning our universities to their original purpose as institutions of learning and research, and restoring to them the respect they deserve and which has been lost through indifference and lack of leadership.

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#### AGRICULTURE

Agriculture is the biggest single industry in California. Our 99,000 farms are larger and have an estimated value four times higher than the farms in the other 49 states. Directly, or indirectly, farming in California is responsible for one-third of all our jobs and 70% of all cash transactions.

We lead the nation in variety of crops--some 200 in all and 95% of them are produced with no government subsidy. California farm workers receive an hourly wage 40¢ higher than the national average.

In spite of this, the present administration has refused to meet its obligations to agriculture. Only a weather miracle prevented a catastrophe last year when California farmers were treated like guinea pigs in a sociological experiment by the Federal government. Violating a campaign pledge, the Governor refused to speak in behalf of the farmer when it was evident that domestic labor would be inadequate.

Net income to California farmers was the lowest in five years by \$200,000,000 due to the labor shortage.

The farmer's problems become the housewife's problems as she shops. Today she is paying the highest prices she has ever paid, but the grower is receiving the lowest share of the market basket dollar he has ever received. A responsible administration would offer more than empty words and unkept pledges.

#### As Governor, I will:

- Provide the agricultural community with sufficient status in the state government so as to insure recognition and understanding of the farmers' pressing problems.
- Review the tax structure with a view towards elimination of discriminatory and regressive taxes.
- 3. Face squarely the problem of farm labor and the need for a solution that will guarantee an adequate labor supply with protection for both the welfare of the farmer and the worker.
- 4. Use the prestige of the Governor's office to press upon the Federal government the need for a complete review of the 64-year old unrealistic limitation of 160 acres on the size of irrigated farms.

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### RONALD REAGAN SPEAKS OUT ON THE ISSUES

#### POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS

I firmly believe that the most qualified persons must be chosen to fill appointive offices in California. The present Governor has repeatedly violated this principle by selecting political cronies, hacks, and defeated Democratic candidates to fill important positions. This has been done in an attempt to build a political machine. As a candidate obligated to no one, I have no political debts to pay.

#### As Governor, I will:

- Make all appointments to state offices on the basis of experience and qualifications, and not on the basis of personal loyalties or political obligations.
- 2. Provide extensive background information on every appointive officer so that the legislature and the public will be assured of their qualifications.
- 3. I will establish an independent review board of lawyers, scholars, and representatives of the public to nominate a panel of five outstanding attorneys to fill each judicial vacancy. This will insure the integrity and independence of the judicial system in California.

These proposals are in line with my positive program to make California government honest, efficient, and responsive to the people.

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## RONALD REAGAN SPEAKS OUT ON THE ISSUES #7

#### TAXES AND EXPENSIVE CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT

Taxes in California have reached the breaking point. They are the highest in the nation and \$100 per person above the national average. Under the present administration's comply budget practices, they will soar even higher next year.

California's budget is growing faster than its population and the effects of inflation, combined. California's state bureaucracy is growing more rapidly than even Parkinson's Law allows for.

Yet, the Governor refuses to face up to his responsibility to hold spending to a minimum, consistent with providing for the general welfare. He compounds his personal failures by appointing hacks, cronies and defeated candidates to positions of high responsibility.

This year's budget can be cut by \$245 million, without elimination of a single program. It is commonly accepted business practice that a budget can be cut 10% to 15% without impairing efficiency. My proposal calls, initially, for a 5% cut.

#### As Governor, I would:

- 1. Establish a task force to hock into further ways to reduce the budget without reducing services or efficiency, and with an eye toward implementing cost-effectiveness studies in all of the state's major programs.
- 2. Call in a committee made up of the state's best tax brains to devise a complete revision, modernization and simplification of the state's entire tax structure.
- 3. Cut the budget consistent with good business practice.

My purpose is to make government, once again, the servant of the people at a cost the people can afford to pay.

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# RONALD REAGAN SPEAKS OUT ON THE ISSUES #10

#### SMOG CONTROL

I am strongly committed to eradicating smog in California. Unfortunately, the present administration in Sacramento has provided us with too little and too late in the field of smog prevention and control.

As Governor, I will:

- Work to establish uniform laws on air pollution to insure minimum state wide standards for the reduction of pollutants from diesel trucks and buses, autos, and industrial plants.
- 2. Call for legislation to coordinate research in California on smog prevention and control that is currently being conducted separately by the state, county agencies, auto manufacturers, and the Federal government.
- Work closely with local agencies in making certain that pollutants from industry are adequately regulated and controlled.
- 4. Remove smog from politics and influence by special interest groups to insure that positive steps toward air purification are taken immediately and without fear of political reprisals.

With decisive action, such as this, we can hasten the day when all Californians can once more breathe clean, fresh air.

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# RONALD REAGAN SPEAKS OUT ON THE ISSUES

#### CALIFORNIA'S RECREATION AREAS

Every state park loses money each year (except one) and this is due--in great part--to waste, inefficiency, and poor management of the park system.

Funds for park acquisit on and restoration have been diverted by the Governor to other projects, and this should be stopped. However, land now in the state park system plus federal lands meet all need projections for the future. Parks in the state system are only 20% developed at present. The cost of full development of these existing parks is estimated at \$564 million.

Many of those in the Division of Beaches and Parks who are "know-ledgeable" are frustrated because of the appointed "administrators" they must answer to--administrators who are political "cronies" with no real knowledge of the problems.

California must assure, at minimal cost, complete access to state owned recreational facilities. While recreation area development is an expense to the taxpayers, revenues from increased tourism more than compensate for the expenditures. Furthermore, in order to compete with neighboring states for tourists, the cost for the use of state facilities should not exceed substantially the costs charged by other states.

#### As Governor, I will:

- Favor any legislative proposals which would endeavor to fully develop these recreational facilities.
- 2. Establish realistic use-costs which would make these facilities easily available to those interested Cali fornians and out-of-state tourists who might be avoiding California parks because of lack of development and unreasonable costs.
- 3. Insist on maximum development of high-use areas before considering new areas.

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