WOODSIDE CITIZENS FOR UNICORPORATION

WHY INCORPORATE?

- 1. Incorporation is the only certain way to end the threat of annexation of parts of Woodside to cities to the east of us.
- 2. Having our own Town Council and Town Planning Commission is the only legal and effective way to prevent undesirable subdivision of undeveloped land within the Woodside boundaries and to control commercial encroachments.
- 3. If we incorporate, we can elect residents of Woodside pledged to preserve Woodside as a "country" community. By intelligent use of the ballot we can assure that Woodside problems will be solved by our chosen representatives who are familiar with local conditions and responsive to local desires.
- 4. If we do not incorporate, recurring efforts to break down County residential zoning and to expand commercial development in Woodside are inevitable. Our only recourse would be continued protests to County authorities by individuals or pressure groups. It is highly improbable that these methods will be effective indefinitely.
- Until we incorporate, no one can speak authoritatively for Woodside in dealing with State and County officials.
- 6. Only by incorporation can Woodsiders manage their own local affairs and insure that the Woodside of the future will be as pleasant a place in which to live as the Woodside of today.

(See map on last page)

This election is of great importance to the future of Woodside. Everyone eligible to vote should do so. If you expect to be absent from Woodside on Saturday, October 20, 1956, be sure to get an absentee ballot from the County Clerk between October 1 and 15, and mail it as directed. You may vote at the Courthouse if you apply for your absentee ballot in person within these dates.

At this same election you should vote for <u>one</u> Councilman for each of the seven districts and for one Treasurer. The seven districts are shown on the map on the last page hereof. Each district has approximately the same number of voters. Only one person can be elected for each district. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes from the voters of the entire town will be elected. This method of voting insures that no one district can "out vote" the rest of the Town.

ALL ELECTIVE OFFICIALS SERVE WITHOUT PAY. State law provides that they can not receive compensation unless such compensation is fixed by the voters at a general election.

CANDIDATES

The names of the following residents will appear on the ballot:

District	Candidate
1	William L. Lowe, 139 Albion Avenue
2	Richard H. Marshall, 3301 Tripp Road
3	Ben B. Eastman, 388 Mountain Home Road
4	Mrs. Rose A. O'Neill, 107 Alta Mesa Road
4	George B. Pottorff, 1389 Canada Road
4	C. Warren Fox, 1103 Canada Road
5	Charles L. Wheeler, 188 Eleanor Drive
6	Selah Chamberlain, Jr., Woodside Road
7	Donald J. Graham, 9 Orchard Hill Road
7	Charles Sailor, 140 Philip Road
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Treasurer	Richard E. Wedekind, Woodside Road

Brief biographies of these candidates are posted at "The Bulletin Board". Most of them are long-time residents of Woodside. If you do not know them, ask your friends about them. They are not politicians. They are public spirited citizens of competence and integrity, willing to serve, without compensation, to protect and preserve the character and traditions of Woodside.

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Mondays and Wednesdays

2:30 PM to 5:00 PM

Saturdays

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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Here is an accurate summary of the estimated budget:

REVENUES

State refunds of:		
Gas Tax Allocation*		\$11,520
Motor Vehicle License Fees*		17, 452
Liquor License Fees		1, 350
Business and Professional License Fees		4,000
Departmental Fees and Charges		1,500
Fines and Penalties		2,000
Ad Valorem Property Taxes		12, 250
	Total	\$50,072
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^{*} These per capita allocations now go to the County, but will come to the Town after incorporation.

EXPENDITURES

Expenses of Town Council and Treasurer,		
including annual audit	\$ 1,100	
City Clerk, salary and expenses	5,200	
City Attorney (retainer or fees)	1,200	
Planning and zoning		800
Office rental		1,500
Office furniture, etc.		1,000
Telephone, light, office supplies,		,
insurance, etc.		1,000
Police service contracted for with County		7,200
Road maintenance and construction		28,000
Add to unappropriated reserve		3,072
	Total	\$50,072

Based on the above budget and the estimated assessed valuation, of property within the proposed Town (\$8,500,000 for the 1955-56 fiscal year), the tax rate is expected to be approximately 15 cents per hundred dollars of assessed valuation. We are confident that it will not exceed 20 cents.

You can estimate the amount of Town tax that you will pay by multiplying the assessed valuation of your property (in hundreds) as shown by your 1955-1956 tax bill, by the above rates.

For example:
$$$10,000 \div $100 = 100$$

 $100 \times 15 \not e = $15,00$

Of course, the Town Council can have no control over County taxes or School or Fire District taxes. It can control Town taxes by controlling Town expenditures. All Council meetings are required to be open to the public.

ELECTION

On Saturday, October 20, 1956, the <u>registered voters</u> residing in Woodside will decide whether Woodside should become an incorporated town. The election will be conducted by the officials of San Mateo County. The Library, the Woodside School, and the Scout Hall have been designated polling places. The County will notify you which of these is your voting place.

Voters residing within the boundaries fixed by the County Board of Supervisors may vote <u>only</u> if they were <u>registered</u> on or before August 27, 1956. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A PROPERTY OWNER TO VOTE, ONLY A REGISTERED VOTER.

RURAL RESIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENT

The prime objective of incorporation is to perpetuate the charm and beauty of Woodside and preserve it as a rural residential community.

All candidates agree that the policy of the Town Council will be to:

- 1. Prevent encroachment by quarries and industrial development, and restrict further expansion of areas now zoned for commercial use.
- 2. Retain 3-acre residential zoning where now established by law or contractual arrangements.
- 3. Prevent further breakdown of areas now zoned for 1-acre, and further expansion of areas now zoned for half-acre or quarter-acre residential use.
- 4. Adopt building codes and restrictions not less strict than now required by San Mateo County for the Woodside area.
- 5. Continue existing County regulations regarding the keeping of horses, operation of boarding stables, and control of other domestic animals.
- 6. Appoint a Planning Commission, composed of Woodside residents serving without compensation, to:
 - a. Study existing County zoning and building ordinances pertaining to Woodside.
 - b. Study the "Master Plan" developed by the Woodside Valley Property Owners Association.
 - c. Develop and hold public hearings on proposed zoning and building ordinances and then submit <u>recommendations</u> to the Town Council. (Such Planning Commission will have no legislative power. That resides in the Town Council.)
- 7. Preserve the "status quo", pending the adoption of Town ordinances controlling the foregoing matters.

A MINIMUM OF TOWN GOVERNMENT

All candidates agree that their objective shall be the minimum interference with the affairs of residents and existing business establishments, efficient and economical Town administration, and a minimum number of Town employees. Consistent with this objective, they have unanimously agreed on the following program:

- 1. The City Clerk will be the only regular paid employee. Stenographic and clerical assistance which might be required occasionally will be hired on a part-time or temporary basis only as needed.
- 2. Road maintenance will be contracted for at cost with the County, or with private contractors on a competitive bidding basis. The Town will not maintain a road department or have any investment in vehicles or equipment. The map on the back page hereof shows in blue the roads and streets which the Town would have to maintain. Woodside Road and New La Honda Road are State highways and will be maintained at State expense. Private roads and lanes will not be maintained by the Town. It will be the policy of the Town Council to:
 - a. Limit road maintenance expenditures to the amount of State Gas and Motor Vehicle Taxes (which now go to the County),

- b. Keep our country-type roads as they are, and
- c. Adopt traffic regulations to suit our roads.
- 3. Police service will be rendered by the County as at present, upon call to the County Sheriff's office. If it becomes necessary to provide additional police service to control traffic, truck loads and speeds, and enforce speed limits, such service will be furnished by the County under contract at cost. This will avoid building up a police force and duplicating County facilities, yet make available the experience and technical knowledge of the Sheriff's trained force. The Town will not provide close and continuous patrolling of business establishments or private property. Persons requiring such patrol service may obtain it at their own expense, as at present.
- 4. <u>Legal</u>, engineering, auditing and similar professional services which may be required from time to time will be employed only as needed and on a retainer or fee basis.
- 5. City office and a meeting place for the Town Council will be provided on a minimum scale, and on a rental basis, if possible. A costly "City Hall" is not needed or desired.
- 6. <u>Tax assessment</u> and collection will be performed by the County under Contract at cost. The assessed valuation of property in Woodside will be determined by the County Tax Assessor in the same manner in which similar property elsewhere in the County is valued.
- 7. Building Inspection, Animal Regulation, Health and Library service will be provided by the County as at present, with no effect upon the town budget.
- 8. School Districts and the Woodside Fire District will not be affected by incorporation. They will continue to be administered by school boards and fire commissioners, elected as at present and their costs will not be reflected in the Town budget.
- 9. Garbage and refuse collection will not be provided by the Town.
- 10. Sewers, if required in the future in limited areas of the Town, would be provided by creating sewer districts. The entire cost of such facilities would be borne by the property owners within such districts and benefitting therefrom. Tax bills of property owners outside such districts would not be affected. (This would be so whether Woodside is incorporated or remains an incorporated area of the County.)

TAXES

All candidates agree that <u>Town</u> taxes will be kept as low as practicable. All of them are property owners. They do not enjoy paying taxes any more than you do.

The Town budget for the first year after incorporation has been prepared by Louis J. Kroeger and Associates, Management Consultants, having extensive experience in municipal and governmental financing and budgeting matters. It has been carefully studied by the candidates and capable residents of Woodside who favor incorporation. We believe it is a realistic and honest budget and that it can be adhered to.

The residents listed below, and many others, consider incorporation the best safeguard of Woodside's future:

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Mr. & Mrs. E. B. Abarr
                                        Mr. & Mrs. Owen Jameson
 Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Anderson
                                        Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd A. Johnson
 Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Armstrong
                                        Mr. & Mrs. Henry C. Judd
 Mr. & Mrs. John Bladwin
                                        Mr. & Mrs. Richard C. Kern
 Mr. & Mrs. A. Ray Banks
                                        Mr. & Mrs. John E. Keyes
 Mr. & Mrs. Otto Bergstrom
                                        Mr. & Mrs. John R. Kiely
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Boucke
                                        Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Kimball
 Mr. & Mrs. Ernst Brandsten
                                        Mr. & Mrs. Ralph P. King
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Klassen
Mr. & Mrs. Byron Bryant
Mr. & Mrs. Edmund Buckley
                                        Mr. & Mrs. Herman Kohlmoos
Mr. & Mrs. J. T. Byrne
                                        Mr. & Mrs. Furber Libbey
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Liebowitz
Mr. & Mrs. John Cahill
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald L. Campbell
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Campbell
                                        Mr. & Mrs. William L. Lowe
                                        Gen. & Mrs. W. D. Luplow
Mr. & Mrs. R. B. MacBride
Mr. & Mrs. G.W.Douglas Carver
Mr. & Mrs. Selah Chamberlain, Jr.
                                        Mr. & Mrs. L. H. Markwood
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Chickering, Jr.
                                        Mrs. Ellen Chamberlain Martin
Mr. & Mrs. Hervey P. Clark
                                        Mr. & Mrs. Richard H. Marshall
Mr. & Mrs. James V. Coleman
                                        Mr. & Mrs. Thomas F. Mason
Mr. & Mrs. Dallas Conine
                                        Mr. & Mrs. Atholl McBean
Mr. & Mrs. James Coonan
                                        Mr. & Mrs. Peter McBean
Mr. & Mrs. Keith W. Cox
                                        Mr. & Mrs. Stuart McPherson
Mr. & Mrs. Walter W. Crouch
                                        Mr. & Mrs. William Wallace Mein, Jr
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph K. Davies
                                        Mr. & Mrs. J. V. Neuman
Mr. & Mrs. Charles de Bretteville
                                        Mr. & Mrs. Jack Neuman
Mr. & Mrs. Polk Dodson
                                        Mr. & Mrs. Al. O'Neill
Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Donald
                                        Mr. & Mrs. Kingsbury E. Parker
Mr. & Mrs. William C. Duncan
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Eastman
                                        Col. & Mrs. Loring Pickering
                                        Mr. & Mrs. William C. Pillsbury
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Eastman
                                        Mrs. Dorothy Pond
Mr. & Mrs. Edward E. Eyre
                                       Mr. & Mrs. Milton Priger
Mr. & Mrs. Paul B. Fay
                                        Dr. & Mrs. Harold G. Ray
Mrs. Edith Chamberlain Field
                                       Mr. & Mrs. Edwin A. Ridell
Mr. & Mrs. Marshall H. Fisher
                                       Mr. & Mrs. Charles S. Rogers
Mr. & Mrs. Robert F. Gill
                                       Mr. & Mrs. Harry L. Rongey
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Gillespie
                                       Mr. & Mrs. Edward G. Russell
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Sailor
Mr. & Mrs. Donald J. Graham
Mr. & Mrs. John H. Gray, Jr.
                                       Mr. & Mrs. Laurence J. Steinhardt
Dr. & Mrs. Peter Talbot
Mr. & Mrs. Robert D. Harper
Mr. & Mrs. King Harris
                                       Dr. & Mrs. Albert H. Throndson
Mr. & Mrs. L. W. Harris
                                       Dr. & Mrs. E. Bancroft Towne
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Hession
                                       Mr. & Mrs. Rufus A. Tracy, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hoare
                                       Mr. & Mrs. C. B. Weltner
Mr. Arthur Hooper
                                       Mr. & Mrs. Richard E. Wedekind
Mr. & Mrs. Charles L. Wheeler
Mr. & Mrs. Charles F. Wilson
Mr. John Hooper
Dr. & Mrs. John J. Hopkins
Mr. & Mrs. William M. Hume
                                       Mr. & Mrs. Parker F. Wood, Jr.
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