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SWP Political Committee
NEW YORK

Dear Comrades,

At a meeting on January 14, the San Diego branch unanimously voted to recommend to the SWP Political Committee that we call for a vote for the National City candidates of the Ad Hoc Committee on Chicano Rights and that the SWP actively campaign for and support these three candidates.

National City is a small incorporated city adjacent to San Diego. The population is 40% Chicano, and it is widely seen as the main concentration of Chicanos in San Diego County.

In October 1975, a 20-year-old Puerto Rican, Luis Rivera, was killed by a National City cop. At that time, the Ad Hoc Committee on Chicano Rights, the main organization in the Chicano community, took the lead in organizing and mobilizing a response from the community to this murder. On October 28, a mass demonstration of over 1,000 presented demands to the National City City Council. When the Council refused to respond, the Ad Hoc Committee, under the direction of Herman Baca, initiated a petition campaign to recall the City Council, which is composed of a mayor and four councilmen. The recall is aimed at the mayor and two councilmen only, because the remaining two councilmen are up for election in March and cannot be recalled.

The recall procedure is long and complicated and may not be successfully completed for many months. So far, the first step has been completed with 1800 signatures of registered N.C. voters filed for each of the three officials being recalled. This task required the mobilization of about 200 community activists and received widespread media coverage. The City Council now sees this recall movement as a real threat and is doing everything it can to get the signatures invalidated.

While planning to follow through on the recall campaign, the Ad Hoc Committee has decided to run three of its members for the two other City Council seats and one School Board seat. The election is March 2. The two candidates for City Council are Jesse Ramirez, Equal Employment Opportunity coordinator at the Veterans Administration Hospital, and Dr. Oscar Cuñedo, Spanish language instructor at Southwestern Junior College. Ramirez and Cuñedo are running against the incumbents Ralph Pinson, owner of a company that sells window screens, and Louis Camacho, a retiree from a meat packing firm. Both incumbents were endorsed by the local Democratic Party Club in the last election, although there is no formal endorsement for this race so far, and none of the candidates takes a public party label. The Ad Hoc candidate for School Board is Luis Natividad, supervisor of a number of "community service centers", and a well known activist who has served on dozens of community organizations. He was chairperson of the Chicano Federation at the time he endorsed the Olga Rodriguez campaign for governor of California. In 1972 he ran for City Council and lost by 56 votes. He is running against three people described in the press as

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"a marriage counselor", "wife of a City Planning Commissioner", and "student at San Diego State University & president of the National City Filipino American Community, Inc."

The chairperson and central figure in the Ad Hoc Committee is Herman Baca. Baca has been a political activist in MAPA, LRUP and CASA and now uses his small print shop as a movement headquarters. He was the campaign manager for Pete Chacon, Democratic State Assemblyman, a few years ago. Chacon decided Baca was too radical and Baca as a result is bitter towards Chacon and the Democratic Party. Comrades can get more of his background from the article by Harry Ring in the Militant dated January 16, 1976. He is the best-known and most respected leader in the Chicano community.

The March 2 election is officially "non-partisan". The seats being contested, however, are held by Democrats who have been strongly supported by the Democratic machine in previous elections. That places the campaigns of the Ad Hoc Committee in direct conflict with the Democratic Party and capitalist party politics. This is true for several reasons.

First, the Ad Hoc Committee is based in the Chicano community and relies on the community for its existence. The election campaign is being organized as a community action, with a strong Chicano nationalist character. The candidates are called "a Chicano slate". And the campaign is combined with a voter registration drive for 1000 new Chicano registrants. A weakness of this registration drive is that the Ad Hoc Committee is not publically urging people to register La Raza Unida Party. This is due to the fact that the Ad Hoc Committee is composed of different Chicano organizations, some of which (like MAPA) favor the Democratic Party. Although Baca organized an LRUP registration drive a few years ago and signed up 3000 new voters, he has decided not to push this point during the current election.

Second, although the candidates do not understand the importance of independence from the Democratic Party, the dynamic of this election is in an anti-Democratic party direction. Despite the lack of a conscious and concrete anti-Democratic Party line on their part, we feel that the objective counterposition of a Chicano slate to Democratic Party candidates makes our support to their campaign a principled position.

The program they have adopted is made up of the seven points listed on the recall petition as reasons to get rid of the present City Council:

1. Bias toward corporate interests in establishing zoning regulations.
2. Failure to provide for the safety of our school children.
3. Inability to harness federal funds for local projects and social improvement.
4. Mismanagement of federal funds.
5. Failure to provide adequate guidelines and policies for law enforcement officials.
6. Insensitivity to the multi-cultural needs of our community.
7. Failure to respond to the will of the people.

They are in the process of writing position papers on all these points and asked comrade Don Sorsa to become a paid (\$30/wk) staff person on a week to week basis for the purpose of heading up a committee that will research and write these position papers. There is every indication that we will have a certain amount of influence on some of their literature.

The branch's role has been one of active participation in the October demonstration and the recall petition drive. We are seen as serious activists and have gained the trust of the leadership and rank & file. We were publically thanked at the rally held to celebrate the successful completion of the petitioning and the announcement of the March slate. And we are now being consulted on ideas for the election campaign. The Militant with Harry's article was read widely in the Ad Hoc office and we intend to step up sales and subscriptions in National City.

By supporting this campaign the SWP has many things to gain, including:

1. Broadened contact with and influence within the Chicano & Black community
2. An educational influence on how socialists participate in struggles and election campaigns.
3. Influence on the campaign itself, including possible influence on political positions taken by the candidates.
4. Winning Chicano supporters for our election campaign.
5. Increasing recruitment to the branch.
6. Gaining influence on two National City campuses - Southwestern Junior College and Sweetwater High School.
7. Publically challenging our opponents to support the National City Ad Hoc candidates.

The central political focus of our support would be to stress that this campaign is an example of independent political action by the Chicano community, a step towards an independent Chicano political party. We would use the Militant and a statement of support to explain why we advocate a vote for these candidates. We will make suggestions such as a tour by one of the candidates, linking up with LRUP chapters in LA, and mobilizing support on campus and through extensive media coverage. We see this as the branch's central area of work which lays the basis for really getting to know about National City and all the Chicano groups that exist there.

The Executive Committee discussed how to formulate our support for this campaign and did not reach complete agreement. The tradition in our movement has been that the phrase "critical support" is used, with very few exceptions, when endorsing a non-Trotskyist election campaign. On the other hand, this campaign has very little that we criticize, and none of that publically. There was no disagreement on our political approach or the tactical gains to be made. The discussion centered around terminology. The formulation, "call for a vote for and actively campaign and support" was agreed upon. We feel that some clarification of this question would be worthwhile.

Comradely,

Jessica Star

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for the Executive Committee

Racial tensions cited as

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underlying recall bid

By JERRY REMMERS

NATIONAL CITY — The recall movement against the mayor and city council is rife with racial frustrations.

Herman Baca, leader of the recall movement, said the current city council is insensitive to the needs of the Mexican-American community.

Never in the history of National City, he said, has any city council addressed itself to the needs of "Latinos," a term used for Mexican-Americans.

Baca, spokesman for a coalition of Mexican-American organizations in the South Bay, filed the recall petitions yesterday with City Clerk Ione Campbell.

Subject to recall are Mayor Kile Morgan and city councilmen Mike Dalla and Joe Luther Reid.

State law prohibited the group from naming the other two councilmen — Ralph Pinson and Luis Camacho — in the petitions because their four-year terms expire March 2.

The petitions included the names of an estimated 1,900 registered voters — 200 more than the 25 per cent of the city's registered voters.

The signatures must be certified by Mrs. Campbell's office before an election can be called by the city council.

The election must be held between 74 and 89 days after certification that 25 per cent of the city's registered voters have signed, by the city clerk.

Baca and Mrs. Campbell both said it was unlikely the recall election — if it qualifies — would be held before the next regular city council election on March 2.

He said that the recall leaders and their volunteers circulating the petitions since November were constantly harrassed and intimidated by what Baca said were people who live in fear of the city council, primarily Mayor Morgan.

Morgan and all four other councilmen have heard this charge before and denied it.

The recall effort began in October, triggered by the fatal shooting of Luis Roberto Rivera, 20, by National City police officer Craig Short.

A judge in December cleared Short.

But the shooting was a catalyst, Baca said, that united for the first time members of National City's large Mexican-American population.

The 1970 federal census estimated that 43 per cent of the city's residents had Spanish surnames.

But Mexican-Americans have rarely demonstrated political power at the ballot box.

Two years ago, the council rezoned the city's west side (a 30-block area west of National Avenue predominately populated by poor Mexican-American families) for industrial uses.

Baca was one of the leaders to get the rezone issue on the ballot but the council's action was upheld by a vote cast by only 19 per cent of the city's registered voters who turned out at the polls.

In the recall petitions, the council not only was accused of being insensitive to the people but also biased in favor of large corporate interests.

That reference was the relocation of many poor people, some Mexican-Americans, from what is now an industrial park, part of which is where the city's "Mile of Cars" is located along National Avenue.

The reference also was to the election on Dec. 9 when the people upheld the council's second redevelopment agency project to remove the Bonita Golf Course and redevelop it with a regional shopping center anchored by a large May Co. store.

"There is a lot of fear in the city," Baca said, charging it was brought about by autocratic policies instigated by the city council through Kile Morgan.

There may be two last-minute entries into the National City Council race.

Jesse Ramirez, 421 W. 16th St., and National School Trustee Dr. Oscar Cañedo took out nomination papers for the two vacant City Council seats shortly before 5 p.m. Tuesday.

They had until 5 p.m. yesterday (after the Star-News' press time) to secure signatures of 30 registered National City voters endorsing their candidacy and to return the papers to City Clerk Ione Campbell.

If they are successful, they will bring to six the number of contenders for the two City Council posts March 2.

INCUMBENT Ralph Pinson and Louis Camacho are seeking re-election, and they also are challenged by Phil Milligan, former National City policeman, and George Waters, former National City councilman defeated in the 1974 mayoral race by incumbent Kile Morgan.

Camacho filed his nomination papers Tuesday morning, and Milligan filed Monday. Waters and Pinson filed Friday.

Cañedo does not believe he will have to resign his school board seat to seek council election or if he is elected.

Asked about the conflict in meetings since both meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Cañedo said, "We'll have to change the meetings, either the school board's or the council's."

He pointed out that Judith Bauer serves on both the Sweetwater High School District and Chula Vista Elementary District Boards.

Cañedo said he seeks the City Council seat because he wants to work for better government and to serve as a voice of the people.

RAMIREZ, who has been active in local politics through commissions and committees and who was an opponent of the E.J. Christman Redevelopment Project in 1967, said he is running for council because he has "always been interested in city government in particular and government in general."

"I just finished my master's degree in public administration at National University," said Ramirez, "and I feel it is time for a change. I'll offer a professional perspective

because my field is public administration."

Cañedo is a Spanish language instructor at Southwestern College.

BOTH MEN are related closely to the Ad Hoc Committee for Chicano Rights and its recall effort against Morgan, Vice Mayor Michael Dalla and Councilman Joe Reid.

The recall is in reaction to the City Council's alleged inaction in response to Ad Hoc Committee demands stemming from the Oct. 12 fatal police shooting of Luis "Tato" Rivera, 20, during investigation of a purse snatch.

This week, recall supporters

said they were 295 voter signatures short of the 1,750 they need to qualify for recall election.

Ramirez and Cañedo contend they are running as candidates independent of the Ad Hoc Committee, although their mutual campaign committee will be an off-shoot of the committee.

A news conference is scheduled for tomorrow in behalf of the candidates by the Ad Hoc Committee.

Other filings this week include Edith Hughes who is vying with Mrs. Campbell for the city clerk's post, and Ida Mae Kerr, incumbent city treasurer who is running unopposed.

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Camacho, Milligan file
Ramirez, Cañedo in race

Wrong precinct maps for recall 1/11/76 NC

City blamed for error

Use of consolidated precinct maps is being blamed for precinct number errors of the recall petitions against three National City Councilmen.

Herman Baca, chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee for Chicano Rights which is seeking recall of Mayor Kile Morgan, Vice Mayor Michael Dalla and Councilman Joe Reid, this week suggested a reason for the errors.

ACCORDING to Baca, his petition circulators used National City precinct maps City Clerk Ione Campbell prepared for the Dec. 9 special election on Bonita Center.

Because turnout for special elections usually is light, Mrs. Campbell consolidated the city's 44 precincts into 18.

When the Ad Hoc Committee assigned numbers after the signatures and addresses of petition signers, said Baca, they used only the 18 precinct numbers instead of the full 44.

The result, according to Baca, is that when Registrar of Voters Charles Sexton's staff began

checking the signatures against full precinct lists, about half to three quarters of the signatures have erroneous numbers assigned them.

City Attorney Don McLean Jr. and Deputy City Atty. Michael Cowett are to determine whether the signatures must be thrown out, and the Ad Hoc Committee collect new signatures to make up the deficiency, or whether the committee can correct the errors.

ASKED IF the signatures could be checked against the consolidated precinct maps furnished the Ad Hoc Committee, Cowett replied that he did not think that was one of the possible alternatives open to the committee.

"The Registrar of Voters will have to check the signatures against whatever the Elections Code tells him to check them against," said Cowett. "He has no discretion in this whatsoever."

The Ad Hoc Committee is caught in a contradiction in the California Elections Code.

One section of the code provides that signatures with erroneous voter precinct numbers must be thrown out, but the petition proponents may first be given an opportunity to correct them.

A RECENT amendment to the Elections Codes forbids anyone but City Clerk Ione Campbell and her deputies from seeing the petitions once they are filed.

She had to deputize Sexton to enable him to validate the signatures.

Sexton's staff began checking the signatures Monday and by Tuesday had found enough errors to call Mrs. Campbell to ask for further instructions.

Operating under the code section that allows proponents to correct such error, Mrs. Campbell said she asked if two or three members of the Ad Hoc Committee could be permitted to try to correct the petitions.

A staff member placed in charge of the petitions agreed, but Sexton later called Mrs. Campbell, and said that he was afraid the new code secrecy provision would not permit the committee members to see their own petitions.

Under the Elections Code, the Ad Hoc Committee will have 30 days in which to make up deficiencies in the number of its signatures or to replace any invalidated after the checking process is complete.

The committee must have at least 1,756 valid signatures calling for recall on separate petitions against Morgan, Dalla and Reid. Councilmen Ralph Pinson and Louie Camacho are exempt from recall because their terms expire in less than six months.

Minority leaders vie in school race

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Two candidates representative of National City's two largest ethnic groups are vying for the vacancy on the National School District Board of Trustees created by Jay Sutcliffe's resignation.

Florence Ungab, 22, a senior special education major at San Diego State University, is officially a candidate. She filed with the Registrar of Voters Friday for the schools election to be held March 2.

Luis Natividad, supervisor of the four Metropolitan Area Advisory Committee Service Centers, is an announced candidate who has not filed his papers.

He, and any other potential candidates, have until Jan. 2 to file with the County Registrar of Voters.

THE SCHOOL board election is consolidated with the March 2 municipal elections, but has a slightly longer filing period. Municipal filings closed Christmas Eve.

Miss Ungab, former Miss National City, resides with her parents, Engracio and Lucy Ungab, 3030 Lou St.

She apparently has a large measure of support from the National City Filipino-

American Community Inc., an influential organization among National City's large Filipino population.

Mrs. Ungab is current president of that organization.

Pablo "Paul" Bayani, a prominent member of that organization, is her campaign manager. She also has the support of Al Alvarado, who also will be working on her campaign.

Alvarado, a City Planning Commissioner, served as Mayor Kile Morgan's campaign manager during his 1974 bid for re-election.

NATIVIDAD is one of three candidates for election March 2 supported by the Ad Hoc Committee for Chicano Rights.

It endorses Jesse Ramirez, Equal Employment Opportunity coordinator at the Veterans Administration Hospital and frequent opponent of city policy, and Dr. Oscar Canedo, National School District trustee, for City Council.

Other candidates for the school board seat are Charlotte Webster, wife of City Planning Commissioner George Webster; and Dr. George Ormond, a marriage counselor.

Ramirez, Cañedo file for council

12/28/75

Two final candidates in the National City Council race are Jesse Ramirez and Dr. Oscar Cañedo.

The two filed nomination papers with City Clerk Ione Campbell at 3:36 p.m. Christmas Eve, one hour and 24 minutes before the 5 p.m. deadline for filing for the March 2 municipal elections.

RAMIREZ, a federal employe, and Cañedo, National School District Trustee, are challenging incumbent Councilmen Ralph Pinson and Louis Camacho.

Along with their nomination papers signed by 30 registered National City voters, Ramirez and Cañedo filed financial disclosures.

Ramirez values his home at 421 W. 16th St. at more than \$10,000 and less than \$100,000, and he assigns the same value to a house he owns at 329 W. 14th St.

He reports his salary as Equal Employment Opportunity coordinator at the Veterans Administration Hospital in La Jolla at over \$10,000.

Ramirez reports income of more than \$1,000 and less than \$10,000 from Navy retirement pay.

His wife, Maria, earned over \$10,000 in her job with the San Diego Armed Services YMCA during the one-year reporting period, according to Ramirez.

He lists no investments or gifts.

CANEDO reports that he earned over \$10,000 as principal of Sunset-Villa Nueva School in the San Ysidro District.

He reports an income of over \$1,000 but less than \$10,000 during the year in his present job as Spanish language instructor at Southwestern Community College.

Cañedo lists no ownership of property, investment or gifts.

1,900 reportedly signed

Recall petitions filed against three officials

About 1,900 people apparently might be willing to throw National City Mayor Kille Morgan, Vice-Mayor William Dalla and Councilman Joe Reid out of office.

At least, signatures of that many reportedly appear on petitions turned in yesterday by the Ad Hoc Committee for Chicano Rights, which is waging recall against the three members of the local council.

If the signatures turn out to be those of 1,756 or more of registered National City voters, an election will be held to determine whether Morgan, Dalla and Reid should be recalled.

COUNTY Registrar of Voters Charles Sexton has 30 days in which to validate the signatures.

If the Ad Hoc Committee successfully gathered 25 per cent of National City's certified 7,021 registered voters, the City Council has approximately 80 days in which to set a recall election against three of its own members.

According to Ralph Inzunza, an Ad Hoc Committee spokesman, an April or May election date is expected if enough signatures on the petitions are valid.

If there are not enough signatures, the committee will have 30 days to make up the deficiency. If that time extension is needed, that could mean late May or June before a recall election is held.

The Ad Hoc Committee set a Dec. 31 deadline for gathering signatures so the 1975 certified figure of 7,021 would apply. By

Nov. 9, the number of registered voters had increased over 8,500.

If the committee has not gathered 1,756 signatures or more by yesterday, the voter registration total which will be certified in 1976 would apply.

THE RECALL election process actually is in two stages.

According to Inzunza, if the voters agree that Morgan, Dalla and Reid should be recalled, they also will have to decide if the resulting vacancies should be filled by appointment or by election.

The City Council would have 30 days to schedule the second election, according to Inzunza, if the voters want to elect three replacements.

"We will continue with the recall effort," said Inzunza, "and at the same time we will support the candidacy of Jesse Ramirez and Dr. Oscar Cañedo for City Council and of Luis Natividad for National School District Board of Trustees March 2."

THE RECALL stems from dissatisfaction with City Council

action following the fatal shooting of Luis "Tato" Rivera, 20, by National City Patrolman Craig Short, 28, Oct. 12 during investigation of a purse snatch.

Representatives of the Ad Hoc Committee charge the council with insensitivity and failure to respond to the wishes of the people in its refusal to endorse or act on Ad Hoc Committee demands.

The committee demanded the release of the officer's name, which was withheld until he was charged by the district attorney with manslaughter; his immediate suspension from duty without pay and the firing of Police Chief John Liesman over inadequate gun use policies.

It also demanded a Grand Jury investigation, a Civil Rights Commission investigation and formation of a citizens' investigative panel to look into the matter.

The committee also charges the council with "bias toward corporate interests" for its refusal in 1974 to rezone the largely Mexican-American West Side from industrial to

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Morgan, Dalla, Reid named

Recall petitions filed

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residential and for its zoning policies allowing Bonita Golf Course to be rezoned for redevelopment into a regional shopping center.

INZUNZA SAID he is confident the recall election will qualify even though it "sputtered off to a slow start."

The committee first launched recall against the entire council only to learn that Councilmen Ralph Pinson and Louis Camacho are exempt from recall because their terms end in less than six months.

Ramirez and Canedo are launched as Ad Hoc Committee supported candidates against Camacho and Pinson in the March 2 municipal election.

Miswording on the first notice of recall issued required the committee to begin all over again.

"In three-and-a-half weeks, you might say we collected 5,500-5,600 signatures (1,900 on each of three petitions against the three councilmen with most signatures repeated on the petitions)," said Inzunza, "and we had them completed by Saturday.

"I'm sure that if City Clerk Ione Campbell says that we have some signatures to make up, we can easily make them up in 30 days."

MRS. CAMPBELL is turning the signatures over to Sexton's office for validation.

According to Inzunza, at least

17 signatures are known to be of San Diego residents and will be invalidated.

Inzunza says the group has encountered no opposition from the targets of the recall, although city staff refused to answer Ad Hoc Committee questions concerning recall procedure.

"They didn't even answer the charges in the notice of recall," said Inzunza, "so nothing from them will appear on the ballot.

"I don't think they took us seriously. I don't think they were able to gauge the emotions and seriousness of the people. They will have to answer their questions now.

"Their refusal to answer the charges is typical of the arrogance of the council."

'Alternative' candidates for top posts

Chicano slate: 1st for NC

For the first time in National City, a slate of "alternative" candidates purportedly representing the Mexican-American community is proposed.

Jesse Ramirez and Dr. Oscar Cañedo, National Schools District trustee, are running for two vacant City Council posts.

Luis Natividad, supervisor of the four Metropolitan Area Advisory Committee Service Centers, is running for the National School District trustee seat vacated by Jay Sutcliffe's recent resignation.

THE THREE are running as a slate endorsed and supported by the Ad Hoc Committee for Chicano Rights.

Ramirez and Cañedo are challenging incumbent Councilmen Luis Camacho and Ralph Pinson. Former councilman, George Waters, and former policeman, Phillip Milligan also are vying for the two posts.

Natividad, who has until Friday to file for the schools post, will run against already filed candidates Charlotte Webster, wife of City Planning Commissioner George Webster; George Ormond, marriage counselor; and Florence Ungab, San Diego State University senior special education major.

The three-member slate, according to Ad Hoc Committee Chairman Herman Baca, is composed of persons selected by the committee as being "sensitive" and "responsive" to the needs expressed by about "4,000 people" since the Oct. 12 police slaying of Luis "Tato" Rivera, 20.

IT IS the first phase of a two-prong attack on the current

Mexican-American candidates are running as a team for City Council and school board.

"stagnant" city administration, according to Baca.

Baca accuses the other four City Council candidates of sharing a lack of sensitivity and responsiveness to the needs of National City's minority communities that the present City Council and administration has, according to Baca.

According to Baca, 2,000 people signed a petition soon after Rivera's slaying demanding immediate suspension of Patrolman Craig Short, 28, then unidentified; Grand Jury Investigation, U.S. Civil Rights Commission investigation, formation of a citizens investigative com-

mittee and the firing of Police Chief John Llesman.

Recall against the council was launched when it failed either to meet or endorse the community's demands, according to Baca.

During its recall effort, the committee learned that Pinson and Camacho could not be recalled.

THE COUNCIL slate, ac-

cording to Baca, is an attempt to give the signers of the first petition plus the 2,000 who are to sign the recall petition an alternative before the April recall election.

The recall effort is continuing, and the committee has approximately 1,700 signatures in a bank vault, according to Baca.

Tuesday Baca claims the committee will turn in the 1,756-2,000 signatures of registered National City voters it needs to force a recall election.

In that election, which probably would be scheduled in early April if the signatures are certified, local voters will be asked whether Mayor Kille

Morgan, Vice Mayor Michael Dalla and Councilman Joe Reid should be recalled.

A second part of that question will be whether the resulting vacancies should be filled by appointment or election.

HAVING two councilmen representative of persons dissatisfied with the council's action in the Rivera matter, according to Baca, would influence the appointment of the three replacements if voters opt for appointment rather than election.

If replacement by election is chosen, a second slate of officers will be proposed.

According to Baca, Ramirez, Cañedo and Natividad will conduct their campaigns as individuals able to voice their own views, and campaign literature will be distributed on their behalf by Ad Hoc Committee volunteers.

Contact within the community urging support for the three also will be made by a volunteer force similar to the one circulating recall petitions, according to Baca.

Finances for the campaign likely also will be raised by Ad Hoc Committee volunteers.

ACCORDING to Baca, the recall and the slate of candidates will be discussed in the next section. Turn to back page, this section.

Mexican-American candidates

Minority slate offered

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didates for March 2, are attempts to "fight the attitude that has been in city hall much too long."

Baca reiterates recall charges that the council is "biased toward corporate interests in zoning matters," attested to by its refusal to rezone the largely Mexican-American West Side from industrial to residential.

Its rezoning of Bonita Golf Course from open space to allow development of a May Co. regional shopping center is another example, according to Baca.

The Rivera incident "is the straw that broke the camel's back," according to Baca.

It confirmed the community's attitude that the council is too wrapped up in business interests to pay attention to people's needs, according to Baca.

RAMIREZ and Canedo both state that their goal is to provide sensitive and responsive

government to the wishes of the people.

Asked whether the slate had any broader support than the Mexican-American community, Navidad responded that their Anglo community members support the effort, adding that he would willingly accept the support of the National City Chamber of Commerce if it were offered.

The lack of visible Anglo support at Friday's press conference announcing the slate is no more exclusive than the Chamber of Commerce or civic groups like Kiwanis and Lions Clubs, which do not solicit Chicano participation, according to Navidad.

"If they vote against us just because we're Mexican-American," said Navidad, "then they deserve whatever they will get on the City Council."
"We're American citizens running for office which is a constitutional right that we have just like anyone else."
"Why are people paranoid

about people whose skin is a little darker than theirs?"

THE AD HOC Committee contends that the established political community in National City practices "politics of exclusion" that leaves National City's minority populations, which really are in the majority, without representation.

Mexican-Americans have run as individuals for various public offices.

Camacho was elected in 1968 and again in 1974.

Augie Barenó ran successfully for City Council in 1974 and for a National City Schools trustee position this year.

Ernest Azhocar, incumbent Sweetwater High School District trustee, is vying with Jack Walsh for the South Bay county supervisor's post.

Frank Perez and Canedo have been elected more than once to the National School District Board of Trustees. Bob Baher, a Mexican-American, served on the National board.