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POLITICAL HOPEFULS

LEVY FOR CITY COMMISSIONER

BY JACK TELL

Al Levy's first venture into politics, is for the post of City Commissioner in the District-2 race.

He chose this particular contest for his maiden effort because he believes the Las Vegas City Commission, involved in the expenditure of millions in public funds, needs more businessmen with employee and customer-relations experience. "Only the Mayor (Mayor Gragson) of the present board," stated Levy, "had to meet a payroll in his personal background."

Al, whose family settled in Las Vegas when he was nine, owns and operates one of the top real estate businesses, which he started just seven years ago. Prior to that he worked in the groceries owned by his dad, former City Commissioner Harry Levy.

Al is a product of our local grammar and high schools. At Las Vegas High he played football and was a representative to Boys' State. He went on to U.S.C. where he earned his B. S. Degree. In college he was active with the Commerce Council and was elected president of his fraternity. He was a member of Squires, sophomore honor society.

Also in college he met his wife, the former Lois Greensweig of Reno. Entertainer Pinky Lee was responsible for the introduction. They were married when both were students of School of Business. Al explains the occasion: "She graduated from fiancee to fiancée."

When Harry and Jeanne Levy settled in Vegas 30 years ago, they both became active members of the Jewish community. Harry is a past-president of Temple Beth Shalom. Al and Lois became members in 1956. Their four children are involved in the various stages of youth programs at the Temple.

Drew, 17, is a past-president of A.Z.A. Jodi, who will be 15 in June, is a member of B.B.G., and Francine, 13, with Peggy, 11, attend services.

Al is a charter member of Men's Club, the B'nai B'rith, and is active in U.J.A. drives. Lois is a member of Sisterhood, Ort and Hadasah. She also served as president of Jr. Mesquite and Jay Cee-ettes, and is a member of Junior League and Boys' Club Auxiliary.

Al has a prominent background in civic affairs. He is 1973 Chairman of Boy Scouts Fun Fair to be held on May 19th. He is past-president and life member of L. V. Jaycees, was on the Board of Directors of Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts of America, and Y.M.C.A. He was first vice-chairman of National Council of Christians and Jews, active in the Rebels Booster Club and Southern Nevada Home Builders Association. He also is a 32nd degree Mason and an originator of Clown Group of Shriners. He was V. P. of Las Vegas Young Democrats, a member of the Central Committee and a Big Brother in the Boys Club.

Al's campaign platform is concerned with the shortage of policemen, whose force has not kept up with our growth in population. Specifically, he advocates more on-foot patrolmen. The money need not come from increased taxes. Better business practice could save millions, says Al. For instance, the mortgage on the new City Hall should have been for twenty



AL LEVY FILES FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, WITH HIS WIFE, LOIS, LEFT, BEAMING APPROVAL. LOOKING ON ARE DON ASHWORTH, JR., CITY CLERK EDWINA COLE, AND AL'S DAD, FORMER CITY COMMISSIONER, HARRY LEVY, RIGHT.

or thirty years, not twelve. Thus the payments could have been spread out, leaving more for present expenditures.

Al is against solicitation of pedestrians on city streets, especially Fremont. He favors consolidation and predicts the Strip will be annexed to the City by 1975. He feels, if elected, his business acumen will find the money for teenage recreation, athletic fields, clubs, on land the City already owns.

Al is a practical man when it comes to pornography. If the U. S. Supreme Court will not allow us to close them up, we should red-line them in an area where there is no possible access to children. East Charleston is not that area, emphasizes Al.

Levy favors stronger motor vehicle standards to combat pollution and to screen new industry in keeping with environmental requirements.

He is a strong advocate of Conflict of Interest legislation and is proud to have filed a financial statement at the time he became a candidate.

That's the story of Al Levy.

BROWN FOR MUNICIPAL JUDGE

Though the State Legislature passed a law requiring that municipal judges in Las Vegas be practicing attorneys, the law does not go into effect until the next election four years from now.

This was pointed out by Las Vegas Police Sgt. Seymore Brown, a candidate for one of the two offices on the ballot.

The law was made to be effective in July of 1973, Brown said, which would not affect this election.

"In any case," he added, "only one attorney is running this time. So the other seat on the bench will be filled by a so-called lay person, which is as I think it should be."

And that judge will be allowed to run again in 1977 as an incumbent, he said.

Brown opposed the legislation when it was pending before the legislature, pointing out that it was discriminatory in that it only pertained to the municipal courts in the cities of Las Vegas and Reno.

"If it is the will of the Legislature that all judges be attorneys, then it should have covered the whole state," he said, "and it should



SEYMORE BROWN

also include the justice courts, which handle felonies."

Of course, judges should know the law, Brown said, "but there is much more to it than that. Municipal Court is a People's Court, and the judge should have a good understanding of people and their problems. . . and how to help solve them."

Brown, a Las Vegas Police officer for 14 years, is running on a platform which calls for modernization of court procedures and improved counseling programs for chronic offenders.

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