

### AL BECKER FOR JUSTICE OF PEACE

Las Vegas attorney Al Becker filed his candidacy for Justice-of-the-Peace and accompanied that action with an attack on the bail system for criminal defendants in Clark County.



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Becker, a frequent candidate for Justice-of-the-Peace who has yet to win an election, termed the bail system a "revolving door" for habitual criminals.

An attorney in Las Vegas for more than 10 years, Becker blamed the upward spiraling local crime rate on what he characterized as "a \$50 and out" bail policy in the present Clark County Justice Court system.

"It's a vicious circle," he said. "Of the offenders who come before the court on burglarly or larceny charges, approximately 60 per cent are on dope and they are able to walk out on \$500 bail, which only costs them \$50 for a bond."

"These offenders should get slapped with a \$5,000 to \$20,000 bail limit," Becker asserted.

He claimed the present Justices of the Peace are far too lenient and pledged a get-tough policy on crime if he is elected.

"The only way to re-

duce crime is to keep the hoodlums off the street and away from society," he said.

"The present bail system is completely inadequate and ridiculous and has resulted in the habitual criminal having a revolving door in and out of jail as soon as he is arrested," he said.

Becker is a member of the Nevada Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the American Trial Lawyers Association. He has served as Las Vegas chief of the Child Welfare Division and is a former chairman of the Clark County Child Welfare Board.

He is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court,

## POLITICAL HOPEFULS

### JAMES BILBRAY FOR LIEUT. GOV.

Las Vegas attorney, James Bilbray, announced he would seek the Democratic nomination for Lieutenant Governor.



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Bilbray, a former University of Nevada Regent stressed the importance of Democratic leadership in all branches of state government in announcing his candidacy.

"A Democratic Governor needs a Democratic Lieutenant Governor," he explained, "unless the executive branch's leadership is to be splintered and its programs suffer accordingly."

Continued leadership will be needed to insure completion of programs started during the last four years, Bilbray said.

The 35-year old attorney also emphasized that Nevadans suffering from inflationary pressures should be spared further taxes during the next four years.

"Nevada has a tradition of providing good government to its

citizens without placing enormous tax burdens on them and this should continue," he said.

"Senior citizens especially deserve all the consideration we can give them," Bilbray continued.

"For this reason the law passed by the last Legislature giving them property tax relief should be broadened so that more can take advantage of it. Citizens who have contributed to society all their lives should not be forced out of their homes because they cannot pay the prop-

erty taxes." The native Nevadan noted that his term as a University of Nevada Regent gave him considerable experience in dealing with statewide issues and multi-million dollar budgets.

The four year term on the Board of Regents, which governs both University of Nevada campuses, the three Community Colleges and the Desert Research Institute, plus the opportunity he had to meet Nevadans all over the state as a campaigner, have made him especially aware of their feelings and needs, Bilbray said.

He also said efforts must be renewed to protect Nevada consumers against unscrupulous business practices and the state's youth against the ravages of drug addiction.

A graduate of American University Law School in Washington, D.C., Bilbray has served as a Deputy District Attorney in charge of Justice Court and the first Chief Counsel to the Clark County Juvenile Court System in addition to being a Regent and a member of the State Commission on higher education.

He is currently associated with the Las Vegas Law firm of Jones, Jones, Bell,

Lebaron, Close, Bilbray and Kaufman.

After graduating from Las Vegas High School, Bilbray attended Brigham Young University and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas where he served as Student Body President. He graduated in 1962 from American University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and Public Administration. Bilbray received his Juris Doctor in Law at American University in 1964 while serving on the staff of Senator Howard Cannon.

The Candidate is also a family man, having become a father for the fourth time in recent months. Besides 7 month old Shannon, Bilbray and his wife, the former Michaelene Mercer, have three other children, Bridget 13; Kevin, 12; and Erin, 5.

Bilbray is active as counsel for the Nevada Foster Parents Association, a Director of the Juvenile Diabetes Association, and is a member of the Completion Committee of the Joslin Diabetes Foundation.

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