

COMMUNITY ACCENT

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QUESTION: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF SENATOR JOE NEAL?



Mr. Lester McCraney: Senator Neal is a wonderful person. He fights for the rights of Black people.



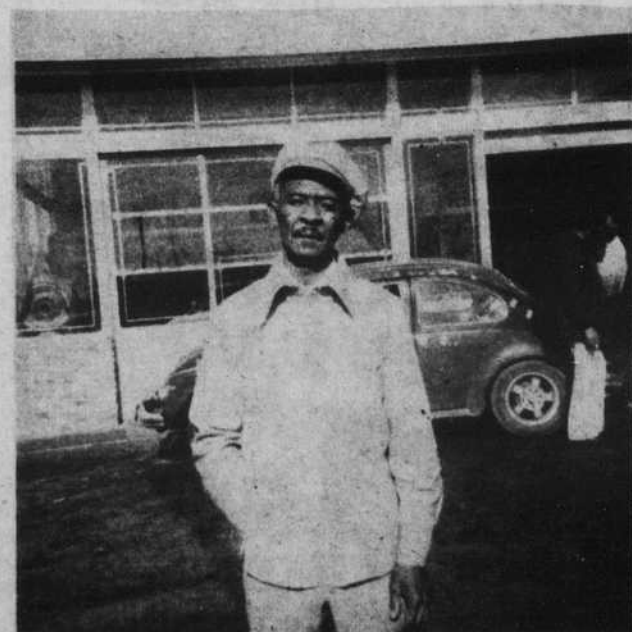
Mr. S.W. Daniel: I think Senator Joe Neal is a community man. If you have any problems, he is available to help. That's the kind of man we need to represent us.



Mr. Charles Madison: Senator Joe Neal is the type of man that Black people need. Many people get positions, but they don't meet the needs and requirements of the Black community.



Ms. Dorothy Baker: Senator Joe Neal is a Black man, and his own man. He is unbossed and unbought.



Mr. Ted Curtis: I have known Senator Joe Neal for years and I think he is a fine Senator. We need more like him.



Mr. Allie Riley: We need many more Black politicians like Senator Joe Neal. Right On!

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Because of the few gains we have made in the past, in such areas as politics, voting rights, and employment opportunity, there is always the danger that in the dark recesses of the minds of the masses, there lurks a fear, that we are the source of the problem, a fear waiting to be activated by some politician who has the rhetorical skill to make that fear surface as a belief. Today all the ingredients are present for this to happen--we lack only the catalyst.

How do you see economic development as it relates to tourism in West Las Vegas? Do you think it is possible and feasible for the Black business man to venture in this direction?

When one attempts to venture into the Tourism Market, he is embarking upon a task to build or generate something that would attract tourists. Since the Westside Community is a primary labor source, for the already existing establishments, it would be difficult to generate any activity in this regard, without three to four years of preparation. The reason I say this is, because most people who come to Las Vegas for conventions, come with the hope that they can win a few dollars.

The tourists stay in Las Vegas, is largely confined to the big hotels on and off the Strip. Certainly Black businessmen can venture into this market if they can get the capital to do so.

What Bills are you planning to introduce in the coming Legislative Session and will they affect West Las Vegas?


I will introduce most of the Bills which did not pass last session. These include making it a crime, for a doctor to refuse to treat a person, who does not have the ability to pay; making the Power Company county owned, and requiring judges to spend three nights a year in the Nevada State Prison as a condition to their holding office. (This, I think, would enable the judge to keep abreast of prison conditions.) I would like to see the installment contract finance rate set at 12% per annum. These finance rates now run from about 14% up to 30% or more. Therefore, the poor would not be taken advantage of because of their desire to own a new car or a television set.

What can the Black Community do to support Black elected officials while they are in Carson City?

Write to the other legislators on issues of concern to them and on issues being sponsored by their legislators.

If the Governor sought your advice on what he could do to aid the development of West Las Vegas, what would you suggest to him?

I would suggest to him that the next new state office building be built in West Las Vegas. This would cause an increased flow in traffic which, in turn, would lead to the development of this community economically.

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