

Seastrand Announces Candidacy For North Las Vegas Mayor



City councilman, Jim Seastrand, officially announced today his candidacy for mayor of North Las Vegas. In his successful bid for election in 1979, Seastrand had a victory margin of 67 percent. This win, plus strong encouragement from friends and supporters, greatly influenced his current bid for mayor.

"I've kept every pledge I made during that campaign," Seastrand said. "I promised to work hard to enhance the image of North Las Vegas and create an atmosphere which would accelerate the establishment of new businesses in our city. Since my election in 1973, we've welcomed more than 1500 new businesses to North Las Vegas and thousands of citizens have been employed. I'm proud of our expanding business community, but there is still much we must do to reach our potential in this area."

Seastrand, a veteran of the United States Air Force, feels that regardless of whether we want it or not, the MX Missile is coming to Nevada and we had better be ready for it. "Many new opportunities will be available to North Las Vegas and, more than ever before, we must have knowledgeable and experienced leadership to move our city into a new and prosperous future. I want to help North Las Vegas into the multi-million dollar MX program in the most intelligent and profitable way possible."

The need to have MX jobs given to local contractors first was also emphasized by Seastrand. "We need leaders who will put our local citizens and their needs as a top priority."

"I promised to be tough on crime and do whatever it took to increase police visibility in our neighborhoods and business districts. The most recent figures show that North Las Vegas has a 13 percent decrease in our crime rate while rates elsewhere are climbing. I have pledged to continue to work closely with our strong, capable police force and competent court system. These dedicated people are making great strides in our fight against crime and I'm proud to be on their team."

In this multi-ethnic populated city, Seastrand feels it is important to build good communication between ethnic groups and their elected officials. "I have always been committed to respond and work for the best interests of all segments of the community and I believe that the people are aware of that," he stated.

The large number of senior citizens in North Las Vegas are of particular interest to Seastrand. "These people are especially hard hit during an economic crisis. I am presently trying to ease their housing costs by working with other concerned citizens to bring a Senior Citizen Mobile Home Park to our city."

Seastrand also favors an effective paramedic service, low water and utility costs, better mass transit and more economic development which will increase the ability of North Las Vegas to maintain city streets as well as recreational facilities and programs.

Seastrand, a local business executive for 23 years, divested himself of major business responsibilities to concentrate on his other investments. Seastrand stated, "I now have all the time I need to devote myself to being a full time mayor."

He and his wife Rosel, parents of four children, have lived in North Las Vegas for 22 years.



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MARCHERS DEMAND FEDERAL FUNDING TO SAVE OUR CHILDREN

A group of about 1,400 concerned Atlantans marched on the Richard Russell federal building March 9th to dramatize their demand for substantial federal funding for the investigation of 21 cases of murder and kidnapping of young Atlanta children.

Organized by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Black Clergy of Metro Atlanta, the marchers proceeded down M.L. King Jr. Drive from Central United Methodist Church to the Russell building.

The Rev. Joseph E. Lowery, president of SCLC, charged that if President Reagan "can send \$25 million to El Salvador to (interfere) in the affairs of that nation, he ought to be able to send \$2 million to Atlanta to catch the killers of our children."

Lowery said that it is impossible to view the Atlanta crisis as totally isolated from the killings and violence against blacks across the nation. "There is an environment of hostility against black people in this country (that) is fed by insensitivity to black and brown and poor people at high levels" in both the private and public sectors.

Black and poor people are being blamed for the economic crisis in the country when they are penalized by cuts in social programs affecting them, he said.

But Dr. Lowery, along with Dr. Cameron M. Alexander, president of the Georgia Missionary Baptist Convention; Bishop Joseph C. Coles Jr. of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and Bishop Frederick H. Talbot of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, told the marchers that despite the attacks against the black and the poor, our movement for justice, with the help of God, will win.

Former SNCC President John Lewis and former SCLC member Bernard LaFayette participated in the rally, as did several hundred students of the Atlanta University Center.

Marchers carried signs calling for federal funding of the police investigations, black unity and "Save Our Children!"

Black people will not cower under the assaults on black life, Dr. Lowery said, but "will set in motion a new movement that will spread across this country to counter the assault and press for a positive black future."

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