

Spot Zoning Practice Hit by Poulson

Rep. Norris Poulson, candidate for Mayor, yesterday went on record as against spot zoning practices and in favor of a re-examination of the city's whole zoning program.

Poulson's opinions were voiced in a communication to William E. McCann, chairman of the San Fernando Valley for Poulson Committee.

Here are excerpts from the communication:

"San Fernando Valley, the city's fastest growing area, has completely outgrown the comprehensive zoning act of 1946, and I think the new Mayor of Los Angeles should make one of his first pieces of business a complete re-examination of the vital zoning problems of this great new metropolitan area.

"Spot changes of zoning should be stopped as a policy, and the best people we can get should make a study of a comprehensive Valley zoning plan for the best interests of Valley citizens and business and indeed of our entire city.

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"The Valley people should have a big say in the plan to be adopted. When a good plan is accepted, it should be put into practice in order to overcome the stream of requests for spot zoning, some of them necessary because of the confusion but many of them not in the best general interest.

"As it is, every time someone wants to subdivide from one to 500 acres, they ask for a change of zone and the Valley is growing in a checkerboard pattern. Nobody with the Valley's or the city's interests at heart is in favor of the present chaotic procedure.

"The city's comprehensive zoning act passed in June, 1946, was a good thing and still is in some parts of the city. But the Valley has outgrown it. The Valley occupies about half the land area of Los Angeles. Our entire city has a stake—a big stake—in this matter. This zoning study and resulting comprehensive Valley zoning plan is a must for the progress and welfare of the Valley, its homeowners, residents, businesses, industries and farms. I certainly would place it high on the priority list."