

000477 Mayor Lombardi - N.O.
(X) President Henry Maier (Meyer)
(John Hunter - Exec Director)

(X) Sam Massell - Pres. National League
(Mack Massell)
Pat Healey - Retired of Cities
at Pritchard - Succeeds Pat Healey

(X) Legislative Committee - Conference of Mayors
(~~John Hunter~~) and Nat. League of Cities
Focused on Problems of Cities - Lobby.

(X) Thank Mayors, Councilman and other city officials
for courtesies to Mrs H & myself.
REMARKS BY
SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

(X) No need to Remind you of Problems.

U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

Cities - Suburbs - Same Problems 1940 - 40% in Urban
1980 - 80% areas.

Crime - Education - Transportation - Drugs

(X) Urban Crises - Demands - Recognition -
Leadership -
Commitment

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Other Crises - Depression

JUNE 20, 1972

- War - Postwar

- Space -

X Plan -
X Resources

(X) We need Urban (a) Operation Rescue!
(b) Operation Future!

(X) Let's Take Care of America

Chief of Police
Zilma
Fryche

Tallulah

La.
5th Dist Chm
18 Parishes

Norman Hill
14th - Cro

Michael Landrean
Phyllis Landrean

x Followups
Deleg. Letters
La. Black Delegates

Joe Carroll?
Reprints of Key Articles + Edits
Youth Piece
Black Piece
Women Caucus Contact
John " "
Chicanos

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LAST YEAR WHEN I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF ADDRESSING
THE CONFERENCE OF MAYORS, I SAID THAT OUR NATION MUST
DEVELOP A NATIONAL URBAN STRATEGY TO DEAL WITH THE
DIMINISHING QUALITY OF LIFE IN URBAN AMERICA.

↳ A YEAR HAS PASSED AND THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE
VISIBLE PROGRESS TOWARDS MEETING THE GREAT NEEDS OF
AMERICAN CITIES,

↳ TRAGICALLY, WE HAVE NO NATIONAL URBAN POLICY TO
GUIDE US.

YET EVERYDAY WE ARE FACED WITH THE FACT THAT MORE
AND MORE AMERICANS ARE MOVING TO URBAN AREAS.

↳ EVERY DAY THE NEED FOR FUNDAMENTAL SERVICES FOR
URBAN AMERICANS INCREASES.

everyday - the financial resources prove to be

IN THE FACE OF THIS CRISIS, WHAT IS THE RESPONSE
FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT?

TOO OFTEN IT RUNS AWAY FROM THE PROBLEMS:

-- IT UNDERFUNDS BADLY NEEDED PROGRAMS,

-- IT ENCUMBERS EFFECTIVE LOCAL ACTION WITH
BUREAUCRATIC OVER-REGULATION,

-- IT IGNORES THE NEIGHBORHOODS--IT GUTS THEM
WITH INDISCRIMINATE HIGHWAY PROGRAMS AND PLANS
URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS WHICH ARE IN EFFECT,
PEOPLE REMOVAL PROGRAMS.!

-- BUT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S GREATEST FAILURE
IS TO TRY TO SOLVE URBAN AND SUBURBAN PROBLEMS
OF THE 1970's WITH THE SOLUTIONS OF THE 1950's
AND 60's.

WHAT ARE THE REALITIES OF URBAN LIFE TODAY?

REALISTICALLY, OUR URBAN SOCIETY EXTENDS BEYOND
CITY LINES INTO INCREASINGLY URBANIZED SUBURBS.

BUT THE PROBLEMS OF THE CITY--BECAUSE THEY ARE
PEOPLE PROBLEMS--DON'T STOP WHEN CONCRETE AND PAVEMENT
BECOME GREEN GRASS AND SHOPPING CENTERS.

THERE ISN'T A METROPOLITAN AREA IN THIS NATION WHICH
HAS AVOIDED THE SOCIAL DISINTEGRATION AND ECONOMIC
DECAY CAUSED BY AFFLUENT AMERICANS RUNNING AWAY FROM
THE POOR.

h THERE ARE FEW FAMILIES IN SUBURBS WHO CAN CLAIM
TODAY THAT THE DRUG PROBLEM OF THE INNER CITY IS NOT
THEIRS ALSO.

L CRIME KNOWS NO NEIGHBORHOOD - ~~NO AMERICANS ARE~~ *no one is free*

FROM ASSAULT AND STICK-UPS, NO AMERICAN HOME OR APARTMENT
IS SAFE FROM BURGLARY AND NO AMERICAN CAN BE SECURE
WHEN THERE IS VIOLENCE AND DISORDER.

L THROUGHOUT METROPOLITAN AREAS THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM
IS BREAKING DOWN:

- SCHOOL BOND ISSUES ARE BEING DEFEATED,
- CLASSROOM SIZE IS BEING INCREASED,
- SCHOOL TAXES ARE GOING UP,
- PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS ARE CLOSING,

~~FACILITIES ARE SELDOM BEING IMPROVED.~~

STUDENTS AND PARENTS ARE HAVING SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT

THE EDUCATIONAL QUALITY OF OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM.

*Problems of Transportation, Energy,
Sanitation, Communication*

AND THERE IS NO METROPOLITAN AREA WHERE THE LEVEL
OF BASIC SERVICES ~~have~~ KEPT PACE WITH NEEDS OF THE
PEOPLE. Police, Fire Protection, Sanitation etc

THIS MEANS THAT PEOPLE ARE ANGRY, FRUSTRATED AND
OFTEN DISILLUSIONED.

L THE DESPAIR AND CRUSHED SPIRIT OF URBAN AMERICAN
INCREASES EVERY DAY BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT CITIES CAN
COME ALIVE AGAIN.

L WE KNOW THAT CITIES CAN HAVE GREEN PARKS, TREE-LINED
ROADS, SAFE AND CLEAN STREETS, GOOD SCHOOLS AND A STYLE
OF LIFE THAT GIVES ^{people} ~~that~~ DIGNITY, HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY.

I BELIEVE IT'S TIME FOR AMERICA TO STOP RUNNING
AWAY FROM ITS OWN PROBLEMS to face up to the
urban crisis and to act accordingly.

IT'S TIME TO DO FOR OURSELVES WHAT WE HAVE BEEN
DOING FOR THE REST OF THE WORLD DURING THE PAST
27 YEARS.

WE MUST BEGIN A DECADE OF PEOPLE ORIENTED DOMESTIC
DEVELOPMENT.

WE MUST RESTRUCTURE OUR POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS,
ADAPT OUR SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO CHANGING TIMES, REVITALIZE
OUR COMMUNITY SERVICES AND COMMIT THE FINANCIAL
RESOURCES NEEDED TO DO THE JOB.

(X) THESE ARE THE LONG RANGE GOALS WHICH DESERVE A
NATIONAL COMMITMENT. (Long Range)

Short Range | L BUT PEOPLE HAVE TO LIVE TODAY AND YOUR CITIES CAN'T
WAIT FOR ANOTHER FIVE OR TEN YEARS.

Revenue Sharing

LET ME BE SPECIFIC AND GIVE YOU MY IDEAS AS TO WHAT

TOGETHER WE MUST DO NOW.

THE PASSAGE OF AN ADEQUATE REVENUE SHARING BILL IS
Property Taxes counter Productive.
IMPERATIVE. REVENUE SHARING IS NOT A PANACEA FOR THE

ILLS OF AMERICAN CITIES, AND IT CANNOT REPLACE THE

~~CATEGORICAL~~ GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAMS.

BUT OUR PLANS, OUR GOALS, OUR LONG-RUN OBJECTIVES ARE
SIMPLY USELESS WITHOUT A CONTINUING, WELL-FUNDED
REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM.

and I HAVE BEEN A CONSISTENT ADVOCATE OF REVENUE SHARING.

I BELIEVE THAT IT IS A PROGRAM FOR THE 1970's.

L TOMORROW, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WILL BEGIN
DEBATE ON THE MILLS FISCAL ASSISTANCE PROPOSAL.

Small - Chr Long - I spoke to him

my Bill

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AND IN THE SENATE, SENATOR HOWARD BAKER AND I HAVE
INTRODUCED ^{*an identical*} ~~THE HOUSE~~ REVENUE SHARING BILL. THERE ARE NOW
41 CO-SPONSORS OF THAT LEGISLATION.

Senate
L I WANT THE MAYORS OF AMERICA TO KNOW THAT I HAVE TALKED
WITH CHAIRMAN RUSSELL LONG OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
AND REQUESTED SENATE REVENUE SHARING HEARINGS.

I CAN REPORT TO YOU TODAY THAT CHAIRMAN LONG HAS GIVEN
ME HIS PERSONAL ASSURANCES THAT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL
PROMPTLY BEGIN HEARINGS ON THIS LEGISLATION AND EXPEDITE
ITS REPORT TO THE SENATE FLOOR.

h I WILL BE THE FIRST WITNESS BEFORE THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
ON BEHALF OF THE MAYORS AND THE CITIES ~~OF AMERICA~~ WHEN
THE HEARINGS BEGIN.

AND WITH YOUR HELP, I WILL CARRY THIS BATTLE TO THE
~~FLOOR OF THE SENATE.~~

REVENUE SHARING WILL BE AN ARTICLE OF LAW THIS YEAR.

Lobby!
call I!

But REVENUE SHARING IS BUT THE FIRST STEP.

Tax Reform

~~IT IS NEEDED ECONOMIC BLOOD TRANSFUSION FOR LOCAL GOVERN-~~
~~MENTS THAT ARE SUFFERING FROM SEVERE ECONOMIC ANEMIA.~~

But no
Value-Add
financing

THE SECOND IMMEDIATE TASK IS ENACTMENT OF THE NATIONAL

DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENT BANK--LEGISLATION I INTRODUCED TO

HELP CITIES, STATES AND TOWNS FINANCE VITALLY NEEDED PUBLIC
PROJECTS.

THIS LEGISLATION IS BASED ON ACCEPTED PRINCIPLES OF

INTERNATIONAL FINANCE. I PROPOSE THAT WE NOW APPLY THEM

AT HOME BY PROVIDING LONG-TERM LOANS AT LOW INTEREST RATES.

AND THAT WE COUPLE THE FINANCIAL HELP WITH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

MY PLAN WILL ALLOW CITIES, COUNTIES, TOWNS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT JURISDICTIONS TO MOVE AHEAD ON A WIDE RANGE OF URGENTLY NEEDED PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION.

IT WILL PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE AND SUPPLEMENTAL SOURCE

OF FUNDS FOR A NATION THAT IS PRIVATELY WEALTHY AND PUBLICLY POOR.

It will bring together Public + private financing for the Revitalization of Urban America

IT CAN HELP END THE STOP-START HISTORY OF PUBLIC

CONSTRUCTION IN THIS COUNTRY BY PROVIDING FOR AN ORDERLY

AND CONTINUING NEW FINANCING MECHANISM.

and THE NATIONAL DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENT BANK IS A PROGRAM

FOR ALL THE COMMUNITIES OF AMERICA.

There just isn't enough Public money

L IT CAN FACILITATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN DEPRESSED
AREAS.

L IT CAN PROVIDE JOBS.

L IT CAN STIMULATE THE ECONOMY.

#3 ONCE CITIES HAVE THE NECESSARY TOOLS TO ACHIEVE SOME
OF THEIR OBJECTIVES THE NEXT STEP IS TO CHANGE THE WAY
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MAKES ITS BUDGET DECISIONS

Fed
Budget
Secret

RIGHT NOW, MAYORS AND CITY OFFICIALS, SUPERVISORS,
CITY MANAGERS, COUNTY OFFICIALS, GOVERNORS AND THE PEOPLE
ARE CLOSED OUT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S BUDGET PROCESS.

L DECISIONS ARE MADE EVERYDAY ABOUT YOUR CITY BY ~~FACELESS~~
BUREAUCRATS IN WASHINGTON.

YOU ARE SELDOM CONSULTED.

YOUR TRUE NEEDS ARE OFTEN IGNORED. YOU AND THE PEOPLE

END UP LIVING WITH DECISIONS YOU HAD NO PART IN MAKING.

~~THIS DOES NOT~~ *This makes no sense!*

~~IS THIS THE WAY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD DEAL
WITH URBAN AMERICA?~~

✓ I WANT THE BUDGET PROCESS ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE
OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET AND BY THE MAJOR DEPARTMENTS
OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO BE OPEN TO THE MAYORS ~~OF~~

*open
the
Budget*

~~AMERICA~~ BEFORE THE DECISIONS ARE MADE

✓ I PROPOSE THAT THE ~~OMB AND OTHER EXECUTIVE BRANCH~~ *Budget officers*

~~OFFICIALS~~ LEAVE WASHINGTON, GO INTO THE CITIES AND REGIONS

OF THIS NATION AND HOLD HEARINGS AND MEETINGS ON THE

COMING FISCAL YEAR'S BUDGET.

LET'S SEND THE PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE DECISION MAKERS
TO WHERE THE PROBLEMS ARE SO THAT THEY CAN HEAR FIRST
HAND FROM YOU AND OTHERS WHO FACE URBAN PROBLEMS EVERYDAY.

IF AN ASSURED LEVEL OF FUNDING IS AVAILABLE OVER A
PERIOD OF YEARS AND IF MAYORS AND CITY OFFICIALS HAVE FULL
ACCESS TO THE FEDERAL BUDGET PROCESS, THEN WE CAN TAKE
THE FOURTH STEP: EFFECTIVE PLANNING AND USE OF OUR
RESOURCES TO MEET OUR NEEDS.

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1Planning

WE HAVE VISIONS OF TOMORROW, BUT WE LACK THE SPECIFIC
PLANS TO MAKE OUR TOMORROWS A REALITY.

THE BASIS OF OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE SHOULD BE
TARGETING A RURAL-URBAN BALANCE--A HEALTHY BALANCE
BETWEEN THE PEOPLE AND THE LAND

THIS MEANS FOCUSING

Rural-
urban
Balance.

ON ORDERLY GROWTH--DESIGNING THIS FOR PEOPLE RATHER THAN

FOR EXPEDIENCY, AND AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT *for* ORDERED

GROWTH IS SLOWING DOWN THE FORCES WHICH HAVE PLACED A

THIRD OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN THE SIX STATES OF NEW YORK,

CALIFORNIA, ILLINOIS, PENNSYLVANIA, OHIO AND TEXAS.

yet THERE IS NOT A SINGLE MECHANISM OR PROCESS TO PLAN THE

FUTURE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

TODAY WE ARE A NATION OF 209 MILLION PEOPLE, 70% OF

WHOM NOW LIVE IN CITIES OF 50,000 OR MORE

by the 1980s - 80%

L BY THE END OF THIS CENTURY, 300 MILLION PEOPLE WILL

POPULATE OUR COUNTRY AND AS MANY AS 90 PERCENT WILL LIVE

IN METROPOLITAN COMPLEXES.

WE HAVE TOTALLY NEGLECTED THE IMPACT OF A GROWING

POPULATION LET ALONE THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE WITHIN OUR

NATION.

BECAUSE WE LACK A NATIONAL PLANNING PROCESS, AMERICANS
ARE DEPRIVED OF THE BENEFITS PLANNED GROWTH CAN PROVIDE.

I WILL SOON INTRODUCE A NATIONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT
ACT THAT WILL BE THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS PLANNING THE
NATIONAL GROWTH OF OUR COUNTRY.

A NATIONAL GROWTH POLICY CAN MEAN:

- OVERCOMING FISCAL CRISES THROUGH PLANNING.
- MAKING THE BEST POSSIBLE USE OF LAND IN OUR
METROPOLITAN AREAS.
- COORDINATING AN ATTACK ON ALL TYPES OF POLLUTION.
- PLANNING FOR SERVICES AND FACILITIES SO THAT WHEN
PEOPLE MOVE IN, THE SERVICES ARE ALREADY THERE.

THE LEGISLATION I WILL SOON INTRODUCE WILL ESTABLISH AN
OFFICE OF ~~PLANNED~~ NATIONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT WITHIN
THE WHITE HOUSE. IT WILL PROVIDE THE LEADERSHIP NECESSARY
TO COORDINATE ALL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES--AND REGULATORY
BODIES--WITH RESPECT TO DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF
NATIONAL POLICY.

AND IN THE CONGRESS, I PROPOSE THAT A JOINT COMMITTEE
ON NATIONAL GROWTH BE ESTABLISHED, AND SUPPORTED BY A
CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE OF POLICY AND PLANNING.

IN ADDITION, THIS LEGISLATION PROVIDES FOR DIRECT CITIZEN
PARTICIPATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL GROWTH POLICY.

FINALLY, MY LEGISLATION WOULD FORCE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
FOR THE FIRST TIME TO ANTICIPATE THE CONSEQUENCES OF GROWTH

Federal Facilities

WHEN IT PLANS A FACILITY, LETS A LARGE CONTRACT, IMPLEMENTS
A NEW PROGRAM OR EXPANDS ITS FUNDING.

L FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS CITIES HAVE REFLECTED THE SPIRIT
AND ACHIEVEMENT OF A CIVILIZATION.

L IT HAS BEEN IN THE CITIES WHERE THE CENTERS OF LEARNING,
ART AND CULTURE HAVE FLOURISHED (THE GREAT LIBRARIES,
UNIVERSITIES, THEATRES, MUSEUMS AND CENTERS OF COMMERCE
HAVE EXISTED IN THE CITIES OF THE WORLD.

L BUT CITIES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A MEASURE NOT ONLY OF A
SOCIETY'S CULTURE, BUT OF ITS HUMANITY.

L BUT AS LONG AS THERE ARE SLUMS, PEOPLE IN POVERTY, HUNGRY
CHILDREN, ^{and deteriorated} SEGREGATED NEIGHBORHOODS, DETERIORATING SCHOOLS,
POLLUTED AIR AND PERVASIVE CRIME IN ^{our} ~~THE~~ CITIES OF OUR
~~COUNTRY~~ THEN THE QUALITY OF OUR ENTIRE CIVILIZATION IS

THREATENED.

CAN OUR NATION BUILD GREAT CITIES?

THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE.

THE ANSWER MUST BE YES.

I WANT TO BE PRESIDENT OF AN AMERICA WHERE CITIES ARE
A PLACE PEOPLE WANT TO COME TO LEARN, TO LIVE AND TO RAISE
THEIR CHILDREN.

THIS TYPE OF URBAN AND SUBURBAN SOCIETY CAN BE ACHIEVED
IF OUR LEADERS ARE TRULY COMMITTED TO THE REVITALIZATION
AND REBUILDING OF LIFE IN URBAN AMERICA.

Unemployment - Highest in Decade
Integration - 2 Decade
Refugee - 4 Decade
Trade Deficit & Recession
Outburst - 1930s

- (X) Economy in Travel -
 Unemployment - cost to Local
 Welfare - loss of Revenue Govt.
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- (X) Revenue Sharing - Tax Reform
No Value Added!
 (X) National Domestic Develop Bank.
 Long term - low interest
Public & Private Partnership
-

- (X) Open the Budget - Hear from the Mayors
 Harrison etc
 (X) Federal Facilities -
-

- (X) Planning - National Growth & Development Policy -
In Exec Branch - Office of Nat Growth & Develop
In Congress - Joint Committee
Where do we go in - Energy - Transportation
Educ. - Communication
Health - Housing ✓ (2)



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