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GOVERNMENT WORK FOR PEOPLE

ELECT ART TORRES
ASSEMBLYMAN ON JUNE 6th!
ART TORRES wants to make Government Work for People!

ART TORRES was born and raised in Boyle Heights. He is a graduate of East Los Angeles College where he served as President of the Student Body. He is a graduate of the University of California at Santa Cruz, where he served as Student President. He earned a Juris Doctorate Degree in Law from the University of Southern California School of Law, where he served as Class President.

For five years ART TORRES has served as one of the chief Legislative Advocates for California Legislation in Sacramento. ART TORRES has served as an attorney and lobbyist for farmworkers, working men and women, senior citizens and small farmers.

ART TORRES has taught legal reform courses at the University of California at Davis School of Law. Presently he is involved in seeking legal reforms for the elementary schools in the 40th Assembly District, fighting Title I Compensatory Education federal funds, which are discriminatory against Spanish-speaking children.

ART TORRES cares deeply about our district. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Tierra de los Barrios, a group of young people who bring the problems of their community to light with original theatrical productions. ART TORRES is a member of the 40th Assembly District.

ART is working with many church groups and is an advisor to the National Catholic Sisters' Association. He has fought for the protection of our environment as the chief Legislative Advisor to our State Senator. ART TORRES is committed to making government work for people.

Cesar Chavez: 'Farmworkers support ART TORRES for Assemblyman!'

Dear Friends:

ART TORRES is seeking the Democratic nomination in the 40th California Assembly District. Our Union has endorsed ART TORRES and I am asking all the friends of farmworkers to support him in the primary election, June 1st, 1972.

ART TORRES has shown farmworkers that he is a good friend who can be trusted to support poor people in their struggle. Time and again he has worked with us in Sacramento to defeat farm worker legislation that would have destroyed our farm workers' Union. He worked with us to turn back the National Labor Relations Board attack on the Boycott. He stands with us today as an active supporter of the Longshore Boycott. He advocates legislation that will relieve the burden of the poor, rent control for the elderly, rental remedial education funds from the Federal Government, and property tax relief.

In contrast, Assemblyman Garcia has proven himself to be a powerful opponent of the farmworker cause. In the summer of 1971, he cast the deciding vote in favor of A.B. 964 in the Assembly Committee on Labor Relations. Rich farmers who pay starvation wages designed A.B. 964 to eliminate the Boycott and crush our Union. The Union asked Garcia to vote against the bill. What reward did he receive from the rich and powerful farmers? Nothing. All they gave him was an opportunity to vote against the rights of working people.

Alex Garcia should be defeated because he has demonstrated that he side with the rich against the rights of working people. ART TORRES should be elected on the basis of his record, and the 40th Assembly District can at last have honest and courageous leadership. Viva Cara A.

Cesar E. Chavez, Director
United Farm Workers

Editorial:

Why do Farmworkers support ART TORRES?

Like farmworkers, you who live in the 40th Assembly District are a mixture of people from different backgrounds struggling to form a community of true justice and peace. We have been coming to Los Angeles for sometime now to ask for your help in our own struggles for a better life. You have helped us during the Grape Boycott and during our fight for the rights of farmworkers against the Republican Party's attempts to deny the farmworkers the right to vote by using the United Farm Workers Organization.

For too long, we have seen no leader who would stand for those we are concerned about. For too long, we have seen no leader who would stand for the needs of our community. For too long, we have seen no leader who would stand for the rights of working people. For too long, we have seen no leader who would stand for the rights of working people.

ART TORRES is a true friend of working men and women of the 40th Assembly District. This includes: the United Auto Workers, Local #808; Brown Caucus; California Federation of Labor; United Farm Workers Organization.

ART TORRES is concerned with everyone's right to develop themselves in the most complete way possible. Our hearts are full of gratitude for the sacrifices you have shared with us. And we proved what great power people can have when they work together. We are behind ART TORRES wholeheartedly.

The 1971 legislative session witnessed the confirmation of A.B. 964, the Cory Bill, which sought to set up a farm labor relations board which would have effectively taken away all the rights of farmworkers to freely unionize in California. This Bill also sought to do away with the second boycott. ART TORRES was the sole Democrat on the Assembly Labor Relations Committee to join with the Republicans and thereby permitted this tremendous threat to the farmworkers to get to committee. More than 5,000 farmworkers journeyed to Sacramento to demonstrate against that bill and defeat it.

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Throughout the 40th Assembly District, our community is waking up. Together we are raising the voices that have been lost in the shuffle of the years. We are saying yes we need change, and we are willing to fight for it. This year we can vote for ART TORRES to represent us in the Assembly.

Our so-called representatives are allowing the domination of our senior citizens in the form of tax gouging and the destruction of the natural air we breathe and the water we drink. Why are we still working for the people? Why are our rights being ignored? Why do we have to put up with an over-crowded and under-funded educational system? Why is our so-called representatives allow the grinding of our working class into dust? Why are we still working for the people?

Our government is not working for the people of the 40th Assembly District is that we have had Alex P. Garcia as our representative in Sacramento since 1970. Garcia has failed and ignored us consistently. His continued absence from the Assembly floor has prohibited him from voting on major issues which not only affect us, but all Californians. By his absence, he has failed to serve us, the people by whom he is being paid to represent. There is no greater travesty than having an elected official who does not do his job at the expense of people's rights and lives.

Unfortunately, Garcia was re-elected in 1975 because there was no opposition to him in the primary election. But this time we have a choice. This year we can vote for someone who is young AND experienced in government service. We can elect ART TORRES to represent us in the Assembly.

ART TORRES says: "Mr. Garcia was absent almost 20% of the time last year. If I were absent that much from my job I would have been fired 3 years ago. And even when Garcia does show up he votes against the interests of our district and the people he is supposed to represent. Government is supposed to work for people." It is about time that we start cleaning up the house and elect representatives who will work for the people, not for the wealthy and powerful special interests of this state.

Garcia Fails on Tax Reform

SACRAMENTO, California -- Alex P. Garcia has failed to sponsor or support meaningful tax reform. As Assemblyman, Garcia has opposed legislation that would decrease the property tax burden faced by middle-income and lower-income working families, senior citizens, middle-income citizens who are caught in the web of high property taxes. Garcia has supported tax measures which offer only the appearance of relief by switching the property tax to increased sales and income taxes on other items such as sales, liquor and gasoline. These measures would not lift the unfair burden of taxes that we have to pay. For some reason, Garcia is not concerned about making the wealthy and the rich corporations pay their share of the taxes. He has NEVER sponsored legislation or provided any leadership on property tax reform. And we are the victims of Garcia's lack of leadership.

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...ART TORRES is working hard for tax reform....

One of the greatest inequities of our district is in the area of taxation. We pay a higher percentage of our income on state taxes than people living in Beverly Hills.

Property and sales taxes take a greater percentage of the low-income, working and middle-income families' budgets than the wealthy. We are victims of a regressive tax. Capital investment and personal income taxes are riddled with loopholes, enabling the large corporations and hundreds of the wealthiest to escape their fair share of all such taxation.

For example, big companies like Occidental Life Insurance don't have to pay taxes on the property where their main headquarters is located. So Occidental pays no property taxes on its building downtown, even though it only uses a few of the building's floors and rents the others out as office space. And you may wonder why the Occidental Building has a bridge from it to another building. To avoid property taxes. By connecting the two large office buildings with a bridge, Occidental can claim they are really one building and thus not pay property taxes.

Yet, our people in the 40th Assembly District pay up to two and half times more taxes on our homes than we did last year. According to Rosalio and Elvira Jimenez, residents of City Terrace, "Last year we paid $325 in property taxes; this year we are expected to pay close to $600 in property taxes. But we have no water pressure, no drains. Water comes down our street like a little river. The water mains are always leaking. I'm interested in getting some taxes reduced, now." Don Ragland, also a resident of the 40th Assembly District, says, "I paid $200 more in property taxes this year, but there has been no one who would fight for me. Maybe now it will be different." Other homeowners say that they are being charged taxes for services they have not even received from the county.

ART TORRES, our candidate for Assemblyman, favors increasing taxes on banks, insurance companies and corporations and lowering the tax burden on our people. If elected, ART TORRES will introduce and fight for legislation to:

- Reduce property taxes by increasing the present property tax exemption.
- Eliminate the oil and gas depletion allowances and "farm subsidies" for all forms of oil and gas production.
- Eliminate preferential tax write-offs for capital gain by treating all capital gains (i.e., wages, salaries, interest, dividends, etc.) as taxable income for home sales.
- Increase the taxes at the upper end of the income scale. The income tax with its "progressive" abilities and capacities for growth should be emphasized and property tax de-emphasized.
- Increase bank, corporate, and insurance tax rates.
- Increase the state school Fund to cover inflationary costs, thereby relieving the main pressure on the local property taxpayer.

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...ART TORRES is struggling to provide better education for our children...

Our schools are overcrowded and children are unprepared for an ever-changing and technological workforce. Children's academic achievement is essential for economic growth and the oil industry. To this end, ART has led the way in providing better education for children in the region. Our children must be able to learn and succeed in this ever-changing world.

SACRAMENTO, California — During the 1979 session of the California State Legislature, Assemblyman Farr was instrumental in passing legislation which increased school funding and provided for new educational facilities. His efforts have resulted in several new schools being built in the area, which have helped to reduce overcrowding and improve learning conditions for students.

...ART TORRES welcomes young people to help better our community...

Many of us in the 48th Assembly District are young people who will be voting in the near future, and it is important that we understand the importance of our role in shaping the future of our community. ART is committed to providing young people with the tools they need to succeed in life.

...ART TORRES is defending the right of senior citizens to a life of dignity and justice...

The senior citizens of the 48th Assembly District are among the most vulnerable in our society. ART is committed to ensuring that they have access to the services and resources they need to maintain their dignity and independence.

SACRAMENTO, California — Assemblyman Farr was instrumental in passing legislation which increased funding for senior centers and provided for new programs to help senior citizens. His efforts have resulted in several new senior centers being built in the area, which have helped to improve the quality of life for senior citizens.

...ART TORRES is battling to protect our air, water, and parks...

It is essential that we work to protect our environment for future generations. ART is committed to fighting for clean air, clean water, and preserving our natural resources.

SACRAMENTO, California — Assemblyman Farr has been a leading advocate for environmental protection. His efforts have resulted in several new environmental protection measures being passed, which have helped to improve the quality of our air, water, and parks.

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Many of us in the 48th Assembly District are tenants, and it is important that we have the tools we need to protect our rights. ART is committed to fighting for the rights of tenants.

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ART TORRES leads in defending our rights as consumers.

ART TORRES is concerned with our right to fair goods and services for money paid. He has worked as a consumer’s advocate before the Legislature. ART is working to insure that local consumer protection agencies have the power and the will to safeguard us from fraud and misrepresentation. We can trust ART TORRES.

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ART TORRES is fighting to strengthen our rights as American citizens.

ART TORRES believes that only when we have justice for all can we enjoy real peace and tranquility. When people are treated unfairly the consequences are detrimental to our whole community. That is why ART is striving to strengthen the civil rights of our entire community.

Garcia Never Shows Up To Vote on Civil Rights

SACRAMENTO, California — Assemblyman Alex P. Garcia has ignored the rights of our Spanish-speaking sisters and brothers (as outlined in the 1970 California Supreme Court decision CASTRO v. CALIFORNIA) by failing to vote on bills which sought to provide a Spanish language ballot, Spanish proceedings at the polls and Spanish-speaking registrars of voters. Garcia even failed to show up to vote on HIS OWN BILL which sought to give voter instructions in Spanish.

Garcia has also disregarded the rights of defendants by being absent during the voting on bills which sought to: (1) establish the office of the State Public Defender (AB 1499); (2) establish the Office of Defender (to be released on the defendant’s own recognizance); (3) require county jail prisoners access to private physicians and treatment (1970-AB 934); (4) require all the Adult Authority and the Department of Corrections regulations and rules to be made public information (AB 2709 and AB 2710).
...ART TORRES is ready to put himself on the line for working men and women....

Those of us in the 40th Assembly District who are working men and women know the importance of having elected representatives who will stand up and fight for our side. ART TORRES will be that kind of Assemblyman.

"Having been raised in a family of union butchers and presently a member of CSEA, the union movement and its protection are close to my heart," says ART TORRES. "My experience in representing the United Farm Workers before the State Legislature in Sacramento, has also given me a more in-depth appreciation of the problems faced by working men and women today. If elected, I know I will be a much stronger voice for labor in Sacramento."

ART TORRES knows that only a strong union movement will assure decent wages and working conditions, job security, and other benefits for ourselves and our families. Only a strong union movement can put us in a position to help other poor people build their unions too.

The Right of Public Employees to Strike. ART TORRES stands with us in opposition to compulsory arbitration. ART believes that "a third party telling both management and the union representatives what their agreement should be destroys the union's right to negotiate a fair and equitable contract."

ART TORRES feels that public employees should have the right to strike and would encourage the adoption of legislation similar to that accepted in Hawaii and Pennsylvania. These measures recognize the right to strike by public employees, but provide for a 60-day cooling-off period and the appointment of a five-member board, two representatives from the management of the public agency and one public citizen. It is to this board that the public employees would give their intention to strike and the 60-day period is invoked. During this time, the key points of the agreement especially in the case of firearms and the police are kept open for health and safety of the general public. This alternative to the public employee problem prevents both the public employee's right to strike and at the same time those elements of the public to be affected by such a strike.

Professional Strikebreakers. ART TORRES knows there is no greater threat to the working man or woman or strike than the arbitrary and unprovoked use of professional strikebreakers by an employer. "If elected, I would introduce and support legislation which would outlaw the use of professional strikebreakers," declares ART. "We need more aggressive and active advocates of our policies in Sacramento, not anti-labor voting records."

Farmworker Legislation. ART TORRES has been in the forefront of the struggle to preserve the right of farmworkers to Strike and Boycott. In 1971, ART was instrumental in helping to defeat AB 964-Cory, an anti-farmworker bill designed to destroy the United Farm Workers. If elected, ART TORRES will do everything possible to avoid the passage of all anti-labor legislation, especially in order to protect a new and growing Union like the one being built through the efforts of Cesar Chavez and the farmworkers.

The National Labor Relations Act. ART TORRES strongly favors the introduction in Congress of legislation to repeal Section 14b of the NLRA. This provision allows our enemies to push for repressive, anti-union legislation in the state legislatures. Also, the recent trend to adopt a so-called "Right to Work" amendment in growing in this state and country, especially with the help of wealthy, anti-union forces in industry. The acceptance would be a dangerous threat to all unions and their members. ART TORRES has the energy and the concern necessary to help stop anti-union attacks on organized labor.

The Minimum Wage. The minimum wage in California has not kept pace with the rising cost of living. In 1965, ART TORRES is committed to taking steps to help increase the minimum wage on an equal basis.

Workers' Compensation Delay. "Having been raised in a family of working men and women,..." says ART TORRES. "As a working man and father, I know the importance of having elected representatives who will stand up and fight for our side. ART TORRES will be that kind of Assemblyman."

"I am a strong believer in the value of union representation. With proper union representation, I believe the costs of workers compensation will be reduced. If elected, I will do everything possible to ensure that the workers compensation system is adequate and just."

GARCIA HAS BETRAYED WORKING PEOPLE

SACRAMENTO, California - During the 1971 Session of the State Legislature, Assemblyman Alex P. Garcia betrayed the working men and women of this state as he failed labor on the following bills:

- AB 486 would have extended the minimum wages of women and minors to the maximum wages of men. Garcia absent.
- AB 489 would allow the withdrawal of workers' compensation benefits for a worker whose health or disability is caused or aggravated by a refusal to submit to medical treatment. Garcia absent.
- AB 490 would have allowed an increase in the maximum weekly benefits under workers' compensation for temporary and permanent disability. Garcia absent.
- AB 491 would have provided all workers with an increase in the maximum weekly benefits under workers' compensation. Garcia absent.
- AB 492 would have increased the minimum wages of women and minors to include men, Garcia absent.
- AB 795 would have extended the jurisdiction of the Fair Employment Practices Commission to social clubs, charitable, fraternal and educational associations not organized for profit. Garcia absent.
- AB 844 would have provided for the selection of collective bargaining agents for public employees. Garcia absent.

ART TORRES is a respected member of the 40th Assembly District. The United Auto Workers-Local #608, the United Rubber Workers-Local #550, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 3298 have officially endorsed ART TORRES FOR ASSEMBLYMAN.
ART TORRES and Cesar Chavez, Director of the United Farm Workers, discuss the serious community problems facing us in the 40th Assembly District. ART is the first political candidate in Los Angeles to receive active farmworker support since the farmworkers came to campaign for our fallen brother, the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy, during the 1968 Presidential Primary.

"We have got to change all of that," says ART TORRES. "You don't have to come to me, I will come to you. That is the way it has to change. You don't need to write letters to convince me of things that our community needs. We've known for fifty years what the problems are. We've run out of time for more studies, more analyses, more evaluations. The time has come for action."

With ART TORRES as our Assemblyman we will be able to work together to redeem our community. Together we will be able to make government work for people. ART TORRES for Assemblyman on June 6th.

Garcia's attendance record on major pieces of legislation is a DISGRACE to our people!
- In 1970 Garcia was absent 40.6% of the time.
- In 1971 Garcia was absent 47.7% of the time.

We want an Assemblyman who will always show up to work hard and fight for our rights, our needs, and our interests. We want an Assemblyman who works for people. We want ART TORRES to be our Assemblyman from the 40th Assembly District!