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Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

In order to give the recommendations and activities of the Citizens League the benefit of the fullest consideration and discussion, provision is made in the constitution for an Executive Board of thirty, elected by the members, which is the governing body; and a larger Advisory Council of one hundred which from time to time advises with the Executive Board.

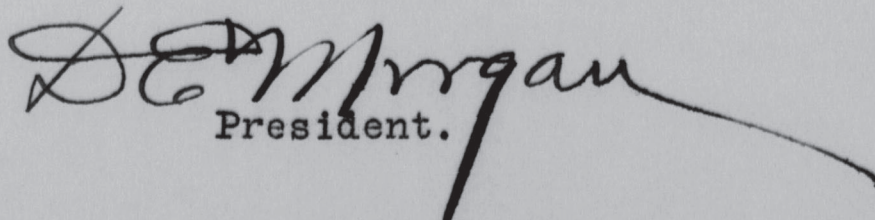
The Advisory Council is to be composed of representative citizens from all sections and interests of the city and county. It will meet once every three months, and as much oftener as it may deem advisable, to consider questions of League policy and the position which the League should take on public issues.

Your name has been unanimously approved by the Executive Board for service on the Advisory Council. The duties will not be in any sense onerous, but your judgment from time to time on these important questions and issues will be very helpful.

I hope you will accept the appointment. By so doing you will manifest to the entire community your interest in the public affairs of the city and county, and will render a real public service.

Will you please indicate your acceptance on the enclosed card and return it at once to the League's office?

Very truly yours,


President.

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October 14, 1925.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
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My dear Rabbi Silver:

In behalf of the Citizens League,
I want to thank you for your assistance
in financing the League's 1925 program.

It is a great encouragement to all
of us to feel that we have your support
in this important work of obtaining
better government.

Yours sincerely,

Alva Bradley
Treasurer.

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May 10, 1929.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
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My dear Rabbi Silver:

I would like to have you lunch with a small committee of the League consisting of Walter L. Flory, C. W. Brand, M. B. Vilas, H. I. Shepherd, Maurice Bernon and Tyler Carlisle on Tuesday, May 21st, at 12:15, at the Mid-Day Club.

There are several problems of mutual interest which we would like to discuss with you and hope that you will make every effort to meet with us.

Will you kindly phone Mr. Wm. Telzrow at the League office, CHerry 5340, if you cannot arrange to attend?

Sincerely yours,

Clarence J. Neal
President.

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Other Defects In Charter Amendment

Mayor, Political Dictator—Civil Service Nullified—Politics Dominant

IN the last issue of *Greater Cleveland* the election provisions of the proposed charter amendment were discussed. It was shown that under the confused provisions of the proposed amendment, a mayor could not be elected before November, 1933, and a council other than the first one this fall, probably not until 1941. The seriously defective recall provisions were shown to be practically unworkable.

There are, however, other serious defects in the proposed amendment which are discussed in this issue for the benefit of the voters who must decide in November whether they will continue under an economical and efficient city manager plan or return to the partisan mayor-council plan. These further defects are herewith briefly set forth.

Leasing Lake Front Wharfing Rights

The proposed amendment in Section 45 fixes a limitation on the right to lease waterfront rights. After declaring against alienation of governmental rights to the submerged lands on the lake shore, the section contains this proviso:

"Provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not prevent the granting of leases or franchises in or to said territory or any part thereof for periods of not to exceed *thirty-five* years."

Competent port authorities believe that this limitation on the length of a lease would prevent the development of the port. In a letter to the Cleveland Department of Law dated August 13, 1931, R. S. MacElwee, one of the foremost consulting port engineers in the country, said of this provision:

"I have thought of the thirty-five-year clause in the Danaceau Resolution (Charter amendment) with much alarm. Fundamentally, I believe that public corporations should not alienate their waterfront rights. On the other hand every place where an industrial harbor has been attempted on a comparatively short lease basis, the industries have refused to locate there. . . . I am convinced that THE PROVISIONS WOULD HAMSTRING ALL PORT DEVELOPMENT IN CLEVELAND."

It does not require a prophet to see how such a limitation would hamper Cleveland's commercial and industrial growth, when the St.

Lawrence ship canal is opened and ocean going vessels come to the lake ports. Cleveland, instead of becoming the chief port on Lake Erie where goods for the world's trade are manufactured, crated and shipped to the countries of the world, would become at most merely a port of call. Cleveland would then have to surrender its premier place to some other lake city which was wise enough not to tie the hands of its public authorities with such an unwise limitation on trade and industry. In our opinion this inflexible and seriously objectionable limitation should not be written into a city's fundamental law.

Contract Provisions Inadequate

The provisions of the proposed amendment covering the letting of contracts are found in Sections 101 to 109 inclusive. They provide, in brief, that no contract shall be let unless and until there are funds appropriated to meet the expenditure; that all contracts over \$500 shall first be authorized by council and let to the lowest responsible bidder, and that all contracts made contrary to these provisions shall be void. These provisions probably are adequate to cover contracts of more than \$500 in amount. But no regulations of any kind are included governing the letting of contracts of less than \$500, further than requiring in Section 102 that competition shall be had in all purchases by the city. But there is no provision in Section 102 requiring a letting to the lowest responsible bidder in purchases or contracts of less than \$500. Since hundreds of purchases or contracts are for less than that amount it would seem that the same requirement relating to the lowest responsible bidder should have been made to apply to both. The fact that this requirement is included in the one case and not in the other would have to be recognized by the courts. These loose provisions can make corruption in purchases under \$500 so nearly technically lawful that punishment would be extremely difficult. If there is any one part of the fundamental law which should be clear,

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complete and unambiguous, it is the provisions governing purchases and contracts. The proposed provisions are not adequate to protect the public especially under such a mayor-council plan.

City Plan Commission Nullified

The proposed amendment would abolish the present effective provisions of the charter providing for a city plan commission with power to control the location and design of public buildings and structures, and to direct the future development of the city along right lines. It would substitute for those effective provisions the following weak and ineffective provision:

"Section 76. There shall be a city plan commission to be appointed by the mayor with power to *advise and recommend*, in the manner provided by ordinance, the design and location of works of art . . . public buildings . . . and other structures . . . and the preparation of plans for the future physical development and improvement of the city."

Under this weak and almost worthless provision the city plan commission would become merely an advisory board to the mayor, without even the power or authority to prepare a city plan. All that it could do would be to recommend the preparation of a plan. Such a commission would be wholly ineffective and practically useless. Men of professional standing would not waste their time serving on such a powerless city plan commission.

Controls Administrative Organization

The proposed charter sets up only three departments, law, finance and utilities, and

neither the council nor the people could set up others without the consent of the mayor and these three appointees of the mayor. The council could not create even a division or a bureau without the consent and approval of the mayor's board of control. This is entirely to much legislative authority to vest in the elected chief executive without power in the elected council to improve the administrative service by creating additional desirable administrative departments and divisions.

The proposed amendment (Section 115) makes the mayor the "executive head" of both the police and fire departments; and then provides that if the council later decides to establish a department of public safety the director shall be the "executive head under the direction of the mayor." But the council cannot establish such a department, however much it may be needed and demanded, without the concurrence of the mayor and his other heads of departments (Section 77). In short, the enforcement of law is placed in the mayor's hands with no real authority in the hands of the people's elected representatives to reorganize the department by ordinance for its better administration. When to this almost absolute control is added the power to classify positions in police and fire services, regardless of a civil service commission regulations, the picture is complete—a political partisan control of the law enforcing department of the government—a condition which is always welcomed by the law violating forces of a great city. Under such a set-up the mayor would inevitably tend to become the tool of the "invisible government" controlled by the hidden political forces, instead of being the independent representative of the people who elect him.

Confusion in Civil Service

The proposed charter amendment is hopelessly confusing as to the question of classifying positions in the civil service. This important function, which is the real basis of the merit system, is conferred upon three bodies: First, upon the civil service commission where it should be (Section 128); second, upon the board of control where it should not be (Section 191); and third, insofar as the police and fire divisions are concerned, upon the director of the department or mayor where it should not be (Section 122). With such confusion under a partisan mayor plan, the merit system would soon become a mere farce, the civil service would become the prey of political patronage, and the constitutional requirement as to appointments on the basis of merit and

fitness would soon become a dead letter in Cleveland.

Political Activity Encouraged

The proposed amendment largely upsets the excellent restrictions against political activity on the part of administrative officers contained in Section 105 of the present charter. Under that section all appointive administrative officers from the manager down to the street cleaners are prohibited from political activity. The proposed amendment has deliberately limited this restriction to employees "*in the classified service.*" This means that the directors of departments, heads of divisions, members of boards and commissions, executive assistants and the thousands of day laborers in the street, water, light, and parks divisions would be free to engage actively in all mayoralty and councilmanic campaigns.

In order to make the number of those in the unclassified service as large as possible, the framers of the proposed amendment have shrewdly inserted in Section 126 in the list of those who may be exempted and placed in the unclassified service by the civil service commission the following:

"f. Such heads of divisions and such immediate executive assistants as the civil service commission shall from time to time, by rule, determine."

The term "immediate executive assistants" has never been used before in civil service legislation in Ohio; and with a partisan civil service commission appointed by a partisan mayor, those words could and would be stretched to cover a multitude of sins. Every executive job which could be used to favor a political henchman would be included in these exemptions.

The facts are that this proposed amendment is geared up for a return of the partisan spoils system in its worst form. True, under the city manager plan the city has not been entirely freed from partisan spoils. But when the progressive improvement of the merit system under the manager plan is compared with the degrading political conditions in the civil service under Cleveland's war-time mayors, the present conditions in the service will be found to be vastly better. Under the proposed amendment, however, the old degradation could be expected to return.

Wage Scale On Public Works

The proposed amendment (Sections 196 and 197) established the eight-hour day and the 48-hour week, as provided in the present charter, and then proceeds to change the minimum rate of wage from \$2.50 to \$4.50 per day to be paid to laborers upon all contract

work done for the city of Cleveland. The stipulation contained in sections 196 and 197, requiring contractors to pay "wages which are not less than are paid by the city of Cleveland for similar or like work," and fixing a minimum of \$4.50 per day which shall be paid by all contractors on public work contracts, makes it practically obligatory upon the part of the city also to pay the large body of unskilled laborers employed in the unskilled services of the city a minimum daily wage of \$4.50 per day. It should be remembered that this minimum applies only to ordinary unskilled labor, and does not include the large body of skilled employees in the various departments.

The city has always been a favorable employer as to wages, and can always be counted upon to pay the prevailing rate of wage. But the *prevailing* rate cannot be fixed by charter fiat, and a high minimum for unskilled labor, which is higher than the rate paid to many trained workers, should not be written into the charter. Rate fixing should be left to the board of control or to the city council.

Interference In Administration

The proposed charter opens the door for interference in administration by members of the council by omitting entirely the specific provisions in Section 34 of the present charter against such interference, and inserting in Section 26 the following words given in italics:

"No member of the council shall, *except in so far as is necessary in the performance of the duties of his office*, directly or indirectly interfere in the conduct of the administrative departments or directly or indirectly take any part in the appointment, promotion or dismissal of any officer or employee in the service of the city."

The added exception is, of course, a complete alibi for constant councilmanic interference. So that if this proposal should become the law, the old political trade and barter game between the mayor and councilmen—trading jobs for legislation at the expense of the public—would be immediately revived.

A Mayor With Dictatorial Powers

One of the slogans of the advocates of a return to mayor-council plan of government is "Place the government back into the hands of the people." The fact is that the proposal, instead of placing the government back into their hands, would place both legislation and administration largely in the hands of a partisan mayor with almost dictatorial power. He would be both a legislator and the chief administrator; he would have a veto on all legislation; he would appoint all heads of depart-

ments; he would be head of the board of control; he would be the director of police and fire; he would appoint the civil service commission; he and his directors would have authority to classify positions in the service; he and his board of control would be able to prevent any changes in or additions to the department organization; he would be empowered to prepare the budget and could veto any changes which the council might make; he could even veto any proposed changes in the salaries of members of the council; he and his board of control would have the power to fix the rates to be charged for public utility services, subject to approval by the council, but the council could not change them; he would control the sinking fund commission and would have the appointment of all other commissions and boards; he could prevent the transfer of any funds after the appropriations ordinance is once passed; he would have power to investigate not only the administrative departments but the council and the individual members thereof; and he would have all of the added strength and control, which would come from these specific powers granted in the charter. The mayor, in short, would become virtually a political dictator maintained in power through patronage and control of contracts. That certainly would not be returning the government to the people, which the advocates claim for this defective proposal.

An Unimportant Council

Complaint is made against the city manager plan that it has not developed a stronger group of men and women in the city council. If the manager plan, under which the council is the supreme authority, does not appeal to citizens who are willing to render worthwhile public service, what can be expected in the case of a council elected from small wards and always under the domination of a mayor with such dictatorial powers as the proposed charter would give him? Certainly there would be little attraction in councilmanic service to citizens of ability and experience under such a one-man control.

There are numerous minor changes introduced, some old provisions retained, and numerous cases of inconsistencies in the draftsmanship of the proposal which indicate that much of the drafting must have been done piecemeal by different persons and thrown together without the provisions, in many cases, being carefully dovetailed to fit in the entire framework. It is an extremely loosely drawn document, and is an open in-

itation to litigation. It is safe to predict that provisions of this loosely drawn document will be the subject of litigation for years to come.

Not An Honest Document

The framers of the proposed charter amendment give, as a reason for submitting this proposed return to the mayor-council plan, a desire to establish a non-partisan form of government, and to promote honest and efficient government. Yet they have incorporated a form of election which lends itself admirably to partisan control. They have provided for a political dictator in the mayor whom the invisible government and the corrupt influences in the city will find it highly profitable to control. They have set up a civil service system which will be used by the partisan mayor to build up his political machine. They claim that this proposed mayor-council charter is in the interest of the voters and taxpayers when at nearly every step they are proposing changes which will add greatly to the cost of government. Nearly every page of the proposed charter gives evidence of the fact that this charter will not promote honest, efficient or popular government; but will pave the way for a return to the waste and inefficiency of the Davis-Fitzgerald administration, when the city was practically bankrupt and the civil service was reeking with partisan spoils. In our opinion the proposed charter is not an honest document and is submitted to the voters in this time of financial distress in order to capitalize on the disposition of people in such times to vote for a change, whether good or bad.

A Step Backward

The abandonment of the city manager plan of government and a return to the mayor-council plan in the form proposed would be a distinct step backward. It would be an announcement to the world that Cleveland no longer intends to keep in the front rank of progressive cities; and that it prefers to return to a partisan political administration with its accompaniment of patronage, inefficiency, and waste.

The Executive Board of the Citizens League urges the voters to work and vote against this defective proposal which does not have even the merit of accomplishing what its supporters seemingly most desire, namely, the right immediately to substitute an elective mayor for an appointive manager. The best interests of Cleveland demand that the proposed charter amendment be defeated.

The Temple

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League's Recommendations On Council Candidates

List of "Preferred" Candidates for the Four Districts

The Report of The League's committee, containing the recommendations on the 131 candidates for council from the four districts, is printed in this issue for the use of the voters. Last week's issue contained the recommendations of the committee on the municipal court and board of education candidates. Next week's issue will contain the League's recommendations on pending issues on the November ballot, and a summary of all of the League's recommendations. It will be in a form and mailed in time to be of service in preparing your ballots.

The committee has tried to be of most assistance to the voter by indicating a *Preference* for the best available candidates on the list. Others have been recommended. It should not be inferred, however, that a place on the "preferred" list means that the candidate has all of the desirable qualifications.

The committee has performed its arduous task in the hope that the recommendations may be of service to the increasing number of voters who look to the League for guidance in marking their ballots.

CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL

Under the P. R. System of voting the elector can vote for as many candidates as he may have choices.

FIRST DISTRICT — [West Side]

(Seven to be Elected)

Preferred

Max D. Gustin
Walter I. Krewson
Bart T. McIntyre
Andrew A. Meyer
Sam B. Michell

P. F. Rieder
Joseph H. Schumacher
Joseph B. Smolka
Edmund Vasvary
Charles J. Wolfram

Michael Boccia: architectural engineer; resides 3471 Rocky River dr.; age 28; high school and technical education; also training in Europe; never held public office; a young architect of ability and experience; would, we believe, make a satisfactory member of the city council. **Recommended.**

George H. Bubel: secy.-manager, Retail Meat Dealers' Assn.; resides 3244 Berea rd.; age 42; public school education; formerly owned and operated three meat shops; thoroughly good personal and business reputation; progressive and energetic; would, we believe, make an effective councilman. **Recommended.**

John Crisafi: real estate and insurance; resides 3166 Fulton rd.; age 35; grammar school education; never held public office; from what we can ascertain he is not qualified for councilmanic service, and should not be elected. **Not Qualified.**

Joseph E. Dupan: auditor and accountant; resides 3692 W. 137th st.; age 32; high school and business college education; deputy sheriff under Fred Kohler; good per-

sonal and business reputation; would probably make a satisfactory member of the council. **Qualified.**

Ferd H. Eggers: real estate; resides 11505 Lake ave.; age 56; high school education; formerly in the brick business; deputy co. auditor 1909-20; custodian county buildings, 1921-25; good personal and business reputation; would, we believe, make a sincere, independent and industrious councilman. **Recommended.**

Dan Fitzwilliams: occupation unknown; name not in city directory; files his candidacy from 4219 Daisy ave.; has failed repeatedly to answer requests for information regarding his candidacy; it is apparent that he cannot adequately represent his district in the council. **Not Qualified.**

Michael H. Gallagher: undertaker; resides 11460 Edgewater dr.; age 60; grammar school education; member, city council 1917-29; defeated for reelection; a mediocre record in the council; chiefly interested in jobs; had no comprehension of city problems; in our opinion, he should not be elected. **He Should Be Defeated.**

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FIRST DISTRICT—Continued

William D. Gogerat: cigar salesman; resides 5606 Clark ave.; age 67; grammar school education; at one time industrial agent for Southern Railway; frequently a candidate but never held public office; the prevailing opinion is that he is in no sense qualified for council. **Not Qualified.**

Laura B. Grissom: homemaker; resides 3306 Bosworth rd.; age 39; high school and business college education; at one time secretary to the late Senator Medill McCormick of Chicago; interested in public affairs; but hardly equipped for effective service in the city council. **Not Recommended.**

Fred W. Grosse: undertaker; resides 3708 Lorain ave.; age 30; grammar school education; inspector, Cleveland Illuminating co. 1921-25; village police officer 1925-29; undertaker since 1929; good personal and business reputation, but not qualified for effective councilmanic service. **Not Recommended.**

Max Gustin: attorney; resides 1341 W. 102nd st.; age 32; public school, university and law school education; candidate for U. S. Congress in the 20th district in 1930; director, west side community house 1923-27; excellent personal and professional reputation; actively interested in public affairs; would, we believe, make an unusually effective member of the council. **Preferred**

John C. Haebele; attorney; resides 1520 Clark ave.; age 27; high school and night law school education; deputy in county treasurer's office 1927-28; good personal and professional reputation; but in our opinion lacks the experience needed for councilmanic service. **Not Recommended.**

J. W. Kelley: tea and coffee salesman; resides 18901 Midvale ave.; age 35; parochial school education; city inspector, West Park in 1921; formerly street car motorman; not

well known; little information from his neighborhood; in our opinion, he is not qualified for the council. **Not Qualified.**

Walter I. Krewson: attorney; resides 11018 Lake ave.; age 35; high school, university and law school education; asst. co. prosecutor 1921-5; solicitor of Parma 1928-31; an able, energetic and well-trained attorney; his legal experience fits him well for effective service in the council. **Preferred.**

***Hugh F. Lavelle:** auto salesman; present member of council; resides 1769 W. 52nd st.; age 40; parochial school education; deputy sheriff 1920-5; finishing second term in the council; his chief interest is finding jobs for his friends and doing political favors; has no comprehension of the city's problems; in our opinion, he has been a complete failure in the council and should not be re-elected. **He Should Be Defeated.**

***Wm. J. Lodrick:** auto supplies; present member of council; resides 4259 Pearl rd.; age 34; high and night school education; finishing first term in city council; a rather uncertain and undependable quantity; the general opinion of those who have watched council procedure is that Mr. Lodrick has not been effective. **Not Recommended.**

Simon Lustig: retired; formerly a tire dealer; resides 3214 W. 84th st.; age 71; public school education; tax assessor (by appointment) about 1915; a good personal reputation; but not qualified for service in the council. **Not Recommended.**

Thomas A. Masterson: plasterer; resides 7302 Hermann ave.; age 58; parochial school education; manager, Edgewater bath house 1898-1902; sewer inspector 1902-10; not well known, but from what we can ascertain he is not qualified for councilmanic service. **Not Recommended.**

Thomas F. McCafferty: foreman, county road work; resides 1794 W. 52nd st.; age 37; parochial school and business college training; street repair inspector 1918-20; deputy sheriff 1921-4; custodian, old court house 1925-9; honest, independent and aggressive; might make a satisfactory councilman. **Qualified.**

Bart T. McIntyre: attorney; resides 6701 Clinton ave.; age 27; parochial school, college and law school education; candidate for council in 1929; never held public office; good personal and professional reputation; would, we believe, make a thoroughly efficient member of the council. **Preferred.**

Clyde L. Mettel: attorney; resides 4010 Riveredge rd.; age 32; public school and night law school training; candidate for council 1927 and 1929, and for state representative in 1930; never held public office; bears a good personal and professional reputation; would, we believe, make a satisfactory member of the council. **Qualified.**

Andrew A. Meyer: accountant, N. Y. C. R. R.; resides 3867 W. 38th st.; age 39; grammar school education; U. S. railway mail service 1910-18; several times a candidate for city council and state legislature; never held public office; sincere, energetic and fearless; actively interested in

public affairs; would, we believe, make a thoroughly dependable councilman.

Preferred.

***Sam B. Michell:** grocer; present member of council; resides 7926 Madison ave.; age 54; public school and business college training; finishing eighth term in council; an honest, industrious and courageous member; has been chairman of street railway committee for six years; his service on the committee has greatly improved in the past two years; he deserves reelection on his record.

Preferred.

Stephen D. Miller: undertaker; resides 15008 Lorain ave.; age 48; grammar school education; never held public office; honest and industrious, but has no training or experience which would fit him for councilmanic service.

Not Qualified.

A. B. Molnar: salesman; resides 3785 W. 129th st.; age 44; high school education; formerly manager foreign department in bank; later an organizer of savings and loan co.; never held public office; he is not, in our opinion, qualified for service in the city council.

Not Qualified.

Walter Obert: music teacher; resides 9005 Lorain ave.; age 41; high school and university education; never held public office; actively interested in city affairs; would, we believe, make an efficient member of the city council.

Recommended.

Mary O'Loughlin: real estate appraiser, sheriff's office; resides 1306 W. 103rd st.; age 57; parochial school and business college education; has been in real estate business for 28 years; active in politics and public affairs; would, we believe, make an effective member of the council.

Recommended.

***P. F. Rieder:** real estate and insurance; present member of council; resides 3525 Clark ave.; age 59; public school education; member of city council since 1922; a uniformly good record for industrious, independent and effective service; deserves reelection on his record.

Preferred.

Lester J. Roth: accountant; resides 4102 Archwood ave.; age 26; high school and university education; never held public office; accountant, Cleveland Terminal co. 1929-31; alert, aggressive and well educated; but, in our opinion, he is lacking in the training and experience needed in the council.

Not Recommended.

Dan F. Sammon: attorney; resides 3735 West Park rd.; age 29; high school, university and law school education; never held public office; formerly active in social welfare work; a young attorney of high ideals; would, we believe, make a good councilman.

Recommended.

Joseph H. Schumacher: real estate and insurance; resides 17119 Ernadales dr.; age 49; parochial school, college and law school education; member, General Assembly 1931-33; a thoroughly good legislative record; good personal and business reputation; would, we believe, make an effective member of the council.

Preferred.

William Sharp: auto service manager; resides 4614 W. 17th st.; age 50; public school education; deputy sheriff under Fred Kohler 1925-7; bears a good personal and business reputation; actively interested in

west side improvements; might make a satisfactory member of the council.

Walter Shroka: railroad conductor; resides 2363 W. 14th st.; age 39; grammar school education; deputy sheriff under Harratty for three months; candidate for city council, 1927; active in sixth ward politics; might make a satisfactory councilman.

Joseph B. Smolka: attorney; resides 3328 Erin ave.; age 29; high school and night law school education; asst. branch manager, state dept. of Industrial Relations 1931; young attorney of ability, integrity and industry; would, we believe, make a thoroughly good councilman.

Preferred.

Evelyn M. Sweeney: homemaker; resides 3470 W. 133rd st.; age 43; grammar school and business college training; stenographer in city hall from 1922-27; sincerely interested in public affairs, but hardly equipped for effective work in the council.

Not Qualified.

***Joseph Trinastic:** asst. dir., Citizens Bureau; present member of city council; resides 1631 Holmden ave.; age 36; high school and night law school education; finishing first term in council; has not been a constructive member and has taken a narrow local view of his duties; in our opinion, he has been a distinct disappointment in the council.

Not Recommended.

L. H. Van Patten: salesman; resides 1892 W. 71st st.; age 43; high school and university education; formerly an advertising manager; an active and energetic businessman; good personal and business reputation; would, we believe, make a satisfactory member of the council.

Recommended.

Edmund Vasvary (Rev.): minister, resides 1946 W. 32nd st.; age 43; public school and theological school education in Hungary; resided in America since 1914; pastor in Pittsburgh and Cleveland; was drafted for the councilmanic race by the Hungarian societies on the west side; has had editorial experience; an able, talented and popular minister, who would, we believe, make an effective member of the council.

Preferred.

***F. W. Walz:** retired physician; present member of the council; resides 7906 Detroit ave.; age 73; high school and medical training; member, board of education 1885-86; coroner 1887-91; member city council 1907-09; 1927-31; an honest and sincere, but erratic and opinionated member whose influence has thereby been greatly weakened.

Not Recommended.

(C. D. Friebohn did not participate in this recommendation.)

Weldon Lester Weber: attorney; resides 3921 Muriel ave.; age 26; high school, university and law school education; admitted to the Bar in 1930; an ambitious young attorney of good character and ability; but hardly yet equipped by training and experience for councilmanic service.

Charles J. Wolfram: printing machinery and supplies; resides 4729 Franklin ave.; age 58; public school and college education; national sec'y., Steuben Society of America; active in many social and political movements; experienced in politics; has the training, experience and inclination to make an effective member of the council.

Preferred.

SECOND DISTRICT

(Six to be Elected)

Preferred

Joseph A. Artl
 Anthony J. Ejbl
 William R. Hopkins

Edmund P. Lewandowski
 Michael M. Lucak, Jr.
 Emil Robeck

Samuel R. Tate

Joseph A. Artl: attorney; resides 11209 Glenboro dr.; age 38; parochial and private school and legal education; never held public office; president, Corlett Civic League 1922-23; president, Corlett Catholic Club for three years; thoroughly good personal and professional reputation; would, we believe, serve his district well in the council.

Preferred.

J. Frank Azzarello: attorney; resides 14401 Milverton rd.; age 28; high school and legal education; candidate for state representative 1930; an able, energetic and reliable young attorney; would, in our opinion, make a satisfactory member of the council.

Qualified.

John F. Cioffi: attorney; resides 11719 Havel ave.; age 34; high school and legal training; formerly auto salesman; good personal reputation; but, in our opinion, he is not equipped for effective councilmanic service.

Not Recommended.

Mathew J. Cipra: clerk; resides 5757 Portage ave.; has failed to reply to repeated requests for information concerning his qualifications; from what we can learn, he is not qualified for service in the council.

Not Qualified.

John P. Ciz-Madia: attorney; resides 3028 Beckett rd.; age 38; public school and legal education; storekeeper, municipal light plant 1917-19; candidate for council 1923, 25 and 29; bears a good personal and professional reputation; might make a satisfactory councilman.

Qualified.

Anthony B. Ejbl: druggist; resides 4159 E. 99th st.; age 44; public school and college of pharmacy education; candidate for council in 1929; excellent personal and business reputation; would, we believe, make an able, fearless and dependable councilman.

Preferred.

John Gillespie: advertising writer; resides 9702 St. Catherine ave.; age 39; high school, law school and school of journalism education; secretary, street cleaning division in 1914; bears a good reputation; might make a satisfactory member of the council.

Qualified.

F. Roger Haker: publisher, local community newspaper; resides 9613 Hilgert dr.; age 36; grammar school education; formerly a manufacturer of women's cloaks; good personal and business reputation; might make a satisfactory member of the city council.

Qualified.

William R. Hopkins: attorney; resides 1118 Euclid ave.; age 62; public school, university and law school education; member,

city council 1897-99; member, board of education 1904-08; city manager 1924-30; his ability, long experience in public life, and his intimate knowledge of city affairs make him an exceptionally desirable candidate; he should, by all means be elected.

Preferred.

(Dr. J. E. Tuckerman did not participate in this estimate.)

James S. Hudec: manager, brass co.; resides 3241 E. 116th st.; age 37; high school and legal training; candidate for council in 1921; good personal and business reputation; has the qualities to make a satisfactory councilman.

Qualified.

Edward C. Jakab: funeral director; resides 11713 Buckeye rd.; age 38; parochial school and school of embalming education; good personal and business reputation; would, we believe, make a satisfactory member of the council.

Recommended.

***Alfred C. Jones:** attorney; present member of city council; resides 4266 E. 133rd st.; age 31; public school, university and law school education; finishing first term in council; he has been a distinct failure in public office and a disappointment to his district; in our opinion, he should not be re-elected.

Not Recommended.

W. Charles Kadlec: ice and fuel dealer; resides 9019 Harris ave.; age 32; grammar school education; no experience in public office or public affairs; in our opinion, he is not qualified for service in the council.

Not Qualified.

Edward Kotecki: manager of monument works; resides 12613 Lenacrave ave.; age 33; grammar school education; never held public office; good business reputation, but lacking in the training and experience which would fit him for effective service in the council.

Not Qualified.

Harry H. Kraus: bowling alley; resides 9520 Kinsman rd.; age 41; public school education; candidate for state representative in 1924 and 1930; never held public office; good business reputation, but, in our opinion, he is not qualified by training or experience for service in the council.

Not Qualified.

Edmund P. Lewandowski: insurance; resides 3686 E. 69th st.; age 34; high school and business college training; secretary, League of Polish organizations; never held public office; would, we believe, make a thoroughly conscientious and dependable councilman.

Preferred.

John Lewandowski: real estate; resides 6931 Indiana ave.; age 41; grammar school

education; never held public office; from what we can ascertain he is not equipped for service in the council **Not Qualified.**

S. M. LoPresti: attorney; resides 2674 E. blvd.; age 43; public school and legal training; formerly in wholesale grocery business; candidate for council 1929; the general opinion expressed is that he is not fitted for councilmanic service. **Not Qualified.**

Michael M. Lucak, Jr.: attorney; resides 3536 E. 110th st.; age 30; public school, university and legal training; thoroughly good personal and professional reputation; would, we believe, make a dependable and capable councilman. **Preferred.**

Joseph Martinek: merchant and editor; resides 3593 E. 104th st.; age 42; public and technical school education; candidate for state representative 1928, and for council in 1929; director, workingmen's cooperative store; running on the Socialist platform; sincere, energetic and radical; in our opinion, he would make a vigorous and independent member of the council. **Qualified.**

Hugh G. McFarland: restaurant; resides 9902 Heath ave.; age 46; high school education; paymaster and office manager, Corrigan-McKinney Steel co. 1916-25; good personal and business reputation; interested in public affairs; would, we believe, make an industrious and dependable councilman. **Recommended.**

John P. McGreal: funeral director; resides 9023 Harvard ave.; age 54; parochial school education; member, city council 1927-29; defeated for reelection; his term in the council was so completely colorless and devoid of value, that, in our opinion, he should not be elected. **Not Recommended.**

Sam Mitchell: druggist; resides 11525 Continental ave.; age 38; grammar school and school of pharmacy education; candidate for the General Assembly in 1930; never held public office; satisfactory business record; but, in our opinion, he is not qualified for the council. **Not Qualified.**

Emil I. Nikodym: state mgr., Foresters; resides 4299 E. 114th st.; age 50; public school and business college education; U. S. letter carrier 1907-19; candidate for council 1929; state organizer, Independent Order of Foresters; honest, energetic and active in civic affairs; would, we believe, make a good councilman. **Recommended.**

Walter S. Piotrowicz: attorney; resides 3731 E. 71st st.; age 33; high school and law school education; active in Polish organizations; honest, able and dependable; would, we believe, make a satisfactory member of the council. **Recommended.**

***Emil Robechek:** real estate; present member of council; resides 4606 Broadway; age 55; court bailiff 1921-23; finishing second term in council; honest, independent and fearless; not always right, but does his own thinking; for that reason he is a salutary influence in council; should be re-elected. **Preferred.**

***Charles Sacks:** attorney; present member of council (by appointment); resides 3450 E. 142nd st.; age 34; public school and legal training; deputy county clerk 1921-22; member, city council 1927-29; asst. law director 1930; appointed councilman 1931; honest and industrious, but not very effective in the council. **Not Recommended.**

Frank W. Sotak: attorney; resides 2913 East blvd.; age 33; public school and legal training; teller and bookkeeper 1912-18; manager, savings department of bank 1919-23, 1925-26; energetic and aggressive; good personal and business reputation; would, we believe, make a satisfactory member of the council. **Qualified.**

Denis M. Sullivan: insurance; resides 9335 Harvard ave.; age 62; grammar school education; deputy county clerk 1917-21; formerly manager of grocery store; good personal and business reputation; but no particular qualifications for effective service in the council. **Not Recommended.**

Samuel R. Tate: building contractor; resides 3588 E. 142nd st.; age 45; technical high school education; never held public office; active in church work; thoroughly good personal and business reputation; has the character, training and experience to make a useful member of the council. **Preferred.**

Charles J. Vavrina: attorney; resides 7127 Harvard ave.; age 46; public school and legal training; court bailiff for 13 years; good personal and professional reputation; no particular qualifications for the council. **Not Recommended.**

John J. Weber: insurance; resides 3581 East blvd.; age 49; parochial school education; president, savings and loan co. 1920-30; in our opinion, he is not qualified for service in the council. **Not Recommended.**

George A. Zahler: restaurant proprietor; resides 9521 Ramona blvd.; age 43; public school education; never held public office; active in civic clubs in his district; good personal and business reputation; would, we believe, make a satisfactory councilman. **Qualified.**

Frank Zofka: laborer; resides 5326 Magnet ave.; age 49; grammar school education; foreman, street division 1916-17; candidate for council 1915; insofar as we can ascertain he has no qualifications for councilmanic service. **Not Recommended.**

THIRD DISTRICT

(Five to be Elected)

Preferred

Christian J. Bannick
Charles Cavano
John R. Davis

William C. Dixon
Milton S. Grossman
G. Corinth Lacy

Frank M. Surtz

***Christian J. Bannick:** attorney; present member of council (by recent appointment); resides 6005 Quinby ave.; age 43; graduate of three universities with a master's degree from one; lecturer on economic subjects; thoroughly good professional reputation; exceptionally well qualified for councilmanic service; should be elected.

Preferred.

Walter L. Brown: deputy sheriff; resides 2828 Central ave.; age 59; grammar school education; complaint clerk (city) 1912-16; information clerk, co. prosecutor's office 1928-29; deputy sheriff since 1929; from what we can learn, he is not qualified for councilmanic service, and should not be elected.

Not Recommended.

***Leroy N. Bundy:** dentist; present member of council; resides 2291 E. 55th st.; age 48; grammar school and dental college education; finishing first term in council; while his record in council has been good, he is lacking in some qualifications which are essential to satisfactory and effective public service.

***Charles Cavano:** attorney; present member of council (by recent appointment); resides 1409 Nichols rd.; age 29; high school and legal education; an able, progressive and industrious attorney with a high sense of civic responsibility; would, we believe, make a thoroughly dependable councilman.

Preferred.

Emil J. Crown: attorney; resides 2510 St. Clair ave.; age 33; high school, university and law school education; never held public office; good personal and professional reputation; would, we believe, make a satisfactory member of the city council.

Recommended.

John R. Davis: superintendent, Wayfarer's Lodge; resides 6712 Dunham ave.; age 30; high school education; formerly employment manager, Lake Carriers' Association; never held public office; genuinely and effectively interested in social welfare work; possesses the character, ability, experience and sense of community obligation to make a thoroughly effective councilman; in our opinion, he should be elected.

Preferred.

William C. Dixon: attorney; resides 3814 Prospect ave.; age 27; high school, university and legal training; never held public office; a young attorney of ability, high character and sound judgment; although somewhat lacking in experience, he would, we believe, make a dependable and satisfactory councilman.

Preferred.

***Herman H. Finkle:** attorney; present member of city council; resides 1944 E. 70th st.; age 40; public school and legal

training; finishing his seventh term in the council; majority floor leader, but only in name; has the ability to be an effective force in the council; but his political conduct is so fully determined by his own selfish aims that he is rapidly losing his power of leadership; he interferes in administration for the promotion of his personal or political interests; the city council cannot hope to hold the place of respect which it deserves until the Finkle-Bernstein political influence is completely broken and this type of representative is eliminated entirely from the city government; in our opinion, he

Should Be Defeated.

Milton S. Grossman: attorney; resides 4413 Payne ave.; age 35; high school, university and law school education; never held public office, good personal and professional reputation; would, we believe, make a thoroughly honest, capable, and effective member of the council.

Preferred.

Thomas H. Harrison: awnings; resides 470 E. 109th st.; age 42; grammar school education; letter carrier, U. S. post office 1910-18; good personal and business reputation; might make a satisfactory member of the council.

Qualified.

William J. Kennick: attorney; resides 982 E. 63rd st.; age 35; high school, university and law school education; candidate for legislature in 1926 and 1930, and for city council in 1929; never held public office; good personal and professional reputation; would probably make an honest and dependable councilman.

Qualified.

G. Corinth Lacy: attorney; resides 2269 E. 40th st.; age 34; public school, university and legal training; post office clerk, Columbus 1920-26; good personal and professional reputation; would, we believe, make an able, honest and energetic member of the council.

Preferred.

John J. Locuoco: painting contractor; resides 2314 E. 38th st.; age 26; high school and legal training; never held public office; an honest and enterprising young business man with a high sense of responsibility; we believe he is qualified for service in the council.

Qualified.

Frank E. McNamee: ticket taker at ball field; resides 1632 E. 75th st.; has failed to reply to repeated requests for information regarding his candidacy; from what we can learn he is not qualified for councilmanic service.

Not Qualified.

Garrett A. Morgan: hair refiner; resides 5202 Harlem ave.; age 52; grammar school education; never held public office; in our opinion, he is not fitted for service in the council.

Not Qualified.

Wm. V. O'Reilly: insurance and real estate; resides 1819 E. 55th st.; age 49; parochial school and college education; superintendent of streets (Cleveland) 1918-19; secretary, department of parks 1920-21; would probably make a dependable councilman. **Qualified.**

***Lawrence O. Payne:** attorney; present member of city council; resides 2222 E. 40th st.; age 38; high school and law school education; asst. police prosecutor 1924-29; satisfactory voting record; has the ability to make an effective councilman; but has not been sufficiently attentive to his councilmanic duties to warrant a recommendation. **Qualified.**

J. W. Ribbins (Rev.): pastor; resides 2334 E. 30th st.; age 57; public school and theological school education; formerly a teacher in Tennessee; pastor, Providence Baptist church since 1920; a minister of high standing, sound judgment, and active interest in public affairs; would, we believe, make a satisfactory councilman. **Recommended.**

Edward Robinson: druggist; resides 9918

N. blvd.; age 35; public school and school of pharmacy training; never held public office; good personal and business reputation; no particular qualifications for councilmanic service. **Not Qualified.**

Arneita M. Rodgers: homemaker; resides 2249 E. 87th st.; age 30; high school and college education; policewoman (Cleveland) 1924-28; good record in public office; actively interested in social welfare work; might make a satisfactory member of the council. **Qualified.**

Frank M. Surtz: attorney; resides 852 Paxton rd.; age 33; parochial school, college and legal training; candidate for state representative 1928; never held public office; good personal and business reputation; would, we believe, make a satisfactory councilman. **Preferred.**

Victor J. Walsh: laborer; county sanitary engineering department; resides 1898 E. 79th st.; age 32; parochial school education; formerly a salesman; from what we can ascertain he is not equipped by training or experience for councilmanic service. **Not Qualified.**

FOURTH DISTRICT

(Seven to be Elected)

Preferred

Ernest J. Bohn
Mrs. Cora C. Cooley
Harry J. Doolittle
George W. Furth
Clayborne George

Walter F. Hagemeister
John D. Marshall
James G. Reyant
Frank R. Uible
Edward A. Wilhelmy

***Ernest J. Bohn:** attorney; resides 1552 Ansel rd.; age 30; public school, university and law school education; state representative 1928-29; finishing his first term in the council; he merits high praise, as chairman of the important public utilities committee, for his negotiations of the water rate settlement and his conduct of the gas rate hearings; he has been thoroughly sincere, intelligent, and effective in his work; he is one of the few really constructive members of the present council; he has been a credit to the fourth district and should, by all means, be reelected. **Preferred.**

Cora C. Cooley (Mrs.): homemaker; resides 1821 E. 89th st.; high school and university education; director of state charities 1923; member state board of Pardon and Parole one year; former president, Women's City Club; wife of Dr. Harris Cooley who was for years director of Public Welfare; active in civic and welfare movements; a woman of high ideals and a fine sense of civic duty; would make a most desirable member of the city council; should, by all means, be elected. **Preferred.**

Joseph R. Cooper: freight solicitor, Big Four R. R.; resides 910 E. 141st st.; age 30; private high school and legal training; never held public office; good personal and business reputation; would, we believe, make a dependable member of the city council. **Qualified.**

Patrick J. Daley: attorney; resides 15300 Grove-wood ave.; age 46; parochial school and legal training; bailiff, municipal court 1912-18; good personal

and professional reputation; in our opinion, he would make a satisfactory councilman. **Qualified.**

***Alexander L. DeMaiores:** Sec'y.-treasurer, Home Brewing co.; present member of council; resides 1930 Coltman rd.; age 33; public school education; finishing second term in council; has the ability to make a satisfactory and effective member of the council, and has improved with experience; but he has largely neutralized his effectiveness by his persistent interference in administration. **Not Recommended.**

D. P. DeSantis: roofing contractor; resides 891 London rd.; age 45; grammar school education; candidate for state representative 1930; never held public office; satisfactory personal and business reputation; but, in our opinion, he is not fitted by training or experience for service in the city council. **Not Qualified.**

Harry J. Doolittle: attorney; resides 1933 E. 87th st.; age 56; high school and law school education; never held public office; excellent personal and professional reputation; would, we believe, make a thoroughly useful and effective member of the council. **Preferred.**

Dan W. Duffey: teacher and coach, Holy Name high school; resides 1910 E. 93rd st.; age 33; high school, university and law school education; admitted to the Bar in 1927; part-time assistant, county prosecutor's office; good personal and professional reputation; in our opinion, he would make a satisfactory councilman. **Qualified.**

***George W. Furth:** attorney; present member of the council; resides 1387 E. blvd.; age 55; high school and legal education; finishing first term in the council; somewhat opinionated, but has improved with experience; a sincere industrious, and independent member; deserves reelection on his record. **Preferred.**

***Clayborne George:** attorney; present member of the council; resides 2178 E. 81st st.; age 43; public school, university and law school education; finishing second term in the council; exercises an inde-

pendent and analytical judgment on pending legislation; a diligent, level-headed and effective member of the council; deserves reelection on his record.

Preferred.

James E. Gerity: attorney; resides 5801 Hough ave.; age 33; public school, technical and legal education; formerly metallurgist and research engineer; candidate for state representative in 1928, and city council in 1929; never held public office; good personal and professional reputation; would, we believe, make a satisfactory member of the council. **Qualified.**

David N. Ginsburg: druggist; resides 9602 Pierpont ave.; age 29; high school and pharmaceutical education; never held public office; good personal and business reputation; actively interested in public affairs; would probably make a satisfactory member of council. **Qualified.**

Irwin Greene: attorney; resides 12301 Tuscora ave.; age 38; public school, college and legal training; candidate for legislature in 1926 and 1928; never held public office; good personal and professional reputation; would, we believe, make a dependable member of the council. **Qualified.**

Walter F. Hagemeister: druggist; resides 13801 St. Clair ave.; age 41; high school and school of pharmacy education; candidate for state representative in 1922 and 1926; good personal and business reputation; former president, Northern Ohio Druggist assn.; active in local civic work; has the ability, personality and inclination to make an effective councilman. **Preferred.**

***Herman E. Kohen:** attorney; present member of council (by appointment); resides 9702 N. blvd.; age 41; public school and legal education; asst. police prosecutor 1916-18; finishing first term in the council; two years ago the League urged his defeat largely because of his bad political connections; he was defeated; the League also protested his appointment to the vacancy in the council; but he was appointed; we have closely watched his conduct in the council and we are pleased to report that Kohen has made good; he has been an active, industrious and independent member with a good attendance and voting record; he has not interfered in administration or been a seeker after jobs; he is generally regarded at the city hall as one of the better members of the council; his good work in the city council deserves commendation. **Recommended.**

John R. Logan: salesman, oil and gasoline; resides 10707 Lee ave.; age 40; high school and college training; has been in the oil business since 1913; never held public office; thoroughly good personal and business reputation; would, we believe, make an effective member of the council. **Qualified.**

Samuel T. Lograsso: attorney; resides 1876 E. 121st st.; age 24; high school, university and law school education; never held public office; too young and inexperienced for effective service in the council. **Not Qualified.**

Patrick S. Mahon: real estate; resides 1619 E. 115th st.; age 52; grammar school and business college education; never held public office; good personal and business reputation; well acquainted with the city's physical needs; has the knowledge and inclination to make a useful member of the council. **Qualified.**

***John D. Marshall:** attorney; mayor and member of council; resides 2201 Cummington rd.; age 46; public school, university and legal training; asst. director of law 1917-20; com'r. of franchises 1920-22; finishing fifth term in council and fourth term as mayor; a uniformly fine record in public office; one of the best informed officials in the public service; has rendered unusually effective service as chairman of the important finance committee; he has generously cooperated with the city manager; can always be depended upon to protect and promote the city's interest; he should, by all means, be reelected. **Preferred.**

Mary V. Marshall: clerk; resides at Hotel Bolton; age 28; public school and business college training; candidate for General Assembly 1930; never held public office; interested in political affairs; no particular qualifications for councilmanic service. **Not Qualified.**

John F. McDermott: lather; resides 1084 E. 84th st.; age 45; high school and night school education; never held public office; active in organized labor

movement; honest and well intentioned; but hardly equipped by training and experience for councilmanic service. **Not Qualified.**

A. R. McNamara: steamfitter; resides 10023 Hampden ave.; age 41; parochial school, business college and law school training; practiced law for awhile; bears good reputation; might make a satisfactory councilman.

Frank Mervar: dry cleaning; resides 7801 Wade Park ave.; age 41; high school and business college training; never held public office; from what we can learn he is in no sense equipped for service in the council, and should not be elected. **Not Qualified.**

Charles J. O'Brien: salesman; resides 846 Paxton rd.; age 41; parochial school and college training; formerly a tool maker; never held public office; good personal reputation, but, in our opinion, he possesses no particular qualifications for councilmanic service. **Not Qualified.**

Louise J. Pridgeon: attorney; resides 2319 E. 85th st.; high school, university and legal training; never held public office; actively interested in civic and social work; good personal and professional reputation; in our opinion, she would render satisfactory service in the council. **Qualified.**

James G. Reyant: attorney; resides 10541 Elk ave.; age 50; high school and legal training; asst. police prosecutor 1912-15; asst. county prosecutor 1915-17; excellent personal and professional reputation; has the character, ability and personality to make a thoroughly effective member of the council. **Preferred.**

Benjamin F. Sacharow: attorney; resides 1575 East blvd.; age 31; public school, university and law school education; candidate for the General Assembly in 1928 and 1930; never held public office; in our opinion, he is not equipped for effective service in the council and should not be elected. **Not Recommended.**

Henry Shanman: merchant; resides at 1058 Parkside rd.; business at 4967 Woodland ave; age 45; grammar school education; satisfactory personal and business reputation; might make a satisfactory councilman. **Qualified.**

Joseph A. Siskovitch: credit manager; resides 1009 E. 74th st.; age 34; high school and college training; never held public office; active in Slovenian societies; sec'y., Slovenian socialist branch No. 27; good personal reputation; running on socialist platform; might make a satisfactory member of the council. **Qualified.**

Sarah Taylor (Mrs.): homemaker; resides 1880 Reyburn rd.; age 41; high school education; president, Parent-Teachers' Assn. of Collinwood H. S.; active for some years in parent-teacher work; strongly recommended by those who know her; would, we believe, make a dependable member of the council. **Qualified.**

Roy R. Turner: motor sales co.; resides 472 E. 143rd st.; age 40; high school education; formerly machinist in N. Y. Central shops; from what we can ascertain he is not qualified for the council. **Not Recommended.**

Frank R. Uible: attorney; resides 1990 Ford dr.; age 36; high school, university and legal education; formerly on investigating staff of Criminal Justice assn.; candidate for General Assembly 1930; excellent personal and professional reputation; would, we believe, make a first rate councilman. **Preferred.**

Anton Vehovec: machinist, N. Y. C. R. R.; resides 19100 Keewanee ave.; age 37; grammar school education; candidate for council in 1927 and 1929; never held public office; one of the labor leaders in the railroad shops; good personal reputation; but, in our opinion, he has no particular qualifications for the council.

Edward A. Wilhelmy: florist (retired); resides 2025 E. 100th st.; age 47; grammar school and business college education; never held public office; good personal and business reputation; would, we believe, make a thoroughly industrious and useful councilman. **Preferred.**

Jennie K. Zwick (Mrs.): homemaker; resides 1873 Rudwick rd.; high school and university education; active in many public movements; a woman of unusual energy and enthusiasm; would, we believe, make an energetic and fearless member of the council. **Recommended.**

LEO M. ASCHERMAN
925 GUARANTEE TITLE BUILDING
CLEVELAND, OHIO

October 4, 1934

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road
City

My dear Rabbi:

May I take this liberty of calling upon you
for a further favor in regard to my candidacy
for State Senator?

During the primary campaign the Cleveland
Press and the Cleveland Plain Dealer each
endorsed a slate of six Republicans and six
Democrats for the Senate. Of the twelve
candidates endorsed by the Press, seven were
nominated. Of the twelve candidates endorsed
by the Plain Dealer, eight were nominated.
I was one of the successful candidates endorsed
by both newspapers.

I am, of course, anxious to receive the en-
dorsements of all the newspapers in the election.
However, I feel that a letter from you to the
editors of the Press, Plain Dealer, and News
will bear great weight.

I am indeed grateful for your pledge of support,
and if elected will make every effort to con-
duct myself in the Senate with credit to my
people and to the community.

Very respectfully yours,

Leo M. Ascherman

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COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

CLEVELAND, OHIO October 12th, 1934

SHERIFF'S OFFICE
JOHN M. SULZMANN
SHERIFF
FRED C. ALBER
CHIEF DEPUTY

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Reverend Sir:

We are going to have
radio space over Radio Station W G A R on
the following dates from 6:35 to 6:40 P M
and will appreciate it if you will kindly
send in your acceptance and the date it
will be convenient for you to speak for
Sheriff John M. Sulzmann.

Monday, October	22d
Tuesday "	23d
Friday "	26th
Monday "	29th
Tuesday "	30th
Friday, November	2d

I am enclosing herewith
a copy of his biography of which you can
use whatever you think best.

I remain,

Awaiting an early reply,

Sincerely yours,

Fred C. Alber
Fred C. Alber.

October 15, 1934.

Fred C. Alber, Chief Deputy,
Sheriff's Office,
County of Cuyahoga,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Alber:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of
October 12. I regret that I cannot comply with your
request for I never endorse any political candidates.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

LEO M. ASCHERMAN
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CLEVELAND, OHIO

October 25, 1934

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road
City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

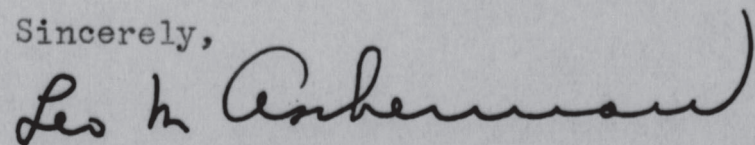
A few days ago the Citizens' League of Cleveland announced its report on the various candidates for the legislature, and I was fortunate to have been marked "preferred" by the League.

I feel that no single factor aided more in the splendid recommendation received than your letter to them regarding my candidacy.

I appreciate the fact that you went out of your way in writing the letter for me, and I want you to know that I am truly grateful for this favor.

If elected, I assure you that I shall try to justify your faith in me.

Sincerely,



LEO M. ASCHERMAN

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