

# DON'T BE MISLED!

If you sign any petition in favor of annexation to Long Beach — that means you favor annexation. Period.

Pro-annexation petitioners are misleading people. They are saying that these petitions are only intended to bring the issue to a vote.

## This is a plain untruth.

If you read the pro-annexation petition, you will see that it says you are signing in favor of becoming a part of Long Beach.

There is nothing impartial about these pro-annexation petitions. They are loaded — in favor of Long Beach.

## Know both sides before you sign anything.

For information about a free and independent Lakewood,  
call the Lakewood Civic Council representative in your area:

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# Let's Understand This School Tax Question

"How could Lakewood support an adequate school system without the help of the City of Long Beach?"

This question is uppermost in the minds of every Lakewood mother and father as Lakewood debates the perplexing annexation issue.

**Here's the true fact:** The school issue has no bearing on the annexation fight. Every informed person on both sides of the question acknowledges that. Annexation would not change our school tax rate — nor would it speed up our school building program one bit, nor make it the least bit easier to bear.

**Reason:** Lakewood, Long Beach, Signal Hill and Avalon (Catalina Island) all share one common school system. It is called the Long Beach Unified School District. It is a state and county governmental body. It has nothing to do with cities!

Whether we annex or not, we will still pay \$2.6963 per \$100 assessed valuation — the same as Long Beach pays. Long Beach doesn't pay for our schools. **We pay for them**, just as we pay for our own homes and our own streets. Annexation is not a school cure-all.

To illustrate the unified school system: A section of North Long Beach belongs to the Paramount school district. Another section belongs to the Compton school district. The schools happen to be nearer to those districts.

Four years ago the citizens comprising the Long Beach Unified School District voted a bond issue to take care of the expected expansion in this area. We are paying off those bonds in our school tax. That is the only way we will ever build our schools, no matter where we are within the district.

It is unfortunate that our schools and our children must be dragged into this political controversy. They have no part in this issue.

So don't be fooled on the school tax question.

Long Beach can offer you nothing that you don't already have. You are getting every bit as much as the Long Beach taxpayer gets for his school tax dollar. In fact, because Long Beach schools are older than ours, Long Beach actually benefits from the low maintenance costs of Lakewood schools!

Remember: the school issue is not a part of the annexation dispute.

Know the facts before you sign or vote.

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