



"...that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom - and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

...Gettysburg Address

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NEW MAYOR



Dr. Mahaney

John G. Mahaney, M.D., was elected Mayor of the City of Santa Cruz by his fellow Council members on April 27, 1976, for a one-year term. Dr. Mahaney was first appointed to the City Council on November 13, 1973, to fill a vacancy, and won election to the Council on March 4, 1975. He served as Assistant Mayor prior to his election to Mayor in April. Councilman Joseph Ghio was elected Assistant Mayor for the 1976-77 term.

Outgoing Mayor Sally DiGirolamo remarked on her year as Mayor as being an exciting and fulfilling one. It was certainly a busy one judging by the activities of the Council. They met 69 times, passed 430 resolutions and 37 ordinances, and spent a total of 300 hours in the Council Chambers--not including the time spent in closed personnel or litigation sessions.

THE NEW GENERAL PLAN COMMITTEE

The point of departure for all planning, in California and Santa Cruz, is the general plan. The "general plan" is an expression in words and maps of how the community would like to develop--a policy statement of what the community's intentions are--or a portrayal of the city in the future to be used as a point of reference for official decisions.

In 1964, the City adopted the "1964 General Plan for Future Development of the City of Santa Cruz". This plan was developed almost 15 years ago for a 25-year period to 1990. But, because of changing conditions, the plan has not kept pace, and the task now before the newly formed General Plan Committee is to revise and update the General Plan and to create a process which will respond to changes in conditions and policies in a continuing manner. Input from the public is considered an essential part of this new process.

With this in mind, the City Council appointed 11 members to the General Plan Committee in order to involve the general community of Santa Cruz and all interested residents in the formation of such a plan. Four members of the Committee are also members of the Planning Commission and each Council person appointed one member to the committee for a total of eleven members. The four Planning Commission members were selected by the Planning Commission itself, and will serve on a rotating basis so that eventually all members of the Planning Commission will have an oppor-