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CofC Endorses Sewer, School, Library Bonds

All three bond issues which will be on the June ballot have won endorsement of the directors of the greater Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce, President Donald Starr announced today.

The chamber directors, followed the recommendation of the civic affairs committee, which termed library, high school and sewer bonds essential for the city's growing population.

If the sewer bond issue fails, the committee reported, the state could prevent the city from issuing new building permits, and might even quarantine the public beaches.

The \$4.15-million sewer bond issue will not increase property taxes because the bonds will be retired by present sewer charges of \$2 a month per residence.

By making the bonds general obligation, the city can gain a lower interest rate, but voter approval is needed.

The \$1.4-million library bond issue is "minimum to meet the needs of the greater Santa Cruz area," the committee reported. The annual cost of the library ex-

pansion will be an estimated \$2.60 for the average home owner. The bonds will finance a new main library and a new east Santa Cruz branch.

"The facilities must be expanded not only to meet future needs, but to serve the demands of new residents who have moved into the area in the past three years," Starr said.

The \$4.6-million high school bond issue is "a reasonable expenditure to house the new students we expect within the new year," the chamber's endorsement said. The committee pointed out that the chamber's efforts to attract new light industry here are largely dependent on a good school system. Inadequate schools discourage industrial development and result in a much higher tax rate over a period of years, the report pointed out.

"The success of these three issues will indicate that Santa Cruz citizens favor solid, planned growth and are willing to make the necessary investment to make the community a better place," Starr said.