



**RESIGNATION**—Outspoken Santa Cruz City Councilwoman Anne Garni cleans out her council file after announcing her resignation. She says the reason for quitting is that the re-election this week of four incumbent councilmen means that she again will be outnumbered 6 to 1 on the council. "It would be a waste of time to continue on," she said.

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## Councilwoman Calls It Quits

**SANTA CRUZ** — Anne Garni, Santa Cruz' maverick city councilwoman, resigned Thursday, saying the re-election this week of four incumbent councilmen has insured at least four more years of "the same ole stuff."

"To stay on the council with the same 6 to 1 odds I have been up against would be a waste of time," said Mrs. Garni, who has been an outspoken critic of many council actions.

Mrs. Garni had actively campaigned against incumbents during the recent election.

In commenting on her lively, and sometimes controversial two years on the council, Mrs. Garni said:

"Not being a politician, I cannot say I have enjoyed these last two years. I disliked the limelight; I lacked the skill of expressing myself publicly; and I found the hypocrisy and dishonesty of the establishment to be unbearable."

She said she tried desperately to "change the direction the city is headed."

"I have accomplished nothing except to make a few little waves which has resulted only in breaking down the harmony which has existed on the City Council for so many years."

She said, however, that she will not be adverse to rocking the boat from afar.

She said she will endorse any candidate or cause wanting to change local government.

Mrs. Garni has continually questioned and criticized council actions. She has conducted a running battle with City Mgr. David Koester, who, she says, has too much power.

She successfully opposed the council-endorsed through-city route for the proposed Santa Cruz freeway bypass. She got support from a large citizens committee opposing the route.

In a lighter vein, Mrs. Garni months ago appointed herself mayor for a day and "instigated" all of her reform programs.

She took the action when all other councilmen were attending a League of California Cities convention in San Francisco. Being the only council member here, she held a meeting and immediately appointed herself mayor and adopted her programs. The city attorney, however, said the action wasn't legal.

"I ran for office after becoming involved in a problem of community concern, and I thought that I could change the system for the better," said Mrs. Garni.

"I did not expect to be welcomed by the establishment, but I had hoped that I would gain the confidence and support of the community, which I failed to do in the last two years."

She said the main reason she is quitting is that the newly elected incumbents and another "city-endorsed" candidate will hold the council majority for the next four years.