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INFORMATION REQUEST - Council tacitly directed the City Clerk to provide
ED RE BILINGUAL. Senator S. I. Hayakawa with information requested
BALLOT ORAL. regarding the City of Lodi's experience with bilingual
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ballots.
WITHIN THE CITY OF
LODI

S. I. HAYAKAWA
CALIFORNIA

PATTY WHITE
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ALICE M. REIMCHE
CITY CLERK
CITY OF LODI

Ms. Alice M. Reimche
City Clerk
City of Lodi
City Hall
221 West Pine Street
Post Office Box 320
Lodi, California 95241

Dear Ms. Reimche:

Last year you wrote to me regarding S.J. Res. 72, a constitutional amendment designating English our country's official language. Now I must again request your input.

The Senate is in the process of extending certain provisions of the Voting Rights Act. In February I testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee, expressing my view that bilingual ballots are an unnecessary burden on local governments and accomplish little for those they are intended to help.

Regardless, it now appears that the Judiciary Committee will forward a bill to the full Senate that will extend the bilingual provisions of the Voting Rights Act until 1992. If this occurs, I will attempt to amend the bill to prevent such an extension.

As a local official, you have a perspective that is lacking in the United States Senate. You have complied with the Voting Rights Act and are aware of the costs and benefits of bilingual election materials.

I solicit your comments, suggestions, and data regarding your community's experience with bilingual ballots. Such information will help me present the views of California's local governments- your views- to the United States Senate. Please address your letters to my Washington office and mark them to the attention of George Brazier.

Thank you for your help. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Sam Hayakawa

S. I. Hayakawa

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