

Santa Clarans Display Municipal Maturity

Santa Clara city voters did themselves proud Wednesday.

By overwhelming majorities, they passed \$20 million worth of public improvement bonds, funds which are sorely needed to provide Santa Clara with the tools to build her future.

The people of Santa Clara have every right to be proud of themselves today. They were confronted with municipal growth problems that now plague every community in the county, and they, the people of Santa Clara, had the foresight and the fiscal courage to bond themselves to overcome these problems.

That the 11 bond issues passed by majorities of seven-to-one in some cases is indicative of the cohesiveness of purpose among Santa Clarans. The fact that an estimated 45 per cent of those eligible to vote cast ballots is an indication of considerable maturity on the part of Santa Clara's citizens. All too often bond election turnouts are distressingly light, and a tiny fraction of a community's total voters actually makes the decisions for the majority.

Santa Clara has every right to be proud that her record of majority rule comes close to achieving the democratic ideal.

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