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Biography

NAME

Gordon R HAHN

Occupation

City Councilman, 8th District

Address

Los Angeles City Hall, Los Angeles

Birth

(Date and Place)

April 15 1919
Kindersley, Saskatchewan, Canada

FATHER

John Henry Hahn (passed away in 1920)

Birth

(Date and Place)

1879
NOTTAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA

If Deceased, When

1920

MOTHER

Mrs. Hattie W. Hahn

Birth

(Date and Place)

March 24 1880 NOTTAWA ONTARIO
Canada

If Deceased, When

June 12, 1951

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM

not married

Birth of Same

(Date and Place)

If Deceased, When

When Married

CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters)

ANCESTORS OF DISTINCTION OR LOCAL INTEREST

(Please include names of local interest as "forty-niners," or any one connected with the affairs or development of the state or city, as officials, professional men, merchants, etc.)

EDUCATION (Schools, Colleges, Degrees, Etc.)

61st Street Grammar School, John Muir Junior High School, John C. Fremont High School and George Pepperdine College. Received Bachelor of Science Degree from the US Academy at Kings Point; Received Bachelor of Arts Degree from George Pepperdine College.

CLUBS, LEARNED SOCIETIES, ETC.

Trustee of Figueroa Boulevard Church; member Southwest Los A. Kiwanis Club; member YMCA Board of Managers, Southwest Division;

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION

Trustee, Figueroa Boulevard Christian Church, 96th and Crenshaw Blvd., in Inglewood

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

MEMBER OF STATE LEGISLATURE - 1947 - 1953
REPUBLICAN -

RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA SINCE

1920 at same address,

5931 South Flower Street

SKETCH

(Please make this as full as possible, giving business affiliations, positions of honor or trust with dates if possible.)

(see attached)

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

CHAIRMAN, STATE, COUNTY AND FEDERAL
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN, JOINT PRIORITY COMMITTEE
OF LOS ANGELES

MEMBER, CHARTER & ADMINISTRATIVE
CODE COMMITTEE

MEMBER, FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEMBER, SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
CIVIL DEFENSE

DIRECTOR, LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA
CITIES, L.A. COUNTY SECTION

RELEASE - Gordon R. Hahn

Background: Born in Kindersley, Saskatchewan, Canada, April 15, 1919. Family moved to Los Angeles in 1920 and have resided since 1920 at 5931 South Flower Street. The seventh of eight sons, seven of whom are living. Father passed away in 1920 and the mother, Mrs. Hattie W. Hahn, raised seven sons on a widow's pension of \$60.00 a month with the seven sons augmenting that by selling magazines and newspapers and working in grocery stores and at United Parcel Service. Mrs. Hattie W. Hahn passed away in June 1951. Two of the sons, Gordon and Kenneth, are in public life - Kenneth at present being a member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Gordon being a member of the California State Legislature.

Education: 61st Street Grammar School, John Muir Junior High School, John C. Fremont High School and George Pepperdine College. All these schools are located in Southwest Los Angeles in the 8th Councilmanic District of the City of Los Angeles. Received Bachelor of Science Degree from the United States Academy at Kings Point. Received Bachelor of Arts Degree from George Pepperdine College.

Service: Joined U. S. Naval Reserve in 1942 as a cadet, U. S. Merchant Marine Academy. Commissioned USNR officer, January 1944. Presently holds license as Chief Officer, U. S. Merchant Marine and Lieutenant Junior Grade, U. S. Naval Reserve.

Occupation: Teacher of United States Constitutional History and State Government at George Pepperdine College. Partner in Hahn Brothers, Gage and Main.

Civic Life: Member of the Assembly, California State Legislature from the 66th District since 1947. Recently re-elected to fourth term. One of the youngest assemblymen ever elected in California history. Past Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Municipal and County Government. At present, Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Legislative Representation.

Trustee of Figueroa Boulevard Christian Church, 57th and Figueroa (moving to new location in March 1953, 96th and Crenshaw in Inglewood).

Member of the Southwest Los Angeles Kiwanis Club.

Member of the YMCA Board of Managers, Southwest Division.

Member of Crenshaw Chamber of Commerce.

June 15, 1953 appointed to fill unexpired term as Councilman, 8th District
July 1, 1953 started term as above, to which elected.

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Gordon Hahn

Gordon Hahn was born in Canada and came to the United States in 1920 at the age of 1. He attended public schools in Los Angeles including John Muir Junior High and John C. Fremont High School. He graduated from Pepperdine College, served in the Merchant Marine during World War II, and taught constitutional history and state government at Pepperdine after the war.

In 1946, he was elected to the California State Assembly and served there until 1953 when he was appointed to the Los Angeles City Council to finish the term of his brother Kenneth Hahn who was moving to the LA County Board of Supervisors. Gordon Hahn served in City Council for ten years but declined to run in the 1963 election. While in Council he served as chairman of the State, County and Federal Affairs Committee and of the Public Works Priority Committee of the Council.

