

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMAN

Councilman for 14th District

Term: 4 years

Salary: \$17,000

Name: Arthur K. Snyder

Birthplace & date: Place: Los Angeles, Calif. (Lincoln Heights)
Date: Nov. 10, 1932.

Age at time of election: 34

Personal data: Married, father of 2 children. Lives in Eagle
Rock area. Church: Baptist.

Education: Graduate of L.A. City College (A.A.-Speech);
Pepperdine College (B.A.-Political Science); U.S.C. Law
School (Doctor of Jurisprudence).

Military: U.S. Marine Corps, 1952-55, Captain; Infantry Platoon
Leader; Legal Officer. Ten years Marine Corps Reserve.

Professional data: Licensed Real Estate Broker (inactive)
1959-67, Field Deputy to Los Angeles City Councilman John
C. Holland; Member, NAREB, CREA, Los Angeles Realty Board
(Northeast Branch); formerly Director, Southside Chamber of
Commerce, Los Angeles (1957-58); Chairman, Highland Park
Development Committee, Highland Park Chamber of Commerce,
1966-68; Director, United Northeast Economic Development
Association, 1966-68.

Organizations: Admitted before California and Federal Courts;
Member, L.A. County Bar Association, California State Bar
Association, American Bar Association (section of local
government law, Committee on Law Enforcement and Civil
Rights, Environmental Law Committee);
Judicature Society; Board of Directors, Northeast Y.M.C.A.;
Corporate Member, L.A. Y.M.C.A.; Merit Badge Counselor
(Citizenship) and 1964 Big Show Chairman, Foothill District,
Boy Scouts of America; President, Small Property Owners'
League of L.A. County (1957-59); Organization Member, North-
east Property Owners' Assn.; active for a number of chari-
table associations. Past Commander, 17th District, American
Legion; Member, Glendale Detachment, Marine Corps League.

Source: Councilman Snyder's Office

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A Member (since July 1, 1967), Los Angeles City Council, representing the 14th Councilmanic District.

(The 14th District is made up of the communities of El Sereno, Lincoln Heights, Mount Washington, Highland Park, Eagle Rock, Glassell Park, Atwater, Los Feliz, and the Hollywood Hills.)

ASSIGNMENTS:

Chairman, Building and Safety Committee
Vice-Chairman, Public Health and Welfare Committee
Member, Revenue and Taxation Committee
Member, Special Committee on Equal Opportunities
Represents the City of Los Angeles and the City Council on:
Urban Problems Committee, League of California Cities
Narcotics Prevention Committee, EYOA
Los Angeles County and Cities Disaster and Civil Defense Commission
City Economic Development Board

BORN:

Los Angeles, California (Lincoln Heights), November 10, 1932

RESIDENCE:

2832 Lawndale Drive, Los Angeles, California 90065 (Eagle Rock)
Phone 256-5756

MARITAL STATUS:

Married to Mary Frances Neely, March 5, 1954. Mary taught for six years in the Los Angeles City Schools, formerly at Eagle Rock High School. She has long been active in civic affairs in the Highland Park and Eagle Rock areas.

Two children: Neely Arthur, born October 11, 1960; Miles John, born July 1, 1963.

MILITARY SERVICE:

U. S. Marine Corps, 1952-55. Captain; Infantry Platoon Leader; Legal Officer. Ten years Marine Corps Reserve.

EDUCATION:

Grammar and secondary school education in Los Angeles City Schools. Graduate of: Los Angeles City College (A.A.—Speech); Pepperdine College (B.A.—Political Science); U.S.C. Law School (Doctor of Jurisprudence). For 2 years instructor in United States, California, County and City government in Los Angeles City School system.

WORK BACKGROUND:

Worked his way through college as hod carrier, ditch digger, brick factory worker, sawmill worker, recreation director, and private investigator.

BUSINESS:

While in law school worked in public relations with top L.A. firm, with A.I.A., and as partner in own firm. Licensed real estate broker (inactive). Member, NAREB, CREA, Los Angeles Realty Board (Northeast Branch). Formerly Director, Southside Chamber of Commerce, Los Angeles, (1957-58). Chairman, Highland Park Development Committee, Highland Park Chamber of Commerce, (1966-68). Director, United Northeast Economic Development Association, (1966-).

PROFESSIONAL:

Practicing attorney at law, admitted before California and Federal Courts. Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association, California State Bar Association, American Bar Association (Section of Local Government Law, Committee on Law Enforcement and Civil Rights, Municipal Law Officers Association Liaison Committee), American Judicature Society.

1959-1967, Field Deputy to Los Angeles City Councilman John C. Holland.

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CIVIC WORK:

Board of Directors, Northeast YMCA; Corporate Member, Los Angeles YMCA; Merit Badge Counselor (Citizenship) and 1964 Big Show Chairman, Foothill District, Boy Scouts of America. Government Affairs Committee, Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce. Director, Law Enforcement and Its Needs, statewide organization in support of law and order; and Chairman of its Judicial Reorganization Committee. Has served as Director, Highland Park Coordinating Council; Honorary Chairman, Highland Park Honorary Mayor Contest; Feather River Project Association, Los Angeles Beautiful Committee, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, Los Angeles Urban League. President, Small Property Owners' League of Los Angeles County (1957-59). Organizing member, Northeast Property Owners' Association. Member, Delevan Drive School PTA. Has been active for a number of charitable associations, including Multiple Sclerosis Hope Chest, Los Angeles County Heart Association, Los Angeles Community Chest.

CHURCH:

Chairman, Board of Trustees, Atwater Park Baptist Church (1961-62); Member, Board of Deacons, Sunnyside Baptist Church (1957-59); Member, Board of Directors, Los Angeles Baptist City Mission Society (1958-).

VETERAN:

Past Commander, 17th District, American Legion. Past Commander, Los Angeles Post, American Legion. Chairman, Law and Order Commission, American Legion, Department of California, (1965-68). Publishing Commission, American Legion, Department of California, (1960-63). National Law and Order Committee, American Legion (1966-). National Counter-Subversive Activities Committee, American Legion (1960-61). National Membership Committee, American Legion (1963-64).

LABOR:

Former member (to 1959), Local 2288, Lumber and Sawmill Workers; A. F. of L. Delegate, California State Federation of Labor Conventions, 1956, 1957. Delegate, Los Angeles County Council of Carpenters, 1957, 1958. Delegate, Labor League for Political Education, 1958.



Art Snyder, his wife, Mary, and their two sons, Neely and Miles.

SNYDER'S AUTO ACCIDENT RECORD

Date	Accident	Repairs to Snyder's city car	Repairs to other vehicles	Disposition
<i>CALIFORNIA BIOGRAPHY, FILE A</i>				
March 24, 1980, 12:45 a.m.	Snyder's 1978 Chevrolet Caprice rear-ended a car driven by Sergio Montes at the intersection of Mott Street and Brooklyn Avenue in Boyle Heights.	\$2,148.70 paid by the city.	The damage is described as minor by police.	Snyder was tested for intoxication. Investigation is continuing.
Aug. 22, 1978, 2:30 a.m.	Snyder said a truck pulling a trailer veered toward him, forcing his 1978 Chevrolet into the freeway fence on the southbound 605 Freeway in Long Beach.	\$2,133.80 paid by the city.	The city paid the state \$453.05 for freeway fence repairs.	No ticket.
June 7, 1976, 9:30 a.m.	Snyder's 1976 Ford and a car driven by James Jackson collided on the Stadium Way onramp to the Golden State Freeway.	None.	\$393.56 was paid by the city.	No ticket.
Jan. 9, 1974, 8:45 a.m.	A Coca-Cola truck backed into Snyder's 1972 Pontiac Firebird on Main Street outside City Hall.	\$208.96 paid by Coca-Cola.	No record.	No ticket.
1973, exact date not known	The city attorney's office, which records accidents involving city cars, could not find the file.	No record.	No record.	No ticket.
Oct. 25, 1972, 9:50 a.m.	Snyder rear-ended a car driven by Robert Smith after Smith broad-sided a car driven by Roy Kanamarv. The collision occurred on the transition road from Golden State Freeway to Pasadena Freeway.	\$482.49 was sought by the city from Kanamarv. There's no record of whether the money was collected.	\$198.98 was paid by the city to Smith.	No ticket.
April 9, 1972, 5:45 p.m.	Snyder, driving a 1972 Vega, broad-sided a car driven by Grant Golding as Golding attempted a right turn from the second traffic lane of Verdugo Road near Colorado Boulevard in Glendale. Snyder said Golding failed to signal. Golding said Snyder was driving in a parking lane.	\$98.51 was paid by Golding to the city.	\$56.20 was paid by Golding.	No ticket.

Q&A

He gambled around the world to find himself

Jack Richardson took a year off from his writing to travel around the world gambling. He won more than \$100,000, then wrote "Memoir of a Gambler." He was interviewed by Jeff Silverman.

Question: You went halfway around the world in search of something, and it didn't seem to be

money. What were you searching for?

Richardson: A sense of importance, a sense of having a unique place in the world, of being someone special.

Q: Do you think you found it?

A: Not really. I found it at times, but nothing permanent.

Q: When were the times?

A: When I was in Hong Kong, I had gone completely alone and was winning a great deal of money, I felt then that I came closest to being someone special.

Q: You mentioned the word "alone." Is gambling something that has to be done alone, or can

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What Snyder's driving record has cost the city

By Susan Schmidt and Dan Morain
Herald Examiner staff writers

Shortly after midnight of March 23, City Councilman Art Snyder drove a city-owned 1978 Chevrolet into another car and found himself in the unusual position of being in trouble with the law.

Los Angeles police took Snyder to Parker Center and tested him

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Snyder

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for alcohol intoxication, a test he apparently failed.

A police source said a breath-test reading showed a blood-alcohol level of between .11 and .12. That was above the legal limit of .10 for drivers. The District Attorney's Office was expected to decide today whether to prosecute the councilman, a 13-year veteran of the Los Angeles City Council, who suffered a moderate to severe brain concussion in the accident.

Snyder's run-in with the law was unusual. He has not had a ticket for a driving violation in at least the past eight years, said Wally Longshore, Snyder's press aide.

However, during that same period, Snyder has had seven accidents while driving city cars. The city repair bills for those accidents total at least \$5,328, city records show.

In addition to the recent accident, records of two of Snyder's other notable accidents show:

- A man driving a car which was involved in a collision with Snyder's car in 1976 claimed the councilman tried to drive away from the scene. He said Snyder stopped a mile from the accident scene only after he chased the councilman down; and,

- A California Highway Patrolman found the councilman asleep behind the steering wheel of his city-owned car early one morning in 1978. He was uninjured, but had driven the 1978 Chevrolet into a guardrail on the 605 Freeway, taking out seven posts and 56 feet of fence.

Despite his history of seven accidents, Snyder's driving record with the Department of Motor Vehicles is "clean as a whistle," a DMV employee in Sacramento said.

Snyder's ex-wife, Michele Noval, who fought the councilman in a bitter divorce and child custody case, said in a telephone interview that the reason he has a clean driving record is that police gave him favored treatment.

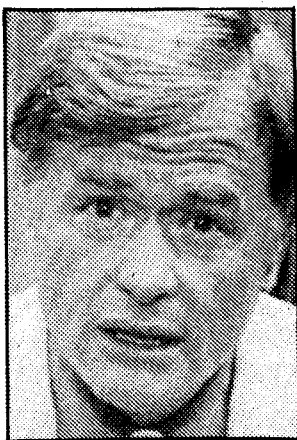
Los Angeles police spokesman Lt. Dan Cooke scoffed at Noval's charge. Cooke said that the councilman, who often supports Police Department proposals before the City Council, could not have coaxed police officers into giving him any kind of favorable treatment.

"There's only one way to fix a ticket in this city and that is to pay it," Cooke said. "Even the chief of police has to pay his tickets."

David Glickman, Snyder's attorney, went further. He insisted that Snyder would never have been picked up by police March 24 had he not been a city councilman.

Snyder last week declined to explain his driving record, and failed to return repeated calls to his office and home. He did, however, answer a knock at his door last Thursday night. But when he realized the callers were reporters, Snyder, his neck still in a brace from the Sunday accident, said, "No thank you," and shut the door.

City regulations allow elected officials to drive city cars for business and personal use. The city insures the car and the driver. When the need arises, the city garage repairs the car, the city attorney defends the



Art Snyder
Repairs at least \$5,328

driver in court and the city pays off any claims or lawsuit settlements.

Some of the councilman's accidents have been minor. For example, in 1974, a Coca-Cola truck backed into Snyder's city-owned 1972 Firebird. The trucking company paid the city \$208 for repairs.

But in two of his wrecks, including the most recent one, the repair bill paid by the city amounted to more than \$2,000.

The 1978 accident in which Snyder drove into the guardrail on the 605 Freeway accounts for the one blemish on Snyder's driving record with the DMV, and that is only a notation mentioning that the accident occurred.

In Snyder's report to the city on that accident, he said he crashed the car at 2:30 in the morning on Aug. 22, while returning home from a Coastal Commission meeting in Huntington Beach.

However, Coastal Commission records show the meeting ended at 4:55 on the afternoon of Aug. 21, more than nine hours before the crash.

He reported that he ran his city-owned 1978 Chevrolet off the freeway and into the fence because "a semi pulling a trailer and traveling at a high rate of speed suddenly veered ... toward me.

"To avoid him, I swerved onto the dirt ... and struck the fence."

A passing CHP officer, J.A. Brandt, spotted Snyder's city car crashed against a guardrail 1,000 feet south of Carson Boulevard in Long Beach at 3:45 a.m., an hour and 15 minutes after Snyder said the accident happened.

Brandt's accident report said the uninjured Snyder was asleep in the driver's seat.

The patrolman did not find the truck which allegedly forced Snyder into the fence. Nor did he test the councilman for alcohol intoxication. The accident report said Snyder had not been drinking.

In another accident, this one at 9:30 a.m. on June 7, 1976, the driver of a car involved in a collision with Snyder's car claimed the councilman left the scene.

Snyder's written recollection of the accident on the Stadium Way onramp to the Golden State Freeway made no mention of any attempt to leave the scene.

But James Jackson, formerly of Gardena, said in a typed two-page letter to the City Council that once the collision occurred, Snyder's car headed "down towards the freeway."

"We (Jackson and three passengers) started chasing it. I caught up with it in a mile from where the accident occurred."

Jackson also wrote in the undated letter that the Los Angeles police officer who arrived at the accident scene told him that "he let Mr. Snyder go because he was an important man, he was a counselor."

Jackson said he told the officer, Durley Ward, "I do not care who he is, treat me as fair as you did him."

The city has no record that it answered Jackson's letter. But a month after the wreck, the City Attorney's Office paid the man \$393, indicating that the city believed Snyder had been at fault. The accident caused no damage to Snyder's city car.

Cooke, the police spokesman, said the department never received Jackson's letter.

"Had the letter come in, there would have been an investigation," he said.

As a result of Snyder's latest accident, the city must pick up a \$2,149 tab for repair work on Snyder's city-owned 1978 Chevrolet Caprice, Chevy's top-of-the-line model, plus the cost of what police describe as minor damage to the car Snyder hit.

In that March 24 accident, Snyder drove the Caprice into the rear of a car driven by 18-year-old Sergio Montes at Brooklyn Avenue and Mott Street.