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Board of Supervisors	Supervisor Susanne Wilson
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Chair of the Board - 1986	12/10/85

Next year, the Board of Supervisors will be confronting a number of critical issues, including management of our jail construction program, design of hillside preservation and greenbelt programs, and control of toxic substances in our air and water.

These programs will require intense concentration and strong leadership on the part of the Chair of the Board of Supervisors. Therefore, it may prove useful today to discuss the designation of next year's Chair in order to encourage a smooth transition for the individual who will be assuming that serious role.

Supervisor Tom Legan would normally become Chair in 1986. Regrettably, there are substantial reasons for concluding that Mr. Legan will be unable to provide that level of leadership and concentration needed to effectively carry out the duties of Board Chair.

Supervisor Legan has chosen to hold a significant job in the private sector at the same time that he has been serving on the Board of Supervisors. As a result, he has been unable to devote adequate time to his County responsibilities. For example, he has been absent from an excessive number of lengthy Executive Sessions during the past six months, thereby leaving his constituents without representation during critical decision making meetings.

Now, we are hearing that Mr. Legan intends to assume yet another major outside interest - a campaign for the State Senate. To my knowledge, no recent Supervisor has ever attempted to combine such an extraordinary accumulation of outside activities with service as Chair of the Board. It is simply impossible to devote one's full attention to so many distinct and different tasks.

In response to this unprecedented situation, I recommend that the Board of Supervisors pass over Mr. Legan's turn in our rotation system for selecting a Chair.

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