

San Diego Chapter
Congress of Racial Equality
2965 Imperial Avenue
San Diego, California
September 3, 1964

Director, Zoological Society
San Diego Zoo
Balboa Park
San Diego, California

Dear Sir:

I am sure you are aware that the Negro community, as well as the white community, looks to the San Diego Zoo as a source of great pleasure and as a basis for local pride. This bright image makes it painful for those of us in the Congress of Racial Equality ~~to compare the racial employment statistics, to listen to complaints of employment discrimination and to hear of the~~ ^{into that it necessary to determine the employment statistics} working conditions of some of the few Negroes now employed by the San Diego Zoo. Preliminary investigation gives enough substance to these allegations to oblige us to search out the full truth and, if necessary, to take appropriate action. *And*

We propose that you and your personnel officer meet with representatives from the San Diego Chapter of CORE for depth discussion of this whole problem. Invitation to participate in this inquiry will be extended to the local representative of the Fair Employment Practices Commission, the ~~Employment Sub-Committee Chairman of the Citizens Interracial Council, an officer of the Urban League, City Councilman Tom Hom and City Councilman Jack Walsh.~~ ^{a representative to the City appointed by} Since Mayor Curran has gone on record ~~for combating racial injustice wherever it is found, he also will be asked to join in our deliberations.~~ *the Mayor*

The officers of the local CORE Chapter have obligations which make a meeting date during normal working hours very difficult. May we suggest a ~~late afternoon, an evening, or a Saturday meeting.~~ ^{afternoon} We will adjust our plans to the meeting date which you set, assuming you share our feeling that the urgency of this matter demands an early resolution. *lean*

Respectfully,

Harold K. Brown, Chairman
San Diego Chapter, CORE

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cc: ~~Mayor Frank Curran~~ *Mr. Bud Plank*
~~Councilman Jack Walsh~~ *Mr. James Barham, Treasurer Local 4811*
~~Councilman Tom Hom~~
~~Representative, F.E.P.C.~~ *Mr. P. H. Johnson*
~~Representative, Urban League~~
~~Employment Sub-Committee Chairman, C.I.C.~~

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