

Personal History of Raymond L. Haight

BORN IN 1897 in San Jose, California, he is a descendant from pioneer stock whose fighting spirit reflects itself today in his battles for public welfare. He was educated in California schools in San Francisco and Los Angeles graduating from the University of Southern California Law School in 1921. During the World War he volunteered in the United States Air Service and served until the armistice. He is a member of the Native Sons of The Golden West, The American Legion, The United Veterans of the Republic, and The American Bar Association. He is married and has three children.

Mr. Haight during his twelve years of public service, led the battle to retain beach lands for Los Angeles; reorganized Venice as its City Attorney; and headed a movement which resulted in the recall of certain members of the Judiciary.

Appointed as Commissioner of Corporations in 1931 by the Governor, to completely reorganize that department, he immediately went into action. During his eight months in office he swept from California markets over 4000 corporations and trusts, both large and small, whose questionable securities totaled \$1,100,000,000.

To safeguard investors of the State and put teeth into his reforms, Mr. Haight secured the passage of the present rigid Corporate Securities Act, known as the famous "blue sky law." His inauguration of an Economic Research Department and a Fraud Division further developed the efficiency of the Corporation Department.

"Haight for Governor"

DO YOU KNOW?

A million California families are uncertain of bread for tomorrow!

Haight proposes certainty without dolos or sham labor.

California has more than 9,000 taxing bodies!

Haight proposes substantial consolidations and reductions.

Our record of graft, murder, theft, kidnapping and other major crimes passed the 40,000 mark in 1933.

Haight proposes the coordination of California's 400 separate police systems.

The annual cost of California state government has increased from \$12,000,000 in 1910, to \$126,000,000 in 1932 . . . Costs increased 947% while population gained but 148% in the same period!

Haight proposes elimination and consolidation of duplicating and overlapping agencies.

25% of the area of California has come back into State ownership for non-payment of taxes!

Haight proposes complete tax revision.

During the past biennium, State expenditures exceeded revenues by approximately \$40,000,000!

Haight proposes to keep the State's operations within its income.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HEADQUARTERS,
280 Montgomery Street, San Francisco.
Telephone Sutter 0731.

SPONSORED BY
CALIFORNIA RECONSTRUCTION LEAGUE
(A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION)

"New Leadership"



ELECT
Raymond L. Haight
GOVERNOR

A Program of Economic and Political Relief for California

by RAYMOND L. HAIGHT

This Program is a challenge to all courageous, independent and far-thinking Californians who recognize the immediate necessity of rehabilitating the economic and political structure of the Commonwealth

1. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF.

It is the first duty of the State Administration to provide a means of livelihood for every deserving citizen of California; to that end we propose:

- (a) State Aid for Co-operative Self-Help Units.
- (b) Development of subsistence plots for unemployed.
- (c) Prevention of Self-Help Unit products competing with private business or farming.
- (d) Co-ordination of State, County and City Relief.
- (e) Correlation of Public Works with view to reducing unemployment.

2. ECONOMIC REHABILITATION.

Co-operation with the Federal Government to restore prosperity. To effectively solve California's particular problems, we advocate:

- (a) Farm relief by tax reduction and a sane and simplified regulatory system.
- (b) Adequate control of public utilities and encouragement of "user-ownership" of private utilities.
- (c) Assurance that individual endeavor shall not be hampered by unfair tactics on the part of established monopolies.
- (d) Promotion of the Central Water Valley Project to a successful conclusion.

3. TAX REDUCTIONS AND REVISIONS.

Emergency action is necessary to avert disaster on the part of commercial and agricultural interests as well as insolvency in various governmental branches; to this end we propose:

- (a) Complete revision of the present tax system upon scientific principles with the view to equitably spreading the burden without imposition upon individuals or groups.

- (b) Elimination of overlapping and duplicating agencies of the state and consolidation of the essential governmental services. With the co-operation of the legislature, a saving of more than \$100,000,000 can be effected in state and local tax costs.

- (c) Calling of constitutional convention immediately to accomplish the foregoing, and:

Centralize executive responsibility,
Eliminate the adding of countless laws to the Constitution,
Shorten and clarify the ballot.

- (d) Creation of a state debt control board to supervise budgetary accounting, tax collections and major debt loads of municipalities and political subdivisions throughout the state.

4. ELIMINATION OF GRAFT AND CRIME.

Corruption and dishonesty have filtered through our various branches of government to such an extent that our present system totters on the brink of destruction; to avoid such a disaster we propose:

- (a) A co-ordinated statewide police system to efficiently protect the public from kidnapping, murder, robbery, racketeering, gangsterism and other forms of violence that have filled every American home with fear.

- (b) Revision of the present system of secret paroles and indeterminate sentences with view to making adequate punishment for crimes a certainty.

- (c) To make certain, punishment of public officeholders who have criminally violated public trust by repeal of the statute of limitations relative to public servants.

- (d) Consolidation and extension of the powers of governmental agencies supervising financial institutions with

view to preventing repetition of the Julian, Italo Petroleum, Guaranty Building and Loan, American Mortgage and similar swindles.

- (e) Reorganization of the State Insurance department to protect legitimate insurance operators in California.

- (f) To organize the various state departments upon the principle that the preservation of our social and economic structures are dependent upon political integrity.

- (g) Revision of the election laws to prevent the solicitation by political candidates of huge slush funds from private interests.

5. JUDICIAL REFORM.

To provide early and impartial court hearings and to reduce expense we advocate:

- (a) Formation of two statewide courts of first instance; one for lesser claims and misdemeanors, the other for unlimited claims and felons.

6. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.

Sane reorganization of the various departments of the State Government.

- (a) Reduction of total payrolls can be attained by elimination of overlapping functions of government rather than by indiscriminate slashing of salaries which would reduce efficiency, morale and purchasing power.

7. EDUCATION.

High educational standards are necessary for the preservation of Democracy; to this end we propose:

- (a) Co-ordination of various educational agencies.

- (b) Higher standards for the teaching profession.

- (c) Protection of students by safe buildings and modern equipment.

This is a Definite Program for Citizens Who Want DECENT GOVERNMENT and a Feeling of Security in Their Lives

Do Not Be Misled!

Do not be misled by the propaganda so persistently circulated by the sponsors of the Merriam campaign that a "vote for Haight is a vote for Sinclair." It would be much more to the point and nearer to the facts if you were told that a "vote for Merriam is a vote for Sinclair." This will be an eleventh-hour election. The drift from both Merriam and Sinclair has been heavy and is now gaining ground rapidly. Haight will carry the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys by an overwhelming majority. Merriam has lost heavily in the Bay district, which will go either to Haight or Sinclair, and present indications are that Haight will carry Los Angeles County.

Conditions in California are too critical to take any chances with this election. Even the possibility of Sinclair's election has already seriously affected business and values in both securities and real estate. His invitation to the unemployed of the nation to come to California has cost him thousands of votes. No man or woman with a job dare risk the insecurity of the added competition. Merriam's election won't settle anything. It means a return to the old spoils system, something that will not be tolerated.

Haight is the Best Man for the Job

VOTE FOR HIM

RAYMOND L. HAIGHT FOR GOVERNOR	X
---	----------

Did Your MONEY VANISH in These Gigantic Steals?

...

Between November, 1930 and July, 1931, more than 100,000 California investors lost from their savings the staggering total of \$104,000,000 in the collapse of the following concerns:

Richfield Oil	\$ 53,000,000
Renzels Inc.	16,000,000
American Mortgage Co. .	12,000,000
Guaranty Building & Loan, and United States Building & Loan	8,000,000
Harold G. Ferguson Corp.	8,000,000
Runnymede Finance Corp.	5,000,000
California Reserve	2,000,000
Total.....	\$104,000,000

...

**Make This
IMPOSSIBLE
in the Future!**

...

Vote for HAIGHT!

RAYMOND L. HAIGHT

As California's Commissioner of Corporations cleaned the state of fraudulent stock enterprises and sent the offenders to prison. An able attorney with an equally brilliant career.

WHAT HE WILL DO

Attack the present problems of agriculture, unemployment, tax revision and financial insecurity in a practical manner. His program adheres to our Constitution and the legal methods it permits, without experimentation, fantastic schemes, or promises that cannot be kept.

HE CAN BE ELECTED

This will be an eleventh hour election. Haight will carry the Central Valleys of California. Merriam has lost immeasurably in the San Francisco Bay district these last few weeks. Political observers are amazed at the upset recently in Los Angeles County. Thousands of voters are switching to Haight.

READ THE INSIDE PAGES FOR THE
COMPLETE STORY

RAYMOND L. HAIGHT FOR GOVERNOR	X
---	----------

X

DONATED BY

**MOBLEY PRINTING CO.
and A. R. GRIFFETH**

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Who Is Haight?

Born in 1897 in San Jose, California, he is a descendant from pioneer stock whose fighting spirit reflects itself today in his battles for public welfare. He was educated in California schools of San Francisco and Los Angeles, graduating from the University of Southern California Law School in 1921. During the World War he volunteered in the United States Air Service and served until the armistice. He is a member of the Methodist-Episcopal Church, Native Sons of the Golden West, The American Legion, The United Veterans of the Republic, and The American Bar Association. He is married and has three children.

In 1931, serving in an emergency as State Corporation Commissioner for some six months, Mr. Haight instigated and carried through the now historic clean-up of that office. During his short term he cancelled more than a billion dollars of worthless securities from our California security markets. Some of these frauds included Richfield Oil, Romola, Inc., Italo Petroleum, American Mortgage, Guaranty Building and Loan, Harold G. Ferguson Corp., Runsymede and the California Reserve. Many of the executives responsible for these frauds are now in prison, while others are now being tried in our courts.

Raymond L. Haight is considered an able and efficient attorney. He is judicially minded with a keen understanding of human relations. Once determined on a course of conduct, he is a fearless and aggressive leader. His private business life has demonstrated him to be an able executive. He has the kind of courage and vision that California needs in this, her hour of need.

WHAT HE WILL DO

AGRICULTURE

Reduce taxes to the minimum on all productive land. (Call to his aid representative farmers to make a study of farm marketing and transportation problems. Act upon a program of lowering costs and creating state aid in marketing California farm orchard products.)

UNEMPLOYMENT

Establish the right to work to all, through extending the system of cooperative self-help units under State supervision.

EMPLOYMENT

Establish wage schedules calculated to increase the purchasing power of salaried persons, and oppose any indiscriminate slashing of the salaries of public employees and teachers.

TAXATION

Relieve the near-insolvent condition of many of our local branches of government and reduce tax costs by one hundred million dollars annually through the consolidation or elimination of overlapping and duplicating agencies of State and local government.

TAX REVISION

Completely revise our tax system and establish a modified-transaction tax to take the place of the present sales tax and absorb the present State deficit.

INVESTMENT REFORM

Reorganize all State Departments regulating investment structures to insure against future fraud losses.

WAR ON CRIME

Coordinate our 400 separate policing systems and establish a Scotland Yard for California. Abolish secret paroles and remove the statute of limitations on crimes involving public office holders.

EDUCATION

Maintain adequate tenure protection for the teaching profession, place the present retirement fund on a sound basis and protect the present guarantees for the support of free public schools.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

Cooperate with and support any national program of old age pensions adopted by the Federal Administration, including the Townsend Plan, or any modification thereof.

USURY AND MORATORIUMS

End usury in California in fact and not as a fiction. Establish for all the same generous reductions in interest rates and extension of principal payments as granted banks and building and loan associations.

INDEPENDENT MERCHANTS

Increase the opportunity for individual effort by preventing a continuation of unfair competition through holding companies and similar monopolistic institutions.

CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT

Immediate action on the Central Valley Water Project and full protection against competitive attack by utility groups.

POLITICAL INTEGRITY

Give rebirth to political integrity in California, and wage increasing war against graft and corruption in public office.

RAYMOND L. HAIGHT'S CALIFORNIA CAREER

Born—In San Jose, 1897.

Educated—Public schools, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Was graduated from University of Southern California Law School in 1921. Achieved letter in athletics. Edited the Trojan, college paper, and later, for nine years, the Southern California Alumni Review.

World War—Volunteered immediately, upon America's entrance, in the United States Air Service and served with distinction until the armistice.

Affiliations—Is a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West, which his ancestors helped organize; the American Legion, the United Veterans of the Republic and the American Bar Association.

Public Service—Was City Attorney of Venice and, as such, reorganized that city. Led the battle to save the beach lands for the people of Los Angeles. Headed a movement resulting in the recall of certain undesirable Judges in Los Angeles. Also—

Commissioner of Corporations—In 1931, appointed by the Governor to reorganize that department, he drove from the California markets FOUR THOUSAND questionable corporations and trusts, large and small, whose shady securities totaled ONE BILLION, ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS. Also he secured the passage of the famous "blue sky law"—the present rigid Corporate Securities Act, and likewise inaugurated an Economic Research Department and a Fraud Division which have undoubtedly checked many crooked offerings and saved countless millions for unsuspecting investors.

Family—Is married, has three children and makes his home and carries on his law practice in Los Angeles.

Haight for Governor

WHO IS
RAYMOND L.
HAIGHT

?

A Brief Account of the Background and Public Career of a Lifelong Californian and Descendant of Distinguished Californians



Published in the Interest of the Candidacy of Raymond L. Haight for the Governorship of California in the Republican, Progressive and Commonwealth Primaries

BY

California Reconstruction League

(A Non-profit Corporation)

Southern California Headquarters,
458 South Spring Street, Los Angeles.
Telephone VAndike 5161.

Northern California Headquarters,
260 Montgomery Street, San Francisco.
Telephone Sutter 0721.

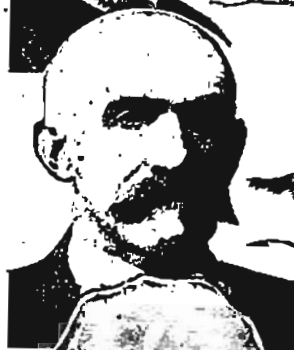
THE HAIGHTS FROM 1849 TO 1934

Have Made California History



(1)

Long distinguished in the annals of the Golden State is the name which the present candidate for Governor wears so illustriously. Raymond L. Haight has descended from a great line of ancestors.



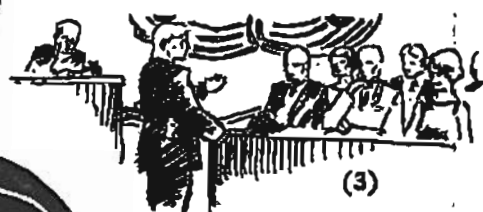
First to reach California was his great grandfather, George Southard Haight. With his family, he toiled into Little Shasta Valley in 1849, from New York. Oxen drew his covered wagons. There had been horses, to start with, but an Indian raid drove them off. The Haight's were lucky to escape with their lives.



(2) tragedy struck the little home. Two of the children were carried off by mountain lions. But three sturdy sons survived—Cornelius, Harry and Fulton.

With his axe, old George felled trees for a log cabin that still stands in the valley, monument to his pioneering spirit. Bitter

Old George became the first postmaster of Shasta Valley; Fulton became the first school teacher, as other families began to populate the region. All three sons married and raised families of their own. Today there are Haight's from the Oregon line to the Mexican border.



(3)

Fulton was admitted to the bar and for many years was a distinguished attorney in San Francisco. Also he was a member of the Vigilantes who ridded that city of the "bad men," forerunners of the present gangsters.



Fulton's son was George W. Haight, father of Raymond L. Haight, the present candidate. For 40 years George W. Haight worked for clean government. Many times he was offered political positions. Always he refused them. He stuck to the practice of the law, in which he is still active, as is also Raymond L. Haight. Now there is a Raymond L. Haight, Jr., aged 13, who aspires to carry along the legal tradition.

(4)



If the present candidate is successful, he will be the second Governor Haight that California has known. A first cousin of his grandfather, Henry Huntley Haight, was Chief Executive of the State from 1867 to 1871.

1. GEORGE SOUTHARD HAIGHT
Pioneer
2. FULTON HAIGHT
Vigilante
3. GEORGE W. HAIGHT
Lawyer
4. RAYMOND L. HAIGHT
Candidate for Governor

Permanently a part of California history is the Haight name. Haight Mountain, near Shasta, is named for the original pioneer of the clan. Haight Street, in San Francisco, is called after the one-time Governor.