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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rittiner Replies to Editorial

Editor, States-Item:

It makes no sense at all to say that if a mayoral candidate, who does not have a ticket, does not take a position in the district attorney's race he is not worthy of consideration. (States-Item editorial, Oct. 6). In fact, it is a thoroughly immoral and irresponsible position. Endorsements by mayoral candidates are made because the person being endorsed can bring the mayoral candidate votes and-or money. These are not proper qualifications for an office-seeker.

It is interesting to note that in this morning's paper, (Oct. 7) a candidate for coroner is quoted as saying that three major candidates negotiated with endorsing him, but decided to endorse someone else when a financial agreement could not be reached.

I decided long ago not to have a ticket. I think in this area my only real responsibility is to be certain that the voters have a choice of qualified men for the various offices, and I want to be able to work with the winners. I have decided to forego the money and-or votes a ticket can bring because I prefer to be independent and uncontrolled.

It is traditional for candidates to endorse a full slate of office-seekers, and many are doing so in this election. If a candidate decides to have a ticket, he should have a full ticket, not skip one office because it is highly controversial

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