

## Romney's Reapportionment Proposal Draws Criticism

George Romney's legislative reapportionment proposal ran into some criticism Tuesday at the first public hearing of the Con-Con Apportionment Committee in Detroit.

Both the Michigan AFL-CIO and Detroit's Common Council President-elect Ed Carey blasted the plan.

Carey commented that he is "amazed at the latest reapportionment plan presented by an officer of the Constitutional Convention."

But he did not mention Romney—a Bloomfield Hills resident, Oakland County's delegate-at-large and a vice president of Con-Con—by name.

They find it difficult to obtain from the legislature sufficient funds to meet their minimum needs.

Theodore Sachs, attorney for the Michigan AFL-CIO, said Republicans who oppose the equal population basis for reapportionment have "a vested interest in maintaining the status quo which requires a racially-dominated Republican legislature."

Sachs claimed that the Michigan Manufacturers Association speaks "through George Romney in promoting the idea of the effective representation of minorities, or sparsity, as Romney calls it."

ROMNEY'S SUGGESTION called for a Senate of from 34 to 38 members with an unspecified number to be elected from districts of equal population area with the rest to be elected from sparsely populated areas.

Said Carey:

"If we follow that plan, we'll be going back to the rotten borough system of old England."

Carey feels that the present apportionment system is unfair. Both he and the council have gone on record in favor of apportionment on an equal-population basis.

Carey said, "If we haven't abolished the vote, we have come close to it in populated areas."

CAREY CONTENDED that suburban communities increasingly are seeking Federal aid because

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## Romney Requests Advice from CFM

Prospective gubernatorial candidate George Romney has asked the Citizens for Michigan board of directors to discuss his possible candidacy.

Romney, chairman of CFM, asked board members to attend their regular meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday at the University of Michigan Dearborn Center.

He told them he would like to have their thinking before he makes a decision.

Romney, a resident of Bloomfield Hills, has said he will decide by Feb. 10 whether to run for nomination for governor on the Republican ticket.

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one else, to help with his other duties.

Roberts—What are the feelings of the people involved? Hiring someone to assist with the regular administrative duties would probably be easier than hiring a director as there is a shortage of personnel in that field.

Gare—Kenning lacks full knowledge, training for CD. He spends about 25 per cent of his time now on CD. He is more valuable in his assistant manager role.

PAGE—IT'S your opinion, Mr. Gare, that Mr. Kenning be fulfiling on civil defense. Not mine. I think he should do civil defense but be given help.

Commissioner Carl Ingraham—the civil defense ordinance stipulates that the director has the necessary authority over other departments when there is a disaster.

Kenning's "experience, capabilities would be wasted" as civil defense director. He should be relieved of that job so he can function as assistant city manager.

RENFREW — Agreed, except on the point that his efforts would be wasted. It would mean breaking Kenning in on a new job.

Activation of the civil defense program will require a great deal of time on the part of the manager and assistant manager.

Gare—"I think Mr. Kenning feels his interests, his capabilities are in public administration." Hiring a director and an assistant for Kenning would mean training two people at one time.

Comments — Administration should review the job description, salary range, the prospect of Kenning retaining the dual role, specific duties that an assistant for Kenning would handle—and report back next week, with further discussion by the commission.

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