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Police Officers Endorse Agnos

by Paul Chignell, Mike Nevin and Reno Rapagnani

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association Board of Directors, which represents over 1800 police officers, has endorsed Assemblyman Art Agnos to be the next Mayor of San Francisco. The Association urges all San Franciscans to cast their votes for Agnos on November 3, 1987.

San Francisco police officers interviewed all of the major candidates and conducted an extensive review of the records of those candidates on the major issues. The POA was convinced that Assemblyman Art Agnos had the best record on criminal justice issues as well as the other issues that affect the quality of life in San Francisco.

After the endorsement was made, Agnos said that he valued the support of the Police Officers' Association and said that their review of his record and that of the other candidates was the most exhaustive that he had seen as a public official.

Impressive Endorsements

During the course of the campaign, Art Agnos has secured the endorsements of a wide spectrum of organizations and individuals. Public officials endorsing Agnos include Lieutenant Governor Leo McCarthy, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi and Supervisor Wendy Nelder; and respected organizations include the League of Conservation Voters, San Francisco Tomorrow, the California Nurses Association, San Francisco Central Labor Council and numerous ethnic groups.

Crime

The police were pleased with Art Agnos' long record in the legislature supporting the rights of crime victims and were impressed with new laws that Agnos has supported such as tougher drunk driving laws, increased punishment for crimes committed on public transit, increased penalties for child pornography, and laws to assist rape victims. In addition, the San Francisco Victim-Witness Program and San Francisco Project SAFE have honored Agnos for his support and involvement.

Seniors

Supervisor Wendy Nelder endorsed Art Agnos for Mayor at a senior citizen center, and that was not a coincidence. Art Agnos has been a leader in senior citizen legisla-



Art Agnos

tion including the Family Survival Project for victims of Alzheimer's disease, a strong advocate of nursing home reform, and a legislator who has passed laws to prevent the abuse of the elderly.

Taxpayer's Friend

Art Agnos always has been a critic of governmental waste, and, for the past several years, has saved the taxpayers millions of dollars. Agnos was asked by the Governor to audit the toxic waste program and by School Superintendent Bill Honig to audit education programs.

Assemblyman Agnos has also been a leader in developing budgets without deficits for the State of California. This is sorely needed in San Francisco where a budget deficit threatens the delivery of services. Art Agnos will bring those fiscal talents to City Hall in January.

Welfare Reform

The Police Officers' Association has pointed to a comprehensive welfare reform package that Art Agnos wrote and that is now a model for the nation. This program allows persons on welfare to obtain employment with dignity. Agnos has been praised across the United States for his bold new program to which members of the United States Senate have been look-

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Wendy Nelder Endorses Art Agnos for Mayor

by Paul Chignell and Dan Linehan

San Francisco Supervisor Wendy Nelder has endorsed Assemblyman Art Agnos to be the next Mayor of San Francisco.

At a senior citizens' center, Nelder made the announcement to the press. Her choice of location highlighted one issue that binds Nelder and Agnos together — issues that always relate to a concern for their constituents.

Supervisor Nelder urged all citizens of San Francisco to work and vote for Art Agnos, and stated she felt that Agnos was the best candidate to represent all of San Francisco over the next four years.

The strong support of Art Agnos by one of the most dynamic and independent leaders in San Francisco government — Wendy Nelder — virtually guarantees success to Agnos on November 3, 1987 as Wendy Nelder has a unique ability to gauge the wishes and desires of San Francisco's electorate — and transform those ideals into action. She has looked carefully at the record, character and ideas of Art Agnos and found his candidacy consistent with her strong beliefs.

Wendy Nelder and Art Agnos share a belief in cohesive neighborhoods, opportunities for affordable housing, fair but firm police protection, quality environment, strict fiscal accountability, a social conscience and open, accessible government. Together they will accomplish much during the next four years.

Assemblyman Agnos stated that the endorsement of Nelder was an important one in the race for Mayor. He pledged to campaign with the Supervisor and to utilize her support throughout the City.

Many political observers have remarked that the Nelder endorsement is one of the most important in the campaign because of the independent leadership on key issues that she has brought to City Hall over the



Wendy Nelder

past seven years that she has been in office. Nelder has been in the forefront of major issues before they were popular. Her tireless work in obtaining funding and support for the police department's fingerprint computer, her landmark smoking ordinance, her legislation protecting child abuse victims, her legislation on toxic material cleanup and her work to streamline bureaucracy in social services agencies have shown her to be an innovative leader working to solve problems in one of America's great cities.

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association has been a supporter of Supervisor Wendy Nelder and Assemblyman Art Agnos for many years. It is with great pride that we see Agnos and Nelder, our friends for all those years, linked together in this Mayor's race.

Please join with us and with Wendy Nelder — elect Art Agnos Mayor on November 3rd.

**EXERCISE
YOUR RIGHT**





by Bob Barry,
President, Police Officers' Association

When the Office of Citizen Complaints was established by voter approval in 1982, the Bar Association of San Francisco stated that the OCC would be staffed by professional civilian investigators...and would promote efficient, cost-effective investigation of citizen complaints. The Bar Association went on to state that supervisory rank police officers now staffing the Internal Affairs Bureau could be reassigned to law enforcement work.

Finally, the Bar Association stated that the creation of the OCC would give the public and police "greater confidence" that the complaint-resolution process is impartial.

These predictions, however, have not been borne out. San Francisco police officers, as in other cities where civilian investigative agencies have been created, have not been reassigned to law enforcement duties. Police officers still investigate complaints against officers, resulting, in many cases, in a duplicative effort and higher costs to San Francisco taxpayers.

In recent public hearings, resulting in scathing criticism of the OCC by some former advocates — the American Civil Liberties Union, San Francisco Bar Association and Criminal Defense Lawyers

— these groups stated that the OCC has been ineffective and has become the "public relations" arm of the police department.

While we may have differing opinions on what the OCC has become, one thing is clear — the OCC has been mismanaged from its inception. Its operation has been politicized, and confidential information, detrimental to both complaining citizens and police officers, has been leaked publicly in violation of state law.

The OCC is now asking for more funding so they can "do a better job". More funding, however, particularly with a fiscal crisis on our hands, is not the answer. Better management of existing resources is, in our opinion, the more correct approach to doing a better job. Proposition "G" should be soundly rejected on that basis.

Last year the Office of Citizen Complaints spent \$768,000, and this year the proposed budget is \$858,000 — nearly a 12 percent increase. Should Proposition "G" be approved by the voters, it will remove the existing budget limitation ceiling provision from the city charter creating the potential of funding an additional half million dollars for a "white elephant" with little to show for it.

We urge you to vote NO on Proposition "G".

Police Commission Vice President Al Nelder, a former Police Chief and Supervisor for San Francisco, endorses Art Agnos to be the City's next mayor.



Agnos Endorsed

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ing as a model for the entire country. The agreement that Assemblyman Agnos hammered out, working with Republicans and Democrats, in getting the welfare reform package into state law demonstrates tremendous ability at solving problems rather than just talking about them.

Small Business

The backbone of our neighborhoods is a healthy environment for small businesses which serve San Franciscans. In 1987 the Council of District Merchants honored Assemblyman Agnos for his work in assisting small business persons. Art has also been a leader in the effort to save the fishing industry at Fisherman's Wharf. The Police Officers' Association works with small business owners in our community and is pleased that Art Agnos has been so supportive.

Quality of Life

Assemblyman Art Agnos has been committed to making San Francisco an affordable and liveable City. He built the first

urban state park at Candlestick Point, demanded tough environmental measures to clean up toxic waste sites, created the first genetic screening program for newborns, and helped construct hundreds of new homes that are affordable for middle class people. The San Francisco Police Officers' Association supports all of these measures and believes that Art Agnos shares a vision for San Francisco to be a City where all can have an opportunity to live in and enjoy one of the great cities in America.

Your Vote Counts

The Police Officers' Association asks you to vote for Art Agnos for Mayor on November 3rd. We are committed to San Francisco and its residents and believe that Art Agnos has the ability and the vision to lead us into the 1990s. Please feel free to call the POA at 861-5060 if you need a ride to the polls on November 3, 1987.

Art Agnos has the leadership to provide not only basic police services but all essential City services for San Franciscans.

PLEASE VOTE FOR ART AGNOS FOR MAYOR

Vote Yes On "Q"

by James M. Ahern,
Firefighter

San Francisco Firefighters and citizens made a concerted effort to submit 37,589 signatures to the Registrar of Voters to qualify a charter amendment for the November 1987 election. With an amazing signature validity rate of 79.6%, the measure easily qualified. Citizens signed this petition to maintain the quality of fire protection in San Francisco. And rightly so, because with staff reductions, firehouse closures, and inadequate budget funding, fire protection is in jeopardy.

For years, San Francisco Firefighters Local 798 attempted to bring these issues to the attention of elected officials, but to no avail. For years, citizens attempted to bring firehouse closures to the attention of elected city officials with the same negative results. In 1980, for example, a Fire Committee was formed by the Midtown Homeowner's Association to reactivate Truck 20, one of four stations closed that year. The Fire Committee held a town meeting and collected more than 700 signatures to oppose the elimination of Truck 20. City officials received these signatures but were unable to resolve this problem. Working within the political structure, this highly motivated neighborhood association could not succeed in its efforts to restore fire protection. What is their alternative?

In terms of the budgetary process, Chief of Department Phipps requested \$1.8 million in equipment for the 1987-88 budget, of which \$676,000 was approved—two-thirds less than requested. Chief Phipps stated his case to Mayor Feinstein without success. What was his alternative?

In the August 1987 issue of Firehouse Magazine, when asked, "Do you need to make major improvements in facilities or equipment?" Chief Phipps replied, "Yes, definitely." Phipps stated that since many firestations and buildings were built in the 1950's, problems have developed into a "major concern." Regarding equipment, Phipps commented, "We've fallen a little behind, and I'm hoping to bring that back up in the next couple of years. Sixteen years ago we bought 13 pumpers. That's nice, but, unfortunately, 16 years later, we're faced with a major replacement issue. We've managed to replace some of those, but at the same time we're still falling a little behind. I've got to keep that equipment up; that's our lifeblood."

The San Francisco Fire Chiefs' Association recorded its displeasure with a letter to Mayor Feinstein "protesting the

unrealistic cuts in the Fire Department's budget for equipment and maintenance." The Chiefs' Association realized what inadequate funding represents:

"If a steady maintenance and replacement program is not enforced, the resulting deterioration can only result in a greater fire loss for the public and additional hazards for both citizens and firefighters."

Another segment of concerned individuals voiced objection to budget cuts. What is their alternative?

Well, that is why firefighters and citizens joined forces to seek support for a charter amendment that would:

- 1.) Require neighborhood public hearings before any firestation could be closed or relocated.
- 2.) Establish that the current 41 firestations remain the minimum number of firestations in San Francisco.
- 3.) Establish that the daily, on-duty firefighting staffing levels be increased one firefighter per engine company.
- 4.) Require that firefighting equipment, stations, and facilities of the Fire Department, including High Pressure Pump Stations, be adequately maintained to perform in any emergency, such as fire or earthquake.
- 5.) Resolve the ongoing conflict with the Port Commission about the funding and repairs of the Fireboat and its station.
- 6.) Grant authority to the Chief of the Department and the Fire Commission to adequately fund firefighting equipment and staffing.

With the passage of Proposition A (Earthquake Preparedness Program) by an 89% yes vote in the November 1986 election, the water supplies system was updated and improved. Proposition Q will provide the necessary equipment and firefighters to complete the fire protection and Earthquake Preparedness Program.

The basic premise of this Charter Amendment is:

"...establish the necessary minimum levels of fire protection to guarantee that the City will have the necessary stations, equipment and staffing, and that such equipment, stations and facilities are kept in proper repair so they will function in time of emergency for the benefit of all the citizens of the City and County."

Firefighters and citizens offer Proposition Q as an alternative to staff reductions, firehouse closures, and inadequate budget funding for maintenance of fire stations and equipment. Support Proposition Q—VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION Q—TO PROVIDE MINIMUM LEVELS OF FIRE PROTECTION FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

SFPOA RECOMMENDS

ART AGNOS for MAYOR

ARLO SMITH for DISTRICT ATTORNEY

PROPOSITIONS:

A - Police Facilities Bonds	YES
C - Health Facilities Bonds	YES
G - Citizen Complaint Agency Budget	NO
I - Deputy Sheriff Retirement Payments	YES
J - Employee Rep's Retirement	YES
K - Nurses' Retirement Exemption	NO
L - Appointment of County Clerk	NO
O - Health Service Board Elections	YES
Q - Minimum Firefighter Staffing	YES
S - Poly High Referendum	YES
T - Public Land	YES

Is Your Neighborhood SAFE ?

San Francisco is the favorite city of almost everyone, including many burglars, muggers, auto thieves and purse-snatchers. Now you, as a resident, working with your neighbors, can help cut the crime rate.

How? By becoming part of San Francisco, SAFE (Safety Awareness For Everyone). SAFE is a neighborhood program in which you and your neighbors get together to learn how to protect yourselves, your family and your property. Working together you can reduce crime on your block and in your area. SAFE is set up to assist you. It is a cooperative effort between private citizens and the San Francisco Police Department.

How SAFE Works

SAFE gathers citizens into a neighborhood group to learn crime prevention techniques from representatives from SAFE and the San Francisco Police Department. You cooperate with your neighbors to report suspicious activities in the neighborhood, to keep an eye on homes when the resident is away, and to keep everyone in the area mindful of the standard precautions for property and self that should always be taken.

Why Personal Participation Can Win The Fight Against Crime

There's safety in numbers and power through working with a group. You'll get to know your neighbors better, and working with them you can reduce crime, develop a more united community, provide an avenue of communication between police and citizens, establish on-going crime prevention techniques in your

neighborhood and renew citizen interest in community activity. And you'll begin to take even greater pride in your neighborhood.

SAFE doesn't require frequent meetings (once a month or so). It doesn't ask that anyone take personal risks to prevent crime. SAFE leaves the responsibility for catching criminals where it belongs — with the police. What SAFE does try to achieve is a high participation of all neighbors in the SAFE program.

Here Are Other Things You'll Learn From SAFE

- How to best identify a suspicious person
- How to best identify a vehicle being used in a suspected criminal activity
- Signs to watch out for before you enter a house or apartment that may be burglarized
- What to do in case of injury
- What to do about suspicious people loitering on your street
- How to mark your valuables for identification
- How to recognize an auto theft in progress
- How to identify a burglary in progress
- How to protect your home or apartment
- How to protect your person

If You Want To Set Up A SAFE Group For Your Neighborhood

When you decide to have a meeting, call the SAFE office. A staff member will assist



The Senior Escort Service assigns trained civilians to assist seniors safely around their neighborhoods. The Senior Escort Service is administered through the Community Services Division of the Police Department.

you in setting up the meeting and arrange for a representative to attend and brief your group on the SAFE program.

The number to call for San Francisco SAFE is 673-SAFE.

Try to plan the meeting date far enough in advance to give everyone adequate notice. Also, try to schedule your meeting when the most people can attend, usually in the evening. Don't be disappointed if everyone cannot or will not attend. 100% neighborhood participation is desired, but it isn't a requirement for the program to work.

Get Involved!

Police officers can't be everywhere. If you learn to identify the things that look "unusual" and to report them, many crimes can be prevented. If you take the precautions necessary to protect yourself and your home, criminals will pass you by.

Programs like SAFE have been started all over the country. They have proved to be one of the most effective weapons against crime. With your help, SAFE can be effective in your neighborhood too.

Your Personal Safety Guide

Safety On The Street

- When leaving home, make sure that all doors and windows are locked — including the garage door.
- Watch for loiterers and do not carry large sums of money.
- If possible, travel with another person; this is especially true after dark.
- When carrying a purse, women should have only three or four \$1.00 bills placed inside. Credit cards, currency, driver's license, keys and jewelry should be carried in a coat or sweater pocket or concealed on your person to reduce the opportunity of large losses. If you do carry a purse, don't wrap the strap around your shoulder, neck or wrist. If your purse is grabbed, a strong strap will not yield easily and you may be injured. Some pursesnatch victims have been thrown off balance and received concussions, broken hips, arms or legs. Don't carry anything more valuable than you can afford to lose. Always leave all unnecessary credit cards at home. When you shop and carry a purse, put it in your shopping bag.
- At night, travel only well-lighted and well-traveled streets; avoid unlighted areas, walk in the middle of the sidewalk and never linger in deserted areas.
- Never hitchhike or accept rides from strangers.
- Walk on the side of the street nearest to the oncoming traffic. If accosted by someone in a car, run in the direction opposite the way the car is headed.
- Beware of people who approach asking direction; keep a polite but safe distance.
- Upon returning home, particularly after dark, do not linger at the entrance of your residence; make a quick check for mail or newspapers and enter immediately. If you feel something is strange, don't enter but go elsewhere and call for police assistance.
- If you feel someone is following you, go to the nearest occupied residence or building and ask for assistance.

Safety On Public Transportation

- While waiting for a bus or streetcar, stand near others who are waiting.

- If the immediate area is deserted or in darkness, stand near an occupied building or in a lighted area until transportation arrives.
- Once on the bus or streetcar, be aware of those around you. If someone looks or acts suspicious, notify the driver.
- If the coach is empty or nearly empty, sit as far up front and close to the driver as possible.
- If someone begins to bother you, get up and notify the driver immediately.
- Upon arriving at your stop, be aware of those who alight with you. If you feel you are being followed, go to the nearest occupied building and ask for assistance.
- After dark, attempt to get off the bus in well-lighted areas. Use only well-lighted streets to reach your final destination.

Auto Safety

- Make sure your car is always in good working order, with safe tires and an adequate amount of gasoline for your planned trip.
- Always check your car before getting in — make sure there is no one hiding inside.
- If you have a garage, make sure you lock the door as you leave.
- When driving your car, keep the doors locked.
- It is best to park in attended lots, if you must leave a key with the attendant, leave only the ignition key. In all other cases, lock your car.
- Do not leave packages or personal items in open view in the car — place them in the trunk.
- At night, park only in lighted areas.
- If you are in danger of being harmed while in your car, start sounding your horn until assistance arrives.
- Never pick up a hitch-hiker.
- If you have a flat tire in an area you feel might not be safe, try to keep driving until you reach a safe location.
- If you feel you are being followed, drive to the nearest police or fire station or open filling station.

Elevator Safety

- Observe elevator interior before enter-

ing. Wait until the next elevator if you are uncertain of any occupant.

- Women riding the elevator alone should try to stand near the control panel. If accosted, press all buttons.
- If a suspicious person enters the elevator, exit before the door closes.
- Before exiting from the elevator, observe the corridor for suspicious activity.

Safety At Your Front Door

- Never automatically open your front door. Make sure you know your caller's identity before admitting him.
- If the person at your door is a stranger, ask for identification to be passed under the door. If he is unable to do this, do not admit him.
- It is advisable to have a wide angle viewer (peep-hole) in the door so that you can check a person's identity without unlocking your door.

Home Safety

- All doors in your home leading to the outside should have deadbolt locks with 1" throws.
- When away at night, leave a light burning.
- Do not leave a key over a door or under a mat.
- Your garage door should have a padlock.
- Mark all valuable property with your California Driver's License number or a Department of Motor Vehicles Personal Identification Card number. If your personal property already has factory serial numbers affixed, record this information also.
- When leaving on a trip:
 - Stop all deliveries.
 - Connect a light to a timer.
 - Notify the police and have a neighbor check your home periodically.
 - Have someone maintain your lawn.
- Be a concerned neighbor. If you see a suspicious person, car or situation, contact the police.

Safety For The Apartment Dweller

- If you live in an apartment building with an intercom system to the front door, make sure the landlord keeps it in operating order.

- Never admit anyone unless you are expecting him or know him.
- Never admit anyone to the building who is there to see another tenant or to deliver something to another apartment.
- Anyone asking admission so that he can do some work for another tenant should not be admitted, but should be referred to the manager.
- If you see someone in your building who looks out of place or is acting suspiciously, contact the police. Call 911.

Rape

- If you are a woman, chances are 1 in 10 that you will be a victim of sexual assault. Common sense is your best defense against attack. Because every rape is different, there's no one solution for thwarting attack.
- If you are attacked, evaluate the situation and look for ways to escape. Some women have avoided rape by talking their way out of it, acting crazy, or fighting back. A kick in the groin isn't usually successful because men instinctively protect this area, and you may lose your balance. If you decide to respond physically remember your first priority is to get away. Act quickly and decisively to throw the attacker off guard while you escape.

After an attack:

- Go to a safe place.
- Call the police.
- Preserve evidence.
- Get medical care.
 - Medical attention is vital! The Sexual Trauma Center at Central Emergency Hospital provides free care for rape victims and offers pregnancy prevention and venereal disease treatment. Remember, even if you do get treatment immediately, follow-up tests for V.D. are essential.
 - Though difficult to talk about the attack, it is important to tell doctors what sex acts took place so they'll know what medical attention is needed.
- Resources for Victims in San Francisco:
 - Central Emergency Hospital: 431-2800
 - Sexual Trauma Center: 558-3824

Are We Prepared? The Answer Is No!



HALL OF JUSTICE 1906

The 1906 earthquake destroyed the Hall of Justice and seven district police stations. Proposition A is critically needed to prevent a repeat of that disaster.

"Serving Our City"

That proud phrase is the SFPD's promise to the people of this city. Without the passage of Proposition A, that promise could become a hollow and tragic joke.

Prop. A Will Save Neighborhood Police Stations

by Lt. Thomas Suttmeier,
SFPD Planning Division

Just think for a moment about the last earthquake you felt. In all probability, it was the most recent which occurred Saturday, September 19, 1987. Remember your first feeling of fright, then of concern? I was sitting in my living room when the quake struck. It felt like some giant hit the house with a large hammer. And do you know what? That quake barely registered on the Richter scale. What does this mean? This means that when a large earthquake strikes again as it did in 1906, it won't just cause concern, it will cause massive destruction. Homes, businesses, schools, churches and public safety buildings will be destroyed. People will fill the streets looking for leadership, help and reassurance. Fires will rage and those trapped in the debris will cry for help.

In April of 1987 the Police Department, in conjunction with the Bureau of Architecture, presented a study entitled "Are We Prepared?" to your City government. The study focused on police facilities; the over-

riding theme is that we are **not** prepared. Passage of Proposition A will ensure that the plan developed in the April feasibility study will be implemented. This will ensure that all police facilities are brought to contemporary building codes and acceptable levels of seismic safety. It will also provide for two stations to be upgraded to a higher level of seismic safety. These two stations, Taraval and Potrero, will join Northern to complete the seismic triangle. Simply stated, these three key police stations will be built to resist a major earthquake. These three stations will be designed with a seismic core of reinforced concrete, emergency generators, communication facilities, an armory and emergency supply room, as well as an assembly area for personnel, which will allow top-level commanders the ability to deploy their forces to those areas of the City where the need is greatest, and to ensure that the leadership necessary for recovery will not falter. What else will Proposition A provide?

- It will provide community rooms for public safety. These rooms will en-

courage and foster communication between the police and the public they serve.

- It will provide access and accommodation for the handicapped.
- It will provide lobbies and interview rooms where residents can confer with an officer in private. It will provide a compassionate setting for interviewing those traumatized by particularly heinous crimes, like rape, incest and molestation.
- It will finally provide female officers with decent locker and lavatory facilities. Today, at some stations, women are changing clothes in the basement, as there are no adequate locker rooms available for them.
- It will provide safer detention by removing the bars and, instead, using laminated glass which will save lives and provide a safer environment.

- It will relocate the deteriorating and poorly located Juvenile Bureau. This facility is not the Y.G.C. but a division comprised of inspectors who specialize in helping juveniles and in investigating juvenile crime. The facility would be relocated from the Marina to the Mission where it would be centrally located and responsive to all of San Francisco's neighborhoods.

How much would the passage of Proposition A cost?

Proposition A could raise the tax rate by approximately 1 cent annually. However, since San Francisco is retiring approximately \$100 million in past bond indebtedness, passage of Proposition A will not result in a tax increase but will result in your City being prepared. It will also ensure that no neighborhood police station is closed because of obsolescence or deterioration.

Please join us in voting YES on Proposition A. It is necessary for San Francisco and it is necessary for you.

Most current police facilities were built for a world of horse-drawn carriages, cable cars, and the silent movies' "keystone cops". The demands and dangers of modern life require modern police facilities. Proposition A will give us — and you — such facilities.



HELP US NOW, SO THAT WE CAN HELP YOU