

REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE

August 4, 1976

The Service Committee recommends:

1. That the budget allocation for the Office of Citizens' Aide be adjusted as follows:

Salaries	\$117,089
Travel	7,900
Office Supplies	5,000
Printing	700
Telephone	3,780
Professional Services	200
TOTAL	<u>\$134,669</u>

The adjustment is computed by:

- a. Deleting the merit increases and subtracting the cost of fringe benefits on the merit increases.
- b. Deleting the travel to Edmundton, Alberta.
- c. Reducing the amount allocated for office supplies and printing.
- d. Reducing the amount allocated for professional services to an amount equal to the amount expended during the last fiscal year.

The adjusted total exceeds the \$129,149 appropriated by \$5,520. However, \$5,579 of the salaries amount is for the cost of living increases for salaries and the funds to pay the increases were appropriated to the State Comptroller.

2. That the Legislative Council recommend to the Committees on Appropriations of the General Assembly convening in January that the Committees on Appropriations consider introducing an appropriations bill to provide merit salary increases for employees of the Office of Citizens' Aide. The appropriations bill should contain a publication clause.

3. That approval be given for the Fiscal Director to employ Mr. Thom Freyer as a Fiscal Analyst I at an annual salary of \$13,400 as a replacement for Mr. Eric Smith who has resigned.

4. That the Legislative Council appoint a replacement on the Service Committee for Senator Steve Sovern.