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### Author Background

I grew up in the San Bernardino Mountains of Southern California. After graduating from Yucaipa High (1963) I worked in the apple orchards of Oak Glen, CA for the Ford Ranch, and attended the University of California at Riverside (BA English 1967).

Over a span of 60 years, I worked as a carpenter, homebuilding contractor, and high school teacher in CA, AZ and NM. I have written in support of preserving our environment, native habitat, and wild areas. This website expands those natural world concerns to the critical leadership search leading to the 2028 presidential and general elections. The website is meant to encourage readers to vote, and to vet not only candidates—but the vision candidates put forth, which will be our children's world. On this site I have presented actions I believe would leave our children a better world.

### ADDRESS: FOR OUR CHILDREN 2028 ELECTION

I support a president who will acknowledge and work to fulfill Martin Luther King's dream and the stewardship example of Native Americans. I support a president who works for demilitarization around the globe—with equal treatment and self-determination as policy cornerstones.

I support a president who will re-start the task of fulfilling the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty in the world arena. This president would confer and collaborate with other nations to revise the United Nations Charter, with the goal of eliminating the Security Council and positioning the General Assembly to determine peace-making and peace-keeping initiatives—in a democratic and timely manner.

I support a president who will dedicate to strengthening the public school system and work for affordable health care for all age groups—as well as affordable housing for all citizens. This president will work to balance the budget through efficiency, consolidation of government programs and negotiating trade and peace treaties.

This president will lead the country and world in fighting Global Warming. Renewable energy efforts will be multiplied by this president--including research, consumer rebates and tax incentives to bring all business sectors to zero-carbon. Distributed generation of electricity will be favored. Trade schools and renewable energy programs in high school and junior college will be supported. Science will be supported and invited.

I support a president who will focus on clean air and water and hazard-free communities for all citizens. Streams will be protected, with their biodiversity--and wildlife, open space and trees for cities will be supported.

I support a president who will work for an amendment to the U. S. Constitution that will eliminate the Electoral College, and super-delegates--and require one-person, one-vote for all elections & primaries: party, union, local, state, national. I support a president who will work to minimize the influence of money in elections & lobbying. Now is the time: for our children.

**STATEMENT FOR SAN GORGONIO WILDERNESS CONGRESSIONAL HEARING  
National Orange Show Grounds Auditorium, San Bernardino, CA Submitted 1963 (edited)**

Mount San Gorgonio teaches young people what parents, schools and all the world of man cannot. San Gorgonio is not just a block of granite. From the awesomeness of such a mountain lessons can be learned. The concept of “wilderness” is the sacredness of direct experience with nature, without dogma, of both tangible and intangible value—but none the less sacred. The youth who spend part of their summer in the San Gorgonio Wilderness Area learn to live with nature, and their fellows—and perhaps to form a personal connection to the created world.

This past summer the trails guided groups of young girls packing into and out of the Wilderness Area. They were weary but appeared filled with the joy of accomplishment, and perhaps a deeper respect for nature. The area remains now, without the proposed ski area, free of man-made distractions. In the small vastness of San Gorgonio's wild, youth and others may still spend a night without seeing the lights or hearing the sounds of the city.

We today are choosing the environment that our children will inhabit. The boy or girl Scout, or camper, of tomorrow will have no choice but to accept what society ravages or preserves for them. The Wilderness is now, today, open to skiers, hikers, campers alike.

We ask simply for the continued integrity of one of Southern California's few remaining wild areas. Future generations would be the losers forever, if a ski development paved Slushy Meadows—the heart of the wilderness and headwaters of the Santa Ana River. We argue for ourselves, and for the youth of Southern California of today and the future. We urge the continued use of this Wilderness Area in its present natural state, by any and all, and the permanent protection of the Area as part of the proposed Wilderness Act. --by Chuck and Ron Simmons Yucaipa, CA

**For Our Children**

Can we provide and preserve  
refuge for the wild animal,  
blue skies for city-dwellers  
(with havens of trees),  
clean water, with ample  
for the endangered trout--  
for homeless and refugee,  
space, as if for you?

Can we arc our future  
toward self-determination,  
nationhood for kindred souls,  
one-person one-vote,  
including yours--  
replacing, with majority vote,  
Security Council  
and College of Electors?



Log Across  
Slushy Meadows  
Tributary, South Fork  
Santa Ana River,  
Southern California

From:  
**A Life Hiking Southwest Mountains**

Can we stop the machines of war,  
the Guernica of bombs and drones,  
the killing of humans without trial?

Can we steward human rights,  
and the NNPT, put an end to enmity,  
and choose leaders and ambassadors  
who work to make amends--  
who forge sister and brotherhood  
where “them” and supremacy stood?

Can we stem rising seas,  
and re-purpose GDP  
for beauty on earth,  
zero-carbon energy,  
and our children's future's integrity?

\*\*\* GO FAR ENOUGH: 22 GOALS FOR OUR CHILDREN 2028 \*\*\*

BLUE SKIES \*\*\* DIPLOMACY FOR PEACE \*\*\* ONE-PERSON – ONE-VOTE ELECTIONS

1. Pass Equal Rights Amendment: the President Directs National Archivist to Publish the Amendment
2. Restore Funding for Public Broadcasting Service and National Public Radio
3. Support Academic Freedom & the Arts \*\* Support PeaceCorps & Americorps & Student Exchange
4. Rejoin Paris Climate Accords and World Health Organization \*\* Strengthen NATO
5. PAC & Corporate Donations to Public Campaign Fund Only \*\* Lobby with Ideas, Not Money
6. Restore National Renewable Energy Lab & Center for Atmospheric Research
7. At United Nations Replace Security Council with General Assembly Vote on Peacekeeping Missions
8. Seek International Treaties for Nuclear Arms and Conventional Weapons & Drones Reduction
9. Make Medicare Available to All Ages (with Graduated Co-pays & Raising Medicare Payroll Tax)
10. Eliminate Payroll Cap for Social Security Payroll Tax \*\* Tax All Income for System Solvency
11. Use Embassies, Ambassadors, Free Trade, Arms Reduction Treaties, Human Rights to Foster Peace
12. Allow DACA Citizenship & Expedited Court & Vetting Pathway to Citizenship for Undocumented
13. Support Amendments for Election of President by Popular Vote and Balancing the Federal Budget
14. Build Affordable Housing, Using Homeless in that Effort (Partner with Habitat for Humanity?)
15. Raise Minimum Wage \*\*\* Train for Jobs in Renewable Energy and Homebuilding
16. Support Public Ed.: Increase Teacher Training & Salaries & Restore U.S. Department of Education
17. Adhere to Rule of Law, Equal Rights and Due Process for All Persons of All Countries
18. Fund Violence Prevention Grants Through the Department of Justice
19. Restructure Home and Auto Loan Amortization Schedules to Build Equity for Consumers
20. Protect Forests from Wildfire with Thinning & Chipping & Retrofitting Fire Towers with Cameras
21. Adopt Strict Air and Water Quality Standards for All 50 States \*\*\* Protect Riparian Ecosystems
22. Support Affordable Electric Cars & Reliable Charging Stations & Distributed Electrical Generation