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NAME Henning, A. E.

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CITY: City Council 1929-1933

COUNTY:

STATE

Disbursement Officer - S.E.R.A. 1934-1937  
Chief, Park Division, Dept. of Natural  
Resources . . . . . 1937

FEDERAL:

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

Past President - San Pedro Chamber of Commerce  
" " Harbor District Chamber of  
Commerce  
" " San Pedro Rotary Club  
" " San Pedro Shrine Club  
Past General Chairman Community Chest-Harbor  
District  
Vice Chairman, Republican State Central  
Committee

**BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

Civil engineer  
University & High School Instructor  
City official  
Industrial banker  
Real estate & insurance  
State official

**PORTRAIT:** Campaign circular

**ATTACHED OR ENCLOSED IN ENVELOPE:**

**PORTRAITS APPEARING ELSEWHERE (DATES)**

## **ANECDOTES AND PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS:**

Mr. Henning's parents named him only the initials A.E.

He is known to his friends and constituents as "Chick" Henning.

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION:**

**BOOKS:**

**NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS:**

Campaign Literature

**PERSONAL INTERVIEW:**

**INTERVIEWED BY:** Luella Sawyer

**DATE OF INTERVIEW** 1934

**REWRITTEN BY:** Florence H. Goddard  
July, 1937

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Local History Collection  
Biography

NAME Henning, E. A.

Occupation Civil Engineer

Address 1237 West 8th. St. San Pedro

Birth (Date and Place) 1887, Watseka, Illinois

FATHER

Birth (Date and Place)

If Deceased, When

MOTHER

Birth (Date and Place)

If Deceased, When

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM Mary Francis Walker

Birth of Same (Date and Place)

If Deceased, When

When Married December 23, 1916, Watseka, Ill.

CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters)

2 sons

## ANCESTORS OF DISTINCTION OR LOCAL INTEREST

(Please include names of local interest as "forty-niners," or any one connected with the affairs or development of the state or city, as officials, professional men, merchants, etc.)

### EDUCATION (Schools, Colleges, Degrees, Etc.)

Watseka, Illinois public & high school 1905

C.E. Degree Purdue University, Indiana 1909

### CLUBS, LEARNED SOCIETIES, ETC.

Los Angeles Athletic Club

Palos Verdes Country Club

### RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION

Episcopalian

### POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

Republican

### RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA SINCE

1920



## SKETCH

(Please make this as full as possible, giving business affiliations, positions of honor or trust with dates if possible.)

A. E. Henning was born during 1887 in Watseka, Illinois. He was educated in the public and high school of that locality being graduated in 1905. He subsequently entered the School of Engineering at Purdue University where he received his degree as a civil engineer in 1909.

In September 1910 Mr. Henning joined the faculty of Watseka High School, Watseka, Ill. as instructor of Science. He taught in that school until June 1917.

In 1917 he joined the United States Army where he received a commission as Second Lieutenant in the engineers' Corps. He served for the duration of the World War, after which he taught civil engineering at Purdue University, Indiana for two years (1918 - 1920).

In 1920 Mr. Henning removed to San Pedro California where he engaged in the private practice of Civil Engineering, real estate, insurance and industrial banking. He was active in many civic organizations and showed his belief in San Pedro's future by investing heavily in real estate in the harbor district.

At the 1929 election Mr. Henning was elected to the City Council from the 15th Councilmanic district. He was reelected in 1931 and served until July 1933.

Mr. Henning was a candidate for Congress from the 17th Congressional district on the Republican ticket but was defeated at the November 1932 general election.

On August 25, 1934 Mr. Henning was appointed by State Controller Ray Riley, as Assistant Disbursement Officer of the State Emergency Relief Administration for Los Angeles County. He resigned this post in March 1937.

On April 1, 1937 Mr. Henning was appointed by Governor Merriam, Chief, Division of Parks, Department of Natural Resources, State of California.



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**Re-Elect**

A. E. "CHICK"

**HENNING**

**COUNCILMAN**

15th District

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**THE MAN with an OUTSTANDING  
RECORD of ACCOMPLISHMENTS**



**Fifteenth District**

**A. E. Henning**

Member of City Council      July 1, 1929--June 30, 1933

A. E. Henning was born in 1887 in Watseka, Illinois, where he attended the public elementary and high schools. In 1909, he graduated from Purdue University with a degree in civil engineering. He entered the Army in 1917 and received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Engineers' Corps. He served for the duration of World War I, after which he taught Civil Engineering at Purdue University.

In 1920, Mr Henning moved to California where he worked as a civil engineer, opened a successful bakery in San Pedro, amassed considerable real estate in the area and became active in the local Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations.

In 1929, Mr Henning was elected to City Council where he remained until 1933. During his tenure in Council he took a leading role in the successful drive to obtain \$7,000,000 in Federal funds to build a breakwater extension for San Pedro Harbor.

Mr. Henning ran for Congress from the 17th Congressional District in 1932 but was defeated. In 1937 he was appointed by Governor Merriam to be the Chief of the Division of Parks of the State of California.

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