

Mr Workman moved that the City Clerk be instructed to present the bill for the County proportion of said assessment, to the Board of Supervisors; also that he be authorized to issue a warrant for the City's proportion of the same, which was carried by the following vote

Ayes: Seely, Huber, Leichtenboeg, Feed, Roberts, Workman, Soltes, Cookson & Muldally

A Bond was presented for the performance of the contract with E. Gay, and on motion of Mr Feed the amount was fixed at one thousand (\$1000) dollars and the Mayor instructed to receive the same if the same be approved

The following petition was presented signed by H. A. More & 1223 others

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Los Angeles:

The undersigned, citizens and legal voters of said city respectfully represent to your honorable body

That there are now and for a long time past have been a large number of Chinese gambling halls and houses of prostitution openly and notoriously conducted and carried on in the city, in defiance of law, and to the great detriment of the peace, good order and good morals of said City.

Wherefore your petitioners respectfully pray your honorable body to declare such houses nuisances, and to enact such ordinances as will effectually put a stop to these immoral, indecent and disreputable places, and see that such ordinances are properly enforced.

And your petitioners further represent that there are now in the City a large number of men and women, especially among the Chinese population, who have no visible or reputable means of support and who are leading idle and dissolute lives.

Wherefore your petitioners respectfully pray your honorable body to provide by ordinance for the punishment, imprisonment and employment of such idle and dissolute persons.

And your petitioners further represent, that in that part of the City known as Chinatown, large quantities of filth and garbage are allowed to accumulate on the streets and in the houses and yards, thereby engendering noxious vapors and endangering the health of the City.

Wherefore your petitioners pray your honorable body to provide by ordinance for the removal of such filth and garbage and to prevent it from again accumulating.

And your petitioners further represent that although white men of the "most forward Nations" are by law compelled to pay for licenses to conduct and carry on business in the City, the Chinese population—who contribute little or nothing towards the support of the government—are permitted to conduct and carry on various kinds of business without paying any license therefor.

Wherefore your petitioners pray your honorable body to provide by ordinance for a *per capita* license for all male laundrymen and all male peddlers of vegetables.

And your petitioners further represent that the City Jail is infested with vermin and that prisoners frequently escape therefrom, and from the chain gang of the City.

Wherefore your petitioners pray your honorable body to pass an ordinance requiring the keeper of the City Jail to cut the hair off the head of every person convicted of crime and imprisoned therein in order that the length thereof shall not exceed one inch, that such convict may be kept cleaner, and more easily identified and recaptured in case of escape.

And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray,

Mr Feed moved that the petition be referred to the Board of Police Commissioners.
 Amended by Mr Cookson that it be referred to a Special Committee, which amendment