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## Opposition To Hammer Melts Away

'94 election shaping up as  
shoo-in for San Jose mayor

With the decision by San Jose beer distributor **Mike Fox** to back away from challenging Mayor **Susan Hammer** next year, insiders are now saying it is likely the mayor will run for her second term without major opposition.

A few names are being tossed about as possible opponents, including City Councilman **David Pandori** and Santa Clara County Supervisor **Zoe Lofgren**. Most seem to think neither will run. And some of the city's leading political interests, many of whom opposed Hammer in 1990, are preparing for what they expect will be cakewalk for Hammer. As one city

# Coalition States Case Against Free-Trade Pact

By David A. Sylvester  
Chronicle South Bay Bureau

A wide range of Santa Clara County labor and environmental groups announced their opposition yesterday to the controversial North American Free Trade Agreement, charging that it fails to adequately protect American jobs and environmental standards in Mexico.

About 30 representatives of the local groups signed a petition to President Clinton asking him to oppose the agreement or substan-

## NAFTA assailed as flawed on jobs, environment

tially revise it.

The petition puts additional pressure on local members of Congress who are undecided. A similar group of opponents met earlier this week in Palo Alto.

The agreement, which is strongly supported by high-tech companies in Silicon Valley, would reduce trade barriers among Canada, the United States and Mexico.

Supporters argue that NAFTA would open the Mexican market to American goods and create jobs in the United States for companies selling to Mexico. Opponents argue that U.S. companies will replace highly paid American workers with poorly paid Mexican laborers and evade strict American environmental regulations by moving manufacturing plants to Mexico.

Neither Representatives Anna Eshoo, D-Atherton, nor Norm Mineta, D-San Jose, has taken a stand on the issue, and both are being heavily lobbied.

John Flaherty, Eshoo's chief of staff, said the agreement's fate will become clearer once Congress returns to session after Labor Day. He said Eshoo met with labor representatives last Saturday.

One of those signing the peti-

tion against the agreement was San Jose Councilman James Beall, who said he opposes the plan because Santa Clara County has lost jobs to foreign countries and could lose more under NAFTA.

Others signing the petition yesterday included Ted Smith, executive director of the Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition; Rick Sawyer, business manager of the South Bay AFL-CIO; Barry Bolton of the Sierra Club; and Amanda Hawes, executive director of the Santa Clara Center for Occupational Safety and Health.



## Testimonial To Benefits Of Bowling

Woman, 83, to endow  
activities for teenagers

By Dan Turner  
Chronicle Correspondent  
Dorolou Swirsky, 83, believes