



SEEKING TO PRESERVE NATURAL HABITAT
City clerk Lockwood (right) receives open space advocates.

8,520 sign plea to save open space

Signed by 8,520 registered voters in the Clairemont and Kearny Mesa areas, petitions seeking the preservation of Tecolote Canyon and other sites as open space will be presented to the City Council at its meeting Thursday.

Four members of the Joint Advisory Committee on Open Space delivered the petitions to City Clerk John Lockwood Wednesday and an-

nounced that additional petitions will be delivered within a few weeks.

In a letter accompanying the documents, Robert Fowble, chairman of the advisory committee, asked that the council initiate an assessment district "for the purpose of acquiring the area known as Tecolote Canyon and other suitable canyons within the district."

Fowble included a request

"that an application be made to the federal government for a matching grant, and that the citizens' open space advisory board, composed of residents and/or business representatives from the communities, be recognized to recommend specific areas to be included, level of maintenance, lease-back arrangements and development within the district."

Shown presenting the petitions to the city clerk in the photo above are George A. Scott (left), honorary chairman of the advisory board; Fowble, Mrs. Marston Sargent, Clairemont coordinator of the open space drive, and Woodrow W. Twyman, chairman of the Kearny Vista Planners.

The San Diego Park District Procedural Ordinance of 1969, approved by the council in February, provides for creation of open space assessment districts.

The petitions pointed out that the open space is needed to "retain the balance of nature while reducing noise and air pollution, preserve a natural habitat for our children, save land for future park, retain an area that will enhance community identity and value and preserve natural slopes, trees and streams."