

Republicans of River City

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SENATOR CHUCK POOCHIGIAN TO SPEAK



Chuck Poochigian

Senator Chuck Poochigian, candidate for California Attorney General, will address River City on February 21st. He is well known to members of Republicans of River City. In fact, River City was the first Republican organization in California to endorse his candidacy for the office of Attorney General. The California Congress of Republicans recently endorsed him in convention.

River City will convene on February 21st at Channel 6, KVIE, with a Social hour at 6:00 P.M. followed by a General Meeting promptly at 7:00 P.M. The Street address in Sacramento is 2595 Capitol Oaks Drive. The Senator will arrive early enough to greet old friends. He will also take questions from the floor. This is another opportunity for River City members to meet and greet a candidate for statewide office. Don't miss it!

Chuck Poochigian (R-Fresno) was

first elected to the Legislature to represent the 29th Assembly District in 1994. In 1998, he was elected to represent California's 14th Senate District which included portions of Fresno, Tulare and Kern Counties. In November 2002, he was re-elected to the reapportioned 14th Senate District which now includes all or portions of Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne Counties.

Senator Poochigian serves as the Assistant Republican Leader. For the 2004-05 legislative session, he was appointed to serve as Vice Chair of the Public Safety Committee, and as a member of the Appropriations, Revenue and Taxation, Agriculture, and Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments Committees. The Senator is also Vice Chair of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee and a member of the Joint Rules Committee. Additionally, he chairs the Select Committee on Central Valley Economic Development, and is a member of the Legislative Rural Caucus.

Born in Fresno in 1949, Chuck is a third generation resident of the San Joaquin Valley. His family has farmed in the Valley since 1912. Chuck and his wife, Debbie, were married in 1977 and have three grown children. He received his degree in Business Administration from California State University, Fresno, in 1972 and his law degree from the University of Santa Clara in 1975. He practiced general civil and business law from 1975 until

November, 1988. At that time, he was chosen by then-Governor George Deukmejian to serve as a member of the Governor's senior staff as Chief Deputy Appointments Secretary, assisting the Governor in the selection of key administration officials as well as members of over 375 state boards and commissions. In 1991, Governor Pete Wilson named him as his Appointments Secretary where he served until his election to the Assembly in 1994.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

By Robert Evans

It is imperative that every member of Republicans of River City consider running for the Sacramento County Republican Central Committee!

Why? Let me relate to you what I found when I visited the Monterey County Republican Central Committee four weeks ago.

The Monterey County Republican Central Committee occupies a building in downtown Salinas that I judge to be about 25,000 square feet. Inside their building is a large meeting room (with big screen televisions at one end so visitors can watch the election returns on all the major stations in the area), kitchen facilities, and professional office and telephone bank space (with 12 dedicated telephone lines and an automated telephone system capable of making 1,000 calls an hour).

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Honorable Dave Cox

SENATOR COX RECEIVES OUTSTANDING SENATOR AWARD

In recognition of his support of law enforcement and public safety, the California State Sheriffs' Association named Senator Dave Cox (R-Fair Oaks) as an "Outstanding Senator for 2005."

CSSA President, San Diego County Sheriff Bill Kolender said, "California's Sheriffs are very pleased to present this award to Senator Cox. His support on issues of importance to public safety and law enforcement is truly appreciated. His commitment to these issues has been a significant factor in our success in upholding our oath to the citizens we are sworn to protect. We are proud to recognize his work in support of public safety."

"California's Sheriffs and their departments have a tremendous responsibility to protect the public, and I salute their efforts," Senator Cox said. "It has been a pleasure to work with the members of the California State Sheriffs' Association to ensure they have the necessary resources to continue their outstanding level of service to the people of California."

During this year's legislative process, Senator Cox provided critical support of law enforcement budget issues to protect important public safety programs, such as COPS, Rural and Small County Sheriffs' funding, rural crime prevention funding as well as funding to methamphetamine production and use. He has been active in working on identity theft prevention issues and authoring legislation to target repeat drunk drivers.

In presenting the award, CSSA applauded the Senator on protecting the rights of all Californians. "Senator Cox is an excellent public safety advocate, consistently supporting tough penalties for dangerous criminals while fighting hard to protect critical funding for law enforcement across California," said Modoc County Sheriff Bruce Mix. "We are is fortunate to have such an effective voice representing us in Sacramento."

Amador County Sheriff Mike Prizmich said, "Senator Cox is a great champion for public safety. We appreciate his willingness to work with us and we thank him for his commitment to better serve all Californians."

THE SOLAR ENERGY INITIATIVE

After a legislative bill to enact a \$3 billion program to encourage the deployment of solar energy in California stalled last year due to Democrat's insistence on union-only solar installers, the California Public Utilities Commission decided to adopt a similar program, and put it into effect this year. The California Solar Initiative provides \$2.9 billion in incentives to solar energy installations over the next ten years. The PUC itself will administer an incentive

program through rebates to customers who install photovoltaic panels on their homes. The California Energy Commission will manage a \$350 million program targeted at new home construction. The funds for the program will be generated by charges on all energy customers of approximately \$12 per year. However, the net effect on customer's bills will be minimal because of the 2007 expiration of a surcharge on energy bills that has been used to repay the rate reduction bonds authorized in 1996 for the infamous electric utility restructuring plan adopted that year by the State Legislature.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

February 1, 1865 – Chief Justice Salmon Chase, swears in Republican John S. Rock, first African-American to be admitted to practice before the U. S. Supreme Court.

February 3, 1870 – After passing the House with 98% support and 97% Democrat opposition, Republicans' 15th Amendment is ratified, granting the vote to all Americans regardless of race.

February 8, 1894 - Democrat Congress and Democrat President Grover Cleveland join to repeal Republicans' Enforcement Act, which had enabled African-Americans to vote.

February 25, 1870 – A former slave, Mississippi Republican Hiram Revels, becomes the first African-American U. S. Senator.

February 27, 1860 – Abraham Lincoln launches his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination with speech at the Cooper Institute in New York.



The Honorable Roger Niello

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET PROPOSAL

The Governor released his 2006-07 Budget proposal on January 10. The proposal represents a good starting point for the legislature to begin work on debating and producing a final budget document later this summer. Click here to review the Governor's proposal online.

With revenues to the state increasing beyond budget forecasts, the good news is that the Governor's proposal is balanced and contains no new tax increases. Compared to the 2005 Budget as enacted, revenue estimates have increased by \$5.5 billion over the 2 year-period 2004-05 and 2005-06. And while the economy continues to grow and provide more revenues to the state without new taxes, the bad news in the budget proposal is that the progress made on the structural budget last year is not carried forward in this year's plan, as the 06-07 budget contains a structural operating deficit of \$6.4 billion. My vote in support of last year's budget was made on the basis that progress was being made on the structural gap and it will be difficult for me to support a budget that does not continue that progress. Some other highlights of the Governor's budget include:

- A Priority for Paying Off the

Debt. The Governor proposes to call a halt, beginning in 2006-07, to the state's recent habit of borrowing to balance its budget. The Administration intends to avoid any sale of \$3.7 billion in remaining Economic Recovery Bonds. Further, its financial plan anticipates that the bonds will be paid off four years ahead of schedule through transfers to the Budget Stabilization Account required by Proposition 58. It also would repay another \$1.2 billion of other prior-year obligations in 2006-07.

- Proposition 42 Protection. The budget proposes to amend the State Constitution to eliminate the state's ability to "suspend" Proposition 42 (beginning in 2007-08), which has led to large outstanding balances of funds that need to be repaid in the future. The budget proposes to repay \$920 million of the \$2.1 billion already owed.
- Budget Substantially Increases Funding for Schools. The Governor proposes over \$54.3 billion in Proposition 98 funding for schools and community colleges. This represents an increase in funding of \$4.3 billion (8.7 percent) over the current 2005-06 level of about \$50 billion. The \$4.3 billion includes the following:

This increase is beyond sufficient to provide full funding for minimal attendance growth (0.21 percent) and a substantial cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) (5.18 percent), which together amounts to \$2.3 billion. The Governor proposes that \$2.7 billion of the increase be available to local school

districts as unrestricted funds.

- Per-Pupil Spending Increases Substantially. With the large increase proposed for education and a very small increase in pupil growth, \$54.3 billion would bring per-pupil K-12 Proposition 98 spending to about \$8,052 per-pupil and total K-12 spending from all sources would be nearly \$11,000 per-pupil.
- Flood Control Comes to the Budget Forefront in a Post-Tsunami and Hurricane Katrina World. In addition to \$2.5 billion of Strategic Growth Plan bonds for flood control and levee maintenance, the Budget includes \$35 million General Fund to improve flood control systems. The Budget also includes \$41.3 million for 6 new and continuing flood control capital projects, including Folsom Dam modifications and raising. This funding would begin addressing the \$2 - \$5 billion in Central Valley levee infrastructure needs.

PRIMARY ELECTION FILING

By Norman Jachens

On February 14 filing opens for elective offices such as Congress, State Senate, State Assembly, Board of Supervisors and the Republican County Central Committee.

Filing closes on March 10.

This is your chance to be a candidate for the Sacramento County Central Committee; you have no filing fee but you will need 20 valid signatures (but always get

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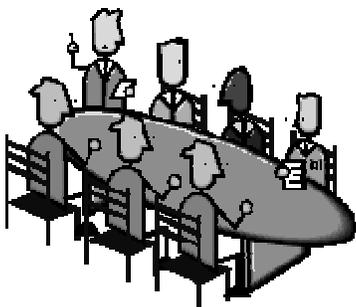
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How is that possible? Here is how Monterey does it; their chairperson provides general direction to his paid professional staff and spends almost all his time on fundraising. For this reason, the Monterey County Republican Central Committee has more than \$400,000 in funds to support their operations and to help elect local candidates.

That brings me to the Sacramento County Republican Central Committee. Our chairperson spends almost all her time on micro-managing her part time staff and NO time on fundraising. For this reason, the Sacramento County Republican Central Committee occupies a tiny office with no space for visitors to watch returns, no dedicated telephone lines, no automated system to call voters and most importantly no funds to help elect Republicans to local offices.

Republicans of River City can change the Sacramento County Republican Central Committee situation; run for central committee, get on the central committee and work to find a chairperson who will do what the chairperson over in Monterey is doing – raising funds instead of being a clerk running an office.

Change is in your hands - run for the Sacramento County Republican Central Committee.



PRIMARY ELECTION FILING
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The signatures have to be obtained in the supervisory district you reside in.

There are 31 County Central Committee seats at stake in Sacramento County:

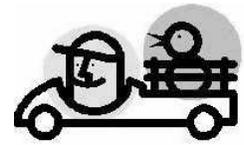
- District 1 4 seats
- District 2 4 seats
- District 3 7 seats
- District 4 9 seats
- District 5 7 seats

The papers are obtained from the Sacramento County Registrar of Voters, 7000 65th Street, Sacramento; hours 8 am - 5 pm.

In August there will be filings for School Boards, fire districts, SMUD, water and park districts and we will cover this after the June 6 primary.

- District 1 - Roger Dickinson
- District 2 - Illa Collin
- District 3 - Susan Peters
- District 4 - Roberta MacGlashan, Chair
- District 5 Don - Nottoli, Vice Chair

Carl Burton, President of the Republicans of River City says he plans to set up a table at the next members meeting, February 21st, so all candidates can put their petitions out (by district) to obtain the needed signatures. This is your chance to serve and make a difference on the Central Committee.



THE FARMER AND THE STATE TROOPER

A farmer got pulled over by a state trooper for speeding, and the trooper started to lecture the farmer about his speed, and in general began to throw his weight around to try to make the farmer uncomfortable.

Finally, the trooper got around to writing out the ticket, and as he was doing that he kept swatting at some flies that were buzzing around his head.

The farmer said, “Having some problems with circle flies there, are ya?”

The trooper stopped writing the ticket and said-”Well yeah, if that's what they are - I never heard of circle flies.”

So the farmer says-”Well, circle flies are common on farms. See, they're called circle flies because they're almost always found circling around the back end of a horse.”

The trooper says, “Oh,” and goes back to writing the ticket. Then after a minute he stops and says, “Hey... wait a minute, are you trying to call me a horses ass?”

The farmer says, “Oh no, officer. I have too much respect for law enforcement and police officers to even think about calling you a horse's ass.”

The trooper says, “Well, that's a good thing,” and goes back to writing the ticket.

After a long pause, the farmer says, “Hard to fool them flies though.”

CARL'S WASHINGTON BUZZ

Did you see Sen. McCain's mother setting in gallery while President Bush gave his state of union address? She was overheard telling others that her son "is running now for President"

When the Presidents' Cabinet filed into the room at the State of the Union address did you noticed that Veterans Affairs Secretary Jim Nicholson was absent on Tuesday evening? That means he watched the President's speech on TV at an undisclosed location away from the Capitol. He was given full secret service protection and was prepared to take over and run the government in the unlikely event of a disaster since the President, Vice President, cabinet, congress, and Supreme Court Justices were on the House floor. The tradition began during the cold war but is certainly meaningful since 9/11.

The Capitol police officer who arrested activist Cindy Sheehan went home from work early on the day after the President's speech because he was receiving death threats.

A rumor heard around Washington DC Republican headquarters has it that the GOP is going to hold their 2008 convention in New York City. But Anaheim, CA and Tampa, FL are also under consideration.

I have been told that Republican conservatives have set their sights on Senator Allen from Virginia to run for President 2008. He was the keynote speaker for the Ronald Reagan Banquet at the annual Conservative Political Action Conference held February 10 in Washington.

If you remember your history there was time when if you lived in Louisiana and your name was Long you could run for office - any office - and be elected. Now it seems your family name has to be Landrieu. Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu, D-La., plans to challenge embattled New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin in the April municipal election. He is the brother of Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., and the son of former New Orleans mayor and HUD Secretary Moon Landrieu. Louisiana likes to keep it all in the family.

HAVE A LAUGH OR TWO:

In the beginning, God created the Heavens and the Earth and populated the Earth with broccoli, cauliflower and spinach, green and yellow and red vegetables of all kinds, so Man and Woman would live long and healthy lives.

Then using God's great gifts, Satan created Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream and Krispy Creme Donuts. And Satan said, "You want chocolate with that?" And Man said, "Yes!" and Woman said, "and as long as you're at it, add some sprinkles." And they gained 10 pounds.. And Satan smiled.

And God created the healthful yogurt that Woman might keep the figure that Man found so fair. And Satan brought forth white flour from the wheat, and sugar from the cane and combined them. And Woman went from size 6 to size 14.

So God said, "Try my fresh green salad." And Satan presented Thousand-Island Dressing, buttery croutons and garlic toast on the side. And Man and Woman unfastened their belts following the repast.

God then said, "I have sent you

heart healthy vegetables and olive oil in which to cook them." And Satan brought forth deep fried fish and chicken-fried steak so big it needed its own platter. And Man gained more weight and his cholesterol went through the roof.

God then created a light, fluffy white cake, named it "Angel Food Cake," and said, "It is good." Satan then created chocolate cake and named it "Devil's Food."

God then brought forth running shoes so that His children might lose those extra pounds. And Satan gave cable TV with a remote control so Man would not have to toil changing the channels. And Man and Woman laughed and cried before the flickering blue light and gained pounds.

Then God brought forth the potato, naturally low in fat and brimming with nutrition. And Satan peeled off the healthful skin and sliced the starchy center into chips and deep-fried them. And Man gained pounds.

God then gave lean beef so that Man might consume fewer calories and still satisfy his appetite. And Satan created McDonald's and its 99-cent double cheeseburger. Then said, "You want fries with that?" And Man replied, "Yes! And super size them!" And Satan said, "It is good." And Man went into cardiac arrest.

God sighed and created quadruple bypass surgery.

Then Satan created HMOs.



GOVERNOR'S CORNER



Arnold Schwarzenegger

From a speech by Governor Schwarzenegger at San Jose's Tech Museum of Innovation:

"There has been a lot of discussion about our plan in the Capitol, in the newspapers and on TV. And I know that some have called the plan too big, and irresponsible. They are dead wrong. In a state with the size and ambition of California, I say it is irresponsible not to have a vision this bold for our future."

"That is why I have proposed my Strategic Growth Plan: a \$222 billion blueprint to build the roads, bridges, schools, courts, jails, ports, levees - everything we need to maintain our quality of life."

"My plan will reduce congestion by nearly 20 percent over the next ten years, even though our population will increase," said the Governor. "This is so important because traffic congestion alone costs California more than \$17 billion a year in lost productivity."

"We will invest in our ports and make them more efficient. Right now trade is a major job creator in California," stated Governor Schwarzenegger. "But if we don't improve our ports, those jobs will disappear as we lose business to other states and nations. Our investment will mean more trains

loading and unloading goods right at the ports, and trucks on separate toll lanes in the port areas, which will help our businesses get their goods to and from our ports more quickly and handle more trade."

"And something else that sets this investment apart is that it is a plan," added the Governor, noting that in recent decades California has invested piecemeal, "crisis by crisis, traffic jam by traffic jam," and that the state has authorized more than \$42 billion in bonds over the last five years alone, even in the absence of a comprehensive plan for the state's future needs such as the one the Governor is proposing.

"Add all of these things up - better roads, better ports, better public safety, better air and water, better schools - and you see why the Strategic Growth Plan is a necessity for California. It's good for the people, and it's good for business. It will lead to a jobs and construction boom all around the state, with all the benefits that go along with it. Every dollar spent on construction in this state generates an additional \$1.40 in economic activity. For every \$1 billion in transportation investment, California generates \$750 million in labor income and takes in an additional \$64 million in tax revenues. For every \$1 billion invested in road building, we add nearly 19,000 jobs for working families."

The Governor's plan calls for investing over \$100 billion in transportation to achieve thousands of miles of road improvements, hundreds of miles of new HOV lanes, increased mass transit use and thousands of miles of additional bike and pedestrian lanes.

The state's economic outlook has improved dramatically over the past three years, and the Governor noted that workers compensation reform, his vetoes of "job killer" legislation, the passing of responsible state budgets and paying down the state's debt contributed significantly to California's recovery. Pointing to this recovery, and to the hard work of California's business leaders in making it happen, the Governor said, "Because of your hard work, we can afford to invest. As a matter of fact ... we can't afford not to invest."

For more information about the Governor's Strategic Growth Plan, visit: www.StrategicGrowthPlan.com.



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The President's Corner



Carl Burton, President of RRC

Report on the California Congress of Republicans convention.

The California Congress of Republicans (the parent body of Republicans of River City) had a great endorsement convention in Riverside the last weekend in January, with candidates coming before the delegates all day on Saturday seeking our endorsement. Rosario Marin, recently appointed by the Governor to be Sec. of Consumer Affairs was our luncheon speaker on Saturday and California Republican Chairman Duf Sundheim was our banquet speaker. Ron Nehring Vice Chairman of the Party addressed the delegates on Sunday.

Later on Sunday, CCR delegates meet and reaffirmed their endorsement of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, endorsed State Senator Tom McClintock for Lt. Governor, Secretary of State Bruce McPherson, State Senator Abel Maldonado for Controller and State Senator Chuck Poochigian for Attorney General. On the first ballot they endorsed Steve Poizner for state Insurance Commissioner. For the Board of Equalization CCR endorsed Bill Lenoard in the first district, Michelle Steel in third district and Eric Siddall in the

fourth district. We also voted to endorse Keith Carlson for Treasurer of the California Republican Party (CRP). The position of Treasurer and Secretary will be voted on at the State Republican Convention this month February 24-26 in San Jose at the Fairmont Hotel (for more information visit the web site <http://www.cagop.org>).

The Republicans of River City delegates included Patty & Fred Hildebrand, Norm Jackens, Barbara Sullivan, Robert Evans and Carl Burton.

At the CRP Convention in San Jose there are a number of workshops starting on Friday at 10:00 am and lasting until 4:00 pm with a Campaign College designed for candidates, managers and activists to focus on local elections.

Saturday there are workshops on California Schools, Campaign Law Seminar, Immigration, Power of Communication, Ballot Integrity, Number 1 Priority - Volunteers, Is California on the Right Track or Wrong Track?, Voter Vault, Communications in the 21st Century, Treasurer's Meeting & Introduction to Campaign Finance Reporting and the Art of Raising Money for our candidates.

On Sunday expect fireworks at the convention as resolutions are voted on: there is a resolution sponsored by the CRA to resend the endorsement of the Governor and a set of resolutions that the CRA is calling "Pro-GOP resolutions." If passed I believe these resolutions will lead to a complete disaster for the Republican Party in November and they are the way to make sure the Governor is not re-elected.

I'm urging all Republicans of River City and CCR delegates and guests to attend the state CRP convention and defeat these so called Pro-GOP resolutions.

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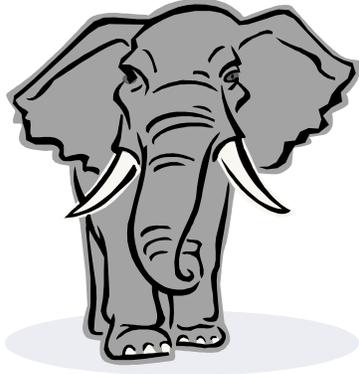
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