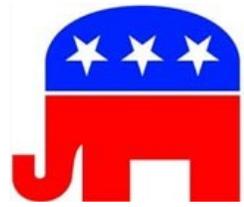


Republicans of River City



Chartered by the California Congress of Republicans

Membership Expires:

THIS IS A FREE MEETING; YOU MAY PAY YOUR DUES AT THE DOOR!

**WE INVITED ALL THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 4,
EACH WILL SPEAK TO REPUBLICANS OF RIVER CITY ON
February 15, 2011 at Mimi's Restaurant, located at:
2029 Alta Arden Way
Sacramento, 95825**

The social hour starts at 6:30 PM and the general meeting starts at 7:15 PM.

SPECIAL ELECTION MEETING:

On March 8, Sacramento area voters will join others from Auburn and Roseville to the Nevada border in testing the state's new Open Primary law (Prop 14).

It's a test because as the outcome could likely pit two Republicans against each other in a largely Republican-populated Assembly District 4. That's among a field of eight candidates that met the filing deadline.

Voters would be well served to learn as much as possible about the candidates in the next few weeks, and make definitive plans to cast a vote on Tuesday, March 8 — or before if you happen to be among the many permanent mail-ballot voters.

Anything less is a failure in representative government.

That's why Republicans of River City have invited all of the Republican candidates to speak at our Feb. 15 meeting at Mimi's Café, 2029 Alta Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95825.

Each candidate will have an opportunity to speak to our members and seek their support.

Republican candidates include:

John Allard (Small Independent Businessman)

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"BO" BOGDAN AMBROZEWICZ (Small Businessman)

Open Government for Sacramento County

We want transparency in how government operates and how tax dollars are spent.

Using the internet we want to follow the money at all levels of government from local boards to the Board of Supervisors.

In the coming months members of Republicans of River City will review county government web sites to see how they share information with the public and grade them based on the criteria of how fast and easy it is to navigate websites, access information and follow tax dollars.

If you would like to help in this project let us know.

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BETH B. GAINES (Small Business Women)
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ROB MATTHEWS (Police Officer/ Businessman)
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MICHAEL F. O'CONNOR (Retired Personnel Manager)
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MATT WILLIAMS (Retired Military Lawyer)
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When Proposition 14 was passed by voters in June 2010, proponents expected the measure would draw out more moderate candidates, which in turn might cause voters to elect more moderate members to the state Assembly and Senate.

As we all get to know the candidates more over the next several weeks, we'll know whether that prediction will ring true. Another step toward moderation could come with the redrawing of Assembly and Senate district lines, which should be completed by August.

Either way, the surest form of elected representation comes with a high voter turnout. If you're a registered voter, plan to fill out

your mail ballot — which should start arriving in mailboxes Feb. 11 or head to the polls on March 8.



IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN REPUBLICANS OF RIVER CITY

The time has come for our members to renew their membership.

If you haven't renewed your membership, take a few minutes to fill out the form you will find in this newsletter and make out your check and send it in.

Thank you in advance for your renewed membership and your support of the Republicans of River City volunteer club.

STATE BANKRUPTCY (AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME) by CHRIS ANGLE

Recently, word has begun to leak out that policymakers are quietly exploring options that would create a legal mechanism allowing states to declare bankruptcy. The benefit of such a process would be that it would likely allow the states to repudiate many of their financial obligations, the combined weight of which has currently become unsustainable. While there are many obligations that are giving government financial analysts headaches, the pension obligations for government employees that will need to be paid out over the coming decades is perhaps the biggest cause of concern.

While we can expect political

fireworks from the unions and arguments regarding the sacred nature of contracts and the rule of law, the bankruptcy process is a legal process with a recognized societal benefit. Allowing someone (or a company) a fresh start can often be preferable to simply allowing them (or it) to remain a slave to earlier mistakes, the error of which may only become obvious in hindsight. To take GM as an example, generous pay and retirement benefits may have been sustainable and even wise in the late 1950's or early 1960's when GM was one of the top automakers in the world. However, an increasingly globalized world, increased competition from foreign automakers, internal business mistakes by GM, and increased life expectancy of retirees, meant that these benefits were no longer sustainable by the first decade of the 21st century. In fact, one wag referred to GM as a benefits company that made cars, as opposed to a car company that paid benefits.

Like GM, some state (and local) governments have been brought to the brink of insolvency as a result of their pension obligations. Over the last generation, pensions for government workers have grown completely out of proportion to those available in the private sector. Not only are government workers living longer (like the rest of the population), but many are retiring earlier and with a monthly payment that is a higher percentage of their final salary than what most private sector workers can expect. While this might be sustainable if government workers were producing an economic product, the value of which was generating the funds for these benefits, the fact is that much government spending does not create economic value and must transfer resources from productive parts of the economy to fund it.

In addition, to being economically unsustainable, the current system is likely politically unsustainable as well. In many cases, union political activity has often meant that the people responsible for representing

REMEMBERING REAGAN

by Carl Burton

To paraphrase Mark Twain's famous quip: The reports of the death of the "Era of Reagan" have been greatly exaggerated. The love of liberty and dedication to the American Constitution as articulated and held high by our 40th President never go out of style.

President Reagan was born on February 6, 1911. What better way to celebrate him and the timeless principles he embraced than to use the entire year of 2011 to remember and articulate those principles. Here is a message from Reagan's first Inaugural Address that needs to go directly from the lips of the Gipper himself straight to the ears of Jerry Brown and Barack Obama: "Government is not the solution to our problems, government is the problem."

I remember watching television in 1964 and seeing then actor Ronald Reagan endorse Senator Barry Goldwater for President. A few days after the 1964 election the LA Times had an article about Reagan running for Governor of California; back then we didn't have the Internet so it took me a while to find out his mailing address but when I did I sent him a contribution and a letter asking him to run. I was

issued one of the first membership cards in "Friends of Ronald Reagan." Later I was able to meet him in person and served as one of his city and county chairman when he ran for President of United States.

I'm sure you will help when Republicans of River City celebrate his life at the Sacramento County Fair this year.

ROGER NIELLO NAMED UCCS GOVERNANCE FELLOW

Former legislator to teach and mentor UCCS students

Former Assemblyman Roger Niello has been named UC Center's first Governance Fellow. A Sacramento-area Republican, Niello served in the state Legislature from 2004 to 2010. From 1999 to 2004, he was a Sacramento County supervisor. A UC "double-dipper," Niello holds a BA from UC Berkeley and a MA from UCLA. As a lawmaker, he served as vice chairman of the Assembly Budget Committee.

"We are delighted that Roger has joined the UCCS team," said UC Cen-ter Director Robert Huckfeldt. "He has a wealth of policy experience at both the county and state level, and that experience brings real-world perspective to the classroom, as well as unique guidance to the internship pro-gram. On top of that, he does a wonderful job working with our students."

As a governance fellow, Niello will conduct seminar sessions where he will share his experiences in the policy arena. He also will have an office at the Center to offer individual guidance to students who want to pursue a career in public service. He will assume his duties with Spring Quarter, which begins March 28.

"As a Cal and UCLA grad, I am honored to be the first UCCS Governance Fellow," Niello said. "I so much enjoyed my meetings with past students while a member of the Legislature, and I look forward to helping future students get the most out of their experiences with UCCS."

Black History Month

by Reince Priebus RNC Chairman

"Our nation's story cannot be told without recognizing the countless contributions African-Americans have made to move our country forward and fulfill its tremendous potential. The history of the Republican Party is also steeped in this narrative. Since its founding in 1854 by a group of abolitionists in my home state of Wisconsin, the Party of Lincoln has been at the forefront of the fight for individuals' rights and equal opportunity. I encourage all Americans to take the time, not only during this month, but

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the taxpayer in union negotiations were put there by the union itself. In such a situation, negotiations can often be considered little more than an institutionalized conspiracy to transfer wealth from the public to union members. There is a whiff of 18th century France about a system that uses government power to extract wealth from the populace to provide benefits to a privileged group that are above the level available to those who are forced to pay for them. This distinction between the two groups, which has been brought into sharp focus as a result of the economic difficulty being inflicted upon the middle class by the financial crisis, has some questioning whether the term 'public servant' is still accurate or whether it has become satirical.

In summary, this economic and political distortion of unsustainable pension obligations has come about in part because bankruptcy has not been an option for states. Unlike private sector unions that must

always keep the viability of the business with which they are negotiating in the back of their minds, government unions do not suffer from this constraint. In addition, increasing pension obligations, as opposed to wage concessions, has allowed elected officials to maintain cordial relations with both unions and current taxpayers (who won't see the bill for the concessions until many years in the future). Forcing an economy to be weighted down by unproductive expenditures is not good for the long-term economic competitiveness of the country, nor is having the federal government use taxpayer funds (some of which would come from states that were fiscally responsible) to bail out those states that have not been good stewards of taxpayer money a fair solution. While one can argue that it is unfair to change the rules of the game for government employees who have based their future financial plans on the expectation of a lucrative government pension, it is also unfair

to burden taxpayers with the results of decisions that were made before some of them could even vote. The decision that must be made is not whether or not to be unfair. It is whether to be unfair in an economically more burdensome or an economically less burdensome way. It is time to develop a legal mechanism for state bankruptcy.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH throughout the year, to reflect upon the countless sacrifices and breakthroughs African-Americans have made throughout our history to honor the promise our nation has made to all its citizens."

The Republican Party has a long way to go, we must do more to build on our accomplishments, communicate them to our constituents, improve on our diversity and individual liberty. I challenge every Republican to think toward those ends in February.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Your membership in Republicans of River City provides you a monthly newsletter, speakers, and an outstanding opportunity to meet your elected officials and California's finest political strategists. River City is also a great way to network and make new friends.

I am a registered Republican and would like to join Republicans of River City.

Name _____

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City _____ Zip _____

Occupation _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-Mail: _____

Yearly Membership: _____

_____ Regular Membership: enclosed is my check for \$25 (Young Professionals 18-25 \$15 per person)

_____ Couples Membership: enclosed is our check for \$40

Signature _____

Date _____

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