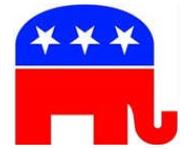


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**IT'S ROB LAPSLEY SPEAKING TO REPUBLICANS OF RIVER CITY
AND SOCIALIZE WITH YOUR FRIENDS IN JULY AT RIVER CITY
July 17, 2007 in the Ose Room located at: Channel 6, KVIE
2595 Capitol Oaks Drive
Sacramento**

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



Rob Lapsley joined the California Chamber as vice president of public affairs in April 2007. Lapsley is responsible for CalChamber public affairs activities, including its Advisory Council, a political advisory committee made up of major members; its candidate recruitment and support program; and its political action committees — Chamber PAC, which supports pro-jobs candidates, and CalBusPAC, which qualifies, supports and/or opposes ballot initiatives. He also serves as the CalChamber liaison to JobsPAC, a broad, employer-based committee that supports pro-jobs candidates.

Lapsley has more than 20 years of experience in public affairs and business, most recently serving as president of RCL Consultants, a firm specializing in business, regulatory, political and public affairs consulting. He also has served as vice president of Arnel Development, where he was responsible for new business projects.

As a presidential appointee, Lapsley served as special assistant to U.S. Ambassador to Spain, George Argyros. While with the U.S. State Department and in addition to his diplomatic duties, Lapsley coordinated strategies with private sector firms and the U.S. Department of Commerce in the Spanish-American and European Union business arenas.

He also was a long-time policy and political aide to former Secretary of State Bill Jones, serving as Undersecretary of State from 1995 to 1998 and from 1999-2001 and managing both of Jones's successful campaigns for that constitutional office.

Lapsley was a graduate public affairs fellow with the Coro Foundation and is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He holds a B.S. in biology and political science from Illinois State University.

LAST MONTH AT RIVER CITY by Robert Evans

Last month Ward Connerly returned to River City to speak to us and I must say, he hit a homer right over center field and clear out of the parking lot.

Ward spoke on several subjects.

First he spoke about the problem of illegal immigration. Ward said we must find respect as the issue is debated. First, the nation is not going to “round up” and “send back” the illegal people who are already here. What we must do is stop the “hemorrhaging” at the border. We also must change the law that says a child born in the United States to an illegal alien is an “instant” United States citizen. Many of the illegal aliens have children. Many have mortgages and the United States cannot simply say to the banks “sorry, we are sending the home owner back and you loose.”

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However, if we simply legalize illegal aliens (most are from Mexico), they become an “instant” under-represented minority and we will create a “whole body” of people who are eligible for preferences for education, employment, contracting – the whole menu of affirmative action. This could be the end of the era of race preferences.

On the issue of racial balance. The Supreme Court may say school bussing for racial balance is unconstitutional. This is a good thing because bussing is one of the most disliked methods to achieve integration. Most parents want their children to go to school in their neighborhood and not have to send their child miles across the city.

On the issue of employment. Low wage, low skilled, low income black neighborhoods are being devastated by illegal immigration taking low skill jobs. Once most low skill jobs were held by blacks. Now, most are held by Latino immigrants and blacks are left without work. This is a major problem that is unspoken in the debate about illegal immigration.

When Ward came into the Ose Room he spent about 30 minutes visiting with all of the guests. He then spent over an hour speaking and answering questions.

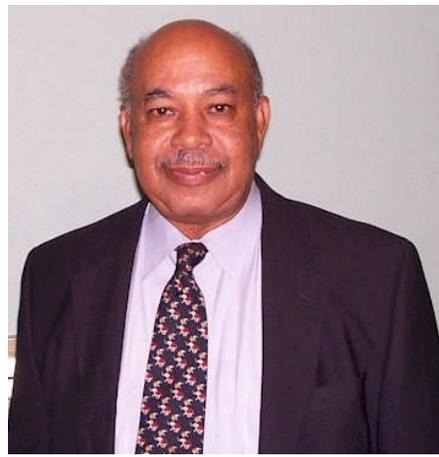
Thank you, Ward, for a most enlightening evening.

A FEW PICTURES FROM OUR JUNE MEETING

by Robert Evans



Here you see Ward speaking to our members.



Ward was gracious enough to let me take his picture after he spoke to our members. I think it’s a good picture of him.



Ward and George Bradshaw.



Ward and Richard La Fountain.

And here is Ward and Fred Hildebrand, our speakers bureau chairman, who arranged for Ward to speak to our members. Fred always gets great speakers for us.



Ward and Betty Axup.

WE HOPE YOU HAD A WONDERFUL 4TH OF JULY



Here is Ward with Carl Burton, President of Republicans of River City. Carl says that Ward impressed him with the depth of knowledge of the Constitution, understanding of the issues and Ward’s strong belief in equal treatment of all Americans, regardless of skin color.



The Honorable Dave Cox

Governor Proclaims State of Emergency for Angora Wildfire

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS conditions of extreme peril to public health and safety of persons and property exists within the County of El Dorado caused by the wildfires commencing on June 24, 2007 and continuing; and

WHEREAS on June 24, 2007 El Dorado County declared a local emergency and requested a state proclamation of emergency as the result of wildfires destroying homes and causing the evacuation of area residents; and

WHEREAS thousands of acres and hundreds of structures have already burned, including residential property, and there is imminent danger to additional homes, structures, and to important watershed areas; and

WHEREAS on June 24, 2007 the Office of Emergency Services requested a federal Fire Management Assistance Grant at the request of El Dorado County to ensure financial resources are available to rapidly attack the fire and reimburse critical firefighting costs; and

WHEREAS the circumstances of this wildfire, by reason of their magnitude, are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of any single county, city and county, or city and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to combat; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of section 8558(b) of the California Government Code, I find that conditions of extreme peril exist due to the fires in El Dorado County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Garamendi, Acting Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the state Constitution and the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, section 8625 of the California Government Code, HEREBY PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY to exist within El Dorado County.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all agencies of the state government utilize and employ state personnel, equipment and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the direction of the Office of Emergency Services (OES) and the State Emergency Plan, and that OES provide local government assistance under the authority of the California Disaster Assistance Act.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this proclamation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 25 th Day of June 2007.

JOHN GARAMENDI
Acting Governor of California

Governor Schwarzenegger Directs State Agencies to Help Angora Fire Victims Begin Restoration

Governor cautions Californians on heat, dry conditions over Fourth of July holiday.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger issued an executive order directing state agencies to help Angora Wildfire victims to begin clean up and restoration efforts. The Governor also called on Californians

to be cautious over the Fourth of July holiday as the state experiences extremely high temperatures and dry conditions.

“Victims of the Angora Wildfire have suffered tremendously and we must help them overcome the devastation and restart their lives,” said Governor Schwarzenegger. “This executive order helps victims clean up and rebuild as quickly as possible by streamlining, and in some cases suspending, certain state rules regarding the removal and disposal of both hazardous and non-hazardous debris as well as dead and dying trees. In addition, I have directed my state agencies to work with our local and federal partners in developing a plan to better facilitate the reduction in fuel loads to prevent this kind of disaster from occurring again.”

Joined by Deputy Director of Fire Protection Ken McLean, California State Fire Marshal Kate Dargan and Office of Emergency Services Director Henry Renteria at a press conference, the Governor today called on Californians to be safe over the Fourth of July holiday.

“With consecutive days of high temperatures this week and Southern California seeing the driest conditions in more than a century, fire danger is extremely high all across the state,” said Governor Schwarzenegger. “Californians should be safe and cautious while celebrating the Fourth of July holiday.”

Starting Wednesday, temperatures are expected to top 100 degrees for at least three days in the Central Valley.

The Governor provided the following safety tips:

Check with your local officials on the use of legal fireworks in California. Some jurisdictions do not allow the use of any fireworks, even if they are the kind sold legally from fireworks stands.

Use common sense when lighting fireworks, exercising extreme caution, obeying all fire laws.

Consider celebrating by watching an organized fireworks display in your community.

Check in on elderly family members or neighbors to make sure they are ok.

Make sure pets or other animals have plenty of shade and cool water.

Bring pets inside if possible.

Governor Schwarzenegger has put more money into fire engines and equipment than any other governor in the state's history, including \$63 million in equipment for firefighters over the last three budgets.

In May, the Governor issued Executive Order S-07-07 directing the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) to mobilize additional personnel and equipment to respond to wildfires in California. He also directed state agencies, including the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, California National Guard, California Conservation Corps and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to coordinate together and with federal and local agencies to maximize California's fire prevention and fighting capabilities. In addition, the Governor's Office is coordinating efforts with local and federal agencies to develop a comprehensive restoration plan for the area affected by the Angora Fire.

Gov. Schwarzenegger today also

reminded Californians to take common sense precautions during fire season including:

Removing dead brush, branches, or other fire hazards from within 100 feet of homes.

Cleaning pine needles and leaves off of the roof.

Having an evacuation plan.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

July 6, 1854 - First state Republican Party officially organized in Jackson, Michigan, to oppose Democrats' pro-slavery policies.

July 7, 1981 - President Ronald Reagan appoints first woman to U.S. Supreme Court, former Arizona Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor; as Republican legislator in Arizona, she was first woman to serve as Majority Leader in any state.

July 12, 1974 - Republican National Chairman George H. W. Bush establishes Republican National Hispanic Assembly.

July 17, 1862 - Over unanimous Democrat opposition, Republicans Congress passes Confiscation Act, stating that slaves of the Confederacy "shall be forever free."

July 30, 1866 - Democrat controlled City of New Orleans orders police to storm racially-integrated Republican meeting; raid kills 40 and wounds more than 150.

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Honorable Roger Niello

Californians and Their Government: The Space Between Us

By Assemblyman Roger Niello

A recent statewide Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) survey entitled “Californians and Their Government” reveals a healthy distance between the former and the latter. As the survey observed, a significant *64 percent* of Californians claim to know “very little” or “nothing” about how bonds are financed in California, yet we just approved the largest bond package in California history (\$37 billion) last fall. As PPIC president and CEO Mark Baldassare artfully put it, “We don’t know how deep the lack of understanding runs---many voters may be thinking about bonds as free money, and not as debt that has to be repaid with interest”.

The seeming lack of knowledge about bonding yet the willingness to continue to approve new bonds is just one contradiction the survey revealed. In terms of budget spending, a majority of Californians favor increased funding for K-12, health and human services higher education, and roads, yet only 32% are aware that K-12 education is the largest area of state spending and that personal income tax is the largest source of state revenues. The public continues to urge the government to spend more money in nearly all areas, yet is typically distrustful of

how their government spends money and seeks greater accountability measures to make sure the money is being spent wisely. We look to voters to make informed choices about bonding, yet according to the PPIC conclusions, an overwhelming majority of those surveyed have no idea about how bonds are financed or the nature of the state’s current spending obligations. In light of this reality, how do we do a better job of informing the public about the fiscal state-of-the-State?

Such a high level of voter disengagement can seem alarming when looked at in the isolated context of a survey. However, when we consider other factors, these results are somewhat less concerning. For instance, the fact that we have a representative form of government informs the survey results to the extent that people have elected representatives to worry about the day-to-day functions of the government. People are busier and busier these days, and while they demand that their representatives get along and work cooperatively on the issues of the day, they aren’t terribly concerned with the “minutiae”.

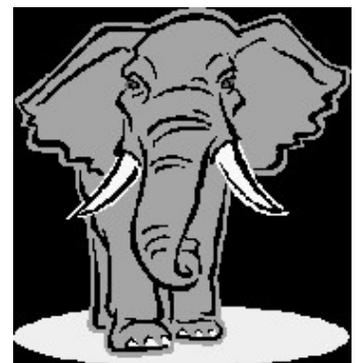
This is understandable. Most people do not want to *micromanage* the everyday operations of their government anymore than they want to *micromanage* the everyday operations of others they hire to perform various functions (gardener, dry cleaner, health care provider, etc.). However, people rightly call for *accountability* and they would prefer that this accountability be delivered in digestible, relevant portions containing information pertinent to their daily existence. They would like to have the *tools* to monitor the progress of their government, even if they aren’t intimately concerned with the details.

To provide such a resource, those of us in government must do a better job of *contextualizing* the budget for California taxpayers. One of the reasons Californians are disengaged

in issues surrounding the budget and bonding is that these things are not tangible items to the average person. While most Californians are not directly affected by the budget as a whole, they *are* impacted by key parts of the budget, such as investment in roads, streets, and schools. To communicate the nuts and bolts of such items effectively, we must do so in a form that is relevant and accessible to the everyday person. We can’t expect people to be watching the “California Channel” twenty-four hours a day, but we ought to provide straightforward information to the voters to ensure a level of fiscal accountability.

On this point, the voters agree: 83% percent declared support for *greater accountability* through a public information system that would update them on how the bond funds are being spent. In this vein, the Department of Finance will soon be unveiling a website to assist the public in following the progress of the bonds that they approved last fall. My office is also developing a web site designed to inform and educate on these issues – stay tuned. Once this information is made broadly available, the public will enjoy the benefit of real-time access to how the bonds are impacting Californians at the local level.

This type of service strikes at the heart of the gap between Californians and their Government. Truly, the real issue to most people is how the budget affects their everyday lives, in their communities. It is our task to present these issues in a relevant way that brings the process “home”.





Carl Burton, President

Voting is a right that we should not take for granted

By Carl Burton

Every adult has the opportunity to make a difference in our community.

As a member of Republicans of River City you have taken a responsibility to encourage other American Citizens to take part in our democratic process that you and I value so highly.

That's why our members take part in voter registration drives in Sacramento. And the New American Citizens registration drives have never been more important than what they are right now as Congress and the public debate illegal immigration.

Our members are joined by other Republicans when we stand out in front of the Federal Court House Building at 501 I Street, welcoming new citizens each month and registering voters as new Republicans.

We also help set up and host Republican booths at community events so can we register voters that may have moved since the last election or are new to the area, and some young people have just turned 18 and we give them an opportunity to register as Republicans and be able to vote in the next election.

As citizens of the United States of America, we are fortunate to live in a republic where we control the government. Some people live in places where not only are they not allowed to vote, but they barely have rights at all.

Virtually every day, Congress and state legislatures across the county make decisions that affect us regarding national defense, Social Security, healthcare, licensing, taxes, pensions, the national budget, civil rights and our children's schools. And, as you know, the list doesn't stop there.

We can all make a difference in a few simple ways. First and foremost, we need to vote in local, state and

national elections. Voting is a right and a freedom that many before us have fought for and that we should not take for granted.

Democrats outnumber Republicans in Sacramento County by 48,260 voters and I'm asking you to support all registration drives, so that together we can work toward closing this gap.

For more information on how you can help contact me.

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