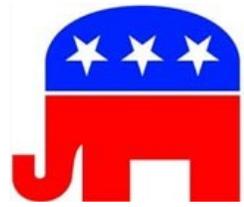


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**THREE CANDIDATES FOR ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 5
COME TO REPUBLICANS OF RIVER CITY
March 16, 2010 in the Ose Room located at: Channel 6, KVIE
2030 West El Camino Drive
Sacramento, 95833**

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

REPUBLICANS OF RIVER CITY INVITE THREE OF THE CANDIDATES FOR ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 5 TO ADDRESS OUR MEMBERS

Suzanne Jones: "My goals are to restore the "business friendly environment" that in the past had made California's economy among the top ten globally. I will work to reduce tax burdens on hard working tax payers, reduce the size of government, to reestablish conservative values and principles, focus on repairing our neglected infrastructure, work to return "quality" to a California Education, and most important, to stop our economy from spiraling out of control."

Andy Pugno: "California became one of the strongest economies in the world because of the spirit and ingenuity of its residents and entrepreneurs. I believe we need to redouble our commitment to our citizens and small businesses and make it make it easier for them to prosper and create new jobs. This is the key to the state's economic recovery—not intrusive and burdensome policies."

Craig DeLuz: "Over taxation and over regulation are job killers. We must allow people to keep more of their hard earned income and permit employers a level of flexibility that will actually allow them to create jobs, while protecting consumers."
"We need an educational system that empowers parents to be effective advocates for their children; that gives schools the resources they need in order to be effective and the authority to decide how those resources can best be used to meet the needs of their students." In addition, "We must fight to reduce lawsuit abuse, reduce regulatory barriers in order to allow for more retail health clinics and expand the accessibility to Health Savings Accounts for Californians."
"We must maintaining tough criminal penalties and keeping felons off our streets; protect our children from sexual exploitation and predators; support law enforcement to ensure officers have the necessary tools to protect our communities; and support victims of crime in their recovery."

CANDIDATE BARBARA ALBY STEPS UP TO TAKE SEAT ON BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

River City endorsed Board of Equalization candidate Barbara Ably is slated to step up to take Bill Leonards seat when Bill resigns his seat to become the secretary of the state Consumer Services Agency.

Barbara is Bill's Chief of Staff and is a long time friend of Republicans of River City.

The members of Republicans of River City unanimously endorsed Barbara to replace Bill Leonard on the Board of Equalization at our regular monthly meeting on October 20.

Congratulations to both Bill and to Barbara.

IN MY OPINION:

by Chris Angle

Two Americas: The Productive And The Unproductive

As we move further into 2010 with the costs of Obama's attempt at remaking American society coming into focus for many Americans, conservatives will undoubtedly be able to get some political mileage out of proposals to scale back or repeal much of Obama's agenda. However, while John Edwards spoke of an America divided between the "haves" and the "have not's", conservatives would do well to take note of another political division that appears to be opening up between those who engage in economically productive work and those who do not.

If society is to be wealthy and powerful, it must attempt to maximize the productivity of the resources at its disposal, including human resources. However, there are certain activities that do not produce anything of economic value. For example, a large fraction of government bureaucracy does not foster wealth creation, but rather monitors those who do create wealth through various regulations or transfers wealth from one place to another (think welfare or other government transfer payments). Although some of this activity is necessary, just as some overhead/administrative expense is a necessary cost of doing business in the private sector, it should be noted that overhead cost that exceeds what is absolutely necessary for the smooth functioning of any entity is essentially economically

unproductive deadweight.

However, unproductive activity is not confined to government departments, but is also present in the private sector. For example, the overly complex tax code that results in Americans spending roughly \$100 billion a year to ensure compliance helps to employ armies of CPA's, tax attorneys, and tax preparers in the private sector (not to mention government clerks at the IRS). Given that the current amount of tax revenue could be generated through a properly constructed flat tax or consumption tax system, a certain fraction of these CPA's, tax attorneys etc. are engaged in economically unproductive work. There is no real economic difference between the current system, and a system that would send \$100 billion taxpayer dollars to unemployed CPA's and tax attorneys that sat at home all day. Another example that the recent financial crisis brought into focus was the fact that many finance professionals were simply engaged in what is termed "churning assets" (simply moving financial assets from one financial institution to another). While some of this activity is necessary for the proper functioning of markets, too much of it results in some practitioners essentially being involved in economically unproductive work. The underlying problem with the growth of government over the last generation, is that increasing numbers of people have been removed from doing productive work and have built entire careers on performing unproductive tasks. Attempts to dismantle (or even significantly reduce) the size and complexity of government have foundered because of the many interest groups that have built

their structure on a system that happens to reward unproductive work. If conservatives are to have success in reducing the size and scope of government, then they will need to give voice and clarity to the idea that they are fighting the unproductive on behalf of the productive. The various proposals that they make need to be viewed through the lens of whether they will increase the productive workforce or the unproductive workforce. The battle over welfare reform was ultimately won by pitting those who worked against those who sat around. By promoting awareness of the difference between productive work and unproductive work over the long term, conservatives can set the stage for some radical spending reductions that will eventually be necessary to effect the smaller government that they favor.

2010 REPUBLICAN PRIMARY GUBERNATORIAL DEBATE



On Monday, March 15th, Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner and former eBay CEO Meg Whitman, will share with California voters their solutions for California's future. During the one hour debate, they will discuss their plans to balance the state's budget, bring jobs to California and improve the economy.

Go to:
www.calchamber2010.com at
5:30 pm to watch the live debate.

2010 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

By Roger Niello

I honored Marcy Friedman as the 2010 Woman of the Year for the 5th Assembly District during a special Assembly ceremony at the State Capitol on Monday.

Marcy Friedman has been a pillar of the Sacramento community for many years. Her current involvement in the project to expand the Crocker Art Museum is remarkable and will put Sacramento on the map as a community with a world-class art museum.

A long-time Sacramento business owner and philanthropist, Marcy Friedman has been a board member for the California Museum for History, Women and the Arts, the Sacramento Region Community Foundation, the Leland Stanford Mansion Foundation and was a founding board member of the American Leadership Forum.

Her professional, community and humanitarian involvement in the Sacramento region has been unparalleled throughout the years. I'm proud to have selected her for this award at the State Capitol today.

The Woman of the Year ceremony is an annual event to celebrate remarkable women in California who are making a difference in their communities. Honorees from throughout the state were recognized during Monday's special Assembly floor session. Assemblyman Niello awarded Marcy with an Assembly

resolution in recognition of her community service.

The keynote speech during the session was provided by Brigadier General Mary Kight, who was recently appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger as the first female Adjutant General for the California National Guard.



SENATOR DAVE COX CAPITOL REPORT

By Dave Cox

CAL GRANTS - FUNDING FOR COLLEGE

In pursuing a college education, many students and their parents struggle to find the money to finance the rising costs.

To reduce the stress families' experience, there is state funding for college available for those high school students who qualify.

Students should visit CalGrants.org to obtain an application and fill out the necessary paperwork by Tuesday, March 2.

High school seniors or recent graduates who meet eligibility and financial requirements must submit two forms in order to receive up to \$9,700 per year to attend all California public colleges; most private and independent colleges or career schools.

Cal Grant funding covers tuition and fees at California's public colleges and universities and some private institutions.

The money can also help students pay for textbooks, living expenses and equipment for Community College and career technical education.

Taking advantage of this available resource can alleviate some of the financial stress of college.



THOMAS JEFFERSON NOTED GLOBAL WARMING

Is the earth warming due to the emission of greenhouse gases by motor vehicles and factories?

Lets see: Thomas Jefferson wrote about global warming in 1809, before there were any emissions from the artifacts of the Industrial Age.

In a letter to Philadelphia physician and professor Nathaniel Chapman dated Dec. 11, 1809, nine months after he left the presidency, Jefferson wrote: "The change which has taken place in our climate is one of those facts which all men of years are sensible of and yet none can prove by regular evidence. They can only appeal to each other's general observation for the fact."

"I remember that when I was a small boy, say sixty years ago, snows were frequent and deep in every winter, to my knee very often, to my waist sometimes,

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and that they covered the earth long. And I remember while yet young to have heard from very old men that in their youth the winters had been still colder, with deeper and longer snows. In the year 1772, thirty-seven years ago, we had a snow two feet deep in the Champain parts of this state, and three feet in the counties next below the mountains . . . “

“While I lived at Washington, I kept a Diary, and by recurring to that I observe that from the winter of 1802-03 to that of 1808-09 inclusive, the average fall of snow of the seven winters was only 14½ inches, and that the ground was covered but sixteen days in each winter on average of the whole. The maximum in any one winter during that period was 21 inches fall, and 34 days on the ground, the minimum was 4½ inches fall and two days on the ground . . . “

“Williams in his history of Vermont has an essay on the change in the climate of Europe, Asia and Africa.”

So, the earth was warming during Jefferson’s time. Interesting.



THE UTILITIES RATE HIKE ROLLBACK INITIATIVE OF 2010

Rates for city utilities (water, sewer, and garbage and storm drainage) have been exploding in recent years and Sacramento residents and businesses, already reeling from the effects of the deepest and most protracted recession since the Great Depression, simply cannot afford to pay for such endless escalating rate hikes.

The initiative will have three impacts. First, it will cancel a 9.2% rate hike that will go into effect on July 1, 2010. The 9.2% rate hike will be cancelled effective July 1, 2011. No refunds will be available, however. Secondly, it should effectively freeze city utilities rates for a one-year period (July 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2012). Finally, it will permit the Sacramento city council to increase rates in future years to cover increases in the U. S. Labor Department’s consumer price index. The city council would have to obtain voter approval to either amend or repeal the measure in order to increase rates by more than the increase in the CPI in the prior year.

Based on projected rates of inflation and anticipated future rate hikes if the initiative is not

passed, we project that the typical Sacramento homeowner will save \$101.40 in the first year following passage of the initiative, \$159.96 in the 2nd year, \$217.32 in the 3rd year, \$265.20 in the 4th year and \$316.80 in the 5th year, for a five-year total savings of \$1,061. By the 10th year, we project that the annual savings will amount to \$725 per year and the cumulative 10-year savings will amount to \$4,300 for the typical homeowner, assuming that the city council approves annual rate hikes up to the maximum annual amounts allowable under the initiative and voters do not approve "mega" rate hikes in the future that exceed the inflation rate. We project that Sacramento residents and business will realize over \$473 million in rate savings over the next 10 years, significantly increasing the purchasing power of consumers

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Did you know you can now pay your River City dues on line?

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THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER

I want to say a few words about the importance of charter schools. I mean, obviously there's nothing more

important than the future, and the future of our children and their education in this state of California and, of course, you are the architects of that future.

And the same is also with the charter schools. When I became governor I've seen again also firsthand the great work that has been going on here. And you all are in the front lines of teaching and mentoring and grooming those kids.

And I know how important it is also to form those partnerships between the teachers, the school principal and the parents. I know that when I grew up as a kid -- we were wired, as kids, 24 hours a day. There was nowhere we could go without having some supervision. There was a great partnership there in Austria between my parents and between the teachers and the mentors in the school and the coaches, the school principal. Everyone worked together. And this is also what I see in the charter schools here, which is so important. So I want to say congratulations to all of you for creating this kind of an atmosphere and this kind of a commitment to our kids.

Charter schools are blazing a new trail in public education. The beauty of charters is that they offer parents choice and they allow teachers more creative freedom and foster innovation. And also, charter schools mean hope and it means choices. We talk so many times about the voucher system and all this. We don't need any of that.

What we really need is choice, just like when we go out shopping we go to a store. And if you like the store you go back. If you don't like the store, you go to another store. And if you don't like that store you go to another area and go to several stores. And you try it out; you have the freedom to do that.

But in the education arena we were not allowed to do that. Our kids were locked into schools until just very recently when we created the reforms. But you are the choice, you are the alternative for those kids. And this is why it is so important, because you can cater to the needs of individual parents, you can cater to the individual students and to the individual communities. And I think that is tremendous power and that is extremely important.

So I just want you to know that you have a great partner in the Governor's Office. I have said this earlier, that when I ran for governor I promised you that. And we have done it over and over again. Our top priority in my administration has been to support charter schools and to support the whole charter school movement. And I've signed legislation many times to help charter schools. For instance:

- Making it easier for school districts to approve new charter schools,
- We have worked to make sure that you have access to low-cost facility financing,
- We changed the funding formulas to help level the playing field between charters and traditional schools,
- And then in 2006, as you know, we campaigned up and down, both Democrats and Republicans together, to pass the 1D bonds to build more schools. But I would not sign those bonds until they put in that there's \$500 million, available for charter schools

UTILITIES INITIATIVE

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while greatly improving Sacramento's business climate by making it a far more attractive destination for businesses.

To get this on the ballot, we need 5,420 signatures, representing five percent of the total number of city voters who voted in the last gubernatorial election. We will circulate petitions outside of local stores, malls, events and other locations.

We anticipate that the principal opponent of the initiative will be Local 39 of the Stationary Engineers, Sacramento's largest public employees union and the union which represents the largest number of the DOU unionized employees.

For more information, contact Craig Powell, Chair of the Campaign for Common Sense Utilities Rates, whose phone number is (916) 718-3030 and whose e-mail address is ckpinsacto@aol.com.

specifically, to build, expand and renovate charter schools.

- And like I said, I'm very, very happy with the progress that we have made. The charter school movement has exploded since then. When I came into office there were around 400 charter schools and I promised that we would double them. Well, we are now at more than 800 charter schools and we went from 160,000 to 350,000 students.

So the bottom line is that we all have to work together. And this is something that we can't just do in this state. So I hope that you help me, because together we can do it.



BY-LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS

By Carl Burton

With encouragement from a number of California

Republican Party State Central Committee members, Sacramento County Republican Party Central Committee members and Republican leaders in our community I've submitted two by-laws changes and one resolution for consideration at the next weekends (March 12 – 14) meeting of our party in Santa Clara.

After you read my by-laws changes it's my belief that you will join with me and other members of the Central Committee in supporting my by-law proposal that we have one CRP convention per year unless the Chairman and board votes that it's necessary to call for a second (or more) special convention.

My second by-laws proposal deals with the fact that, at the present time, the Central Committee consists of a little over 1,300 members who represent all of the Republicans living in California. If we are to reach out to our growing population in California, we need to have more representatives from all parts of our state. My by-laws change will accomplish that goal by enlarging the State Central Committee by allowing all elected (not appointed) members of each county Central Committee to become members of our State Central Committee.

My resolution deals with Public, Educational and Government (PEG) television funds. Senator Scott Brown of Massachusetts hosted a TV program on Public Access television for a number of

years where he answered questions posed by local voters. He had this program before he announced he was running for the US Senate. Scott's program was a very popular one and is credited with helping his campaign for Senate. My resolution asks the members of our state party to support pending Federal legislation that will help PEG television fulfill its

commitment to free speech in all parts of the nation. In addition, all Republicans should look into having their own program on their local Public Access television stations to help get our message out to the general public.



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