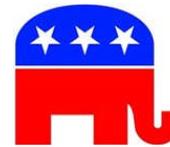


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IT'S DISTRICT 3 SUPERVISOR SUSAN PETERS AT REPUBLICANS OF RIVER CITY AND SOCIALIZE WITH YOUR FRIENDS IN SEPTEMBER AT RIVER CITY

October 16, 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.



SUPERVISOR PETERS TO SPEAK

By Fred Hildebrand

Susan Peters, a member of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, representing the 3rd District, will be our featured speaker at our next General Meeting. Although well-known to many of our members, this is her first opportunity to provide a substantive view of the important issues facing Sacramento County. She is a

strong voice for fiscal responsibility, which fits well with her constituency. She has been an active member of the business community for some time before assuming her present position. Her outstanding qualifications eclipsed those of her Primary opponents. Therefore, she was swept into office in the Primary Election of 2004, with over 50% of the vote. What an accomplishment!

Supervisor Peters will discuss economic development, smart business growth and related topics of interest. She will take questions from the floor. All in all, this will be a fine opportunity for our members to learn what makes our County tick. As usual, we will meet at Channel 6, KVIE, on Tuesday, October 16th, at 6:30 P.M. for a Social Hour and at 7:15 P.M. for the General Meeting. See you there.

Susan Peters became a member of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors on January 4, 2005 after winning a majority of votes in a crowded
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WHY DO I HAVE TO PAY \$5 AT RIVER CITY MEETINGS? (Part 2)

by Robert Evans

Last month, I wrote that the reason we collect \$5 at the door from our members for each meeting is to cover the cost of using the Ose Room at KVIE.

I also wrote that we have not had the minimum number of people show up and thus the \$5 no longer covers the cost of using the room and I asked you, our members, to tell me what you think we could do to increase participation.

So far I've had no suggestions. So, please send your suggestions to me at bobe@winfirst.com and in the subject line put My Suggestion. If you don't have access to email, then send me a note to 760 Estates Drive, Sacramento 95864.

MESSAGE FROM CRAIG MACGLASHAN

(Craig MacGlashan, Chairman of the Sacramento County Central Committee sent us this email message. We think it is a very good summery of last California Republican Party conventions speeches.)

The weather was warm, the setting was beautiful, and the politics were entertaining for the delegates to the California Republican Party Convention in Indian Wells. In the shadow of the nearby mountains, there was a battle for the hearts and minds of California Republicans.

I went to the dinner on the first night of the Convention thinking that it would be just another evening of bland speeches. I was soon proven wrong. The lead-off speaker was Governor Schwarzenegger, and he called for the Party to reach out to independent and moderate voters in order to increase registration and win elections. He stated that the majority of California Republicans support his actions on “global warming” and his plan for reforming health care in California, and he called on the Party to follow his lead. He called on the California Republican Party to be a “center-right” party. His remarks were warmly received by many, but not all.

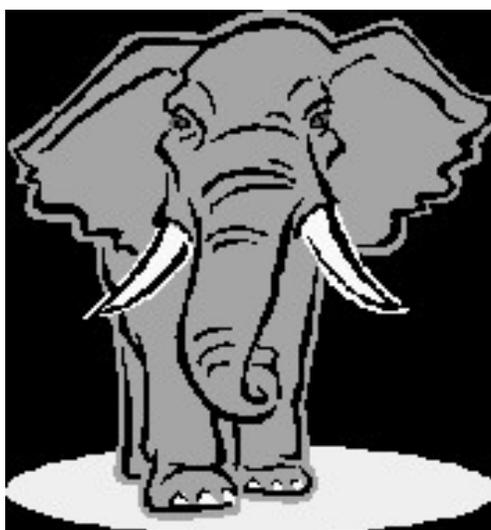
I do not know if he intended to do so or not, but Rick Perry, the Governor of Texas, who spoke after Governor Schwarzenegger, contradicted many of Schwarzenegger’s remarks and set the debate. Speaking with a with an obvious Texas drawl, Perry delivered a speech that was as fiery as Schwarzenegger’s was smooth and polished. Perry argued that the Republican Party will prosper by returning to its conservative roots and standing firm on its conservative principles. He openly denounced “global warming” as a myth. Perry’s

speech was as much “pep rally” as it was a speech. His speech was enthusiastically received by many, but not all.

On Sunday morning, the last day of the Convention, the keynote speaker was State Senator Tom McClintock. He was openly critical of the Governor and the Governor’s comments about post-partisanship. The themes of his remarks were the same as Governor Perry’s - the Party will prosper by a returning to its conservative principles.

I cannot say who won the philosophic battle that was waged in the desert, but it made the convention far more interesting than I had anticipated. I am proud to be a member of a Party that includes both Governors Schwarzenegger and Perry and Senator McClintock. I also believe that at the end of the day, no matter on which side of this debate we stand, we must work for the election of Republicans of all stripes because the alternative is “group think,” the “nanny state,” and the philosophy of pessimism and defeat.

**Craig S. MacGlashan, Chairman,
Sacramento County Republican Central
Committee**



Honorable Roger Niello

END OF LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGAIN HIGHLIGHTS NEED FOR REDISTRICTING REFORM

By Assemblyman Roger Niello

How I love the end of the legislative session! The fact that it’s over means that hard-working, taxpaying, law-abiding Californians are once again safe from the onslaught of often unnecessary new laws and regulations. Aside from that fact, I love the end of the legislative session for the sheer entertainment value that it provides. To the untrained eye, the session can appear to be confusing, chaotic, and even frightening. But no matter how you slice it, those of us with a ringside seat, the entertainment of it all can be quite amusing. There is an element of the chaos of the end of the session due to just simple procrastination, but as with many problems in the legislature, the chaos would likely diminish if the legislature would give up the power to draw their own district lines.

Mark Twain famously noted that those who are interested in the law or sausage should never watch either being made. During the last six days of the legislative session this year, members of the legislature were expected to make yes or no decisions on several hundred bills with very little or no time to actually read the

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END OF LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGAIN HIGHLIGHTS NEED FOR REDISTRICTING REFORM (Cont.)

contents of the bills. On the last night of the session that adjourned at 3:26 am, over 100 bills were taken up on the floor of the Assembly in just over a few hours. In some cases, bills were amended just prior to being taken up on the floor of the Assembly, with little to no time for debate, no committee hearing, and nothing more for members of the legislature to rely on than a quickly drafted bill analysis done by a bleary-eyed legislative staffer.

As the legislative session wrapped up its work for the 2007 legislative year, I was quoted in a Sacramento Bee article that maybe... "it should be illegal to have so much fun." While I made the statement as the hour grew late one evening on the floor of the Assembly, I realized later that maybe there's something to that statement. Maybe all of this last minute shenanigans of the legislature should be illegal. While I could introduce a bill that would try to tinker with the legislative process, the fact of the matter is that it wouldn't see the light of day. After all, in the legislature, the majority controls the process of making laws and probably wouldn't go along with anything that took that power away. Yes indeed, larger reform is necessary.

Current redistricting law allows the legislature to draw its own district lines every 10 years. As a result, the legislature drew district lines in 2001 that were largely uncompetitive. The current map is a legislature-designed carving of California that protected incumbents at all costs. In fact, in 2006, only 7 of the 153 legislative and congressional districts in California were considered

competitive, and in the past three election cycles, only 4 out of the 459 total legislative and congressional races did the seat change hands.

While the problems that the current redistricting scheme have created for crafting good policy have been well documented, I believe that the current state of non-competitive legislative districts also contributes to the chaos that occurs during the last week of the session. Many times, bills get negotiated and redrafted at the 11th hour simply because the legislature is under no pressure to craft sensible policy during the session. If legislators are under no pressure to do anything because they really don't have to work to win re-election, there is little incentive to work together to draft good legislation. In the past few years, it has taken the existence of a ballot initiative or even the threat of a ballot initiative for the legislature to act on major policy initiatives. Entrenchment in the legislature has removed all incentive for legislators to work together to draft good policy for California and enact that policy in an open and fair manner.

Unfortunately, the legislature has once again this year failed to put a measure on the ballot to change our system of redistricting. We still have time before the next round of redistricting, but that time is running out. We must continue to work toward passing reforms that turn redistricting powers over to an independent citizens' commission, and includes the drawing of congressional district lines that does not give the Legislature veto powers over the commissions work. Until we do what it takes to empower the people to pick their representatives rather than the politicians picking their voters will we be able to change this chaotic mess that is the end of the legislative session.

SUPERVISER PETERS TO SPEAK (Cont.)

primary March 2004 thereby avoiding a November runoff election.

Since entering office, she has been a strong advocate for economic development and smart business growth to generate investment opportunities and good jobs for Sacramento County. She serves on a number of boards including the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, the Sacramento Transportation Authority where she served as chair during 2006, and the Sacramento Area Flood Control Authority where she currently holds the position of vice chair.

Her career started in banking and she later was Treasurer beside her now late husband Peter McCuen at McCuen Properties. While serving as Board Chair for the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, she was a forceful voice for business and private enterprise in the region. At the chamber she worked to locate Raley Field in West Sacramento and was the founding Chair of the Chamber's "Perspectives" program, an annual conference hosting national and world leaders speaking on topical subjects. She currently serves as Board Chair of the Leland Stanford Mansion Foundation which restored the historic home of California's eighth governor.

REPORT ON SAC STATE COLLEGE YOUNG REPUBLICANS

By Kara Greene, President

On behalf of the executive board, I'm proud to announce our protest of an "Inconvenient Truth" as part of Constitution Week, was a huge success. The planning and participation of more than twenty Republicans, new faces and seasoned

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REPORT ON SAC STATE COLLEGE YOUNG REPUBLICANS (Cont.)

veterans alike, came together smoothly last night.

Prior to the event, an angry representative from the College Dems and myself squared off regarding the protest on the student-run radio station, KSSU. The College Republicans walked away winners from that experience! Also, we were interviewed by the State Hornet during the event. Expect a write-up in next week's edition.

Regarding recruitment: Great job! I spoke with six students who were interested enough in our club to sign up on our sheet and grab a flier.

You all did a great job holding posters, defending our right to be heard on campus and encouraging right-minded students to come over and say hello. This is our first big wave this semester. I don't know about you, but I can't wait to keep rocking the boat! Photos will be posted this weekend on the website.

A special thanks to Pacific College Republicans and the handful of local Republican Club representatives! Your presence was welcomed, appreciated and noted! (Republicans of River City attending the event were President Carl Burton and Brian Villanueva).

I'll see you all at our next meeting, THURSDAY at 6 p.m. in the student union, (meet every Thursday) when we'll begin planning our next big event! Check the scrolling announcement television for exact room location.

Thanks again!

Kara Greene
President, College Republicans at Sacramento State University

ON THIS DATE IN OCTOBER

October 1, 1973 - Richard Cavazos is promoted by President Richard Nixon to be the first Hispanic Brigadier General in the U.S. Army; in 1982 President Ronald Reagan made him the first Hispanic four-star General.

October 7, 1868 - Republicans denounce Democratic Party's national campaign theme: "This is a white man's country: Let white men rule."

October 10, 1871 - Following warnings by Philadelphia Democrats against blacks voting, African-American civil rights activist Octavius Catto is murdered by a Democratic Party operative; his military funeral was attended by thousands.

October 14, 1890 - Birth of President Dwight David Eisenhower.

HAVE A LAUGH OR TWO

LIFE AFTER DEATH:

"Do you believe in life after death?" the boss asked one of his employees? "Yes sir" the new employee replied. "Well, then that makes everything just fine," the boss when on. "After you left early yesterday to go to your grandmothers funeral, she stopped in to see you."



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Carl Burton, President

WE PUT A VOTER REGISTRATION “WIDGET” ON OUR WEB SITE

by Carl Burton

We put a voter registration “widget” on Republicans of River City web site: <http://www.rrcgp.org>.

What is a computer widget? They are basically small computer applications that are used on web sites or on your personal computer that allows you to access different forms of information, like local sports scores, to check the weather, to register to vote and lots more.

Online voter registration has already empowered millions of people to register to vote. But most people are still not aware that they can use the Internet to fill out their voter registration form.

We have already checked with the California and the National Republican Party headquarters and they haven’t designed a widget for use on a Republican web site. I’m trying to raise the necessary funds so we can have a Republican widget but lacking the necessary funds, I asked our RRC board to approve the use of Rock the Vote’s voter widget.

Rock the Vote is a non-profit, non-partisan organization, founded in 1990. Their mission “Is dedicated to protecting freedom of expression and empowering young people...”.

The benefit for Republicans of River City is that a person registering to vote can opt-in to receive information from RRC, and Rock The Vote will give us the name and email of everyone who registers from our Internet web site. (This will allow us to send a personal email thanking them for registering, and in the days before the election reminding Republicans to vote.)

The board gave their approval so now if you move or know of someone who needs to register to vote they can go to our web site (<http://www.rrcgp.org>) and fill out the necessary voter information.

The question (Measure B) before the voters living in the Del Paso Heights School District, Grant Joint Union High School District, North Sacramento School District and Rio Linda Union School District is: Shall the districts, with a seven-member governing board consisting of one member residing in each of seven trustee areas elected by the registered voters of the entire unified school district?

Republicans of River City endorsed Paul R. Green, Jr. for election from district area Three and urge all of our members living in the area to vote for him. We want to encourage our members to ask their friends and neighbors living in area to also vote for Paul.

Other Republican candidates running are Janis R. Green from District One, Michelle Rivas from District Two, Craig Deluz, Patrick Kemp and Bob Bastian from District Four, Harry Block and Richard Standley from District Five, Roger Westrup from District Six and Carolyn Moore from District Seven.

Assemblyman Roger Niello and Sheriff John McGinness endorsed Measure B and are urging a YES vote on the measure.

HEALTH CARE REFORM: A MISSED OPPORTUNITY FOR REPUBLICANS

by Christopher Angle

At this time, it does not appear likely that a compromise health care reform bill will come out of the special legislative session on health care reform. However, this one issue illustrates why the Republicans are the permanent minority in this state.

People are dissatisfied with the health care system in this state, and for good reason. Costs continue to rise each year, and many are worried that they are just one serious illness away from bankruptcy. Furthermore, costs can be expected to go up even further as the population ages and increases the demand for medical services. Some polls have put the public dissatisfaction with the current health care system at 70%. The response to this angst from the Democrats and the Governor was to produce two competing health care plans. Meanwhile, the response from the Republicans was to oppose both plans without offering a credible alternative, thereby signaling to the electorate that Republicans think the current system is just fine.

This is not a viable strategy if the Party hopes to move out of its permanent minority status in this state. It is understandable that Republicans would be uncomfortable responding to a problem that does not have an obvious market-based solution. However, it is a simple fact is that increased health care costs will require some sort of government intervention and spending. There are certain diseases (such as diabetes) for which it is simply not profitable for private insurance companies to cover. Many of these diseases are starting to impact an increasing percentage of the population. It is not

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HEALTH CARE REFORM: A MISSED OPPORTUNITY FOR REPUBLICANS (Cont.)

good policy or politics for the Party to tell these people that they will simply have to do without healthcare, because that is the way of the free market.

This is not to suggest the Party should move to support a plan for universal socialized medicine. Socialized medicine has generally produced inferior quality healthcare, where it has been tried. However, a plan that provided basic subsidized care to certain population segments, while allowing people and business to purchase private health insurance would allow the free market to work while providing a safety net. The Governor's plan, for all of its faults, attempted to do this.

A politically viable path for the Republicans would have been to offer a plan that included government spending on health care coupled with offsetting spending cuts in other areas. By forcing the people to choose between health care spending and spending for special interests, the Republicans could have positioned themselves as the Party fighting for the people against the special interests. Even if the plan did not pass, the fact that it was out there would have given the Republicans some leverage with which to negotiate a compromise bill with the Governor. Just as important, they would have been part of the debate.

Unfortunately, there was no Republican plan. There was just the Democrats plan and the Governor's plan. The Governor's plan was the better of the two, but it was far from ideal. This year's legislative push for health care reform was a missed opportunity for Republicans. Assuming that some compromise bill is not pushed through at the last

minute, the issue is probably dead for this year. However, this issue is not going to go away. Therefore, it is imperative that the Republicans put together some sort of health care reform plan that addresses the concerns of the people of California. If they don't, they will continue to reinforce their image as an out of touch Party that does not really care about people. Such an outcome will further damage the Republican

political brand in California, and help to keep the Party trapped in the permanent minority status in which it currently resides.



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