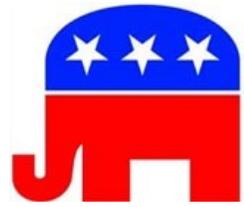


# Republicans of River City



Chartered by the California Congress of Republicans

Do you have a family member or friend who has expressed interest in joining Republicans of River City? If so, please have them fill out the application on the back page.

Republicans of River City meeting for October is **CANCELLED.**

We urge all our members to contact the candidate of their choice and volunteer to help that candidate win on November 4.

## EVERY VOTE COUNTS—GET OUT THE VOTE FOR OUR CANDIDATES

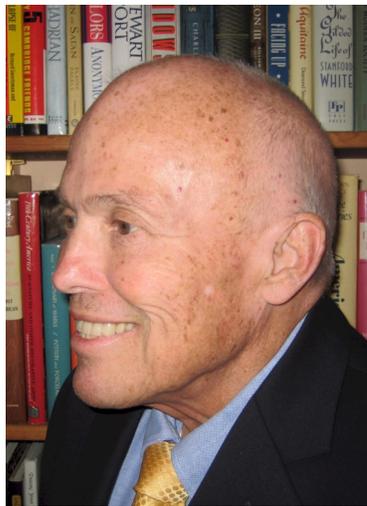
By Carl Burton

With the November 4 election taking place in just a few days the Republicans of River City Board of Directors encourages all our members to volunteer to make phone calls and/or walk precincts for our Republican candidates.

You can make phone calls out of Congressman Doug Ose's office (at 3437 Sunrise Blvd, Fair Oaks) and you can also pick up a Republican precinct walking list at Ose's headquarters.

On the weekend of Oct 25-26 Sacramento County will be invaded by College Young Republicans from Southern California and the Bay Area to help in getting out the Republican vote. A number of statewide and local candidates will join them in this effort.

**All the members of the Republicans of River city who take part in Getting Out The Vote for our Republican candidates this November will receive a 50% discount on the purchase of dinner tickets to our Republicans of River City Christmas Party on Dec. 11 at the Arden Hill Resort.**



## TAKE A PICTURE, PAY A TAX

By Carl Burton

I recently found out that when you visit one of our national parks, Yosemite for example, and you take a pictures of Half Dome or any other landmark and then you sell that image and make a profit, you owe the government a permit tax on your profit.

The thing is, if you sell any pictures, you have now stepped into some long ago bureaucrat's definition of taking something of value from public land and so you have to pay a permit tax to take the picture.

I have a subscription to National Geographic (NG) and I enjoy seeing pictures of our national

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# CALIFORNIA WAS ONCE A SUCCESS

By Carl Burton

California is, or once was, one of the greatest success stories of the modern world.

When I go the New Citizens ceremony in Sacramento each month I come in contact with individuals from all over the world who come here to study, work and raise their families.

What is special about California is the natural beauty of our state from its seashore to its mountains. California is a showcase for all the world to see what is (was) best about America.

But starting with Governor Jerry Brown's first administration and his fiscal policy where state worker benefits outstripped revenue and his idea of "the eara of limits" where Brown refused to pay to complete the for California highway plan, the water distribution and storage plan or to improve our schools, California started a long slow decline.

It's not because business and income taxes didn't rise steeply under Brown. It's because a growing number of businesses and middle-class California citizens moved to other states because of our excessive government regulations and business and personal taxes.

California's budget crunch eased a little in 2013 because of an increase in our sales taxes passed in November of 2012. Now California has the most progressive income tax rates of all the states, individuals begin paying an 6% rate at \$27,898 and an 8% rate at \$38,727 on their income. California now has the highest income tax rate in America. And as more businesses

close their doors and move away because California's long-term fiscal and economic prospects remain clouded under Brown's leadership.

Remember that Brown and his Chief of Staff Gray Davis, who served as Governor for four years (until I served him his recall walking papers) have been in power for 20 years.

Under the Brown administration, our roads and highways are getting worse every day and not better. Our schools continue to decline with our students not able to read or do math at anything close to grade level while the worst teachers are shuttled from one poorly performing school to another in a game that shortchanges our kids. Nor has Brown developed new water storage but instead has championed a so-called high speed railroad train to nowhere and proposed a twin water tunnel to take northern water and ship it south - the crazy train and the tunnel boondoggle.

California requires new leadership. I urge you to tell all your friends and family to vote for Neel Kashkari for Governor this November.



## PICTURE

parks that I'm sure in my lifetime I will never be able see in person. But now the Forest Service and the National Park system is planning to stiffen the taking rule

to make it a severe penalty if we take a picture and it is published in NG or any other publication for profit without paying for a permit (tax) up front.

The money from the photo tax is supposed to go into a "lock box" to be used by the Forest Service or National Park service for any purpose whatsoever. Like video cameras to watch trailheads (or conferences and parties, maybe?)

I believe this rule is a bad idea driven by people in federal agencies who want to make money (from taxes and fees) that they don't have to explain to Congress about how they will spend our tax (permit) dollars.

I'm sure you get my drift ... more taxes/fees without ...

Has there ever been a Democratic Administration that didn't spend most of their time trying to think up new ways to impose ever more fees and taxes?

## HOW TO FLIP YOUR PHONE'S 'KILL SWITCH' RIGHT NOW

Starting next summer, every smartphone sold in California must have an anti-theft device. But many users don't have to wait to safeguard their phones.

Smartphone theft just got a whole lot less lucrative after Governor Brown signed a bill requiring that all smartphones sold in the state include a "kill switch," software that makes it impossible for thieves to use stolen smartphones.

Here's something you may not know: Your phone could already have such a switch. Both Apple iPhones and Samsung phones have new software that "locks" the device so that unauthorized

**'KILL SWITCH'**

users are unable to activate it. According to the San Francisco Police Department, the city saw a 38 percent drop in iPhone thefts in the six months after Apple released its kill switch.

In June, Google and Microsoft promised to offer kill switch technology in their next operating systems, and for now, both offer other apps to help you protect a lost phone.

The California bill requires that tech companies make the kill switch feature standard on all phones starting July 1, 2015. In the meantime, you can enable your phone's available security features by turning on the right settings. Here's how.

**iPhone**

Do this right now: Make sure you have iOS7 or later software (if you haven't already, you can download the upgrade on iTunes). Go to Settings, then iCloud, and then flip on "Find My iPhone." If your phone gets lost, you'll be able to track it on icloud.com.

Do this if your phone gets stolen: Go to icloud.com/find and sign in using your Apple ID and password. There's a button lets you play a sound on your iPhone to help you locate the device.

You can also put the phone in "lost mode," which gives you the option to display an alternate phone number and a message explaining that the phone has been lost, so Good Samaritans will be able to find you.

If you're sure your phone has been stolen, erase the data. Remember that this is a last resort: Once you've erased your phone, you won't be able to track it. But that way, the only way someone will be able to activate it is by entering your Apple ID and password. (And in the event that you find your phone again, you can restore the data using your iCloud backup.)

**Android**

Android doesn't have a kill switch yet, but it has still some helpful anti-theft features. Start by downloading the free "Android Device Manager."

Do this if your phone gets stolen: Sign in to the Android Device Manager using your Google account and password. Again, you'll be able to play a sound, track your phone, reset the screen lock PIN, and erase the data. (Remember, once you erase the data, you won't be able to track the phone anymore.)

However, hackers may still be able to reset and reactivate the device.

**Samsung**

If you have a Samsung Android phone, you're in luck. Go to Apps, then Settings, and then Security. Check the box next to "reactivation lock." You'll be prompted to either sign in to your Samsung account or create one.

Do this if your phone gets stolen: Go to findmymobile.samsung.com and log in with your Samsung account. Like "Find My iPhone," Samsung lets you track your phone, play a sound to help you find it, and lock your device remotely.

If your phone was stolen, the reactivation lock renders it useless. Once you've turned the feature on, no one can reset the device without your Samsung account and password.

**Windows Phone**

Windows phones don't have kill switches yet but do have a device tracking feature. Go to Start, then App, then Settings, and then "Find My Phone." You can opt to save your phone's location every few hours until the battery dies.

Do this if your phone gets stolen: Go to windowsphone.com and sign in with your Windows Live ID. You'll be able to track your phone, play a sound, lock your phone with a message, and erase your data.

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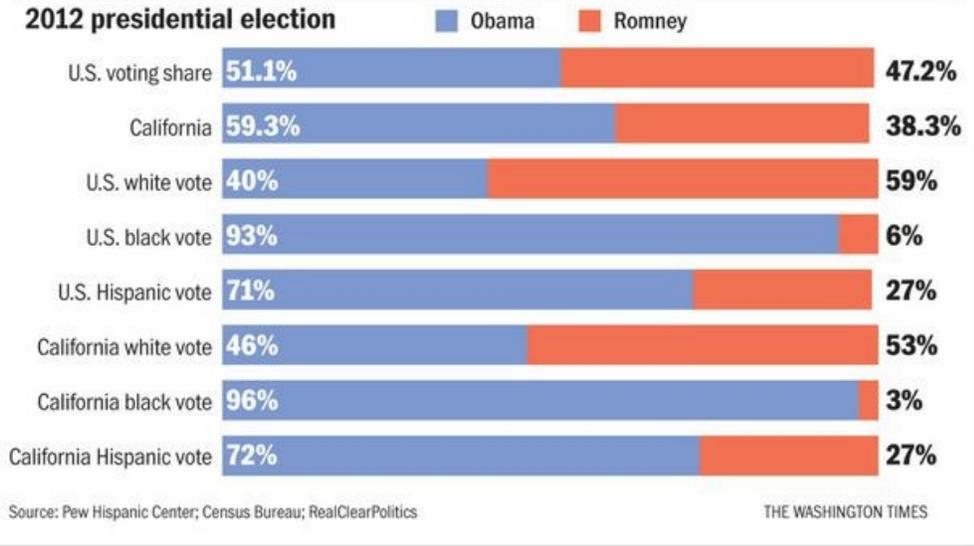
"If once you forfeit the confidence of your fellow citizens, you can never regain their respect and esteem."

**Abraham Lincoln**

I wonder if President Obama had ever read this quote from President Lincoln. Somehow, I doubt it— or if he did, he didn't take it to heart.

**THE BATTLE FOR CALIFORNIA**

Republicans can win the white vote but lose elections.



**HOW YOU CAN HELP IN THE BATTLE FOR CALIFORNIA**

By Carl Burton

On our Republicans of River City web site is a list of Republican candidates and Propositions that

are endorsed by RRC and the California Republican Party. Go to <http://www.rrcgop.org>.

You can view it by clicking on: <http://www.rrcgop.org> or <http://www.rrcgop.org/2014NovCandidates.htm>

**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.

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Yearly Membership:

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

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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