

Central Valley Tea Party Times

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2012

Take One

Voter Guide - 2012

President - **Mitt Romney**
Senate - **Elizabeth Emken**

U.S. House of Representatives

District 4	Tom McClintock	
District 10	Jeff Denham	★
District 16	Brian Whelan	★
District 21	David Valadao	
District 22	Devin Nunes	★
District 23	No Recommendation	

State Senate District 5 - **Bill Berryhill**

State Assembly

District 5	Frank Bigelow or Rico Oller	
District 9	Antonio Amador	
District 12	Kristin Olsen	
District 13	Jeffrey Jafri	
District 21	Jack Mobley	
District 23	Jim Patterson or Bob Whalen	
District 26	Connie Conway	
District 31	J.D. Bennett	
District 32	Pedro Rios	
District 34	Shannon Grove	
District 36	Ron Smith	★

Madera County Supervisor

Rick Farinelli

Fresno City Council District 2

Steve Brandau

Sierra Unified School District

Ron Arteno

Dotty Garrigue

Fresno Unified School Board District 6

Carole Blomgren

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Yes on Proposition 32

★★★★★★★★★★★★

No on

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Voter recommendations based on the CORE VALUES of
Fiscal Responsibility - Constitutionally Limited Government - Free Markets

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Tea Party Times Content Guidelines

The Tea Party Times welcomes guest articles that follow these guidelines:

- Must be consistent with the Tea Party core values of constitutionally limited government, fiscal responsibility and free markets.
- Must avoid profanity, character assassination and personal attacks.
- Must be submitted by the deadline.
- Must give the name, phone number and e-mail address of the author.
- Must be factual, and corroboration should be provided where appropriate.
- Must be written so that a minimum of editing is needed.
- Must be of interest to the general public.
- Must give attribution for quoted material.

The Times committee reserves the right to reject submissions.

Without changing the author's intended message, articles may be edited for length and/or clarity. If major changes are proposed, the author will be notified for approval.

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friends that they
read the Times online at [www.
CentralValleyTeaPartyTimes.com](http://www.CentralValleyTeaPartyTimes.com).**

Basis for VOTER GUIDE Recommendations

*We recognize all too well that, with few exceptions, we will not be in complete agreement with any candidate. Therefore, our voting recommendations are based on who is the better of two candidates - not who is perfect - in upholding the core principles of **Constitutionally Limited Government, Fiscal Responsibility and Free Markets.***

Recommendations are based on research of the facts and information available to us, the candidates' voting records if they have previously held elective office, their stated positions on key issues and actions they have taken to support those positions, personal contact with and knowledge of the candidates, and information from trusted, like-minded organizations.

We also recognize that candidates can disappoint us once in office, and that they must be held accountable. The Central Valley Tea Party will work to hold all elected officials accountable and pull them, kicking and screaming if necessary, toward greater support of limited government and maximum freedom.

Candidates' Voting Records and Positions on Issues

Please see page 35 for a list of information sources used in our candidate assessments.

We recommend the candidate in each race who has the better record of support or votes on the following important issues and legislation that relate to fiscal responsibility, free enterprise and a maximum of individual freedom through smaller government. **You can read about each of our recommended candidates elsewhere in this publication, where we list their positions or votes on these issues.**

Obamacare – Now estimated to cost \$2.6 trillion in the first decade after it starts in 2014.

First and foremost, Obamacare must be repealed. The Tea Party movement sprang to life in early 2009 specifically to protest out-of-control government spending and takeovers; and Obamacare, known then as the proposed "health care bill," was the last straw. Please see pages 21 and 36 for reasons that the federal government should not be in charge of the entire health care system or the decisions that should be left to you and your doctor.

Votes for the law in 2010 get a thumbs-down. Votes in the House of Representatives to repeal it in 2012 get a thumbs-up. Unfortunately the Senate did not vote on the repeal.

TARP - \$700 billion. *Votes for TARP get a thumbs-down.* The Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) was established by the Emergency Economic Stabilization

Act of 2008, commonly known as the bank bailout. TARP authorized the U. S. Treasury to spend \$700 billion to purchase distressed assets, especially mortgage-backed securities, and supply cash directly to banks. Per US Economy.com: "The goal was to instill confidence in the... global banking system..." It doesn't seem to have worked.

Auto Bailout - \$24.9 billion from the bank bailout. *Votes for the bailout get a thumbs-down.*

In December 2008, GM, Chrysler and Ford asked for a \$34 billion bailout to avoid bankruptcy. In January 2009, the federal government used \$24.9 billion of the bank bailout for the auto bailout. And in the end, GM did file bankruptcy.

According to the Heritage Foundation, the only thing rescued was unions. Heritage labor expert James Sherk found that all of the taxpayer losses occurred because the administration sheltered the United Auto Workers' compensation. The union workers were making more than \$70 an hour in wages and benefits, and GM and Chrysler owed billions to a trust fund they had created to provide UAW members with gold-plated retiree health benefits – and taxpayers ended up paying right into that fund. Sherk stated, "More than \$26 billion went out the door and into the UAW's pockets." Additionally, according to the National Legal and Policy Center: "While GM bondholders who were supposed to have equal rights as unsecured creditors were thrown under the bus and given pennies on the dollar, the UAW had its jobs, pensions and benefits protected by Team Obama."

Stimulus – \$1 trillion spending and debt package. *Votes for the package get a thumbs-down.*

From Fiscal Accountability.org: The \$1 trillion debt package pushed through congress by President Obama and congressional leaders under the guise of "economic stimulus" marked a return to failed policies of the past. Following the Keynesian rationale that increased government spending will lead to economic growth, congress passed a \$787 billion package, which was increased to \$840 billion to be in line with the president's 2012 budget. The only thing that seems to be stimulated by the stimulus is the federal cash cow.

Debt Ceiling Increases - \$16.394 trillion national debt. *Votes for the increase get a thumbs-down.*

The Budget Control Act of 2011 approved increasing the national debt ceiling from a mere \$15.914 trillion to \$16.394 trillion. This was purportedly to avoid having our credit rating downgraded. After it passed, our credit rating was downgraded.

High-speed rail funding. Please see "A Legacy of

**Voter Guide Recommendations
continued on Page 34**

What is the Tea Party?

It is ordinary people working together for the core values of fiscal responsibility, free markets and constitutionally limited government.

It is a few citizens or dozens or hundreds gathering in meeting halls across the country to study current issues, learning basis of our nation's founding and freedoms, and figuring out how to educate and inspire others.

It is hundreds celebrating our country's independence on a hot Fourth of July in Coarsegold.

It is these marvelous children (below) and their families who, on their own time and with their own money, prepare a marvelous costumed recital of the Declaration of Independence that leaves not a dry eye in the audience. (No teleprompter needed.)



It is grass roots fundraising efforts of cookie dough sales and motorcycle rides and spaghetti dinners and tee shirt sales.



It is protest events and lots of sign waving, though not as much any more. It is dozens of daily emails and tweets and Facebook postings. It is keynote speakers and special events.

It is citizens like these two proud "youngsters" who show their patriotic spirit the old-fashioned way: they do it themselves.

It is getting involved in the political process, running for office or supporting candidates. Walking districts, phone banking and getting out the vote. It is voter registration drives and poll watching on election day.

It is bumper stickers, slogans, jokes, and head shaking over the current state of affairs.

It is preparing and funding educational materials such as this publication. It is working voluntarily and expecting nothing in return except the possibility of "making a difference".

What is the Tea Party?

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Local Candidate Recommendations

Why Steve Brandau for Fresno City Council District 2?

<http://www.steveforfresno.com/>

Steve Brandau is a successful Fresno small businessman and a leader of the Central Valley Tea Party. He has worked tirelessly and used his energy and leadership to endorse the core values of: Fiscal Responsibility, Constitutionally Limited Government and Free Markets. You can read his endorsement of these values at www.CentralValleyTeaParty.com.

He is endorsed by the Taxpayers Association of Central California, Congressman Devin Nunes and City Councilman Lee Brand. Jim Cobb of the Taxpayers Association of Central California says: *"Steve Brandau may be the most passionate taxpayer advocate we have ever seen. He's young, smart, and energetic. We are going to need people like him over the coming years as we sort our way through the political promises that can't be met."*

His issues are: Stay out of money pits: He has led protests and worked against the high-speed rail boondoggle as well as government overspending and taxation, and he will help the City of Fresno "stay out of money pits" such as the old Fresno Hotel, the Met Museum and Granite Park. Jobs, not red tape. He says that "helping existing businesses and attracting new ones by being business friendly will create more jobs and that it should take days instead of months to get approval for projects. No new taxes. Instead of more taxes, "it's time to tighten our belt." Stop the revolving jail door. He will work with anyone who will help to resolve this unacceptable situation.

Why Rick Farinelli for Madera County Supervisor, District 3?

<http://www.rickfarinelli.com/>

Rick Farinelli is a lifelong resident of Madera County, has worked for Georgia Pacific and Berry Construction and is a navy veteran. Visit his website to read his extensive involvement in community affairs, including lifetime membership in VFW Post 1980 and former school board member.

He is endorsed by Congressman Tom McClintock and the Taxpayers Association of Central California.

His new ideas for the county include: All county decisions made in the open. ~ Limit benefits given to board members. ~ Hold regular quarterly town halls. ~ Hold hearings where citizens have ample time to question and speak.

His positions on issues:

- High-speed rail. California cannot afford a \$200 billion new project. "We have roads to be repaired, bridges to retrofit and waterways to be made safe."

- The "Red Team". He proposes a coordinated effort to keep jobs in Madera and bring new ones through a volunteer effort of the chamber, unions, business, community and education leaders. "This has to be our number-one priority, not raising fees and taxes on new housing."

- Performance Review Committee. Madera needs new eyes to look at the operation of every department, using volunteers.

Why Ron Arteno for Sierra Unified School Board?

Ron Arteno is a 34-year Southern California Edison employee and local resident since 1979. He has raised seven children in the district and places a high priority on special education. He and his wife Amanda are Central Valley Tea Party coordinators and endorse the core principles of: Constitutionally Limited Government, Fiscal Responsibility and Free Markets. Over the last several years they have built a large contact base and have gained an in-depth understanding of local, state and federal government operations.

He has opposed all recent school bonds and strongly believes that the district can pay its debt without additional taxation. He says: "We've dumped over a trillion dollars nationally into public education since 1979, only to go from first quality to last. Money isn't the answer. Getting involved is. I will resist leaving children our debt..." He believes that, since college isn't for everyone, trade schools can be beneficial for many.

Why Carole Blomgren For Fresno Unified School Board, District 6

Carole Blomgren is a native Fresnan whose three children attended FUSD schools.

Her concerns and solutions include: **Concerns about Hoover High School and its feeder schools.** For several years, Hoover has been an under-performing school with dropping graduation rates and the highest truancy rate in FUSD. **Addressing the dropout problem** demands a more comprehensive approach emphasizing career technical education, but instead FUSD has forfeited millions of dollars for career training.

Solutions will require engaging the community, not shutting it out as the current board and administration are doing. The problems facing FUSD will require more than mere dollars. It's time to put the students first.

Why Dotty Garrigue for Sierra Unified School District?

Dotty Garrigue is a candidate for the Sierra Unified School District Board of Trustees. She has been a member of the community for 26 years, a fiscal conservative against raising taxes and a small business owner. She says that she opposed proposition not of because she didn't honor

and value our school district and the children it serves, but because it appeared that the board failed to exhaust all other possible solutions before asking taxpayers to fund the measure. She believes that a way can be found to become financially solvent and return the focus to the excellent education of our children and that her experiences in the business community will be beneficial in planning for future financial strength. She can be emailed at: dotty@sierrahydrographics.com.

Assembly Candidate Recommendations

Why J. D. Bennett for Assembly District 31?

<http://www.jdbennettforassembly.com/>

J. D. Bennett is a staunch believer in and supporter of the Tea Party cores principles: Constitutionally Limited Government, Fiscal Responsibility and Free Markets. He has been active in the Sanger Tea Party and is Vice Commander Of the Fresno Post 509 American Legion.

He is an honorably discharged Marine veteran and retired in 2011 as a lieutenant from a 26-year law enforcement career that included assignments with the Department of Justice, Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement and law enforcement agencies throughout California. His experience includes riot control, the California Gang Task Force, Terrorism Liaison Officer and the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center.

He is endorsed by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, Congressman Tom McClintock, and Congressman Devin Nunes.

His positions on issues: **Jobs.** One of his goals is to help undo the harmful taxation and restrictions on business owners, farmers and the dairy industry in California. **High-speed rail.** Californians need to demand that High Speed Rail be put on the shelf. It is a failed plan with poor design that will drive California's economy further into the red. We need to stop senseless spending now and grow a healthy economy.

Why not Henry T. Perea? Henry T. Perea has represented Assembly District 31 since 2011 and was on the Fresno City Council from 2002 until 2010.

Mr. Perea's ratings on taxes and conservatism are dismal:

18% - American Conservative Union 2012
33% - California Taxpayers Association 2010
21% - Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association 2012

Mr. Perea's voting record is more of the same:

Yes - 2012-13 budget
Yes - Fund high-speed rail
Yes - Same-day voter registration
No - Amend Three-Strikes law
Yes - Increase compliance with Obamacare
Yes - Online sales tax
Yes - In-state college tuition for undocumented workers
Yes - Increase state debt limit

Why Tony Amador for Assembly District 9?

<http://www.amadorforassembly.com/>

Antonio "Tony" Amador is a former U. S. Marshal and served 13 years as a patrol officer on the Los Angeles Police Department. One of 14 children, he was born to Mexican farm workers in Murray, Utah, and went on to serve three California governors and two presidents in critical appointed positions.

His positions on the issues: **Fiscal responsibility.** He vows not to vote for spending which imposes an additional tax burden on California citizens. **High-speed rail.** He says: Stop this mindless \$100 billion project. State and federal funds can be better utilized to improve state highways. **Education.** "When the bulk of California's education budget goes toward teacher and administrator salaries and benefits, and less than 5% goes into the classroom, something is wrong. I will look closely at the education of our youth and how we can better invest our taxes."

Why not Richard Pan? Dr. Pan is currently the Assemblyman for District 5. His 2011 rating by the California Taxpayers Association is only 28% favorable. His 2011 rating by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association is only 22% favorable. His endorsements appear to be from Democratic groups and unions.

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COMING EVENTS

Our Communities are at Risk!

"Unprecedented government regulations; endless lawsuits; environmental extremism; assaults on property, water, timber, mining, and fishing rights; forest mismanagement; public land closures; destruction of dams and reservoirs; assaults on every form of energy production, including hydropower, the cleanest, most dependable, and most sustainable of all; the reintroduction of predatory animals; and more—combine to threaten to turn rural communities into ghost towns."

~Kirk MacKenzie, Defend Rural America

Thursday, September 27

**Clovis Veterans Memorial Building
Liberty Ballroom, 6 - 8 p.m.**

Doors open at 5:15 for REFRESHMENTS & check-in

A panel of experts will discuss issues of critical importance to the future of our communities.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Fresno Sheriff Margaret Mims
"The critical role of sheriffs" •Madera Sheriff John Anderson
"Government Overreach" •Gail Jenner,
fifth generation rancher
"The Siskiyou County Story" •Charlie Waters, Ayala Corp.
"Water Rights" •Steve Brink,
California Forest Association
"Forest Mismanagement" | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Eric Eisenhammer,
Coalition of Energy Users
"Cap and Trade" •Ron Artero,
Retired dam operator
"The Assault on Energy" •Kirk MacKenzie
Founder, Defend Rural America
"Solutions and how to get our country back" |
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www.DefendRuralAmerica.com

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Ordering starts at the Fresno Action night, Thursday, October 4. Order plenty for yourself and sell to others!

Contact Kim at kimbuck@attitude.com

Tea Party Meetings Action Night

First Thursday of the month - 6:00 p.m.
New Covenant Church

1744 E. Nees Avenue between Cedar and Maple

October 4 and November 1— Get Out the Vote!

Fresno Tuesday Meetings @ Noon

Pizza available for \$5 or bring a lunch

CVTP office, 5070 N. 6th Street, Suite 169

7:00 p.m.

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**See the Chapter Directory
on pages 24-26.**

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Why Kristin Olsen for Assembly District 12?

Campaign website: <http://kristinolsen.org>

Assembly website: <http://arc.asm.ca.gov/member/25>

Kristin Olsen was elected to State Assembly District 25 in 2010 and is running in the new 12th District.

Her rankings with conservative organizations are excellent:

American Conservative Union 2012:	91%
California Taxpayers Association 2010	94%
Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association 2012	100%

Her voting record:

No - Governor Brown's 2012-13 budget
No - Authorize sale of state bonds for high-speed rail
No - Same-day voter registration
No - Amend Three-Strikes law
No - Increase compliance with Obamacare
Did not vote - Online sales tax
No - In-state college tuition for undocumented workers
No - Increase state debt limit

Local control for education: She is a strong proponent of local control where local school boards, rather than state agencies, would best allocate education funds. By streamlining education bureaucracies and empowering local school districts, more money could be directed into the classroom. Public schools should be given the same amount of flexibility that charter schools currently have to attain educational excellence.

Why Jack Mobley for Assembly District 21?

Jack Mobley served in the United States Air Force for 22 years, a decorated veteran of Desert Storm and Kosovo. As an Air Force reservist, he was involved in the 9-11 response operations. The business he started in Merced 22 years ago while serving in the Air Force Reserves has employed some 2,000 people. He has served on the Merced County Planning Commission and Chambers of Commerce.

He has been a staunch supporter of the Tea Party principles of Fiscal Responsibility, Constitutionally Limited Government and Free Markets.

His positions on issues are: rein in excessive taxes and regulations, grow private-sector jobs to provide the tax revenue for essential government services, and remove obstacles that stand in the way of local business development.

Why not Adam Gray? California does not need another career politician in the Assembly with no private enterprise experience and whose experience has been serving the interests of politicians whose very policies of spend, tax and regulate have brought about California's current fiscal crisis. His website is devoid of specifics on issues, and his endorsements are mostly from unions.

Why Connie Conway for Assembly District 26?

Assembly website: <http://www.conwayforassembly.com>

Campaign website: <http://arc.asm.ca.gov/member/34>

Connie Conway has represented Assembly District 34 since 2009 and is running for the new 26th District. She is endorsed by the California National Federation of Independent Business.

Her rankings with taxpayer-friendly groups are excellent:

91% - American Conservative Union 2012
100% - California Taxpayers Association 2010
100% - Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association 2012

Her votes on key issues:

No - Gov. Brown's 2012-13 budget
No - Authorize sale of state bonds for high-speed rail
No - Same-day voter registration
No - Amend Three-Strikes law
No - Increase compliance with Obamacare
Did not vote - Online sales tax
No - In-state college tuition for undocumented workers
Did not vote - Increase state debt limit

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Why Pedro Rios for Assembly District 32?

Pedro Rios is a small business owner, has been a teacher and served two terms on the Delano City Council.

He is endorsed by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, the National Federation of Independent Businesses and the Kings County Farm Bureau.

His positions on issues are:

State budget deficits. Spending cuts should be made across the board. He does not support any new taxes, and he does not support Governor Brown's tax proposal. Proposition 13 has been a blessing to the people of California and he would not touch it

Government regulation. The role of government is to provide laws and structure to protect the citizen's exercise of constitutional freedoms. "The government closest to the people governs best."

Economy and jobs. Immediately cutting the redundant regulatory agencies of California and eliminating AB 32. Cap and Trade is simply another way to tax business. It would drive more jobs out of California.

High-Speed Rail. He does not support the high-speed rail project. "It is an expensive mess."

Why not Rudy Salas? Currently he is a Bakersfield Council Member. He has worked in the VP's office in Washington. No issues are discussed on his website. His endorsements include SEIU, Teamsters and a host of other unions.

He appears to be another candidate whose experience is totally within the offices of elected officials, not private enterprise.

Why Shannon Grove for Assembly District 34?

Assembly website: <http://arc.asm.ca.gov/member/32>

Campaign website: <http://www.shannongrove.org>

Shannon Grove has served Assembly District 32 since 2010 and is running in the new District 34. She sponsored and gathered signatures for a ballot initiative requiring a part-time legislature designed to reduce bloated government and spending for legislators' salaries and benefits. The measure failed to get the required signatures but may qualify for the 2014 ballot.

Assemblywoman Grove's ratings by conservative organizations are admirable:

91% - American Conservative Union 2012

94% - California Taxpayers Association 2010

100% - Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association 2012

Assemblywoman Grove's votes on key issues are also A-1:

No - 2012-13 budget

No - Authorize sale of state bonds for high-speed rail

No - Same-day voter registration

No - Amend Three-Strikes law

No - Increase compliance with Obamacare

No - Online sales tax

No - In-state college tuition for undocumented workers

No - Increase state debt limit

Why Ron Smith for Assembly District 36?

<http://www.vote4ronsmith.com/>

Ron Smith has been a law enforcement officer over 15 years, vice mayor of Lancaster and assistant adjunct professor.

He is endorsed by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, the Littlerock Tea Party Patriots, the National Rifle Association and law enforcement and firefighters associations.

His positions on issues are: **Tax relief.** He will fight to reduce the tax burden on families and small business. **Stop welfare giveaways.** He opposed in-state tuition for illegal immigrants and will cut down on fraud. **Jobs.** He wants to cut job-killing government red tape and bureaucracy that is sending our jobs out of state.



President and Senate

Why Mitt Romney for President?

Mitt Romney has signed The ObamaCare Repeal Pledge:

"I pledge, if elected, to vote for all bills which seek to REPEAL the health care bill, HR 3590, signed into law on March 23, 2010. To that end, I would now and will for the duration of my presidency, promote and sign all measures leading to its defunding, deauthorization, and repeal..."
Please see page 18 and TheRepealPledge.com for more information.

To have any chance at moving our country toward fiscal sanity and prosperity, we must change occupants at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue and elect House and Senate conservatives. We know where President Obama's policies have taken us, and he promises more of the same. Mr. Romney has pledged in writing to repeal one of the greatest threats to our economy. That is certainly a step in the right direction. Let's work to elect him as a president who will back up and sign fiscally responsible legislation, including a budget.

Why Elizabeth Emken for United States Senate?

<http://www.emken2012.com/>

Elizabeth Emken has degrees in economics and political science. She served in management, financial analysis, and corporate operations at IBM as an efficiency- and cost-cutting expert, where she identified administrative savings across IBM U.S. and saved the company millions of dollars. We could use a person like that in the Senate! She also served as Vice President for Government Relations at Autism Speaks, the Nation's largest science and advocacy organization devoted to the public health emergency of autism.

She has signed the Americans for Tax Reform's Taxpayer Protection Pledge, in which candidates and incumbents solemnly bind themselves to oppose any and all tax increases. We could use a person like that in the Senate!

Her positions on issues:

•Repeal Obamacare.

- Call a halt to the avalanche of regulations coming from Washington which cost businesses a total of \$1.75 trillion a year.
- Recognize in law and regulation the central role of job creators.
- Simplify the tax code and make it flatter and fairer.
- Broaden the tax base by repealing loopholes and shelters.
- Make the 2001 tax cuts and the death tax repeal permanent.
- Reduce the corporate tax rate to make it competitive.
- Provide strong incentives to repatriate foreign earnings by adopting a territorial tax system.
- Create a domestic system that encourages savings and investment in America.

Why NOT Dianne Feinstein? Dianne Feinstein has been in the Senate since 1993. By her votes, she is responsible for almost \$7 trillion of our nation's record deficit since the last time she faced the voters almost six years ago.

Senate Feinstein's ratings on fiscal conservatism and Tea Party principles are abysmal:

Citizens Against Government Waste (2010)	2%
National Taxpayers Union (2011)	9%
American Conservative Union (2011)	5%
Feet to the Fire.org	36%

Senate Feinstein's voting record is equally abysmal:

Obamacare. She voted for Obamacare in 2010 and voted against its repeal in 2012,

High-speed rail. She voted to fund the high-speed rail project and praised Jerry Brown's plan. When a Senate appropriation subcommittee zeroed out funding for fiscal year 2010, she moved to secure \$100 million.

Simulus, Dodd-Frank, TARP, and debt limit increases. She voted for all of them.

Balanced budget amendment. She voted **Nay**.

Meanwhile, the Senate has not passed a budget for years.

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Why Tom McClintock for U. S. House of Representatives, District 4?

Congressman McClintock has been a member of the House of Representatives since 2009 and has been the California State Controller and a member of the California Assembly. He is considered by his constituents to be one of the most principled conservatives in congress. He has signed the Americans for Tax Reform's Taxpayer Protection Pledge, in which candidates and incumbents solemnly bind themselves to oppose any and all tax increases.

Congressional website: <http://mcclintock.house.gov>
Campaign website: <http://www.tommcclintock.com/>

Congressman McClintock's latest ratings:

98% - National Taxpayers Association
100% - American Conservative Union, 2010 and 2011
92% - Feet to the Fire, 2012

Congressman McClintock's votes and positions on issues:

Voted against Obamacare in 2010 and for total repeal of the law in 2012.

Voed No on TARP, the Stimulus, High-Speed Rail, Cap and Trade, Debt Ceiling Increases, and Dodd-Frank.

Voted Yes on the Balanced Budget Amendment and to Audit the Federal Reserve.

Sponsored and voted for Cut, Cap and Balance.

In contrast, Congressman McClintock's opponent, Jack Uppal, states in his website (<http://www.jackuppal.com/>) that businesses are not overtaxed or overregulated. He praises government's "long history of creating jobs and entire industries". He says that "The internet itself was the creation of government, not big business; and as a result hundreds of thousands of jobs have been created in just the last 10 years." "With the governments help, entire new industries will be created along with thousands of new jobs in the private sector. Big solutions require big investments."

Why Jeff Denham for U. S. House of Representatives, District 10?

Jeff Denham has been an outspoken advocate for his positions while serving since 2011 in the 19th Congressional District. He is running to serve in the newly formed 10th District.

He has signed the Americans for Tax Reform's Taxpayer Protection Pledge, in which candidates and incumbents solemnly bind themselves to oppose any and all tax increases.

His ratings by groups that share fiscal Tea Party values are good: National Taxpayers Union (2011) - 73%; American Conservative Union (2011) - 84%; Feet to the Fire.org (2012) - 90%.

His votes on major issues:

Obamacare: He promises to repeal and replace. He voted for total repeal on July 11, 2012, which did not pass in the senate.

Debt increase: In August, 2011, in spite of urging from the Tea Party, he voted to increase the debt ceiling.

Balanced Budget Amendment: He voted for the Balanced Budget Amendment.

High-Speed Rail Funding: He offered the amendment to a transportation bill for, and voted to, cut off federal high-speed rail funding for 2013.

Why not Jose Hernandez? According to Mr. Hernandez' website, he supports the high-speed rail project, green energy and more spending on education. His endorsements page lists only SEIU, other unions and the Sierra Club.

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Why Brian Whelan for U. S. House of Representatives, District 16?

<http://whelanforcongress.com>

Brian Whelan states on his website that he is not a career politician but a citizen who has reached the point that he feels compelled to try to fix what is broken. He is willing to put his law career on hold to do what Congress was meant to do: represent all of the people and not just the powerful few. He has signed the Americans for Tax Reform's Taxpayer Protection Pledge, in which candidates and incumbents solemnly bind themselves to oppose any and all tax increases, and he has endorsed Central Valley Tea Party principles at www.CentralValleyTeaParty.com.

Positions on Issues from his website

"The amount of **debt** per citizen will continue to skyrocket if nothing is done... and our children and children's children will be crippled by debt before they ever have a chance to work. In Congress, I will work hard for you to restore fiscal responsibility to our federal government."

"**Government spending, crushing levels of taxes, and unsustainable debt** are only getting worse. Our government's expansion into the auto industry, financial sector, energy sector, and the health care industry cannot continue. Future generations will be crippled by the debt if we do not confront the problem now."

"With a double-digit **unemployment** rate, we have to reward businesses that provide economic opportunity instead of taxing and regulating them out of the state."

He promises to vote for **full repeal of Obamacare**.

Why not Jim Costa? Mr. Whelan is running against longtime politician Jim Costa, whose record is not one of fiscal responsibility and limited government. Congressman Costa has been in Congress since 2005 and was in the California State Senate from 1994 to 2002 and the Assembly from 1978 to 1994.

Mr. Costa's ratings by conservative organizations are low:

National Taxpayers Association
(2010) 11% (2011) 35%
American Conservative Union
(2010) 0.0% (2011) 21%
Feet to the Fire (2012) 53%

Mr. Costa's voting record is costly:

He voted Yes on Obamacare in 2010 and voted not to repeal it in 2012.
He voted for TARP, the Stimulus, Dodd-Frank, and High-Speed Rail.
He voted against Cap and Trade.

Mr. Costa is "godfather of high-speed rail." According to the Wall Street Journal Online: "The [HSR] project's godfather is Democratic Congressman Jim Costa, who as a state senator in the 1990s wrote legislation creating California's High-Speed Rail Authority and helped plan the 500-mile route between San Francisco and Anaheim. Before being elected to Congress (in 2004), he also authored a \$10 billion state bond initiative to finance the project. Lawmakers in Sacramento postponed that initiative until 2008, fearing that California's recurring budget crises would make it a hard sell."

"As soon as he took office, President Obama tried to help the state with \$2.4 billion in stimulus money. A year and a half later—and two weeks before the 2010 midterm elections—the White House offered an additional \$900 million, provided that the \$3.3 billion sum be spent in the sparsely populated Central Valley. That is, in the congressional districts of Mr. Costa and fellow Blue Dog Democrat Dennis Cardoza, both of whom had provided critical votes for ObamaCare in March 2010 and were then in political peril."

Why David Valadao for House of Representatives District 16?

<http://valadaoforcongress.com>
<http://arc.asm.ca.gov/member/30>

David Valadao has represented the 30th California Assembly District since 2010. He signed the Americans for Tax Reform's Taxpayer Protection Pledge, in which candidates and incumbents solemnly bind themselves to oppose any and all tax increases.

His conservative ratings are:

California Taxpayers Union (2012): 91%
Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association (2010): 100%
(2011) 88.4%

His positions on the issues:

Strongly opposes the High-Speed Rail plan.
Supports a two-thirds vote for Congress to raise taxes.
Favors domestic oil production and the Keystone oil pipeline.

He wrote an Assembly bill requiring government agencies to make public the economic impact of new regulations before they are implemented.
Promises to repeal Obamacare

Assemblyman Valadao's opponent, John Hernandez, according to his website, will work for high-speed rail, ties small business development to high-speed rail, and supports renewable energy.

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Why Devin Nunes for House of Representatives, District 22?

Capitol website: <http://nunes.house.gov> Campaign
website: <http://www.devinnunes.net>

Congressman Nunes has admirably represented Congressional District 21 since 2003 and is now running to represent the newly formed 22nd District. He has been a strong voice for limited government, free markets and fiscal responsibility; and he has signed the Americans for Tax Reform's Taxpayer Protection Pledge, in which candidates and incumbents solemnly bind themselves to oppose any and all tax increases.

His ratings are favorable from these national groups that share tea party values: 2010 Citizens Against Government Waste: 93%. 2011 National Taxpayers Union: 75%. 2011 American Conservative Union: 84%. 2010 American Conservative Union: 100%. 2012 Feet to the Fire: 92%.

His voting record is good:

Voted No on Obamacare in 2010 and voted to repeal it in July 2012.

Voted No on TARP, Dodd-Frank, Cap and Trade and Debt Ceiling Increases.

Voted Yes on the Stimulus in 2008; voted No in 2009.

Voted Yes on the Balanced Budget Amendment, to Defund High-Speed Rail, to Audit the Federal Reserve, and to Cut, Cap and Balance.

In contrast, Congressman Nunes' opponent, Otto Lee, would, according to his website, promote job growth through newer industries which receive billions of dollars of federal funds, such as those associated with High Speed Rail and alternative energy..."as long as the projects are fiscally sound and sustainable". He supports the DREAM Act, "clean air and healthy water" and gives no specific proposals.

Recommendation for State Senate

Why Bill Berryhill for State Senate District 5?

Campaign website: <http://www.billberryhill.com/>
Assembly website: <http://republican.assembly.ca.gov/>

Bill Berryhill has represented the 26th Assembly District since 2005 and is running for the newly drawn 5th California Senate District.

Bill Berryhill's rankings by conservative organizations:

91% - American Conservative Union - 2012
94% - California Taxpayers Association - 2010
89% - Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association - 2012

Bill Berryhill's votes in the Assembly

No - Authorize sale of state bonds for high-speed rail
No - Brown's 2012-13 budget
No - Authorized same-day voter registration
No - Governor Brown's 2012-13 budget
No - Same-day voter registration
No - Amend Three-Strikes law
No - Increase compliance with Obamacare
Yes - Online sales tax
Did not vote - Increase state debt limit

Why not Cathleen Galgiani? Assemblyman Berryhill's opponent has served in the 17th Assembly District since 2007 with a less than conservative record.

Cathleen Galgiani's ratings by conservative Organizations:

16% - American Conservative Union - 2012
65% - California Taxpayers Association - 2010
28% - Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association - 2012

Cathleen Galgiani's votes in the Assembly:

Yes - Governor Brown's 2012-13 budget
Yes - Authorize the sale of state bonds for high-speed rail
Yes - Same-day voter registration
No - Amend Three-Strikes law
Yes - Increase compliance with Obamacare
Yes - Online sales tax
Did not vote - Increase state debt limit

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Your Vote, Your Voice

The Story of the Election Integrity Project
By Barbara Damschen

Shortly before the election, you look in your mailbox and find an absentee ballot for your deceased husband—for the ninth year in a row. Can't they ever get this straight?

You then look at your own absentee ballot, and notice your party affiliation has been changed. You think: How did that happen? I don't remember doing that.

That evening, there is a knock on your neighbor's door. As you peek outside, you notice men from your neighbor's work are offering to "help" him and his entire family fill out their ballots and turn them in on their behalf. You hear shouting and wonder what will happen. In a few minutes the men leave with ballots in hand. You quickly close the door afraid of being seen.

On Election Day as you head to your polling place, you notice several big guys hanging around the parking lot and a couple more at the front door. As you walk between them to go in, you see more intimidating-looking characters reminiscent of a Godfather movie inside, standing behind voters and talking. They continue this activity with several different people who clearly appear uncomfortable.

While in line, you see three people in front of you show their sample ballot and receive a ballot without ever saying a word to the poll workers.

As you get up to the table to give your name and address, a couple muscles their way in with a handful of Vote by Mail ballots to turn in. Thankfully, the poll workers refuse them, but as the couple turns to leave, the woman exclaims, "Fine, we'll just go to Fresno to turn them in!"

Finally it's your turn to vote. You state your name and address when asked, to which the poll worker replies, "It appears you have already voted. You signed right here." "What?" you say. "That's not my signature! I have NOT voted yet! What's going on here?" The poll worker apologizes, not really knowing what to say. She says you

can vote with a provisional ballot, but she cannot give you a regular ballot no matter how vehemently you protest the false signature on the voting roll book.

This may not sound like your typical voting experience, but each situation is an example of a real, documented case of voter fraud. This type of fraud happens in every election throughout California. "How do you know?" you may ask.

We know because we watch.

Since November 2010, a small group of concerned citizens in Fresno County has grown into a statewide organization with over a thousand volunteer observers, watching and documenting the journey of your ballot: your vote and your voice. We train volunteers to watch polls and observe ballot-counting operations in each county.

Thousands of cases of fraud have been documented since then, including dead "voters" still left on the roles, voter intimidation, and disenfranchisement due to a lack of voter ID requirements.

We can't fight this alone. We rely on the involvement of a grassroots army of volunteers to help us hold our elections officials accountable and ensure the integrity of every vote. In short, we need you.

We need your help to restore integrity to the elections process. Without your support, the hard-fought battles for our republic may be wasted efforts, replaced by corruption, scandal, and fraud.

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Why You Should Be Excited to Vote for Mitt Romney

by Paul Szopa

I know I'm probably going to get some flak for this, but I've come to the conclusion that I'm excited to vote for Mitt Romney, and I think you should be, too. I know he is not the most conservative candidate who ran as a Republican, and he was not my first, second or third choice; but I'm afraid that the negative attitude I see and hear in some Tea Party members toward Romney will actually work against the primary objective for this fall's election – firing Barack Obama.

I've heard many people boldly claim that they're going to "hold their nose" and vote for Romney or even vote third-party because: he's a RINO, he's just Democrat-light, he's got Romneycare just like Obama has Obamacare, he isn't going to slash spending as much as others might, and a myriad of other reasons. Many of these things are true. I realize he is a politician and may be hyping his plan to reduce the growth of government. Even if he believes in smaller government, he may not make the difficult decisions that will be unpopular with a large number of citizens; but, ladies and gentlemen, let's not forget the incredibly stark choice we have this fall: We either re-elect someone who promises to explode the size of government, increase regulation, and make energy prices "necessarily skyrocket"; who writes executive orders that circumvent the constitutional means of writing law; who appoints awful supreme court justices, and who, in my opinion, believes in the Marxist ideas of income redistribution and class warfare – or – we elect someone who will do far less damage along any of those lines and who, with proper pressure applied, may even undo some of the damage caused by the current administration and the *fifteen administrations*. This last point is key; this incremental loss of liberty and governmental growth has been going on for a long time.

Those of you who wanted a staunchly conservative nominee need to consider this: much of the country still doesn't see the danger that lies ahead. Many citizens are so distracted by everything else in the world or so caught up in Obama's cult of personality that they don't realize the slow loss of liberty occurring daily or notice the looming financial disaster coming to our nation because of the massive government debt. Even good friends of mine who know intellectually that we're headed into troubled waters and can't stand the policies President Obama is implementing aren't yet willing to turn off the TV and lift a finger to take civic responsibility because they just don't believe those bad things can happen here in America.

Many want an overnight change of direction for our nation – and I would welcome it myself – but that is unrealistic. The truth is we must win over the hearts and minds of the people in this nation by educating them over the course of many years. The Progressives have been on a 100-year

mission to push the government to the point it's reached, and it's going to be a generational journey for us to return this nation to a path of liberty and limited government. A famous progressive book, Saul Alinsky's *Rules for Radicals*, quotes President John Adams saying something very interesting regarding the American Revolution:

"The Revolution was effected before the war commenced. The Revolution was in the hearts and minds of the people... This radical change in the principles, opinions, sentiments, and affections of the people, was the real American Revolution."

So the revolution wasn't the gunfight with the Redcoats, it was the decision to *have* the gunfight. Alinsky realized this, and that's why he advocated for the slow, stealthy process of changing minds.

Just getting a (insert your ideal conservative candidate here) as president won't bring about the massive shift in sentiment required to get this country turned toward limited government. Realistically, we can't cut the deficit to zero overnight because that massive shift in the way money flows could cause a deep depression, with the possibility civil unrest due to the lack of welfare, Medicare and other programs many depend upon. The result of moving too fast could possibly doom this country to a whole string of Obama-like presidencies because the citizens aren't, as a whole, intellectually and emotionally ready for the major changes a super-conservative would make. I know we're in dangerous fiscal times and we don't have the luxury of 100 years, but we have to consider a measured pace and changing the hearts and minds of the citizenry while putting the brakes and beginning to reverse the out of control spending and laws.

If our goal is to remove a failed president from office, and you're grumbling about Mitt Romney to friends and family, or if you're thinking of voting third-party, then I urge you to rethink things that may be hindering the primary goal – which is to slow and then stop the hemorrhaging. I know California is almost certainly going to go to Obama, but every vote in support of Romney gives him a bigger mandate in the eyes of the public. Every long journey begins with the first step, and right now, Mitt Romney is by far a better choice than President Obama for the goals and ideals that the Tea Party holds dear because the alternative is a guaranteed disaster from which our liberty may not recover for a long time. Once he's elected, we can put pressure on Romney to follow through on his promises to repeal Obamacare and get spending under control. His election will also buy us time to work on the years-long task of changing the hearts and minds of the citizens and teaching the next generation about liberty and limited

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The Ballot Propositions

Summary and Recommendations

NO on 30. Temporary taxes to fund education. Also known as the Brown tax increases, this initiative will increase sales taxes and income taxes. We are taxed enough already. Education is being held hostage, the Legislature could have cut other areas but chose to cut K-12 education to try to force your vote. Don't let them.

NO on 31. State budget. State and local government. - Sometimes known as the "California Forward" initiative after its backers, this initiative makes radical changes in the relationship between local governments and the state. It encourages regional tax sharing and allows local governments to ignore state laws for spending. It will also make it impossible to cut taxes to distribute surplus funds, if we ever have any.

YES on 32. Political contributions by payroll deduction. Contributions to candidates. - The "Paycheck Protection" initiative puts unions and corporations on equal footing in collecting political money from employees by prohibiting either from deducting contributions from paychecks. It gets the special interests out of politics by prohibiting unions, corporations, and government contractors from contributing to campaigns. Unions and corporations could still participate with voluntary donations and independent expenditures.

NO position taken on 33. Auto insurance companies.

NO position taken on 34. Death penalty. Initiative statute.

NO position taken on 35. Human trafficking. Penalties. Initiative

NO on 36. Three strikes law. Repeat felony offenders. Penalties. - Weakens California's successful Three Strikes law to allow the immediate release of many violent felons. It could cause a dramatic increase in crime after they are released, with increasing costs to citizens and local governments.

NO on 37. Labeling genetically engineered foods. - This initiative adds more regulatory burden on businesses and it includes a provision that trial lawyers can use to threaten companies to get settlements, even if no one is harmed by mislabeling.

NO on 38. Tax to fund education and early childhood programs. - Another tax increase to fund education. We are still taxed enough already.

NO on 39. Tax treatment for multistate businesses. - Clean energy and energy efficiency funding. This forces businesses to use an unfavorable tax scheme, increasing their taxes and further driving away manufacturing to pay for some politicians' (and their contributors') green dreams.

NO on 40. Redistricting. State senate districts. - The Republican Party backed this to cynically attempt to manipulate the redistricting process, because the Democrats cynically manipulated the redistricting commission. Now, the Republicans have given up on it, and the Democrats are backing it in another attempt to cynically manipulate redistricting. Let's stop the cycle by voting "No."



How Obamacare Robs Medicare and Hurts Seniors

Amy Payne
August 28, 2012

The rhetorical Medicare wars have heated up this week, after President Obama declared in his Saturday radio address that his proposed reforms “won’t touch your guaranteed Medicare benefits. Not by a single dime.”

This is incorrect.

Obamacare Robs Medicare

Obamacare cuts \$716 billion from Medicare over the next 10 years, according to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), and uses these “savings” from Medicare to fund other entitlement expansions mandated by Obamacare. Medicare becomes a cash cow for Obamacare, and the Medicare “savings” from payment cuts are not put back into making Medicare solvent. Such massive payment cuts do impact Medicare benefits, as well as seniors’ access to those benefits.

Obamacare Hurts Seniors

The impact of these cuts will be detrimental to seniors’ access to care. The Medicare trustees 2012 report concludes that these lower Medicare payment rates will cause an estimated 15 percent of hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and home health agencies to operate at a loss by 2019, 25 percent to operate at a loss in 2030, and 40 percent by 2050. Operating at a loss means these facilities are likely to cut back their services to Medicare patients or close their doors, making it more difficult for seniors to access these services.

The President also said on Saturday, “As President, my goal has been to strengthen these programs now, and preserve them for future generations.” But Obamacare imposes new taxes on present and future generations—including a hike in the Medicare “payroll tax” affecting upper-income earners that doesn’t even go toward Medicare.

Medicare Robbed to Pay for Obamacare

The payroll tax funds Medicare Part A, the trust fund that is projected to become insolvent as soon as 2024. Obamacare increases the tax from 2.9 percent to 3.8 percent, which is projected to cost taxpayers \$318 billion from 2013 to 2022.

However, for the very first time, Obamacare does not use the tax revenue from the increased Medicare payroll tax to pay for Medicare; the money is used to fund other parts of Obamacare, much like the \$716 billion in cuts are.

The same set of dollars “saved” from Obamacare’s massive across-the-board Medicare payment cuts cannot be used to enhance Medicare solvency, reduce the federal deficit, and fund Obamacare’s entitlement expansions all at the same time.

This is only a fraction of the dishonesty and budgeting shell games surrounding Medicare.

Excerpted from The Foundry: Conservative Policy News Blog from The Heritage Foundation:
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**Vote for candidates who vow to
repeal Obamacare**

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Jeff Denham, Devin Nunes, Tom McClintock
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We can do better!

Paul Revere Rides Again

by Bonnie McAdams
California Guardians

It appears that the “crazy” grassroots American citizen movement called the Tea Party, rising up in 2009, wasn’t so crazy after all.

Ringling the alarm of attacks on our freedom rang true, and in 2010 most of the states woke up and made some changes. The citizens of those that did not, including California, are now living with less freedom.

Let’s focus on California, where our Democrat-controlled legislature continues to propose about 2,400 new bills each year and passed over 700 in 2011. Do you think that is outrageous? If you were watching the State Assembly during the last week of August, they were trying to push through over 500 bills in one week!

So, what does this mean to freedom-loving California citizens? Look at some of the bills that have passed.

SB 48 takes education dollars from reading, writing and arithmetic and puts them into teaching the lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender lifestyle to our children, starting in kindergarten through 12th grade. Whether or not you agree with the lifestyle, the hijacking of these dollars comes at a time when we are 49th out of 50 in education excellence. The last time I looked, knowing about the LGBT lifestyle wasn’t on a job application.

AB 131 allows the use of the taxpayer-funded Cal-Grant Program to be used by illegal-immigrant students – at a time where American-born students are in need of this assistance more than ever. In some instances, the illegal-immigrant students will go to the front of the line for funding. That’s right. They will receive the funds while our

kids are left behind.

AB 144 infringes on the Second Amendment by criminalizing the carrying of unloaded, unconcealed handguns in public places and vehicles – all because someone might be offended by the sight of a gun. Can you imagine what would have happened to Switzerland in World War II if every man, woman and child had not been armed and trained to defend themselves?

AB 499 tramples parental consent by allowing children as young as 12 to receive prescription drugs or injections from public school officials to treat diseases caused by sexual activity “without guardian notification.” Didn’t they just pass a law making it illegal to give a student an aspirin?

Now imagine 700 more of these freedom-snatching bills all supported by 99% of Democrats and opposed by 99% of Republicans in the Assembly. Voters removed the Republican 1%, Nathan Fletcher, for selling us out. Now it is time to remove the so-called Democrats. This is not my family’s Democrat Party!

This is a battle I certainly didn’t think I would find myself fighting. After all, retirement was supposed to be spent in a 5th wheel camper and travelling this great country.

Well, Paul Revere’s message has been heard, the troops have arrived and the battle has begun for fiscal and moral sanity in our state. We have put together an arsenal of California citizens, (CAGUARDIANS), focused on our state assembly, with a goal to remove those representatives that want to control us by taking away our guns and taxing and regulating us to death!

When I look at the facts and who has authored and voted for these outlandish pieces of legislation, I have come to the conclusion that the Democrat Party, at least in our state, has been taken over by people who would destroy even the future of their own children for the power to control.

One more fact is that with two more Democrats elected to the Senate and Assembly, they will have a 2/3 majority, which will allow them to move forward with a plan to overturn Proposition 13 and raise property taxes on every California property owner. Get ready, seniors.

California Guardians recommends the following conservatives when you vote in November:

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TONY AMADOR, Sacramento
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A Legacy of Destruction

High-Speed Rail

by Jeff Taylor

Chair, Save Bakersfield Committee

On July 6th, 2012, 21 California senators voted to borrow and spend billions of dollars on a small portion of the California High-Speed Rail project. One more “No” vote would have stopped the “Train to Nowhere,” but Senator Michael Rubio voted “Yes.” Rubio ignored Resolutions of Opposition to the project by numerous agencies in his very large district which includes Kern County, the city of Bakersfield, Wasco and many others in Kings and Tulare counties. Rubio’s “Yes” vote betrayed the interests of farming operations, businesses and private property owners in his district and put at risk future funding for highway improvements, education, health services and public safety.

Instead of protecting the interests of the people he was elected to represent, Rubio allowed Governor Brown to lead him to the woodshed where he was arm twisted into supporting labor-union special interests and the questionable distribution of hundreds of millions of dollars of high-speed rail funds to fellow Democratic senatorial districts for upgrades to existing slow-speed passenger-rail systems. That was the price to be paid to “persuade” the necessary number of senators to vote to fund the project.

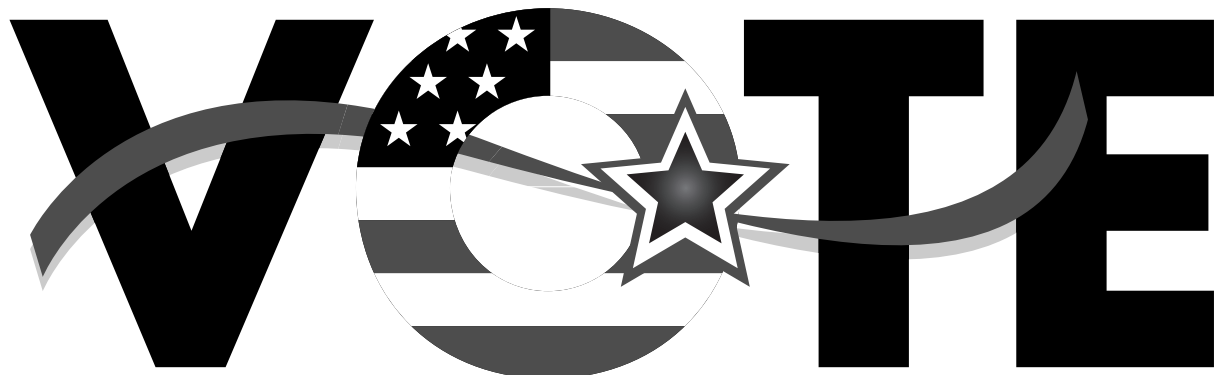
In 2008, California voters narrowly approved an 800-mile high-speed rail project that would connect San Francisco to San Diego with a connector to Sacramento at a cost of \$45 billion. California senators approved funding for a much smaller HSR network of only 480 miles, because it does not include the Los Angeles to San Diego or Sacramento portions of the project. Rubio cast a vote to fund the greatly reduced project with a massively increased cost of \$68.4 billion.

The senate-approved plan includes a 114-mile Initial Construction Section (ICS) of track in the San Joaquin Valley that will not be the high-speed rail system that

voters approved in 2008. The day before the senate vote, High-Speed Rail Authority CEO Jeff Morales confirmed the Authority’s plan to relocate existing San Joaquin Valley Amtrak trains from the existing Amtrak rail corridor to the new 114-mile ICS. The High-Speed Rail Authority released its Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report and Study documents for the Fresno to Bakersfield portion of the project on July 17, and those documents include the new ICS-Amtrak corridor. The plan Rubio approved will lay to waste existing passenger-rail infrastructure and eliminate passenger-rail service to constituents in the communities of Wasco, Corcoran and Hanford. The 21 Democratic Senators who voted to approve funding for the project should have rejected the plan because San Joaquin Valley communities, and the rest of the state, already have an operational Amtrak system. Californians would be better served by a passenger-rail system that connects the existing Amtrak passenger-rail system in the southern San Joaquin Valley to systems in Los Angeles.

Rubio’s vote approved the costly realignment of Highway 99 and destruction of many homes and businesses in Fresno. Rubio approved constructing at least ten miles of 40- to 90-foot-high elevated rail viaducts that will tear through the entire width of Bakersfield from the northwest region to where the route abruptly ends – 80 feet above Oswell Street. The planned rail alignments in Fresno and Bakersfield will destroy an unacceptable number of homes, businesses, jobs and community infrastructure. The rail alignments will divide the communities, destroy property values, reduce property tax revenues and impact the quality of life of all citizens who live and work within sight and sound of the train tracks.

It is unfortunate that Senator Rubio squandered an opportunity to be the champion of the people who live and work in his district when he cast the deciding vote to waste billions of scarce tax dollars on a project dishonestly misrepresented as “High-Speed Rail.” I do not question Senator Rubio’s integrity, rather his inexplicable choice to forever make the “Yes” vote his notorious legacy of destruction!



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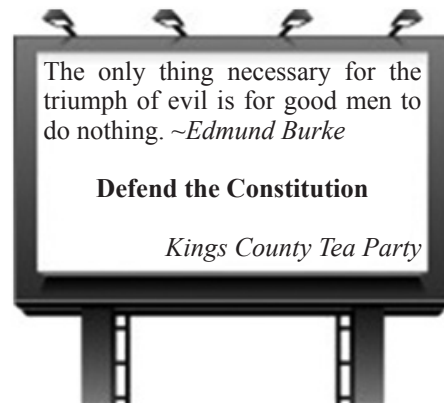
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This year we hope everyone is paying attention to the election! We will invite our local and state candidates to our meetings. We're continuing helpful emergency preparedness classes. What are COG's and how are they affecting our local cities and countries? Please come and join our conversations.



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Please get your like-minded friends and family members to vote Nov. 6th. This is the most important election of our lifetime. We need to save our Country for our children and grandchildren. Join us and invite your friends and neighbors!

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We are a group of people who try to hold our elected officials accountable by going to public meetings. We are working toward the goal of having Visalia removed from ICLEI, and we have a long journey ahead of us.

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Turlock

A Plumber Explains the Debt Ceiling

So you come home from work and find that there's been a
sewer backup in your neighborhood.

Your home has sewage all the way to the ceiling.

What would you do?

RAISE THE CEILING... OR... PUMP OUT THE SEWAGE?

A Conservative Explains the Debt Ceiling

The Budget Control Act of 2011 increased the national debt ceiling from a mere \$15.914 trillion to \$16.394 trillion. This was purportedly to avoid having our credit rating downgraded. After it passed, our credit rating was downgraded.

In September the U.S. debt (see USDebtClock.org) hit \$16 trillion. Compare that to the end of 2008 when the total federal debt was under \$10 trillion. That's a 60 percent increase in the federal debt in less than four years! Now more than ever, Congress should get to work to rein in out-of-control spending and debt. The economic health of the American nation is at stake.

Each American's share of the federal debt rises to \$37,437. That represents nearly three-quarters of the income of the average American household earning \$50,964 in 2012. Current and future generations of taxpayers are on the hook for increasing levels of debt as Washington continues on its spending Spree.

At \$16,394,000,000,000
IT'S THE SPENDING, STUPID!

Holding President Romney Accountable

by Serafin Quintanar
Tea party Activist and Former Congressional
Candidate 2010

If Barack Obama is shown the door this November, it would mean that Mitt Romney would be the President-elect and that Paul Ryan would be the VP-elect. It also would mean that we have little time to rest and that at least four years of hard work would just be beginning.

It's no secret that Mitt Romney isn't someone that most Tea Partiers would have considered to be a fiscal conservative. For that matter, Paul Ryan has talked the talk, but often not walked the walk when it comes to spending and limited government. That's why it is crucial that we make our voices heard loud and clear starting on November 7th, the day after the election of Mitt Romney for President of These United States.

We cannot rest while the elite power establishment exerts money and influence on the newly elected president. We have to serve as a conservative anchor and try to hold Mr. Romney and Mr. Ryan to their conservative rhetoric

and campaign promises. The sooner we start letting them know that we are watching them and that we will not soon forget what they have promised, the better our chances to keep them from straying too far off the reservation.

Let's not make the same mistake we made when George W. Bush was president and we conservatives did too little to express our displeasure with overspending and the growth of government: No Child Left Behind, TARP, Medicare Prescription Drugs, Homeland Security, etc. The one time that we did put our foot down, we were able to stop the Republican's amnesty plan dead in its tracks.

We can't allow Barack Obama and his leftist henchmen to continue to ruin our country. However, we can't be satisfied with his ouster either. It's going to take far more than what traditional politicians have been willing to do to get our nation back on track. One thing is for sure, they won't make the tough choices needed right now, if we don't hold their feet to the fire. What America will need on November 7th is a strong, focused and principled Tea Party movement.

*“Romney appeals to
voters who are
dissatisfied with the
last four years.*

*Obama appeals to
voters who are
dissatisfied with
America.”*

~ Author unknown

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The End of Democracy and Freedom in California Via the Legislature and Proposition 31

by Stephen Frank

If I wanted to kill honest elections and the right to local government rule, I would do the following four things:

1. I would end elections that pit political parties against each other and make many districts one-party Cuban-type elections. That is what the 2010 Proposition 14 Top-Two Primaries Act has done. In 20 legislative districts it is Democrat vs. Democrat on this November's ballot. In another eight districts, it is Republican vs. Republican. In NO district is an alternative political party allowed on the ballot – and there are NO write-ins allowed for partisan office.
2. Then I would make it easier for voter registration fraud by allowing folks to register dogs, cats and the dead from the comfort of their living room computer. Starting next week, California will allow online voter registration. The problem, of course, is that under the current system there is almost no verification of registrants. Most county registrars of voters do not have personnel to verify new registrations under the current system. Add these online “voters” and it is impossible to verify tens of thousands of computer registrations.
3. Then I would allow same-day voter registration, which California will allow starting in 2016. It means that on election day, you can show up at your county registrar of voters office, claim to be Elvis, and register to vote – with no verification of documents allowed. Then you vote and disappear – never to be found, but Elvis did get his vote in the ballot box. In Minnesota, it took them FOUR years to find over 1,000 illegal votes from the 2008 election – which was won by Al Franken by a few hundred votes. Corrupt elections will be over and bad policies in place before anyone can shout “fraud.” In this case, Franken was the 60th vote needed to give us Obamacare. One vote does count and thousands of fraudulent votes count even more.
4. Finally, I would end the right of a city council or county board of supervisors to set zoning, transportation or fiscal policy. That is what Proposition 31 will do if passed.

Beginning on page 9 SECTION SIX of Proposition 31, the 3 E's of Sustainable Development/Agenda 21 are referred to repeatedly in the initiative.

(b) “The biennial (State) budget shall contain all of the following elements to improve performance and accountability:

...(3) A statement of how the budget will promote the purposes of achieving a prosperous economy, quality environment, and community equity, by working to achieve at least the following goals: increasing employment, improving education; decreasing poverty; decreasing crime; and improving health.

And on page 12, ARTICLE XI A. Community Strategic Action Plans.

Sec 1 (a) ...the adopted budget of each local government entity shall contain all of the following...:

(1) A statement of how the budget will promote...a prosperous *economy*, quality *environment*, and community *equity*...

And on page 16 SEC. 6

(b) ...The State shall promote the vitality and global competitiveness of regional economies and foster greater collaboration among local governments within regions by providing priority consideration for state-administered funds...

In other words, this sets up regional, unelected commissions to determine spending priorities, winners and losers and tells a city council how much money they MUST spend on government transportation, affordable housing and where it must be built, use of energy and water through use of raising rates and much more.

California has ended its run as a free state. Corrupt elections, corrupt voter registration, one-party rule and unelected bureaucrats determining fiscal and local policy ends the need for a city council or elections. Why waste the money if decisions are made by those you cannot elect or recall from office? The stated idea behind Proposition 14 was to get MORE people to vote. Instead, in June California had the lowest voting rate in its history. Proposition 14 worked as intended, as a step to end democracy in California. Will you fight back or watch re-runs of Seinfeld? The future is yours to choose. Which way, California?

Tea Party Patriots Take on Sturgis!

"Many Canadians went out of their way to encourage us to keep fighting Obamacare or face the consequences, as they have."

by Ronika Johnson
Mariposa, California

If you've ever explored the Black Hills of South Dakota or experienced the thrill of riding a motorcycle, chances are you have heard of the Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. If you've been to the rally, you know that it is one of the most patriotic American traditions. So it just seemed appropriate to me that the Tea Party be present in 2012.

After participating in the Tea Party Patriots' Wisconsin success in June, I attended a conference in Colorado to discuss strategy for a bigger win in November, where I suggested and volunteered to host a booth at the Sturgis Rally as a great opportunity to engage voters. Although it should have been impossible to find an acceptable booth and accommodations two weeks before the rally, I was befriended by a great lady at the Expo Center who is a Tea Party supporter - and a week later I was on a plane to South Dakota!

And my intuition was right: FREEDOM is alive and well in Sturgis! Our Tea Party Patriots booth received overwhelming response. I handed out over a thousand flag

bandanas, water bottles and bumper stickers; we added hundreds of names to our email list; and I spoke to bikers from all over the world. Many Canadians went out of their way to encourage us to keep fighting Obamacare or face the consequences, as they have. I met Europeans who wanted souvenirs "from the American Tea Party". I spoke to so many Americans from every walk of life who love this country with all their soul and are ready to fight for it. We were told over and over again how very important our Tea Party presence is and to keep it up. If they couldn't stop by to talk, they gave a thumbs up.



Without a doubt ours was the most popular booth in the Expo Center - and also the most important.

America, don't be surprised. People are awake, they are watching, and they are waiting for November. As we say in Sturgis, "Live free, ride free!"

Do U Know USA

How the government "invests" (spends) your tax money:

Investment: \$535 million in federal loans for Solyndra; a showcase for the administration's effort to create jobs in clean technology

Result: Company shut down, leaving 1,100 people out of work!

Investment: Fannie Mae / Freddie Mac (government entities) buying risky subprime mortgages.

Result: Housing crisis! Six Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac Top Executives misled the government and taxpayers. Civil fraud charges have been brought against them by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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Marxists/Progressives and the Declaration of Independence

by Don Jans

Author of *My Grandchildren's America*

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We just celebrated 236 years of our declared independence from the authority of Great Britain and the Monarch, King George III. The signers of the document realized that should the war be lost, they would lose not only their possessions, but would also lose their lives. The possibility of the colonies winning a war against the mighty British Empire was not good.

Brave people had been coming to America for at least 150 years prior to the Declaration of Independence. These people also realized that the trip they were about to take was very risky. Many of the people who began the trip never arrived on the shores they sought. Why were they willing to even begin such a journey that would very likely end in their death? Were they searching for something or were they fleeing from something? Why were the founding fathers willing to sign the Declaration?

The best known words in the Declaration of Independence give us many answers. The writers of this declaration stated, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." The worlds from which they had fled, mostly Western Europe and the British Isles, were ruled by monarchs and were societies comprised of royalty and commoners. A person's station in life was determined by the family into which he was born. People fled this inequality and sought a place where their destination was not pre-determined by birth.

They also fled governments that allowed their right to life and liberty to be able to be determined by the whims of a monarch. The monarch's ruling was final. The monarchs did not have to justify any ruling they made regarding life or liberty for any individual. These people sought a land with a set of rules that understood life and liberty were granted by the Creator and not subject to the whim of a monarch who gained his authority through birth. Even though the writers of the Declaration of Independence stated that these truths are self-evident, this was the first time a prospective nation, or any nation, had acknowledged this truth.

These people were also fleeing lands subjected to class warfare. The founding fathers declared that all men are created with an equal right to opportunity. They certainly understood that individuals are not born with equal abilities and never so indicated. Being created equal means that no person is born into royalty or born as a commoner and

destined to a station in life because of birth. Instead, all people are equal members of society.

The people who came to America were seeking a land that allowed them to determine their station in life based on their ability and efforts, and not the luck of birth. The founding fathers certainly recognized this desire. In the Declaration they declared that all people have an equal opportunity to PURSUE happiness. They did not state anybody was guaranteed happiness. The happiness of an individual, and whether or not he pursues it, is determined by the individual and not the state, so declares the Declaration of Independence.

The Marxist/Progressives, led by Obama, have determined that the founding fathers were wrong in this declaration. The Marxist/Progressives say the right of each individual is not to pursue happiness, but it is the responsibility of the state to guarantee happiness. The Declaration of Independence says the station of one's life is determined not by birth but by the ability, desire and determination of the individual. This allows for success and failure. The Marxist/Progressive believes this is not fair. The success in the pursuit of an individual must be shared with those who did not pursue or whose pursuit failed. Karl Marx said this best when he declared: FROM EACH ACCORDING TO HIS ABILITY AND TO EACH ACCORDING TO HIS NEEDS.

Our forefathers were seeking a land of freedom and individualism and fleeing lands of government reliance, which are always lands of government control. The Marxist/Progressives of Obama now say the land of individual freedoms and rights no longer exists. They want to fundamentally transform this land of individual freedoms and individual successes into a land of guarantees based on existence and not ability and effort. This ideology has never worked and will destroy these United States just as it has destroyed every nation in which it has been tried. We freedom and opportunity loving Americans must change the course of Obama's Marxist/Progressive Fundamental Transformation, or the Declaration of Independence will become as meaningless as Obama's promise to cut the deficit in half by the end of his first term.

"Our forefathers were seeking a land of freedom and individualism and fleeing lands of government reliance, which are always lands of government control."

Proposition 33 or Not 33

A Case in Point

California ballot measures are notoriously complex, controversial and if nothing else, numerous. This election year is no exception.

Tea Party folks have strongly held beliefs on all governmental issues, including propositions, and debate them vigorously. This year is no exception.

Although Tea Partiers' core convictions are unshakable, they don't write the propositions and are stuck studying and debating the ones that make the ballot. Before voting yea or nay, it is our job to figure out why. Is it the rare ballot measure that totally upholds Tea Party values, or is it obviously 100% unacceptable, or is it somewhere in between?

A case in point is this year's Proposition 33 regarding auto insurance discounts. Using the same core values of fiscal responsibility and free markets, Tea Partiers come down on both sides of the proposition because it may contain elements both endorsed and opposed by the core values. One argument says that the law would be overly regulatory and that adding a new

law to fix an old one is counter-productive. The other stresses that it would be good for California drivers because it adds an optional basis for auto insurance discounts based on continuous coverage. The Central Valley Tea Party (CVTP) takes no position on Proposition 33, as it is not a slam-dunk Tea Party issue either way.

Bottom line: With or without a CVTP recommendation - which is merely that, a recommendation - it is up to each of us before we vote to do the time-consuming and brain-frying work of reading and studying each proposition and measuring it against our core principles. Sometimes it gets down to which is the better-but maybe-not-perfect choice, yes or no - much like assessing candidates.

Tax Propositions ARE a slam dunk. NO on 30 and 38!

Backers for both of these tax-increase measures tug on the heartstrings, claiming they are for our children's education. Who wants to be called hard-hearted for saying No to our kids?

Governor Brown's Proposition 30 holds education hostage, threatening to cut funding if his tax increase is not passed; but there is no guarantee that the tax money will go to education. More likely it will go to plugging the hole in the deficit or to even more spending on pet projects. How does that benefit the kids?

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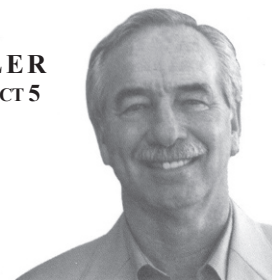
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By Ruth B. - Central Valley Area

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I started seeing the Democrats creating lots of programs and giving money away which I found was costing me, as a taxpayer, too much money. They invented all kinds of programs – free school lunches and a large increase in entitlements. If one program failed, they created another program to help that first program – resulting in two failed programs. In addition to wasteful spending, there was also a massive growth in the size and scope of the federal government and a massive amount of new regulation being created year after year.

So, I changed my party affiliation. I now lean toward Independent/Republican. Their record of handling our money is better than the Democrats' record, and they are the only party talking about reducing the size and scope of government. I believe that small businesses needed tax breaks and a less-stifling regulatory environment to allow them to flourish. I believe, as my parents taught me, that smaller government is better and, in fact, necessary to preserve our liberty – big government and liberty are mutually exclusive and one must choose between the two.

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We the People

by Bob Sears

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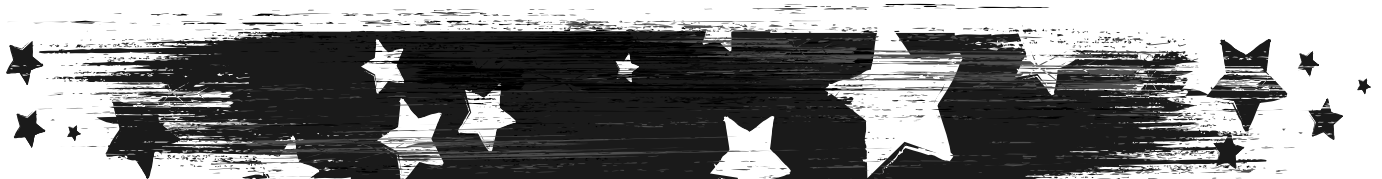
By Christopher Green

Traudl Junge, Adolph Hitler's personal secretary, spent the last days of the Third Reich in a Berlin bunker taking dictation for Hitler's last will and testament. After the war she testified that Hitler ultimately blamed the Holocaust on the Jews and the destruction of Germany on his own people, the Germans, for not being strong enough to defeat his enemies. Such are the big egos of the history's tyrants. From Genghis Kahn to Stalin to Pol Pot to Saddam Hussein, tyrants first divide the world into enemies and allies, then set out to destroy their enemies. But in the end they often consume their own allies.

How could the educated people of Germany elect Hitler to office to high-jack their democracy in the first place? How could Venezuelan voters select Hugo Chavez to methodically take apart the press and his political opposition and nationalize key industries? How could Argentines, even after the disastrous experience with Juan and Eva Peron, allow Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner to take over industries and put the country on a path to economic ruin?

No democracy on earth is immune to elected leaders who could turn democracy against itself by methodically classifying and dividing populations, rewarding friends, and punishing enemies. In the end, however, even when vast amounts of blood are not spilled, the asphyxiation of liberty always brings moral decay and economic collapse.

From the time of George Washington, our country has been blessed with principled and modest leaders who credited others with their success and who sought to unite rather than divide our people. From Jackson to Nixon when a few presidents strayed from this narrow course, Americans delivered a stern rebuke. But let us not think, in these fluid times, that the American life as we know it cannot be corrupted and destroyed. The signs of political rot in Washington and in state capitals across this land are clear. Let us look at today's leaders at all levels of our government and rebuke those who credit themselves, blame others and seek to divide us and turn us against each other. If each of us does not fight back resolutely against these big ego politicians today, we may find ourselves on their enemies list tomorrow.



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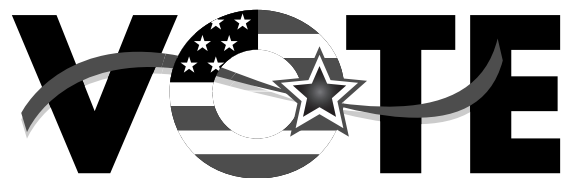
Destruction" on page 23.

In July, the California legislature, which has already spent the state into a financial hole, approved funding for the first phase of the so-called high-speed rail system by approving the issuance of \$2.6 billion in bonds, while Washington, which is already over \$16 trillion in debt, will provide an additional \$3.2 billion. Is this any way to run a railroad? *Votes for the funding get a thumbs-down.*

To its credit, in July, the U. S. House of Representatives, through an amendment by Congressman Jeff Denham, forbade federal funding next year for California high-speed rail. Denham said the original plan was to fund the project with \$9 billion in voter-approved bonds, \$10 billion from the federal government and \$10 billion from the private sector. There are no private investors. *Votes for the bill get a thumbs-up.*

Governor Brown's 2012-13 Budget. \$91.3 billion budget with \$16 billion spending gap *Votes for the budget get a thumbs-down.*

The governor says that the gap can be closed only if voters pass his tax increases in November. (Read about the propositions on page 20.) What he doesn't talk about are the gimmicks, pointed out by Courthouse News Service, such as transferring \$2.5 billion of special funds to the general fund, taking fees from the Department of Transportation, and extending loan repayments into future years, guaranteeing that the pain will endure for years to come.



Resources Used for Assessing Candidates

VoteSmart is an invaluable resource and the ultimate starting point for researching federal and state elected officials and candidates. It gives their biographies; voting records; interest group ratings by subject, i.e., abortion issues, agriculture issues, budgeting and taxes, etc.; positions on issues; public statements, and campaign finances. www.VoteSmart.org.

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Feet to the Fire rates members of congress according to Tea Party principles and gives voting records and latest news. Check it out. www.FeetToTheFire.org

Citizens Against Government Waste addresses waste, mismanagement, and inefficiency in the federal government. It gives congressional ratings, vote descriptions, issues, and skewers big spenders in their Pig Book and Porker of the Month. <http://cagw.org/>

The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association is dedicated to protecting Proposition 13 and taxpayers' rights. You can sign up for email updates. <http://hjta.org/>



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government; then we will be able to accelerate the move back toward limited government.

So it's time to get excited to vote for the better candidate. It's time to talk him up to friends and family. It's time to join with groups like Operation Swing State (www.operationswingstate.org) and make calls in support of his candidacy. He may not be the ideal candidate, but unless you're running for office, the ideal candidate's name will never be on the ballot. Let's be positive about him until he's in office and gives us a reason not to. His election as president would be a victory, and we should be excited about it and do what we can to help him.

The California Taxpayers Association "guards against unnecessary taxation, promotes government efficiency, and researches issues". <http://www.caltax.org/>

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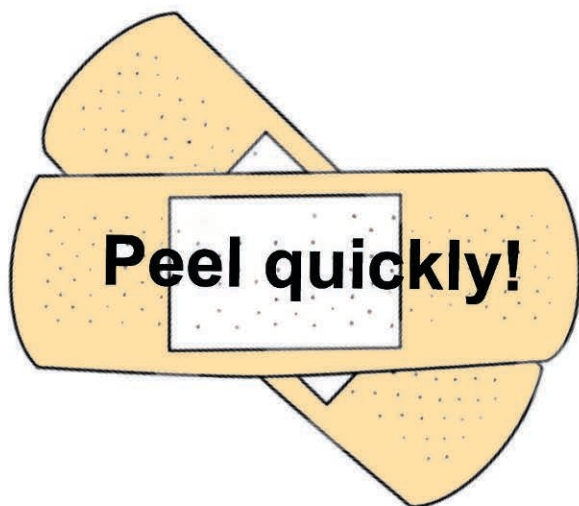
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Toward Lean Government

by Christopher Green

President Obama has touted a plan for an “Economy Built to Last”, suggesting he will propel our economy to unchanging and perpetual health. This slogan, however, reveals the static thinking of a president who has his feet planted firmly in the last millennium, when Keynesian economic theory promised that government could perfect any economy.

During the 19th century a variety of socialist economic models were devised to solve problems spawned beginning in the 18th century by the Industrial revolution. But when put into practice even in the relatively simple and isolated national economies of the 20th century all such models proved incapable of creating a standard of living comparable to free-market economies. In the 21st century the cumbersome government-dominated economic models are proving to be increasingly outmoded. The reason for this is simple. No army of government planners even with the most advanced super-computers can make the billions of inter-dependent yet geographically dispersed resource allocation decisions demanded every hour in the evolving global economy.

In his 1970 book Future Shock Alvin Toffler warned us of major disruptions in our lives caused by an ever-accelerating rate of change in our technology and culture. In the last 30 years the information revolution and globalization have geometrically compounded these changes that manifest themselves in our economy every day. Unlike in the last millennium, when products and services were far fewer in number and had life cycles that lasted decades from conception until they were replaced with new innovations, today the explosion of new products and services may last only years or even months before they are replaced with advanced substitutes. Government directed, stimulated or

incentivized economies are at best utterly unable to keep up with these changes and at worst entangle or corrupt private companies in ways that increase consumer costs and kill jobs or send them off shore. Only companies freed from unnecessary regulation can adapt at the required pace. As for government jobs, the evidence is clear that because human and financial resources must be levied from the private economy, more than one productive job in the private sector must be sacrificed to pay for each government job created.

In the new millennium the performance gap between truly free economies and those with heavy government interference will continue to dramatically widen.

The ultimate political heroes of tomorrow will be those leaders who can inspire ordinary Americans to reject the government dictated economic model and demand lean government for themselves and their children. What our best leaders must do is to set priorities, restrict our government to its core functions, and ensure that those functions are performed with world class efficiency. They must also liberate commerce and eliminate unnecessary regulation, while empowering markets to help ensure that workers have portable retirement and health care and the retraining for the new jobs that will be created at an ever increasing rate even as the obsolete jobs disappear. Only then will America recapture its position as the world's unchallenged economic leader.

“Only companies freed from unnecessary regulation can adapt at the required pace.”

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It is not hard hearted to oppose more and more taxes at a time that the state is in dire financial trouble. California already spends about \$9,000 per year per student, while our schools are ranked among the lowest in the nation. Where does all that money go? The state is \$386 billion in debt as of September 14 according to DebtClock.org - and the total debt keeps spinning *upward*. Where does all that money go? A headline reads: “\$69 million in California welfare money drawn out of state.” That’s where some of the money went. The state just authorized borrowing billions for the high-speed rail boondoggle (and has already spent hundreds of millions). Where did / will that money go?

The other selling point for a Yes vote on the tax increases is that they will affect only the “rich”. However, a tax on top income earners is likely to send more businesses to lower-tax states, or out of business altogether, taking jobs and tax revenue with them! The sales tax increase will affect everyone, and it will hurt those with low incomes the most when an increased sales tax

is added to their every-day purchases or the occasional bigger purchase like a car. We already have the second highest income tax in the country and the highest sales tax. The reality is that we are overtaxed, not undertaxed, in this state.

We are taxed more than enough already, and the state is still broke. Instead of feeding Brown’s and the legislature’s spending habits, we need to force them to live within our means. There is money to educate our students if we will prioritize; fix our state entitlements like welfare; cut wasteful and unnecessary programs and agencies; and get a handle on the unsustainable government-employee benefit packages, the likes of which are straining budgets of cities and states around the country. It’s easier for the politicians to increase our taxes than to make the tough decisions. We need to tell them No Deal.

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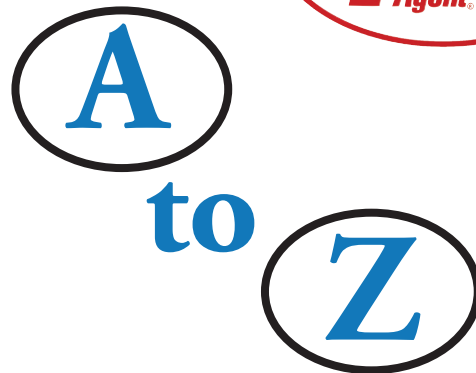


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