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California: Taxpayer Friendly Candidates for November

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform congratulates the following ATR Taxpayer Protection Pledge signers, who have either won their primary elections on March 2, 2004 or are running unopposed. By signing the pledge, a candidate/incumbent promises “to oppose [and vote against/veto] any and all efforts to increase taxes.”

These candidates have joined President Bush, nine governors, four lieutenant governors, two attorneys general, four secretaries of state, four treasurers and over 1225 incumbent state legislators, all of whom have pledged to oppose tax increases. ATR offers the Taxpayer Protection Pledge to all candidates seeking office at the state and federal levels, and also to sitting incumbents.

In California, the following Pledge signers have either won their primaries or are running unopposed: (Boldfaced font denotes leadership position. Underlined font denotes new pledge signers for 2003-04.)

INCUMBENTS

Board of Equalization: Bill Leonard
City Council, La Mesa: Barry Jantz

1. Dick Ackerman (S-33)
2. Jim Battin (S-37)
3. Rick Keene (H-3)
4. Alan Nakanishi (H-10)
5. David Cogdill (H-25)
6. Greg Aghazarian (H-26)
7. Kevin McCarthy (H-32)
8. Bill Maze (H-34)
9. Sharon Runner (H-36)
10. Dennis Mountjoy (H-59)
11. Russ Bogh (H-65)
12. Ray Haynes (H-66)
13. Mark Wyland (H-74)

14. George Plescia (H-75)
15. Jay La Suer (H-77)
16. Bonnie Garcia (H-80)

CANDIDATES

1. Gary Podesto (S-5)
2. George Runner (S-17)
3. Dan Fernandes (S-29)
4. Timothy Johnson (S-35)
5. John Campbell (S-35)
6. Larry Stirling (S-39)
7. Paul Santiago (H-11)
8. Ronald J. Colfer (H-18)
9. Mike Villines (H-29)
10. Sam Blakeslee (H-33)
11. Gary L. Kirkland (H-33)
12. Audra Strickland (H-37)

13. Elv Dela Cruz Avao (H-39)
14. Oscar Gutierrez (H-45)
15. Peter “Pedro” De Baets (H-47)
16. Dale Everett (H-47)
17. Laura Brown (H-49)
18. Daniel R. Sherman (H-51)
19. Steve Kuykendall (H-54)
20. John Brantuk (H-56)
21. Fritz Ward (H-59)
22. Norm Westwell (H-67)
23. Al Snook (H-68)
24. Van Tran (H-68)
25. Chuck DeVore (H-70)
26. Andrew Favor (H-73)
27. Jennifer Osborne (H-76)
28. Patricia Hunter (H-76)

Americans for Tax Reform is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all tax increases. For more information or to arrange an interview please contact Jonathan Collegio at (202) 785-0266 or by email at jcollegio@atr.org.