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Fact of the Day #1: Lori Saldana Refuses to Make Commitment to Taxpayers

-- Candidate in California Assembly District 76 leaves door open for tax increases --

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The voters in California’s Assembly District 76 get to choose between two very different candidates to represent their interests in the legislature: Union-backed community college professor Lori Saldana (D), and Tricia Hunter (R), a fiscal conservative former nurse, who has the backing of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

While Tricia Hunter has openly declared her commitment to taxpayers’ interests by signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, which commits incumbent legislators and candidates ‘to oppose and vote against any and all tax increases’, Lori Saldana has refused to make this commitment to her constituency.

“By not signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, Lori Saldana sends a clear message to the hard-working families of California,” said Grover Norquist, President of Americans for Tax Reform in Washington, DC. **“The message is that she is open to raising taxes. She is willing to put her constituents’ pocketbooks on the line.”**

ATR offers the Taxpayer Protection Pledge to all candidates seeking office at the state and federal levels, and also to sitting incumbents. President George W. Bush has signed the Pledge. 42 U.S. senators and 218 members of the U.S. House of Representatives have also signed the Pledge. In signing, they join eight governors, four lieutenant governors, two attorneys general, four secretaries of state, four treasurers, and more than 1325 state legislators.

“The taxpayers of California deserve to know who their friends are,” Norquist continued. **“Governor Schwarzenegger has begun to turn the state around and bring it back on the track to economic recovery by staying true to his election promise not to raise taxes. While Tricia Hunter supports the Governor’s course, Lori Saldana has made clear that she prefers to undo the progress that has been made, and leaves the door wide open for future tax increases.”**

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 Chris Butler at (202) 785-0266 or by email at cbutler@atr.org.