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California State Pledge Signers

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform applauds the following candidates or incumbents for signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge sponsored by ATR. By signing the pledge, a candidate/incumbent promises “to oppose [and vote against/veto] any and all efforts to increase taxes.”

These candidates join President Bush, nine governors, four lieutenant governors, two attorneys general, four secretaries of state, four treasurers and over 1200 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 candidates or incumbents have signed the Pledge. (Boldfaced font denotes leadership position. Underlined font denotes new pledge signer for 2003-04.)

INCUMBENTS

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

1. **Jim Battin (S-37)**
2. **Rick Keene (H-3)**
3. **Alan Nakanishi (H-10)**
4. **David Cogdill (H-25)**
5. **Greg Aghazarian (H-26)**
6. **Kevin McCarthy (H-32)**
7. **Bill Maze (H-34)**
8. **Sharon Runner (H-36)**
9. **Dennis Mountjoy (H-59)**
10. **Russ Bogh (H-65)**

11. **Ray Haynes (H-66)**
12. **Mark Wyland (H-74)**
13. **George Plescia (H-75)**
14. **Jay La Suer (H-77)**
15. **Bonnie Garcia (H-80)**

CANDIDATES

1. George Runner (S-17)
2. John Campbell (S-35)
3. Ronald J. Colfer (H-18)
4. Chris Mathys (H-29)
5. Mike Villines (H-29)
6. Sam Blakeslee (H-33)
7. Matt Kokkonen (H-33)
8. Timothy Johnson (H-35)
9. Mike Robinson (H-37)

10. Audra Strickland (H-37)
11. Peter “Pedro” De Baets (H-47)
12. John Brantuk (H-56)
13. W. Bill MacAloney (H-60)
14. Norm Westwell (H-67)
15. Mark Leyes (H-68)
16. Van Tran (H-68)
17. Chuck DeVore (H-70)
18. Donald Wagner (H-70)
19. Andrew Favor (H-73)
20. Jim Gibson (H-73)
21. Tom Wilson (H-73)

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.