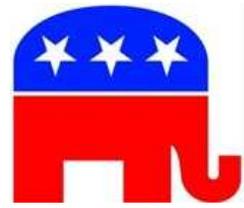


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**SENATOR DAVE COX COMES TO REPUBLICANS OF RIVER CITY  
COME SOCIALIZE WITH YOUR FRIENDS IN JULY AT RIVER CITY**

**August 18, 2009 in the Ose Room located at: Channel 6, KVIE**

**2030 West El Camino Drive**

**Sacramento, 95833**

**The social hour starts at 6:30 PM and the general meeting starts at 7:15 PM.**

## SENATOR COX TO SPEAK



By Fred Hildebrand

Senator Dave Cox, veteran lawmaker and friend of River City, will return to River City's podium on August 18th. He will speak at our next General Meeting. As is his custom, his presentation will be conversational and he will take questions. For those

of you who love learning about the goings-on under the capitol dome, this is an event you will not want to miss.

The General Meeting will be preceded by a Social Hour, beginning at 6:30 P.M. The General Meeting will convene promptly at 7:15 P.M. A light snack will be served without charge. As usual, we will meet at Chanel 6, KVIE, in the Ose Room. Bring a friend to this outstanding event!

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## GOVERNMENT HEALTH PLAN, PART DEUX

by Robert Evans

The Democrats "health plan" bill allows Medicare to pay doctors for voluntary counseling sessions that address end-of-life issues. The conversations between doctor and patient would include living wills, making a close relative or a trusted friend your health care proxy, learning about hospice as an option for the terminally ill, and information about pain medications for people suffering chronic discomfort. Reasonable, I think.

An analysis by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) shows that this provision does not create "Death Panels" as alleged by some commentators and bloggers.

Moral: the Democrats have not defined the problem(s) with our current system. If the problem is you cannot buy lower cost health insurance from a company located in another state, make that possible. If the problem is, you cannot take your health plan with you if you change jobs, make that possible. If the problem is, you are prevented from buying health insurance because of a pre-existing condition, make that possible. If the problem is all three, make all three possible. Leave all the other stuff on the cutting room floor. Simple!

## SENATOR COX (Cont.)

Dave Cox was elected to the State Senate in November, 2004. He represents the residents of the First Senate District, which includes all or portions of Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Lassen, Placer, Plumas, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Sacramento and Sierra Counties.

He serves as the Vice-Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Senate Local Government Committee. He also serves on the following Committees: Banking, Finance and Insurance; Energy, Utilities and Communications; and Health.

Dave was first elected to the State Assembly in November of 1998, and the voters overwhelmingly re-elected him in 2000 and 2002. He served the maximum six years in the Assembly as allowed by law.

In March of 2001, the Members of the Assembly Republican Caucus elected Dave to serve as their Assembly Republican Leader, a position he held until January of 2004 when he transitioned the leadership role to Assemblymember Kevin McCarthy.

During his tenure as the Republican Leader, Dave led efforts to successfully unite the Republican Caucus against proposals to raise billions of dollars in new taxes while advocating for a stronger economy and jobs climate. He led the fight against the illegal tripling of the car tax and helped trim waste from the state budget, freeing up money needed to fund essential education, public safety and health care programs.

After the recall election, Dave Cox served as a Member of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Transition Team.

Dave was recognized as the California Building Industry Association Outstanding Legislator of 2003, and as Legislator of the Year by the American Electronics Association in 2002, the Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors of California in 2001 and the California Business Properties Association in 2001. He was awarded the President's Award by the California State Association of Counties in 2001. This award is given to individuals who are committed to the development of sound public policy and service to the citizenry of California. In 2004, the

Northern California Power Agency named Senator Cox as its State Legislator of the Year. The California State Sheriffs' Association recognized Senator Cox's legislative efforts in 2005.

Prior to his election to the State Assembly, Dave Cox served for six years on the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors.

Past affiliations include: service on the Sacramento Municipal Utility District Board of Directors, Senior Warden for St. Francis Episcopal Church of Fair Oaks, and memberships on the Board of Directors for the American Red Cross, the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, Easter Seals, and KVIE-Channel 6, where he served as Chairman in 1982. Dave Cox graduated from the University of San Diego in 1961 with a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration. He also has a Master of Science Degree.

Dave and his wife Maggie live in Fair Oaks. Together they raised three daughters. All three attended San Juan Unified School District schools and graduated from public California universities. He and Maggie are the proud grandparents of six grandchildren.



### THE BUDGET REDUCTION PACKAGE

By Roger Niello

I voted to support some elements of a 2009 Budget reduction

package that will reduce our current level of spending, stop the issuance of IOU's, and alleviate our current \$26 billion budget crisis, while adopting additional government reforms that change the way we operate state government.

There were many positives to be found in this budget reduction package. We significantly reduced the size of government, eliminated some waste and abuse in our welfare system, and protected local law enforcement

funding, all while avoiding a suspension of Proposition 98 funding to education.

In addition, the budget package contains no new taxes, makes \$15 billion in budget cuts, eliminates several outdated boards and commissions, preserves park funding, and sells off some state assets to generate needed revenues.

While there were some elements of the package that I could not support, a budget agreement is always a work of compromise and I commend Assembly Republican Leader Sam Blakeslee for his difficult work in negotiating this package.

Unfortunately, the other major concern with this package is that if the state's economy continues to decline as predicted, it is likely that this will be a temporary fix and we will be right back here this fall with another budget shortfall to deal with.

### HAVE A LAUGH

I dialed a number and got the following recording:

"I am not available right now, but thank you for caring enough to call. I am making some changes in my life. Please leave a message after the Beep. If I do not return your call, you are one of the changes."

Frustration is trying to find my glasses without my glasses.

The irony of life is that, by the time I'm old enough to know my way around, I'm not going anywhere.

Every morning is the dawn of a new error.

## IN MY OPINION:

by Chris Angle

### CONTRIVED ANGER OVER REFORM?

In the emerging debate over the health care debate, the accusation from some Democrats that the anger shown at many of the “town hall meetings” is contrived and can be safely ignored is both revealing and potentially damaging for them. If Obama and the Democrats are truly surprised by the level of hostility that their reform plans are provoking, then they are clearly out of touch with the American people. Unlike the Europeans, the American people are not a people that generally trust government to do things competently. Whereas the American people typically have strong opinions on various issues, many of the issues in question do not impact average Americans on a day-to-day basis. For example, while the issue of abortion may divide people along ideological lines, its practical impact is limited to a certain subset of the American population (i.e. women roughly between the ages of 15-45). On the other hand, the scope of the healthcare legislation being considered is so broad and comprehensive that it will directly and clearly impact all Americans. Add to this that three of the most common interactions that grown adults (as opposed to children who go to school) have with the government are through the Post Office, the DMV, and filling out tax forms, none of which can genuinely be described as a pleasurable experience. Nor do these interactions foster a faith in government efficiency. While this might not matter politically if only half the U.S. population had

access to healthcare, it becomes a challenge when roughly  $\frac{3}{4}$ 's of Americans are happy with their current health care. The thought of taking something that works (especially something that can literally mean the difference between life and death) and possibly replacing it with something that has the efficiency of the DMV is, quite understandably, a scary thought. Consequently, the idea that individual citizens would take it upon themselves to confront their representatives directly and express their fear through anger should not be thought far-fetched.

However, it may be that events are moving rapidly in a direction that could be damaging for the Democrats. While some Democrats have expressed the opinion that disruptions at town hall events do not help to promote a healthy debate (true), many have also engaged in heavy-handed responses that only serve to reinforce the perception that the Democrats don't really care what opponents of the reforms have to say. Some of them have all but trotted out Gavin Newsom to say that these reforms will happen “whether you like it or not”. Not only do these responses rub the American psyche the wrong way, they also serve to reinforce the suspicion among the population that the reforms are something many of them won't like.

The failure of the Democrats to address the concerns of the electorate as expressed in polls and at town hall meetings is serving to bolster Republican fortunes in ways not seen in 5 years. Americans are a practical people and tend to react poorly to something that is perceived as overly ideological. The fact that these overly ideological proposed

reforms could impact some Americans in ways that could have serious consequences in their lives and their health serves to inspire fear. The anger that is being expressed is no more contrived than what has been expressed at Republicans over the last 4-5 years. The electorate can be pretty unforgiving when aroused and ignored. If the Democrats need the voice of experience on this matter, they can always ask the Republicans.

### SELECTED FROM 45 LESSONS LIFE TAUGHT ME

By Regina Brett, The Cleveland Ohio Plain Dealer,

Life isn't fair, but it's still good.

You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.

Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.

When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.

Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.

Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.

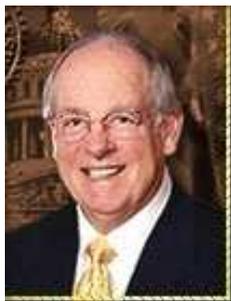
If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.

Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.

Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.

Burn the candles, use the nice sheets and the good china. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.

The best is yet to come.



**SENATOR DAVE COX CAPITOL REPORT**

After much discussion, the Governor and Legislative Leaders emerged

to announce a deal to bridge the \$26 billion gap in the state's budget.

The compromise budget revision aims to address the state's cash flow crisis.

Under this plan, government services will be more streamlined. Waste and some lower priority programs such as the Integrated Waste Management Board will be eliminated.

Real changes and accountability to the state's welfare programs will be put in place.

Unfortunately, the budget package included nearly \$5 billion in borrowing from local government.

Local government provides many services – such as road repair and public safety -- that directly impact Californians.

Most cities and counties in the First Senate District are already lean in their operations. Massive

borrowing by the state could mean drastic cuts and layoffs for local government.

This budget revision makes progress in reforms for a more efficient government.

But it still does not address the state's ongoing deficit spending. I continue to be concerned about our economy and its effect on the state treasury.

Given our 11.3 percent unemployment rate, we must immediately renew our focus on attracting new jobs and maintaining existing jobs.

With a deficit of this magnitude, there are no easy solutions – only difficult choices.

I appreciate the hard work and long hours that the Governor and legislative leaders put into this budget.



**ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY**



On August 13, 1981, President Ronald Reagan

signed into law the Economic Recovery Tax Act. The tax cut represented \$750 billion in tax cuts over five years and is still considered the largest tax cut in American history. While signing the Economic Recovery Tax Act and the Omnibus budget Reconciliation Act, President Reagan remarked, "I think they represent a turnaround of almost a half a century of a course this country's been on and mark an end to the excessive growth in government bureaucracy, government spending, and government taxing."

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**THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER**

**EDUCATION ASSISTANCE FOR CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS**

Arnold Schwarzenegger

A new program that Governor Schwarzenegger made sure was part of the state budget will provide financial assistance for California's National Guard members to get a college education. Before this legislation, California was the only state in the nation that did not offer an education incentive to reward and retain National Guard members.

California's National Guard is on the front lines of every disaster. From protecting citizens from wildfires and floods here at home to serving the people of New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, the Guard can be relied on in every emergency. These brave men and women are heroes, and now they will have the opportunity to get the college education they deserve. I have fought for education benefits for California's troops since I came into office, and I will continue to work to ensure they are rewarded with the opportunities they have earned.

CNGEAP is designed to help nearly 1,000 Guard members pay to attend colleges and universities. It will begin in January 2010 with \$1.8 million to cover the majority of fees associated with attending a public or qualifying private institution.

"This legislation is a small token of our state's appreciation of our citizen soldiers who selflessly answer the call to defend our freedom," said Senator Dave

Cogdill (R-Modesto), an Air National Guard veteran who carried SB 815, nearly identical legislation designed to help National Guard members with the costs of attending college or a vocational education program. "By investing in the education of our brave servicemen and women, we are investing in our overall economy."

While the new Post-9/11 G.I. Bill and Montgomery G.I. Bill provide education benefits for National Guard members who have been deployed on a federal overseas deployment, they do not apply to Guard members who remain at home on state service. The newly enacted bill, ABX4 12, was signed at the State Capitol on July 28 and means California Guard members are eligible to apply for education assistance.

Providing an educational benefit will give an incentive for the best and most experienced Guard members to continue their service. According to the California Military Department, an overwhelming 74 percent of service members said they would extend their service in exchange for help with the costs of higher education.

"The California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program will ensure that the most qualified and experienced Guard members will be retained to continue to serve the great state of California," said California Adjutant General Major General William H. Wade II.



Carl Burton, President

**THE RACE IS ON FOR 2010**

Republicans running for Governor are:

Former Congressman Tom Campbell, Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner and former CEO of E-Bay Margaret Whitman.

Republicans running for Lt. Governor are:

State Senator Samuel M. Aanestad, State Senator Jeff Denham, and Assemblyman Kevin McCarthy.

Republican running for Secretary of State is:

Former Assemblywomen Audra Strickland.

Republicans running for Attorney General are:

State Senator Tom Harman and former State Senator Chuck Poochigian (the Republican candidate for Attorney General in 2006).

Republican running for Controller is:

Board of Equalization (District 2) member Bill Leonard.

At this time no Republican is running for State Treasurer.

Republican running for Insurance Commissioner is:

State Senator Michael Villines.

Republican running for Board of Equalization District 1 Member:

Harmeet Dhillon (Assembly candidate in 2008).

Republicans running for Member, Board of Equalization District 2 are:

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**THE RACE IS ON FOR 2010 (Cont.)**

Former Assemblywomen Barbara Alby, Sate Senator Roy Ashburn, former State Senator James Brulte and Assembly Alan Nakanishi.

Republicans running for Member Board of Equalization District 3 are:

Michelle Steel, Board of Equalization Member and former State Senator Richard Ackerman.

Republican running for Member Board of Equalization District 4 is:

Former State Senator Robert Margett.

Assembly candidates:

Jim Nielsen (Assemblyman, District 2)

Daniel Logue (Assemblyman, District 3)

Edward (Ted) Gaines (Assemblyman, District 4)

Political activists Craig De Luz and Andrew Pugno (District 5)

Political activist Paul Hegyl, former San Joaquin Supervisor Jack Sieglock (District 10) and Mayor Abram Wilson (District 10)

The above list was copied from the California Sectary of Office as of August 2009. Their will other candidates in the future and we will let you know who decides to run.

In Sacramento County we will elect a new Sheriff and hopefully reelect our current District Attorney. I'm working on recruiting a candidate to run for Supervisor in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District and a member of Republicans of River City to run in the 1<sup>st</sup> District.

I'm sure the members of Republicans of River City will support the reelection of Robbie Waters to the Sacramento City Council in District 7. I believe I will be able to recruit a member of Republicans of River City to run for Sacramento City Council district 3. I'm still trying to find a Republican candidate for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sacramento City Council districts.

There are other offices in the county such as our local school boards, various city councils, various boards and commissions and the SMUD Board of Directors. I will keep you informed in our Republicans of River City news letter as soon as I know who is running.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Your membership in Republicans of River City provides you a monthly newsletter, speakers, and an outstanding opportunity to meet your elected officials and California's finest political strategists. River City is also a great way to network and make new friends.

I am a registered Republican and would like to join Republicans of River City.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Yearly Membership:

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Couples Membership: enclosed is our check for \$40

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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