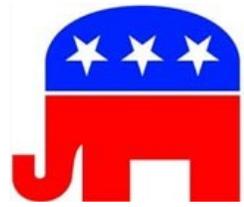


Republicans of River City



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NO MEETING IN AUGUST

THIS MONTH THE GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING OF REPUBLICANS OF RIVER CITY IS CANCELED BECAUSE OUR INVITED SPEAKER HAD TO CANCEL AT THE LAST MINUTE.

CONGRESS SUPER BUDGET COMMITTEE & A SURVEY

By Carl Burton

The twelve members of Congress' "super committee" are now named.

House Democrats selected Chris Van Hollen of Maryland, California's Xavier Becerra, and Jim Clyburn of South Carolina. House Republicans selected Rep. Jeb Hensarling (R-Texas) Michigan's Dave Camp and Fred Upton to represent the chamber's GOP majority on the committee.

Senate Democrats on the committee are John Kerry of Massachusetts and Montana's Max Baucus to serve along with Sen. Patty Murray of Washington. Senate Republicans on the committee are Jon Kyl of Arizona, Rob Portman of Ohio and Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania.

For the next few months the super budget committee will take center stage in Washington's budget brawl.

Once Congress returns from its August recess, the Super Budget committee will face a Nov. 23 (the day before Thanksgiving) deadline to produce a detailed proposal for a minimum of \$1.2 trillion in budget cuts and/or tax increases over the next decade, on top of the \$1 trillion in savings that formed part of last week's accord to raise the U.S. debt limit.

We've got serious challenges and the country needs to deal with them. People watching Fox Business News have seen what's going on with Wall Street and other financial markets around the world; we have watched our national debt rating drop for the first time in our counties history.

What's on the table for the super budget committee to consider? Everything. Yes, including taxes. Likely on the spending chopping block: big-ticket items like farm subsidies, ethanol subsidies, and entitlement healthcare programs Medicare and Medicaid. Expenditures in Obama's healthcare reform, the Affordable Care Act, are also vulnerable.

If the committee members fail and Congress does not adopt at least \$1.2 trillion in cuts, then a trigger is automatically pulled that splits cuts between domestic spending and defense. Analysts say the worst cuts would fall on defense. Defense Secretary (and one-time Clinton budget chief) Leon Panetta has already launched a vigorous campaign arguing that adding \$500 billion in defense cuts to the \$400 billion already planned last spring would do "real damage to our national security... and our ability to protect the nation." But the defense cut trigger is expected to put pressure on super committee Republicans to accept tax hikes rather than endanger national security.

Let the members of this super committee, and our congressman, know what you think they should

do by letter, phone call or pay a visit to their home office.

The Survey:

A recent survey of National Republican Leaders reveal the following:

1. The state of the Republican Party is:

13% Great. Things were tough, but we're back and as strong as the Democrats in most parts of the country.

61% Solid. We're a unified party and we've got a few image problems that we could work on, but our fundamental beliefs are as strong and relevant as ever.

22% Shaky. It's not just image problems — we're losing ground with key constituencies (Hispanics, women, younger voters), and we need to make

some adjustments to the party platform.

4% Terrible. We've got problems with the party — big ones — and we need to have a major reassessment of what we should stand for in the twenty-first century.

2. What is the one topic that members of the Republican Party should spend the most time talking about?

55% Shrinking government

7% Lowering taxes

1% Strengthening national security

1% Protecting traditional values

35% None of the above/other

(To Be Continued in our next newsletter.)

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

Signature _____

Date _____

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