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#### REPUBLICANS OF RIVER CITY WELCOME Lorin J. Meeks-Harris MEMBER OF THE SACRAMENTO COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE. TO SPEAK ON March 19, 2013 at Mimi's Restaurant, located at: 2029 Alta Arden Way Sacramento, 95825 The social hour starts at 6:30 PM and the general meeting starts at 7:15 PM.

We welcome Lorin Meeks-Harris who will speak about her experiences of helping Republican candidates run for public office and of being a black conservative woman in politics.

Ms. Meeks-Harris background includes:

**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA**), North Little Rock, AR December 2011- April 2012 *Human Resources Assistant/Program Support Assistant* 

- Process and meet with federal employees regarding healthcare, retirement in the area of mental health
- Coded Data, Research information using the federal computer systems EOPF, PAID, VISITA, WebHR
- Assist with new employee orientation through placing together packets to verifying new employee's identification

**U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC),** Washington, D.C. June-August 2010 *Intern* 

- Reviewed current federal employment laws
- Reorganized and updated press contacts , photo files, and agency commemoration dates
- Attended agency events and agency press representative's interviews with the press

REPUBLICANS OF RIVER CITY PLAN TO HAVE OUR BOOTH AT THE COUNTY FAIR— MAY 23 TO MAY 27!

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW CHAIRMAN JIM BRULTE

#### By Carl Burton

in January of this year the RRC Board of Directors went on record in support of Jim Brulte for Chairman of the California Republican Party.

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#### welcome Lorin Meeks-Harris

### U.S. Department of Energy (DOE),

Washington, D.C July – August 2009 Intern

- Conducted federal research and completed mandated federal courses
- Reviewed and edited federal online courses
- Created a federal survey
  and evaluated computer users
  concerns

## U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee

Office of Senator Michael Enzi, Washington, D.C January – May 2009

- Intern
- Completed staff assistant duties
- Conducted extensive research on behalf of committee staff members
- Attended congressional hearings and briefings

The White House, Washington, D.C January- May 2007 Intern

- Developed and organized press packets and delivered messages from the media to various
- White House press representatives.
- Delivered and prepared passport documentation and received calls for travel representatives
- Tracked and read incoming mail, passed along constituent comments, and assisted White House Volunteers



#### CONGRATULATIONS JIM BRULTE



We all believe that a strong Republican Party is good for Sacramento, California and the United States. We believe the Republican Party is worth fighting for and believe that Jim is the best person at this time in our history to serve as state Party Chairman.

When Jim was Assembly Republican Leader, we achieved the only Legislative majority we have had in the last 40 years. When he was Senate Republican leader in 2001 after the Democrat gerrymander, we picked up seats when we should have lost seats.

When Jim was in charge of elections, Republican candidates won and when he was not we lost.

Your board is of the opinion that Jim will help restore the voter's confidence in the Republican Party and help to restore our party volunteer base.

Early this month I was able to attend the California State Republican convention as a delegate and I proudly cast my vote in support of Senator Jim Brulte for our new leader of our party.

#### REPUBLICANS—CHAMPIANS OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

#### By Carl Burton

Let us not forget that February was Back History Month along with Lincoln, Washington and Reagan birthday and the Republican Party was at first a movement, an ideal and ideal of Equal Rights - the cessation of the advancement of slavery and its ultimate abolition.

The first meeting of what would become the Republican Party was held in Wisconsin in 1854. Little more than a year later, the party controlled a majority in the U.S. House of Representatives. The next year saw a national Presidential nominating convention and its presidential candidate California's U.S. Senator John C. Fremont that announced to the nation that the Republican Party was a political force whose issues must be addressed, "Free Soil, Free Men, and Fremont."

The Republican Party has, since its inception, been the champion of individual rights, opportunity to achieve individual success, and a belief in free enterprise. The American political system is a wonder, and our free market economy has been a powerhouse envied by the entire world. The Republican Party has been at its core, dedicated to preserving and defending both those valuable assets.

Among the GOP's many accomplishments was the abolition of slavery, an achievement that is lost on many of today's critics. It took a protracted Civil War to make it happen and culminated with the assassination of the first Republican president by John Wilkes Booth (a Democrat) in

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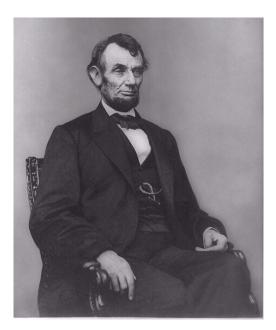
#### **INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS**

concert with other vengeful opponents unwilling to accept then outcomes of the war.

One hundred years after the slavery question was settled, Republicans again championed the cause of equal rights with personal courage of Illinois Republican Senator Everett Dirksen. The party led the way in enactment of Civil Rights 1964 legislation over the strident objections of its Democrat opponents. Were it not for the GOP at that time, these laws would never have passed.

When others were willing to say that American greatness and leadership were a thing of the past, it has fallen to the GOP to recapture the ongoing belief in American exceptionalism. Over the years, Republicans like Ronald Reagan have stood up, disagreed and proved America's doubters wrong.

The Republican Party has long been the standard bearer for the American Dream of individual liberty, equality of opportunity and unlimited personal and financial potential. Key tenets in the GOP belief system, and central to its platforms, have been a limited federal government, strict adherence to the U.S. Constitution and, in the words of Abraham Lincoln, to ensure that our government, "of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the Earth."



#### WHY WE MUST WORK TOGETHER

By Carl Burton

State-wide, Republican registration is down to 29 percent.

More California's are selfidentifying as independents and able to shift their support rapidly to either party.

With the Democrat machine in complete control of the state government under the leadership of Gov. Brown instead of policies that lead to the available and affordable energy supplies required for a growing economy in California, we see onerous new regulations on business and taxes on gasoline.

As Republicans we need to advocate more effectively a set of policies that will reverse California's decline—and our candidates must do a better job of explaining the benefits for individuals, families and businesses that come when we have lowered tax rates instead of increased them; the benefit of the independence that comes from a smaller government instead of a larger one; and the overall wellbeing and safety we have when our economy is strong.

As California Republicans we must work together to get our candidates get elected into public offices in 2014

#### **REPUBLICAN HISTORY**

The Republican Party has held the Assembly in:

1862-1866; 1871-1872; 1880-1881; 1885-1887; 1895-1933; 1943-1958; 1995-1966.

As can be seen from the above dates, the Republican Party has held the Assembly during the periods of California's greatest prosperity.

It's time for the Republicans to once again take the Assembly and bring prosperity to our state.

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# IS COMPROMISE IN THE WORKS?

#### By Carl Burton

Remember when President Reagan would send the Federal Budget to Congress and Speaker Tip O'Neal would say "it was dead on arrival?" And then the Democrats would come up with their own budget proposal and President Reagan and the Republicans and the Democrats would come together and compromise.

Reagan was acting in accord with the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921 which says that the President must submit a budget to Congress each year. In its current form, federal budget legislation specifies that the President submit a budget between the first Monday in January and the first Monday in February.

No federal budget has been passed by Congress since President Obama took office. One reason is because the Democrats, in control of Senate under the leadership of Senator Reid of Nevada, has not put it on the agenda for the Senate to debate and vote on the President's proposal. Each year the Republicans in the House have put together a budget and passed it, but their budget has died in Senate.

This year once again the Republicans in the House have proposed a federal budget and this year the Democrats in the Senate have proposed a different budget with rival priorities. But the nation is waiting on President Obama and his budget proposal. But, the President has asked for "more time" to come up with his spending plan for the third time in four years—once again missing the time-line required by the Budget Act of 1921.

How can there be any give and take, any compromise or "grand plan" if the President doesn't present his spending plan to the American people? But, to be fair, in the past, President Obama's budget proposals have not garnered one yes vote in Congress— not one single Democrat would vote for his budget plans—so I guess it's OK to be late.



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Your membership in Republicans of River City provides you a month- ly 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.
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