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Ted Gains

TED GAINS WILL ADDRESS THE MEMBERS OF REPUBLICANS OF RIVER CITY:

By Carl Burton

Ted Gains, Assembly candidate in the 4th District, will address River City and tell us about his race for this seat and about his agenda. Ted Gains was elected to the Placer County Board of Supervisors in November of 2000 and was reelected in March of 2004. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

Ted's foothill roots run deep. His family first came to Placer County shortly after the Gold Rush and the ranch home built by his great, great grandfather in the 1860's still stands in Roseville.

Ted earned his degree in Business Administration from Lewis & Clark College. He is President of his company, Point West Insurance Associates of Sacramento.

Long active in public service, Ted was a member of the City of

Roseville's Planning Commission from 1997 to 1999. He currently serves on several key Board committees, including the Auburn Dam Coalition; Golden Sierra Job Training Partnership; Placer County Transportation Agency; Placer County Public Private Partnership Committee; Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG); and Sacramento Area Commerce and Trade Organization (SACTO). His primary areas of policy interest include transportation, government efficiency and public safety.

In addition to his service in local government, Ted has been very involved in professional and community activities. In 1994, he served as President of the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of Sacramento and was the Vice Chair of the Republican Central Committee in 1999. He also belongs to the Roseville Rotary Club, is a graduate of the Roseville Chamber Leadership Program and is a member of Bayside Covenant Church.

Ted and his wife Beth live in Roseville with their six children.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT 3

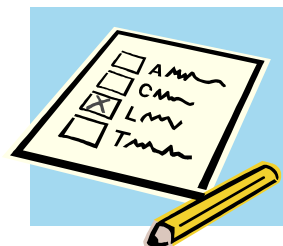
By Robert Evans

In February, I urged members of Republicans of River City to step forward and run for the Sacramento County Central Committee. I am proud to see that many did step up and we have members running in every district:

- District 1-
 - Richard La Fontaine
 - Tim King
- District 2-
 - Richard Eigeneer
 - William Chan
 - Jeffrey Scott
- District 3-
 - Robert Evans
 - Mary Pearson
 - Kenneth Weddle
 - Norm Jachens
 - Carl Burton
 - Betty Axup
- District 4-
 - Craig MacGlashan
 - Larry Masuoka
- District 5-
 - John Madriz
 - Sirgute Morgan
 - Walter Morgan
 - Brian Villanueva
 - George Bradshaw

Now I'm asking all of our River City members to vote for these fine candidates for Sacramento County Central Committee. If all of our members vote, we have the opportunity to make the Sacramento County Central Committee work for the betterment of Sacramento and of all California.

Please, when you vote, consider and mark your ballot for our members of Republicans of River City.





Roger Niello

FINANCIAL LITERACY SHOULD BE IMPORTANT PART OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

By Assemblyman Roger Niello

Today's complicated world takes a good education. A good education in math, and reading, and science and all those other things we learned about in elementary school. But with credit being easier than ever to obtain, and savings rates at all-time lows, the statistics are pointing out that it's the lack of a quality education in personal financial matters that could be having one of the most detrimental effects on our society. The fact is our schools are not spending any time to teaching our children how to make these important life-altering decisions.

In fact, a recent survey of high school students by the JumpStart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy found that the average score on a basic personal finance test of over 5700 12th graders in 37 states was only 52.4%.

The study targeted those not enrolled in the financial and money management courses that are offered, but looked at the general financial literacy of students who can't look to these courses to recall the information, since only a little over 16% of students reported taking an entire course in money management or personal finance.

Some of the specific questions and

results of the survey included the fact that only 22.7 percent of those students surveyed understood that the interest on savings could be taxable if one's income is high enough. And only 40.3% of students realize they could lose their health insurance if their parents became unemployed. The study was broken down further to try to determine if financial literacy is useful when making real world financial decisions. In this regard, students were asked what they thought happened to seniors if they retired and hadn't saved enough money or had a good pension from a former job. Those who felt that people probably lived pretty well on Social Security scored significantly lower on the overall test than those who thought these retirees probably found it tough to live on Social Security.

Formed in December, 1995, the JumpStart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy was begun after it was determined that the many high school graduates were lacking many basic skills in the management of their financial affairs. Basic principles of balancing a checkbook, spending and earning money, savings and investments were not being met. This was having a detrimental effect and causing many young people to fail in the management of their first consumer credit experience, while they established bad financial management habits. Two of the biggest financial decisions and commitments that anyone makes in their life are purchasing a house and purchasing a car, yet many students today don't know much about either.

Last year, I held two financial literacy workshops within my Assembly District that were sponsored by the California Society of Certified Public Accountants. While these "Dollars and Sense" clinics were very helpful to those

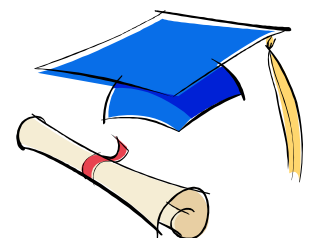
attended, the 2-hour presentations by the CPA's who assisted with the events only skimmed the surface of things such as credit cards, taxes, mortgages, and retirement accounts.

It has become apparent to me that a more comprehensive and direct approach to personal finances must be taken, and that is why I decided to author legislation this year, AB 2787, that will ensure that a minimum level of practical personal financial competency is achieved in our K-12 schools.

But I realize that the burden can't be placed solely on the schools. Everyone in our society, including legislators, employers, parents, service groups, community organizations, libraries, financial institutions, and the media should encourage and provide educational opportunities for financial literacy education for all Californians. That is why I introduced a resolution last month in the State Assembly calling for more public awareness of the need for financial literacy. With consumer bankruptcy filings at an all-time high in 2005, the average consumer credit card debt standing at \$8000, and the U.S. savings rate for consumers in negative territory, we have reached the crisis stage.

If you'd like more information about the JumpStart Coalition or would like to see how you would do on the personal financial knowledge test, I urge you to visit their website at www.jumpstart.org.

As one who is professionally trained as a CPA, I can assure you that getting your finances in order is the single most important thing you can do to give yourself the peace of mind that you and your family will be cared for now and in the future.



GOVERNOR'S CORNER



Arnold Schwarzenegger

Benefits of Strategic Growth Plan for Schools

Governor Schwarzenegger today celebrated passage of his Strategic Growth Plan, the largest bond investment in the history of California, at Wilson Riles Middle School in Roseville and spoke of the many benefits schools all across California will reap as a result of the major improvements his plan will make in building and modernizing schools.

"The Strategic Growth Plan is a California-sized answer to our infrastructure challenges," said Governor Schwarzenegger. "It matches the ambitions of this state and its people. It invests in our future as a state by creating the modern learning environments our children deserve. Too many children learn in overcrowded classrooms and schools. My Strategic Growth Plan will provide the funds we need to improve our schools, to build more classrooms and to modernize our education facilities so that our children learn in surroundings where they can thrive. I commend the legislature for making this historic investment in our children's future and our future as a state."

Strategic Growth Plan: Education

The Strategic Growth Plan education proposal authorizes the

placement of a \$10.4 billion general obligation bond to fund K-12 and Higher Education on the November 2006 ballot.

Highlights

Career Technical Education: Provides \$500 million in supplemental grants for facilities.

This is the first time in state history that funding for Career Technical Education is included in a state bond.

Funding will be applied to new facility construction and reconfiguration.

Charter Schools: Provides \$500 million for facilities.

This is the largest state bond funding for charter school facilities in California history.

The bond's requirements limit the reduction of school district eligibility when new charter facility construction is authorized, and requires school districts to consider existing surplus facilities in accordance with current law.

Overcrowded Schools: Authorizes the State Allocation Board to make grants to overcrowded schools.

The bond is expected to fully fund all projects in the pipeline in 2006-2008 bond cycle, accommodating the anticipated rise in student population over this timeframe.

Grants would be available to replace a portion of portable classrooms at overcrowded schools with new hard construction permanent facilities. (Overcrowded

is defined as having a pupil density equal to or greater than 175% of the current guidelines.)

Seismic Safety: Creates a new seismic safety program with up to \$200 million made available to those schools identified as having the highest risk for potential seismic damage.

Higher Education: Provides \$3.087 billion to public college and university facilities.

\$1.580 billion for the University of California and California State University systems.

\$1.5 billion for California Community Colleges. This is the highest bond allocation to community colleges in state history.

K-12 Allocation

Program / Total Funding

- New Construction - \$1.9 billion
- Modernization - \$3.3 billion
- Career Technical - \$500 million
- Charter Schools - \$500 million
- Overcrowded Portables - \$1 billion
- Small Schools - \$200 million*
- Seismic Safety - \$200 million*
- Green Schools - \$100 million
- Joint Use Facilities - \$29 million

Total (\$ in billions) - \$7.329

*Amounts for small schools and seismic safety are not added to totals, but are set-aside within the new construction and modernization amounts.



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The President's Corner



Carl Burton, President of RRC

by Carl Burton

On behalf of Republicans of River City and the California Congress of Republicans I have had a very busy month.

I held a phone conference call with our CCR board of directors, visited our Tehachapi California Congress of Republicans (Kern County) and talked to their members about what is going in Sacramento and the role of CCR in the upcoming election and came right back to Sacramento in order to help out at a dinner for the Governor the next day.

I raised the money for the Sacramento Republican National Hispanic Assembly (RHA) chapter to have a booth at Festival De La Familia in Sacramento and helped man the booth where we registered voters and passed out Republican campaign material.

I next helped John Madriz, President, of RHA at the Roseville Cinco De Mayo celebration where we set up their booth.

In the past month I've had a number of meetings with the Governor's campaign staff and several telephone conference calls.

I joined other members of Republicans of River City and helped register new citizens (many as new Republicans) at the Crest Theater, it's always a thrill to meet

and talk to new American citizens at this event.

With financial support from Assemblyman Roger Niello, Assemblyman Alan Nakanishi, Supervisor Susan Peters, Board of Equalization Member Bill Lenoard and Placer County Supervisor Ted Gaines (Assembly candidate in the 4th District), we will have a great booth at the Sacramento County Fair this year. The fair will start on May 24 and last until May 29; we need help in order to main the booth and register voters. The fair doors open at 10:00 am and doors close at 10:00 pm if you can help out at the booth please let us know by calling me at 916-485-5741 or emailing me at carl@crrgop.org There is no charge to attend the fair but the parking cost is \$7.00 per day.

This year is going to be very busy helping candidates and attending events and I'm looking forward to seeing you at our River City meetings or on the campaign trail.

PS: Member William Chan just got back from Washington DC where he was the guest of the National Republican Party in his efforts to be the next Assemblyman from the 9th District.

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One full-time position
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- Voter Registration
- Precinct Operations
- Fund Raising

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Please submit cover letter and resume and any inquiries to: janeparsons@centralvalleygop.com

Please respond by Friday, May 19, 2006.

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If you are interested in placing an ad in the Republicans of River City newsletter, contact Carl Burton at 916-359-5741 or send an email to editor@sacrrc.com.

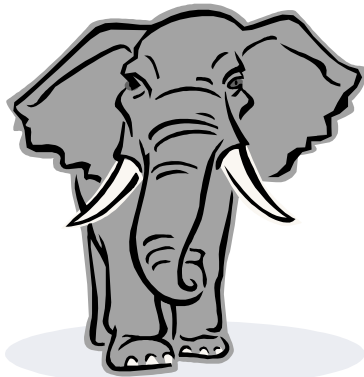
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Ted Gaines, Chairman of the Placer County Board of Supervisors (Assembly candidate in the 4th District), will address River City on May 16, 2006 in the Ose Room located at: Channel 6, KVIE 2595 Capitol Oaks Drive Sacramento
The social hour starts at 6:00 PM and the general meeting starts at 7:00 PM.



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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.

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