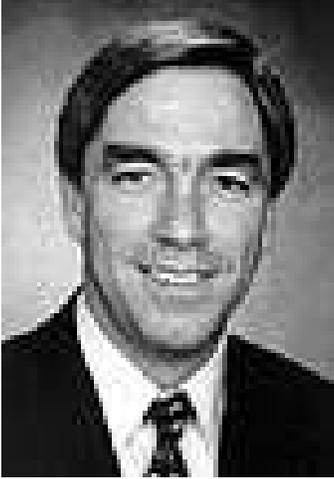


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THANK YOU, DOUG OSE



DOUG OSE

By Fred Hildebrand

Doug Ose, as guest speaker and honoree, will be with us at our next River City General Meeting. It will be our time to thank him for his outstanding public service and to present him with a token of our appreciation. We have not only endorsed and supported Doug in his campaigns for Congress but we have enjoyed his friendship and support for years. It should be a great evening for all, especially with Doug's wit and candor!

The meeting will be held at Channel 6, KVIE, as usual, with a Social Hour at 6:00 P.M. and the General Meeting at 7:00 P.M. Please remember to bring something for our troops. We expect some special guests to make it an outstanding evening.

Congressman Doug Ose was elected to the United States House of Representatives on November 3, 1998. He represents California's Third Congressional District, which Alpine, Amador and Calaveras Counties, as well as portions of Sacramento

and Solano Counties.

California's Sacramento Valley is one of nature's and man's miracles. Nature and man have sculpted a floor of almost perfectly flat land, surrounded on three sides by mountains. The county of Sacramento, with 1.2 million people, is one of the nation's fastest-growing big metropolitan areas.

Since arriving in Congress, Doug has fought to ensure homeland security, eliminate government waste, promote education, expand health care coverage and secure federal assistance for local projects. As the chairman of the House Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, Doug has led the charge in finding federal solutions to California's energy crisis.

It was Ose's proposed price mitigation plan, adopted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in 2001, that led to drastic reduction in energy prices for California ratepayers over the summer. Ose also authored legislation to fight energy price gouging and has been active in urging the State to adopt a new market design for California's unstable energy market.

A champion in the war against drugs, Congressman Ose has authored comprehensive legislation to fight the growing epidemic of methamphetamine. The CLEAN-UP Methamphetamine bill enjoys strong bi-partisan support in Congress and with the Bush Administration, as well as the support of local law enforcement officials.

Doug has secured over \$1.5 million for schools in the Third District, enabling students to have access to new educational technologies. Ose was also a co-sponsor of President George W. Bush's "No Child Left Behind" education reform act.

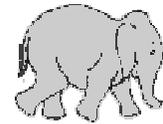
With the Third District encompassing many rural communities, Doug has fought for the well being of Americans rural economy, including ensuring flood protection, securing water rights, protecting the agricultural community and introducing comprehensive legislation to

AN INTERESTING AND IMPORTANT TALK

By Robert Evans

Undersheriff John McGinnes gave an interesting, informative talk on the issues facing Sacramento's sheriffs to those of us who attended last month's meeting. His talk, and his clear and concise answers to questions from the assembled meeting members, was so well received that, after he finished answering the last question, the members of River City unanimously voted to support him for sheriff in the event that John decides to seek that office next year.

Congratulations to the members of River City for your many on target questions and to Undersheriff John McGinnes for your understandable and on target answers to the pressing questions of crime, drugs and gangs that bedevil Sacramento residents.



promote and fund telemedicine.

As a fiscal conservative, Ose has voted for tax relief and economic stimulus packages for American families. He was co-sponsor of legislation to eliminate the marriage tax penalty and to phase out the death tax.

Born 1955 in Sacramento, Doug graduated from Sacramento's Rio Americano High School and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of California at Berkeley. Doug and his wife Lynnda live in Sacramento and have two daughters, Erika and Emily.



The Honorable Roger Niello

SPECIAL ELECTION REPRESENTS IMPORTANT MOMENT

Two years ago, Arnold Schwarzenegger, with little political experience to his name, asked Californians to trust him. He asked voters to elect him on a platform of change, to send him to Sacramento to blow up boxes, to bank on the premonition that if anyone could shake up the status quo in the Capitol, it was him.

The force of the recall movement propelled Governor Schwarzenegger into power with a clear directive: enact broad-based, ground-up reforms. The voters didn't want business as usual, they wanted change. The recall election evidenced powerful support by the voters for that change, but there are powerful forces vested in the status quo that will always resist such change, making it necessary that effective change come about in an incremental fashion.

But as we think back on the recall election, it was less about what needed to be done and more about why: the state was spending out of

control and not getting much in return. People were frustrated, fed up with excuses and business as usual. As California barreled ahead, achieving junk-bond status while continuing to experience poor test-scores and deteriorating infrastructure, we reached the critical mass needed to re-shuffle the deck. Governor Schwarzenegger's political moment in time came because he responded to this frustration and was able to articulate a vision with such energy that he inspired a following ready and willing to turn the train around.

Now, two years since the biggest populist movement in recent history, a great deal is riding on the success of this fall's special election. At the heart of this November's ballot are incremental reforms. They only begin to make the kind of straightforward changes voters said they wanted when they elected this Governor. While far from a wholesale rework of the system, they are a positive step in the right direction: a telling reaffirmation that voters are still as willing to cast a ballot for reform as they were two years ago.

Consider the nature of two of the reform measures up for a vote. Proposition 74 extends teacher tenure from two years to five years. This change simply means that a beginning teacher would have to wait three years more for long-term job protection.

Proposition 76, aptly titled the "live within our means" measure, declares that the state cannot increase spending by more than the average of revenues over the previous three years. Again, a modest proposal that requires the state to do what all California families must – operate within a budget.

Nevertheless, this reform marks a significant change for California for one important reason: this state has been engaged in so much autopilot spending for so long that any step in the direction of fiscal prudence will be met with opposition.

In this vein, any significant change in a state as large as California with its gamut of entrenched special interests will require an evolutionary shift. Two years ago, Californians gave this shift the thumbs up. Have the loud attacks mounted by the forces vested in the status quo caused these same citizens to question the commitment to reform? Will voters refuse to sign on to what are by no means radical measures, or will they choose to pursue an agenda of change and progress? The answers will determine whether voters have done a complete 180 from where they stood just two years ago.

As such, this is a threshold election. If we are to entertain doing things differently, this November will measure that resolve. If our commitment has dwindled, it will measure that as well. Arguably, it is the most important election since I've been voting, as it will likely decide the course of this state for a very long time. Any politician can philosophize about what's wrong with California, but this Governor, rather than present you with a problem has presented you with a solution. What the citizens of this state choose to do with this opportunity for change and what this symbolizes for the future of reform in California will have far more impact than any of the individual measures themselves.





Arnold
Schwarzenegger

**GOVERNOR ARNOLD
SCHWARZENEGGER'S SIGNS
BILL TO STRENGTHEN
PUBLIC SAFETY AND
PROTECT CRIME VICTIMS**

October 4, 2005

Thank you. Well, it's wonderful to be here today with Senator Chuck Poochigian and all the members of law enforcement, it's great to see everyone here that is fighting crime.

And this is a very special day today. First of all, let me just say that public safety is government's number one responsibility, and I, as governor, have been working very hard to make sure that the people are safe. And this is why today is a very special day, because we are signing today 30 bills into law that all deal with crime prevention. And there is one bill specifically that I'm very happy to sign, which is Senate Bill 453, which is the Rural Crime Prevention Bill. And it is a program that has been in existence since 1996, and this now, by signing this bill, will extend the sunset by three years, actually to 2010.

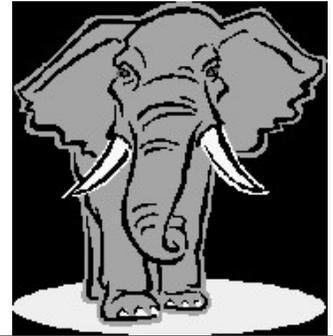
So to 2010, it extends it by five years. And this is very important, because there's some thing that most people don't really think about, but there is a tremendous amount of crime in the rural areas, and especially in the Central Valley, where farmers lose a lot of their equipment and their products because it's stolen by people that

come by and steal their farm equipment, and their products.

And so they have put together this very important kind of a program, the Rural Crime Prevention Program, which is a combination of law enforcement, district attorneys and local officials. They all came together and started fighting this crime. And they have already found various different equipment, up to 10 million dollars worth of equipment they have retrieved, which is terrific.

And I think we're going to continue fighting that, because we have to protect the farmers, we have to protect the workers, and because the farmers they feed us, they feed America, they feed the world. And we have the best agriculture in the world, and so I think we have to do everything possible to protect it.

And I want to thank Senator Poochigian, who has fought very hard on behalf of this bill, and everyone in my administration, because we put 3 billion dollars -- 3 million dollars -- aside specifically for this program. So I think this is terrific, and now let's sign it into law.



HAVE A LAUGH OR TWO

How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?

Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?

Think about this - no one ever says "It's only a game" when his team is winning.

Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.

If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.

Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.

I've reached the age where the happy hour is a nap.

After a certain age, if you don't wake up aching in every joint, you are probably dead.



Honorable Dave Cox

ANTI-DRUNK DRIVING BILL BECOMES LAW

My bill to crack down on drunk driving was signed into law. Senate Bill 547 creates a pilot project in Sacramento County aimed at reducing the number of repeat drunk drivers on the road. The program will target repeat offenders by combining temporary impoundment of the offender's vehicle with an intervention and a referral to a DUI program.

California has some of the most stringent drunk driving laws in the nation, yet the problem persists. Nearly 186,000 people were arrested for DUI in 2003, an increase over the previous year. Twenty four percent of those arrested were repeat offenders. While public awareness has grown about the dangers of driving while intoxicated, the fact is there are still far too many repeat offenders who ignore the consequences of their actions, and too often the results are tragic. This legislation allows

Sacramento County to test a new program aimed at repeat offenders. It is strict, but it is the right thing to do. I want to thank my colleagues for supporting this bill, and thank Governor Schwarzenegger for signing it into law.

SB 547 is the idea of Dr. Leon Owens, the Director of the Trauma Care Program at Mercy San Juan Hospital in Sacramento. Having seen the tragedy of drunk driving from a personal perspective, Dr. Owens recognized that drunk drivers need to realize the seriousness of their actions, and that fines and suspended driver's licenses are inadequate for the task.

Dr. Owens is currently participating with U.C. Davis Medical Center in a study that tracks the effectiveness of the intervention and referral process on the recidivism rate of drunk drivers. Funded with a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, the program intervenes with drunk drivers in emergency rooms and gets them into treatment programs to prevent a continuance of driving while impaired.

Under SB 547, a person arrested for driving under the influence (DUI) who has a prior DUI-related conviction may have his or her car impounded for up to 30 days if the impoundment is combined with an intervention and referral to a DUI program immediately upon arrest or arraignment. The intervention will be performed by a certified alcohol and drug addiction counselor.

Sacramento County officials will report back to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2009 on the effectiveness of the pilot program authorized under this bill in reducing the number of first-time and repeat DUI offenses. Based on the results, the Legislature may

expand the program to other counties in California.

My law will go into effect on January 1st, 2006.

I am appealing to residents of the First Senate District to donate to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, which will assist victims of Hurricane Katrina and other disasters that happen around the country every day. Assistance to the Disaster Relief Fund enables the Red Cross to provide food, shelter, counseling and other assistance to thousands of disaster victims across the country each year.

The American Red Cross has launched the largest mobilization of resources for a single natural disaster involving thousands of trained disaster relief workers, tons of supplies and shoulders to lean on. The Red Cross has provided a safe haven for nearly 40,000 evacuees in more than 230 Red Cross shelters to date. More than 1,900 Red Cross workers, most of whom are volunteers, are being recruited to assist in this relief effort.

In the past year, the Red Cross spent over \$134 million providing relief across the nation, and it is important that we provide assistance to those affected by Hurricane Katrina in time of need.

Those interested in learning more about the Disaster Relief Fund should call 1-800-HELP-NOW or visit the Red Cross Web site at www.redcross.org.



Supervisor Susan Peters

**FISCAL PRUDENCE
PREVAILS FOR
SACRAMENTO COUNTY'S
BUDGET**

By Supervisor Susan Peters

The Board of Supervisors exercised prudent fiscal restraint when we adopted the County budget for Fiscal Year 2005-2006. Faced with massive financial obligations coming due two years down the road as a result of past action by a previous board which increased pensions to public employees, the current board took a somber approach by placing roughly \$50 million in reserve.

The ability to conserve was the result of an infusion of cash coming from a variety of sources, including increased revenue from a healthy real estate market to additional monies released by the State of California.

While practicing sound money management to maintain a healthy reserve, the Board did increase spending in isolated situations that merited investment. For example, 10 positions were added to Sheriff Lou Blanas' operation for a High Impact Motorcycle Unit designed to combat gang crime. We also added a prosecutor and criminal investigator for District Attorney Jan Scully to complement the

emphasis in addressing gang activity. And almost a half million dollars was added to combat illegal camping by the homeless on the American River Parkway, which has created both a public safety concern and an environmental threat to the natural habitat.

Recognizing the financial drain from the County's Golf Fund had an important breakthrough. The Board of Supervisors agreed to take a serious look at that fund, which is in the red and being bailed out by General Fund monies that could be spent elsewhere like on law enforcement. Now we will be able to have an honest discussion about the cost-effectiveness of contracting out the management of our public courses versus maintaining them by the County's work force. My private sector experience has taught me that sometimes it is better to contract out a service than keep it in-house if a vendor can do the same job at less expense.

Three weeks after the budget was adopted, a hearing was held to discuss bringing some reality to the management of our public golf courses. Almost 10 years ago a similar debate was held about a proposal to hire contractors at the Cherry Island course, which was defeated. This time, upon my motion, the Board voted 4-1 to proceed with contracting out over the next three years at Cherry Island and Ancil Hoffman Golf Courses. Mather Golf Course already is under private vendor management.

ON THIS DATE IN SEPTEMBER

September 2, 1910 - Republican Mayor George Alexander, Mayor of Los Angeles, makes Alice Wells the first woman police officer in America.

September 3, 1868 - Twenty-five African-Americans in the Georgia legislature, all Republicans, are expelled by the Democrat majority.

September 12, 1868 - Civil rights activist Tunis Campbell and all other African-Americans in the Georgia Senate, every one a Republican, are expelled by the Democrat majority.

September 22, 1862 - President Abraham Lincoln issues the Emancipation Proclamation.

September 24, 1957 - Under withering criticism from Democrats John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson, President Dwight Eisenhower deploys U. S. troops to Little Rock to force Democrat Governor Orval Faubus to integrate public schools.

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SOME SCENES FROM OUR AUGUST MEETING

The theme was a luau in Hawaii:

But first, here is a picture of one of our newest Sacramento Central Committee members; you all know her as the premier picture taker for Republicans of River City, Mary Pearson. Congratulations, Mary!



Mary with Dave Cox

And here is another brand new member of the Sacramento Central Committee and long time member of Republicans of River City, Kevin Smith. Congratulations Kevin!



Carl, Mary and Kevin Smith

And here are a few of the people who came to enjoy the luau and also to listen to our speaker, Undersheriff John McGinnes:



Here are some more members and guests enjoying the River City luau:



And here is our guest of honor,



Undersheriff John McGinnes, giving us insight into the work of the Sheriff's Department.



Carl Burton, the President of RRC congratulated John on his



presentation as did Fred Hildebrand who introduced John to us.

FACTS TO PONDER

The number of physicians in the U.S. is 700,000. Accidental deaths caused by Physicians per year are 120,000. Accidental deaths per physician is 0.171.

(Statistics courtesy of U.S. Dept of Health Human Services.)

Now think about this:

Guns:

The number of gun owners in the U.S. is 80,000,000 (yes, that's 80 million). The number of accidental gun deaths per year, all age groups, is 1,500. The number of accidental deaths per gun owner is .000188.

(Statistics courtesy of FBI)

So, statistically, doctors are approximately 9,000 times more dangerous than gun owners. Remember, "Guns don't kill people, doctors do." FACT: NOT EVERYONE HAS A GUN, BUT ALMOST EVERYONE HAS AT LEAST ONE DOCTOR.

Please alert your friends to this alarming threat. We must ban doctors before this gets completely out of hand! Out of concern for the public at large, I have withheld the statistics on lawyers for fear the shock would cause people to panic and seek medical attention.

(From a concerned citizen.)

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The President's Corner



Republican Of River City President Carl Burton

THE CALIFORNIA RECOVERY PLAN

Live Within Our Means Act, Proposition 76

Modern spending limits in California began in 1979 with the passage of Proposition 4. Also called the Gann Initiative after its chief sponsor, Paul Gann (People's Advocate founder and co-author of Prop. 13), Proposition 4 places a limit on most spending from tax proceeds. Voters approved the Gann limit in a November 1979 special election by a 74% margin.

With the Gann limit, voters took the matter of spending limits into their own hands, and ignored objections that spending limit formulas are an artificial constraint on policy making and hamper the government's ability to address citizen needs.

During the early 1980s, increases in population and the consumer price index outpaced the growth in state revenue, and the Gann limit was not reached. However, a surge in state revenues in 1987 caused the limit to be breached, and led to the first--

and so far, only--refund to taxpayers. Over the years Proposition 4 has been weakened, making it less likely that the limit will be reached in the future.

After his victory in the 2003 recall election, Governor Schwarzenegger called for a new spending limit as part of his "California Recovery Plan" for addressing the state's budget crisis. The legislature rejected his spending limit proposal but compromised on a budget package which included a balanced budget constitutional amendment. The amendment appeared as Proposition 58 on the March 2004 primary ballot and was approved by the voters.

Governor Schwarzenegger was only momentarily deterred when the legislature failed to approve the spending limit proposal contained in his California Recovery Plan. The governor again called for a strong spending limit in his State of the State address on January 5, 2005.

Leaders of Republicans of River City and the California Congress of Republicans believe that Governor Schwarzenegger is right and supports the "Live Within Our Means Act" which will place reasonable, responsible limits on the state's budget growth. We believe that the legislature has not been effective in holding down spending in high revenue years or in cutting spending in low revenue years, and that the Proposition 76 automatic triggers to control spending, coupled with the new authority given to the governor to make spending cuts, will finally bring state spending under control.

California doesn't have a revenue problem - it has a spending problem. The Democrat control legislature is addicted to spending

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Doug Ose will address River City at our next General Membership Meeting on September 20, 2005 in the Ose Room located at Channel 6, KVIE. The social hour starts at 6PM and the general meeting starts at 7 PM.