



# Proposition 11?

This months speaker will be a representative from the Yes on Prop 11 committee.

For some time now redistricting has been held out as the panacea for our grid locked, derisible, California Congress. Because the Legislature draws their own districts and, essentially chooses their own voters, 99% of incumbents are reelected to office. As a result, they have very little incentive to be responsive to constituent concerns or make tough policy decisions – and they remain beholden to special interests, rather than voters. We had hoped ‘term limits’ would give us some relief from the partisan wrangling and game playing that gives us a bloated budget, months late, and a pile of special interest legislation for the Governor to sign in the last days of the legislative session. But the way the districts are drawn guarantees one partisan legislator is replaced by another, often a relative. So the threat of losing a seat to the other party is removed. Our next great hope for breaking up Legislative grid lock is ‘Redistricting’.

Our speaker this month is a proponent for Proposition 11. Proposition 11 is a rather complicated plan to create a 14-member independent citizen commission to redraw state legislative district lines based on strict non-partisan rules. Of course any plan to create a group or commission supposedly “non-partisan” is going to come under heave fire. And certainly Proposition 11 has.

Basically the plan is this, Beginning January 2010 and every ten years thereafter, the California State Auditor will initiate an application process open to registered voters in a manner that “promotes a diverse and qualified applicant process.” This could mean advertising in newspapers or other publications in communities, professions, etc.

From this group of applicants, persons with conflicts of interest will be removed by the Auditor, and a three person auditor panel will pick 60 finalists, 20 Democrats, 20 Republicans and 20 others. This group is submitted to legislative leadership and they can strike 8 from each group of 20. The Auditor will then chose eight commissioners from this group and the 8 commissioners will choose the final 6 for a total of 14.

Potential commission members could include university professors, CPAs, physicians, nurses, engineers, community advocates, teachers and more. There are also provisions in the initiative requiring the Commission to represent the state’s significant diversity, including ethnic and regional considerations.

The State Auditor is appointed by the Governor from a list of three candidates chosen by a joint legislative committee.

Under California law, the Legislature, through its bipartisan, bicameral Joint Legislative Audit Committee, nominates three qualified individuals to be State Auditor after a majority vote of the committee

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*From the President's Desk----*



Brenda Montaine

Happy Election Countdown Greetings  
from your  
Southern California Republican Women  
and Men President!

Thank you to everyone who  
attended our September luncheon.  
Special thanks to member Gary  
Aminoff. Gary saved the day by

jumping in to review the upcoming election Propositions  
when we were informed that our confirmed guest  
speaker was MIA due to a glitch in his schedule that  
sent him to Whittier instead of Burbank. All agreed  
that our time was well spent reviewing the  
Propositions, and Gary as always, was a wealth of  
information.

This year's nominating committee members are:  
Barbara Smith, Irene Stiny, and Rick Montaine. Please  
call Barbara at (323) 849-7420 to voice your  
executive board recommendations. Barbara will  
present the slate of officers for 2009 at our October  
meeting.

Wow, what a historical time in which we are  
living. We are faced with: a financial crisis, 700  
billion dollar bailout deal on the table, neck -n- neck  
presidential race, housing market taking a hit,  
polarized parties, and socialist scare tactics in the air.  
I'm flabbergasted, almost daily, when the liberal  
slanted main stream leftist media predicts the news  
like it's a weather report and then mumble grumble  
and bumble with their mouths agape when reality  
doesn't match their incantations. My sanity is  
thankful to a new generation of conservative common  
sense driven truth seeking bloggers who navigate the  
supper highway to thwart the liberal media bias with  
simple good old fashioned truth.

A hypocritical leadership creates a toxic  
environment in which to raise and educate our youth. I  
shudder at the thought of a Kindergarten classroom

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## Real Negotiation

From email, original source unknown

A Washington D.C. lobbyist once explained the art of true negotiation where no one gets everything but everyone gets a piece of something. His theory of what made him the better lobbyist was that he went back to the negotiation table and got a little more each time.

For years, real negotiations had been devoid in the State budget battle because the Democrats have been giving away the treasury to their stakeholders and leaving the California taxpayers to pay the bill. What made the difference in this year's budget stalemate? All parties, after three months, had no option but to negotiate.

Monday night early Tuesday morning; The legislators passed a budget with a 10 percent tax income increase but the Republicans put strings on it by making the money come back to the taxpayers in the form of a tax refund in some future period. The Democrats wanted more spending programs. The Republicans held the Democrats' spending back. The Governor's Budget Stabilization Account (AKA the Rainy Day fund) added into the budget but had zero teeth to enforce the spirit of a rainy day fund. It was more like an overdraft account.

Later Tuesday morning, it was clear to see that the budget was an unmitigated disaster. The Governor and the citizens of California were quite upset about the 10 percent withholding tax increase. The Democrats were still mad about the COLAs, the spending cuts and the Republicans taking so much time to caucus during the budget battle that night. Clearly upset by the Budget Stabilization Account being a paper tiger the Governor gave an ultimatum that he will use his power of veto to kill this bad budget. The Governor stated he would also veto most of the legislators' bills on his desk.

By Wednesday, all parties knew they needed to go back to the negotiation table.

On Thursday, the final changes were made to the state budget bill. The 10 percent tax was replaced with bringing outstanding tax revenue owed to the state by increasing penalties on corporations who are late on their taxes. The legislators gave the California's Budget Stabilization Account (AKA Rainy Day fund) a rubric of rules to make the account useful and not a paper tiger. The budget process had mid-year reduction authority with some power put back into the system. There is 1.4 billion of saving added to the budget by the cuts the Conference Committee made. 1.5 billion for Education Funding is now part of the budget.

The legislators voted on a new state budget on Friday.

Sitting on the desk waiting for the Governor to sign into law is the state budget with a 2.8 percent increase from last year's budget of 101 billion to 104 billion dollars this year.

Can the legislators elected on November 4, keep next year's budget from ballooning and going after the spending cap? This why we need to elect and reelect fiscally conservative Republicans.

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### Proposition recommendations by Gary Aminoff

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| <b>Prop 1</b> | <b>NO</b> | <b>Safe, Reliable High-Speed Train Bond Act for the 21st Century</b> |
| <b>Prop 2</b> | <b>NO</b> | <b>Prevention of Farm Cruelty Act</b>                                |
| <b>Prop 3</b> | <b>NO</b> | <b>Children's Hospital Bond Act of 2008</b>                          |
| <b>Prop 4</b> | <b>NO</b> | <b>Child &amp; Teen Safety &amp; Stop Predators Act: Sarah's Law</b> |

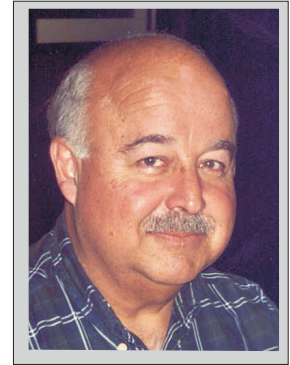
*(While we are supportive of parental notification, the language in this Initiative Constitutional Amendment (Prop. 4) is flawed and might have unintended negative consequences. We suggest waiting for one that is better drafted.)*

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| <b>Prop 5</b>  | <b>NO</b>  | <b>Nonviolent Offender Rehabilitation Act of 2008</b>       |
| <b>Prop 6</b>  | <b>YES</b> | <b>Safe Neighborhoods Act</b>                               |
| <b>Prop 7</b>  | <b>NO</b>  | <b>The Solar &amp; Clean Energy Act of 2008</b>             |
| <b>Prop 8</b>  | <b>YES</b> | <b>California Marriage Protection Act</b>                   |
| <b>Prop 9</b>  | <b>YES</b> | <b>Victims' Bill of Rights Act of 2008: Marsy's Law</b>     |
| <b>Prop 10</b> | <b>NO</b>  | <b>CA Renewable Energy &amp; Clean Alternative Fuel Act</b> |
| <b>Prop 11</b> | <b>YES</b> | <b>Voters FIRST Act (Redistricting Commission)</b>          |
| <b>Prop 12</b> | <b>YES</b> | <b>Veteran's Bond Act of 2008</b>                           |

## Bill's Bills

### Signs of the Times

By Bill Saracino



*William Saracino*

In 2008 Governor Schwarzenegger had 1,187 bills sent to him by the Legislature. Setting a record, he ended up vetoing 415, nearly 35% of them. While he did this good thing for the wrong reason – pique at the legislature's refusal to adopt his budget, including a sales tax increase – good results should be praised however they are achieved. And make no mistake, given this current legislature, vetoes and gridlock are the taxpayers' friends. Always. Sadly he signed 65% of the excrement sent to him, but I'll take the small advances and smile.

Here's a small sampling of good vetoes and bad signatures:

#### VETOES

- Outlawing metallic balloons
- Allowing illegal aliens to obtain driver's licenses.
- Allowing illegal aliens to obtain “in-state” tuition rates
- Mandating state-run health insurance.
- Appropriating \$490 million for a “climate change institute”.
- Removing secret balloting from union-organizing elections.
- Outlawing the firing of an employee for smoking marijuana
- Allowing members of the Communist Party to teach in public schools

#### SIGNATURES

- Creating a new regulation for chain restaurants, forcing them to list nutritional information.
- Criminalize texting while driving, begging the question of whether we should just outlaw stupidity.
- Buy overpriced "green" electricity and then pass the inflated costs onto... you!
- Force "smart growth" by restricting the freedom of property owners to build what they want, within reason, on their own property - in the name of fighting "global warming."
- But wait, there is more - government will now force cities to divert funds intended for streets and highways to bike paths, buses and light rail - can you say social engineering?
- Finally -- government will now play a more active role in encouraging euthanasia. Welcome to the brave new world.

All in all a very mixed bag, and frankly not all that different from what we would have gotten were Gray Davis still Governor. But on balance the good done by the vetoes at least slightly outweighs the bad done by the signatures. The really good news is that the legislative circus is out of the Capitol until January, so no more damage can be done til then.

## Forum Highlights, a report by Eldon Quick

As was expected the recent nomination of **Sara Palin** as the Republican Party's candidate for Vice President was of major interest to the Forum members at the Sept. 13th meeting. Normally, it was pointed out, the Vice Presidential candidate doesn't have much effect on the election. But this time, judging by the furor over her nomination, her nomination has the possibility of changing the outcome of the election. Also, given McCain's age, we must take the election of his Vice President very seriously. Sara's speech at the Republican Convention was still fresh on the forum members minds, and our reaction to it was very favorable. Could she be the Republican leader the rank and file of the party have been looking for? She certainly had "Star" quality. Her ability to come across as a 'real person' surpassed Barak Obama's by far. Her ability to communicate rivaled that of Ronald Reagan. As a woman, with a family, balancing motherhood and a career, having it all, so to speak, she puts the lie to the feminist proposition that only with liberal politicians help can womankind succeed. As a successful Republican woman and mother she is a greater threat to the Liberal propaganda that Republicans are sexist than Clarence Thomas was that we are racist. And boy has the Left gone nuts with outrageous claims against her, too stupid and disgusting to go into here.



Eldon Quick

**Charles Gibson's** television interview with Sara Palin was an excellent example of the Left wing bias in the news media. The forum members were asked their opinion on whether or not they thought Charles Gibson was a pompous ass? The unanimous reply was a loud "YES!" His trick, trap question asking if Sara was familiar with the "Bush Doctrine" was despicable, and showed his own ignorance as there is no single "Bush Doctrine" promoted by anyone from the White house.

What, our moderator Michael Lerew wondered, would have been the effect on the election if **Barak Obama** had chosen **Hillary Clinton** as his running mate? In general we thought it would not have had that much of a beneficial effect. Hillary has too much baggage that could hold her back. Also as Hillary and Bill are a package Barak could end up with three presidents in the White House. Others, however, thought an Barak, Hillary ticket would be a runaway. As for the possibility that Obama will dump Biden and seek Hillary or another to be his VP candidate; we didn't think so.

As 90% of Dem's and 90% of Rep's will vote party line, independents will decide the election. Which party is in position to pick up the independent vote? Some politicians, such as **Pete Wilson**, believe the path to political victory is to nominate moderates as they will attract independents, this was not received with much enthusiasm by the Forum attendees. It is better, one said, to bring the undecided to see the country as we conservatives see it than to try to figure out what they want to hear and pander to them. Abortion is still an issue for many, but the tide is shifting. Some "Pro-Choice" voters are voting with Rep's on other issues. Elections are no longer won, or lost on this issue. But, getting the Conservative message out is very difficult. The news media in the large urban centers has great influence. And with gerrymandering, the big cities pretty much run the State. Unions too have powerful influence. They can turn out and pay volunteers to do ground work for the Democrat Party, Republicans can't. Plus the 'Republican Brand' has been successfully tarnished by the Democrat propaganda machine, using the war, and corruption against us. This works among the uneducated. The Republican Party definitely needs more integrity and less corruption.

The above are just a few of the many subjects that were discussed in the Forum. Immigration, an old favorite was given a good going over, as was the embargo on drilling for oil. "Drill here. Drill now. Pay less." Giving constitutional rights to terrorists captured on the battlefield was called "hog wash", (appropriately many of us thought.) The California State budget, at the time, was still un-submitted, but we were not optimistic about what was to come. Business' and prosperous energetic people are leaving California almost as fast and they can be replaced by illegals coming in with nothing but hope and dependence on the State for survival. And, as they go they take California's tax base with them.

I have no doubt that the \$700 billion bail-out will be much discussed at the next Forum, so do a little research and come prepared.

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membership from each house of the Legislature. This list is then submitted to the Governor who appoints the State Auditor to a four-year term. The State Auditor is chosen without reference to party affiliation and solely on the ground of fitness to perform the duties of the office.

Prior to selection, the State Auditor must possess a combination of education and experience in auditing and management to be deemed qualified to serve.

Nine votes are needed to approve the final district maps - 3 Democrats, 3 Republicans, 3 other. If the commission is unable to achieve the nine votes needed to approve the district maps, the Secretary of State will immediately petition the California Supreme Court to appoint a special master to finalize the maps in accordance with the criteria in the initiative.

Yes, it's complicated and judging by who is backing the plan, it is fraught with danger for the Conservative point of view. Anything Southern California ACLU, AARP, The Teachers Union, California Common Cause, The State Democratic Council, and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger support, must be suspected.

But the Proposition should be given a fair hearing and that is why we have invited as our next speaker a representative from the Pro Proposition 11 group.

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running with policies and procedures in place that reward bad behavior and yet, that is the premise of our federal government. Consequences of poor investment choices, lying, cheating, stealing, and committing felonies, obvious to the 50's work ethic generation, have been side-stepped. In the place of rights as a just reward to responsible citizens there is a slew of messy red taped legislature earmarking money and services to not just the misfortunate who are truly in need, but as an incentive package for irresponsibility.

I was brought up on the maxim that "crime doesn't pay." Well, in 2008 if you have played by all the rules: paid your taxes, bought insurance, donated to your local place of worship, graduated from college, invested your money in America and buying American, pinched your pennies saving for a rainy day, and held down a nine to fiver, guess what? The rainy day is here. Why? Because "some ones", that you may have even voted for, decided that crime should pay. Your federal government is asking you to be just a little more patriotic to cover the cost of bailing out those that not only bit off more than they could chew, but the ones who egged them on - wink, wink nudge, nudge. What would Kindergarten look like if we let it run this way? Last I checked (which was just this week - I work at an elementary school), you don't get to take home your "good citizen award" if you're not a good citizen.

If you are as frustrated as I am remember we aren't helpless. There is something we can do: 1. Vote, 2. Join us on October 11<sup>th</sup>.



Saturday, Oct. 11th, 2008

*Featured Speaker*

## Speaker from **YesonProp11**

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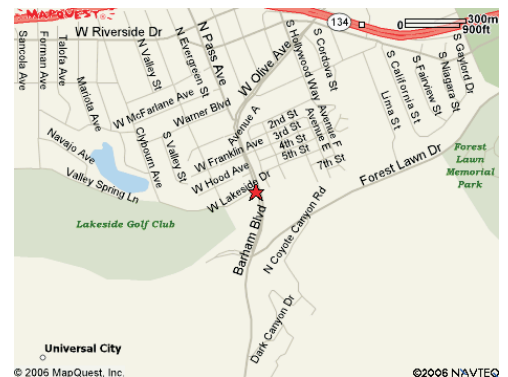
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