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Republicans of River City invited candidates for local office to come to our meeting on April 20. Although these candidates had accepted our invitation, at the last minute they cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

We look forward to our meeting in May (May 18) when we will try again to have candidates for local office attend our meeting and explain why Republicans of River City should support their quest for office.

REPUBLICAN PARTY PICNIC

Mike Gubash, a member of Republicans of River City, is sponsoring a **Spring Republican Picnic** on Saturday May 22 at Garcia Bend Park in Sacramento.

The Picnic will start at 11:00 am and last until 2:00 pm. Candidates and their supporters are urged to attend this picnic and after the event to walk the Pocket area of Sacramento City.

Garcia Bend Park is located at 7654 Pocket Road at the intersection of Pocket Road and Windbridge Drive. For more information about the event please call Mike at 393-8409.

IN MY OPINION:

by Chris Angle

The Republican's Historic Political Opportunity If They Can Take It

As painful as it has been to watch the Democrat's celebrate their healthcare win, some comfort can be taken in knowing that some of those who brought the healthcare bill into being will have their political careers ended in November. On the other hand, nearly as disconcerting has been to watch the Republicans effectively high-fiving each other as they anticipate a victory in November that may bring them control of at least one house in Congress. While the Republicans are justified in being optimistic, it is not clear at this time whether

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they truly understand the long-term magnitude of the opportunity that is now staring them in the face.

While the health care bill is extremely unpopular and the slogan "repeal and replace" is a good one, the positive dynamic for Republicans may not extend beyond this year unless the Republicans can recognize why they lost in 2006 and 2008. Republicans lost in the last two elections because the electorate lost faith that they could be fiscally responsible (overspending), and got the impression that they were incompetent in foreign policy (Iraq). Consequently, it cannot be ruled out that the current favorable dynamics for the Republicans are due to the fact that Obama's agenda and tactics are scaring the American people, rather than that the American people have necessarily embraced the Republican brand. In order to gain control of both houses of Congress which will be necessary to repeal and replace the health bill, the Republicans will need to make sure that their momentum carries over through two election cycles. In accomplishing this task, the Democrats have helped immensely in the style and manner in which they passed the health bill. The corruption, insider deals, broken promises, and the borderline fraudulent and misleading accounting practices mean that this piece of legislation has absolutely no chance of accomplishing what it purports to accomplish. The recent revelation that certain people were exempted from the bill further exacerbates the perception that even Democrats don't believe that bill is a good deal for most

people. The result of this bill, and the stimulus that passed last year, is that whatever reputation the Democrats might have had for fiscal responsibility and honesty is now gone.

The combination of the stimulus and health care bills have provided the Republicans with an opportunity to restore their reputation as the Party of fiscal responsibility and perhaps a once-in-a-generation chance to become the Party of senior citizens by promising to restore the funding to Medicare that was eliminated in the health bill through the repeal and replace process. In addition, the Obama Administration has given the Republicans the opportunity to regain the trust of the American people in regards to foreign policy, as a result of its continuing drive and apparent support for giving constitutional rights to terrorists. While this activity may play well with his left-wing base, it is not likely to play well with Republicans, independent voters, or even conservative Democrats, most of whom are more preoccupied with keeping American families safe that with giving terrorists constitutional rights.

The actions of the Obama administration mean that Republicans may have nothing less than the opportunity to permanently realign the political landscape in their favor. By taking advantage of the opportunity to become the Party of seniors, fiscal responsibility and a strong foreign policy, they leave the Democrats with very little to run on. However, in order to accomplish this transformation, Republicans will need to broaden their appeal to the large and growing group of independent voters. After the electoral debacles of 2006 and 2008, it is important for the Republicans to

remember that many of these voters are now turning towards Republicans because of the fiscal recklessness of Democrats and the health bill, the perception of the Democrats being soft on terrorism, and the economy; not because of the Republican positions on abortion and same-sex marriage. This dynamic means that while Republicans need not change their positions on the various social issues, they would be wise to put their social agenda on the back burner and emphasis the parts of their agenda that have the broadest appeal. In recent years, the Party has become driven by people for whom the social issues come first. Indeed, it was many of these same people who drove the large increases in government spending that resulted in the Party being banished into the political wilderness. Fiscal responsibility, repealing and replacing the health care bill, and

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2010 REPUBLICAN PRIMARY GUBERNATORIAL DEBATE



On **Sunday, May 2nd**, Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner and former eBay CEO Meg Whitman, will again debate their solutions for California's future. During this debate, they will discuss their plans to balance the state's budget, bring jobs to California and improve the economy.

Go to: www.rrcgop.org to see the time and place where you can come to watch this debate.

HI HO COME TO THE FAIR

Over the past 10 years Republicans of River City have staffed a booth at the Sacramento County Fair.

We register Republican voters and sign up volunteers for local elections. This year the

Sacramento County Fair is from May 27 to the 31st at Cal Expo Fair grounds and we will again have our booth.

If you would like to help us greet fair goers at our Republican booth let us know what time and dates you will be available by email to: carl@rrcgop.org or call me at (916) 485-5741.

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a strong foreign policy; the Republicans positions on these issues will bring them back from the political wilderness. The Democrats have made themselves vulnerable, and a Republican Party that plays its cards right over the next three years can make the Democrats unelectable nationally.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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.

I am a registered Republican and would like to join Republicans of River City.

Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Occupation _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-Mail: _____

Yearly Membership:

_____ Regular Membership: enclosed is my check for \$25
(Young Professionals 18-25 \$15 per person)

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

Signature _____

Date _____

Mail check to: **Republicans of River City**
P. O. Box 1776,
Carmichael, CA 95609-1776

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HEALTH CARE INSURANCE



By Carl Burton

I have news for the average taxpayer. Section 9002 of the healthcare bill that President Obama signed into law requires your employer to add the cost of your medical insurance premiums to the gross income reported on your W2. In plain English this is a huge tax increase.

For example if your employer pays \$5,000 per year for your medical insurance you will see a \$5,000 increase in your gross income. If your income is subject to 25% tax which is about average you will pay an extra \$1,250 per year in federal income taxes.

How do you feel about a tax increase of this magnitude? How do you feel about the fact that this was not disclosed to you? Are you going to vote for the people who caused this to happen? Do you think change is in order?

One of President Obama's campaign pledges on taxes was

broken—again—when he signed the Heath Care Bill "I can make a firm pledge," he said in Dover, N.H., on Sept. 12. "Under my plan, no family making less than \$250,000 a year will see any form of tax increase. Not your income tax, not your payroll tax, not your capital gains taxes, not any of your taxes."

"Listen now," Obama said in his widely watched nomination acceptance speech, "I will cut taxes—cut taxes—for 95 percent of all working families, because, in an economy like this, the last thing we should do is raise taxes on the middle class."

Obama repeatedly vowed "you will not see any of your taxes increase one single dime."

Just remember when you go the polls this year that tax hikes will not stop with this "health care" legislation. Democrats in Washington and in Sacramento will increase your taxes.

Taxpayers all across this nation are learning to live on less, but the government only wants to grab more.

To that age old question "how do you know when a politician is lying?" The answer now is, President Obama's lips are moving.

REP. MASSA GAVE \$40,000 TO AIDE BEFORE RESIGNING

Former Democrat New York congressman Eric Massa wrote a \$40,000 check to his chief of staff shortly before resigning his seat last month amid sexual harassment allegations. The aide is among those pursuing complaints against the Democrat.

Federal campaign finance records describe the March 4 check to Joe Racalto from Massa's campaign account as a "campaign management fee." Massa had announced a day earlier, on March 3, that he would resign his seat.

Racalto's lawyer, Camilla McKinney, said Friday the check was a "deferred payment" for Racalto's work this year and last year on Massa's 2010 re-election campaign and for his work on Massa's transition after the 2008 election.

"This was money that was owed to him for work he did on the campaign and on the transition," McKinney said. "He would have been paid in full in November 2010, at the end of the re-election campaign."

McKinney said Racalto has filed a sexual harassment complaint against Massa. She declined to offer any details about Racalto's complaint, which was filed March 23.

Racalto is still working in Massa's former congressional office, but he plans to leave May 1 to work for a non-profit organization in New York, McKinney said.

(Good thing this guy Massa is not a Republican or this story would lead every newspaper in the nation. Editor)

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