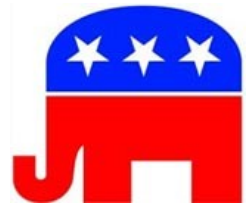


Republicans of River City



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**WE INVITED ERIK SMITT, REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS DISTRICT 6,
TO SPEAK TO REPUBLICANS OF RIVER CITY ON
November 15, 2011 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.



Erik Smitt, candidate for Congress

We are pleased to have Erik come to Republicans of River City to tell us his about his platform and to answer your questions.

Erik was born in North Dakota. His formative years were in San Francisco where he graduated from Lowell high school. It was a short trip across the bay to the University of California at Berkeley; where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

Erik has stated that 'time has gone by quickly working in a variety of manufacturing industries, raising a family of two sons and enjoying life's rewards. Work has included fixing problems with tools and my back, to lifting pencils in the company board room. He has honed a breadth of skills to address the technical, financial and human complexities of getting the job done.

Erik's work has taken him to live in ten states and live overseas in Lima,

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**Mark your calendar for
Dec. 29 for a**



**combined Christmas
and New Years Party
at Arden Hills Spa and
County Club. More
information for the
party will be arriving
the next few days.**

Peru and Vientiane, Laos; He says "my thoughts on people, places and issues have grown with these experiences... the world is a small place, full of wonderful, interesting people with a lot of common values." He is a Sacramento resident, having live in the 6th Congressional District, for the last eight years.

Erik's two sons are grown with their own careers (one in the army, Afghanistan); his wife is a nurse practitioner on the front line of health care.

Erik says "I have the opportunity to take my business experience and solve the problems we face; I have turned my focus to service in public office."

Visit his web site at <http://www.eriksmittforcongress.com> or email him at eriksmitt@gmail.com

Open Government for Sacramento County

We want transparency in how government operates and how tax dollars are spent.

Using the internet we want to follow the money at all levels of government from local boards to the Board of Supervisors.

In the coming months members of Republicans of River City will review county government web sites to see how they share information with the public and grade them based on the criteria of how fast and easy it is to navigate websites, access information and follow tax dollars.

If you would like to help in this project let us know.

ROGER NIELLO NAMED NEW HEAD OF SACRAMENTO METRO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

By Carl Burton



Accepting the job as President and CEO of the Chamber brings Roger back full circle. He served as the president of the

Sacramento Metro Chamber in 1995.

With the backing of Republicans of River City (the first republican organization to back him for public office) Roger was elected to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, District 4, in February 1999 and he also served in the state Legislature from 2004 to 2010. Roger was well known for working across party lines in the state legislature to get things accomplished.

Roger will take office on January 1, 2012. Once on the job, Roger says his first priority is to get familiar and comfortable with the internal operations of the organization. That includes the chamber's employees and volunteer leadership, but it also includes the membership and other partner organizations. "I will connect or reconnect with many partner organizations, chambers, business and elected leaders around the region. They will hear from me and they will hear me talking about regional collaboration."

"The chamber is much stronger

now than it was in '95 in all respects," Roger said, adding that he wants to draw more job diversity to the region. "Government jobs are good, but the percentage we have here is too high, and bringing in more jobs relying on government subsidies, like some of the green industry, isn't the answer. We need to bring those in, yes, but we also need to grow our smaller businesses, because that's where wealth comes from."

As the former Chairman of San Joaquin County Economical Development Association and president of its job creation program, Carl said "I look forward to working with Roger in his new position and I will urge the membership of Republicans of River City to renew their memberships in the Chamber."



NO-BRAINIER

By Carl Burton

Voter ID? What's the big deal about showing your showing voter ID? When I visit my doctors office I have to show my photo ID. When I board a plane I show my photo ID. When I go shopping I show my photo ID if I want to use a credit card.

So why shouldn't I (we) show photo ID when we go to the polls to vote?

NOVEMBER 8 ELECTION RETURNS

By Carl Burton

President Obama suffered a voter backlash as Ohio voters turned out in force to support a ballot issue that would "bar any legislation requiring Ohioans to buy health insurance" — a direct shot at the Obama federal health care overhaul. The Ohio initiative to stop Obama Health Care Plan is another sign of just how unpopular the mandate is. Democrats in their slate mailer urged voters to vote against the initiative but as I write this report 66 percent of the voters supported the initiative to stop the federal takeover of health insurance.

Ohio voters handed Gov. John R. Kasich (Republican) a serious setback when they defeated his effort to weaken collective bargaining for public employees. The vote was 61 percent to 39 percent vote to repeal a bill support by the governor. A word to the wise who might be contemplating this legislation in California: the big mistake made by Gov. Kasich was to include police and fire fighters in the overall legislation.

In Maine voters rejected a law that was passed by the legislature

that ended same-day voter registration.

Things turned out differently in Mississippi which became the seventh state to adopt voter ID legislation this year, and the first to do so through a ballot initiative. At the same time Mississippi voters rejected an anti-abortion constitutional amendment that would have outlawed all abortions and many forms of contraception.

In Virginia where the results are still not certain Republicans may have achieved a tie in the state Senate with 20-20. In the House of Delegates Republicans increased their majority to 66 seats to the Democrats' 32. If the Republicans win the Senate seat it will be only the second time in the history of Virginia that all

branches of government will be controlled by Republicans.

Kentucky's Democratic Governor Steve Beshear won re-election.

Arizona Republican Senate leader Russell Pearce who led lawmakers in passing an immigration law in 2010 that sparked national boycotts and was emulated by Georgia, Alabama and other states was recalled by the voters.

My analysis is that voters around the country are restless and many incumbents of both parties won easy reelection.

If the Republicans are to make gains in 2012 much will depend on who the choice is at the top of the Republican ticket. I do think that the Presidential candidate could have coattails in a number of states.

Right now I believe President Obama will carry California and we could lose more seats in the California state legislature and even some Congressional seats unless the Republican Party supports candidates who match the districts in which they run and do not opt for purity.



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THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

November 1, 1776 - Mission San Juan Capistrano was founded.

November 2, 1947 - The first and only flight of Howard Hughes' "Spruce Goose" flying boat occurred in Long Beach Harbor, California. It flew about a mile at an altitude of 70 feet. Costing \$25 million, the 200-ton plywood eight-engine Hercules was the world's largest airplane, designed, built and flown by Hughes. It later became a tourist attraction alongside the Queen Mary ship at Long Beach and has since been moved to Oregon.

November 5, 1911 - Aviator C.P. Snow completed the first transcontinental flight across America, landing at Pasadena, California. He had taken off from

Sheepshead Bay, New York, on September 17th and flew a distance of 3,417 miles.

November 6, 1860 - Abraham Lincoln was elected as the 16th U.S. President and the first Republican. He received 180 of 303 possible electoral votes and 40 percent of the popular vote.

November 7, 1962 - Richard Nixon told news reporters in Los Angeles "...just think how much you're going to be missing. You won't have Nixon to kick around any more, because, gentlemen, this is my last press conference." Nixon's statement came the day after he lost the election for California governor to incumbent Edmund G. Brown.

November 22, 1935 - Trans-Pacific airmail service began as the China Clipper, a Pan American flying boat, took off

from San Francisco, reaching the Philippines 59 hours later. The following year, commercial passenger service began.

November 26, 1789 - The first American holiday occurred, proclaimed by President George Washington to be Thanksgiving Day, a day of prayer and public thanksgiving in gratitude for the successful establishment of the new American republic.

November 29, 1895 - Hollywood director Busby Berkeley (1895-1976) was born in Los Angeles (as William Berkeley Enos). After serving in World War I as an entertainment officer, he changed his name and began his show business career. Best known for lavish musicals including Forty-Second Street, Gold Diggers of 1933, Babes in Arms, Strike Up the Band, and Girl Crazy.

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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.

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

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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 _____

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