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Republican for Assembly District 48  
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Monrovia, Ramona, Royal Oaks,  
Valinda, West Covina

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So let me get this straight...

There is now a 16 billion dollar budget deficit? It was reported in January the shortfall was 9.2 billion. That was bad enough. The Governor continued to push his "plan" to raise taxes for the wealthiest tax payers and raise the sales tax to keep funding to vital services. Since California is one of the worst places to do business, I was expecting to hear something about a jobs creation program or regulatory or tax reform plan. It was conspicuously missing.

The Governor and the democrats in the Legislature should have seen this coming. They could have done so much more by reforming government to put people back to work to generate revenue. Instead, the Democrats vacillate and pontificate on issues of least importance such as bills to tax strip club patrons, mattress recycling or pet grooming regulations while many of our citizens face the anxiety of a bleak economic future.

93,000 people will also be losing their unemployment benefits next week. 2 million are already out of work. How will they cope with no assistance? If they are lucky, their families and friends will be taking care of them. It is a call to action for the faith-based community and others help care for those who can't find jobs.

Economists and the Republicans have provided solutions to correct our stagnant economy. They have attempted to promote tax and regulatory reform to pave the way to a business-friendly environment in California. Solutions have fallen on deaf ears of the Democrats.

While other states reap the benefits of increased revenues by aggressively implementing policies of business creation, Democratic legislators appear incapable of recognizing the urgency of correcting our fiscal crisis. Continuing to do nothing is no longer an option.

This election is so important to all citizens. The best option is to elect conservative Republicans to achieve a legislative majority to begin to steer us back to prosperity. Let's implement a pro jobs and fiscal responsibility agenda. I'm sure you all would agree to prefer a program of "prosperity" over an "austerity" program.

I am a candidate for State Assembly in the 48<sup>th</sup> District. I am running on behalf of my community. I believe in returning jobs and opportunity to the state. We can start by lowering the corporate tax rate, lowering the sales tax, lowering and restructuring the personal income tax, reducing six progressive brackets to two. We could eliminate capital gains taxes and the \$800.00 minimum tax to stimulate growth. Stop the progressive state tax on each gallon of gasoline to ease the cost of living, goods and services. We need to mirror what the top job-producing states are doing to be competitive. I also believe we must reform the state's budget by cutting all non-essential spending, targeting fraud and waste so we can achieve fiscal solvency.

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