

I have been learning all I can about the unique characteristics and needs of each of the eighteen communities in the 48th Assembly District. One thing I learned is the court-mandated dismantling of Redevelopment Agencies will create significant debt for cities. Those cities will be forced to make deeper cuts to services to offset the debt issues. Not a good thing in this fragile economy.

A recurring theme from those I've met is that they are worried about the state of our economy. Lack of jobs and foreclosures are on their minds. I worry as well. RealtyTrac recently reported that numbers of foreclosures will be going up 25% in 2012. It is expected we will reach the one million mark in foreclosure inventory. Foreclosures are a symptom of unemployment or under-employment. Many of our friends, families and neighbors can't make ends meet.

I know what the cure is. It's private-sector job creation! More importantly, it is factory jobs and their supporting industries. What I can't figure out is why our government leaders can't make the leap to truly help the private-sector job creators to develop or expand. They don't seem to understand the compounding effect of job creation and the revenue it could generate for our government budget woes. The only response I see from California State government is to raise taxes or devise new schemes to impose regulations on wealth creators, the leaders of industry and small businesses. The pool of tax payers is getting smaller and smaller as entrepreneurs and the jobs they produce flee the state to pursue happiness and prosperity elsewhere.

I don't think those in power will figure it out. That is why we must vote them out and replace them with those who get it!

Let us restore our God-given unalienable rights here in California that includes Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.