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GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER
BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TERRY LATTEMORE

Age: 65

Occupation: Retired PG&E Executive

My family settled in Richvale in 1915 and my parents and I attended Richvale/Biggs Schools. I am a retired PG&E executive, dedicated to the community and schools. My experience will enable me to add value as an objective, impartial member of the Biggs Unified School District Board.

During my career I developed, implemented and operated many of PG&E's major computer systems. Additionally, I managed, the company's San Francisco computer center (a 24/7 operation). Later, I managed PG&E's payroll and accounts payable department. During that time, I was responsible for the disbursement of approximately \$10B per year in payables and \$1B a year in payroll.

These responsibilities required me to interact with external agencies, PG&E vendors (over 100,000), internal and external auditors and every department within the company. I managed each organization I was responsible for as if it were my own business. I made decisions based on need and merit. Decisions that were right, not politically safe.

My managerial experience and extensive training in organizational development, budgeting and industrial relations will be an asset to the District. My experience managing large, diverse departments with multi-million dollar budgets will be helpful as the District faces challenges with finances, student achievement and organizational change.

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<p>EILEEN ROBINSON Age: 63 Occupation: Retired Educator</p> <p>I have provided over 40 years of service to Chico Unified School District. I have helped develop graduation requirement policies and the Early Childhood Education Program. I have served on school site councils and committees, including but not limited to; Facilities, Strategic Planning and Budget Development. My four daughters are Chico Unified Graduates. I have been a PTA president, district employee and negotiated District/Union contracts.</p> <p>I have the experience and knowledge of the inner workings of the district that will allow me, as a board member, to anticipate and plan for upcoming needs and trends before they become critical in nature.</p> <p>I will work hard to retain programs that matter to parents and students, such as Academics Plus, Open Structure, GATE, Spanish Immersion, Athletics, Agriculture, Music and Fine Arts. I will work to strengthen Career Technology programs emphasizing workforce preparedness. I will encourage innovative approaches to education like magnet schools. These programs and innovations matter and make CUSD a district supported by its parents, staff and community.</p> <p>I will work with the community, parents, students, employees and their unions to help steer Chico Unified through these troubling times. Distinctive leadership is a critical need I believe I can fulfill.</p>	<p>ANDREA LERNER THOMPSON</p> <p>I am running for the governing Board of the Chico Unified School District because I see public education as a central principle of democracy.</p> <p>The school board must be the eyes, ears and voice of the community. I value fiscal responsibility, government transparency, and greater accessibility in decision making. In my first term on the Board, I saw firsthand the challenges we face. The fiscal crisis demands bold, courageous approaches. We must also fight to enhance communication, trust and respect in CUSD. We must build stronger partnerships both within the district as well as with the greater community.</p> <p>I have taught American literature at CSU, Chico since 1991 and served as Director of University Honors Programs from 2002 until 2006. I hold graduate degrees from Stanford University and the University of Arizona. My husband and I have two sons in the school district. What I wish for them is the same thing that I will work toward for all children in our district. I want them to feel they received the highest standards of public education to enable them to take their places as tomorrow's leaders.</p> <p>Thank you for your vote.</p>
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<p>SEAN H. WORTHINGTON Age: 41 Occupation: Computer Science Instructor</p> <p>Unless action is taken now to reduce expenses, our school district will run out of cash and be unable to borrow – then the state will step in and take over.</p> <p>Unlike some incumbents who have been overly optimistic about revenues and expenditures- I am very pessimistic, cautious and understand the desperate position our children are in. I am PhD ABD in Computer Information Systems and am the most knowledgeable person in Computer Systems North of Sacramento holding many professional certification including the CCNA, MCT, MCITP, MCSE, MCDBA. I teach the ITC program at Butte College and work as a high-powered consultant in multimillion dollar businesses.</p> <p>My daughter is in first grade and I hope that she gets a good science and technology education. I believe the entire purpose of our teachers, administrators, janitors and every other employee at CUSD is to serve our children. I caution you not to vote for candidates who are part of the Union Structure, who have no children, who may try to use their positions on the board to benefit employees at our children's expense. To see who I endorse and to get more information about those acronyms I have used, visit www.WorthingtonForCUSD.com.</p>	<p>ERIK C. LYON Age: 36 Occupation: Marriage and Family Therapist</p> <p>Like many, I have been personally impacted by the recession and the debt accumulated by the nation, state, and city via runaway spending and lapse of fiscal responsibility. Unless Chico and CUSD take action soon, we will exacerbate the financial crisis for our schools and could lose control to the state.</p> <p>Although the current board has taken steps in the right direction, problems still remain that could heighten an already desperate situation. I firmly believe that things can be reconciled, and through tough decisions and hard work, CUSD can be improved and brought back to fiscal neutrality. The time for reform is now; the status quo is no longer maintainable.</p> <p>I'm a Marriage and Family Therapist and have been working within the schools for over 5 years now, both in Oroville and in Chico. My experience gives me insight into the school system that is unique. I will work towards fiscal responsibility, early identification of at-risk youth, increased student achievement, success, and safety. I'm not going to provide platitudes about my achievements and make promises; except that I will strive for what is in the best interest of the students, teachers, and community. I ask for your support.</p>

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GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER
DURHAM UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

LANCE R. SMITH

Occupation: Businessman

With my daughter in kindergarten, my personal interest in the quality of education provided by the Durham Unified School District is immediate and of utmost concern. My involvement with the community includes: coaching for 13 years with Durham Little League; serving more than three four-year-terms on the Durham Recreation & Park District Board; serving currently on the Durham Mosquito Abatement District Board; founding The Forum, Durham's local newspaper; and managing the paper for over 26 years.

I will bring an informed, thoughtful, conscientious, and respectful approach to the process of decision making. Educators and administrators lend their expertise to create the best environment and opportunities for students. Parents, students, and everyone in the community deserves the best in service from these professionals. No less should be expected from board members.

These are difficult times for education in California and our district. Tough decisions lie ahead. As a board member, I will ask questions, do my homework, and act in the best interests of our students, faculty, community and district.

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GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TRUSTEE AREA 2
GRIDLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RAVINDER "RAVIE" AUJLA
Occupation: Business Owner

Age: 37

A lifetime Gridley resident -experienced, dedicated, and passionate community leader. I hold a BS degree in Human Resource Management and an MBA from CSU, Chico. I have successfully owned and operated a local software company for over 14 years. Having served as a City of Gridley Planning Commissioner for 8 years combined with years of professional experiences, I can provide additional strength and insight to the GUSD board. I am committed to retaining qualified teachers and improving instruction, curriculum and resources, especially for programs that have demonstrated results in improving student achievement in English, math, and science in K-12 classrooms.

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PARADISE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

BARBARA DUNIVAN-ELDER

I am a parent and have a child attending school in Paradise. My other children also attended school in Paradise graduating from Paradise High. I have been a resident of Paradise since 1980 and was a Girl Scout Leader for ten years, a member of LIONS and was the International Youth Exchange for Multiple District 4, a board member of the Paradise Youth Symphony, and spent some time as an emergency foster parent giving refuge to those children who were determined to be in desperate situations by CPS.

My career background gives me an understanding of budgetary constraints; understanding of all legal documents; problem solving; and human resource issues. I worked for the Superintendent of Thermalito Unified School District, the District Attorney's office, Child Support Services and as an Analyst for the Butte County Children and Families Commission. My education includes a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, graduate studies in Public Administration, and a post graduate certificate in Human Resource Management.

I am interested in helping Paradise Unified School District provide the best possible education for our children while maintaining fiscal responsibility and will work diligently to that end.

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<p>FRED ALDRED Age: 61 Occupation: Self Employed Advertising Co</p> <p>In 1981 I discovered Paradise. I saw a slightly disorganized town, mobiles next to mansions, and I loved it. I found a place I could raise my kids with less exposure to major crime, gangs and hard drugs. Paradise was and is that place. I moved here to enjoy it, not drastically change it.</p> <p>As a 29 year business owner I am proud that I still have my very first client, many 25 year clients and I have made friends with most of them.</p> <p>I count my local accomplishments as a past Exchangite, co-creator/chairman of Blues 'n Brews, Haunted Houses, classic car and harley giveaways. All successful fund raisers, mostly for children's groups. As a council appointed member of the sign/architectural review board I never hid my thoughts that no matter how intelligent, educated or well intended citizens groups are they have no business designing your private property. Both boards have been dissolved.</p> <p>I don't believe government should be looking for new revenue on the backs of business or residents by increasing taxes or fees, but by being a streamlined partner with less restrictions and allowing them to grow. I hope to work with staff to achieve that.</p>	<p>WARD HABRIEL Age: 63 Occupation: Retired Educator</p> <p>I am committed to this community with all my heart and soul. Tax and spend budgets are not the answer. Government needs to live within its means and follow sound, fiscal conservative budgets.</p> <p>I offer solid, commonsense business practices, and a resolve to work hard for you and your family. My promise to you is to never raise taxes. Police and fire protection will be a top priority. New jobs and new shopping opportunities will create new revenue sources to help pay for the services you desire without raising taxes.</p> <p>Currently retired with experience in both the public sector and private industry have prepared me well to serve. Membership in numerous community groups, Butte Regional Solid Waste Local Task Force, and volunteerism proves my ambition and dedication.</p> <p>Paradise was my second home for 30 years, and since 2004 is my principle residence. My wife Cheryl and I strive to better our community and improve the quality of life on the ridge. Should you have any questions on issues please call me at 877 3435.</p> <p>I ask for your vote.</p>
DIRECTOR, DIVISION 2 PARADISE IRRIGATION DISTRICT	DIRECTOR, DIVISION 2 PARADISE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
<p>W.L. "BILL" KELLOGG Occupation: Kelloggs Ag Service Owner</p> <p>I have held this office for approximately 6 years. I have helped bring new ideas, new equipment, new buildings, to help PID be the best irrigation district it can be. Worked with PID and Paradise Park and Recreation District for the coming botanical garden and playgrounds in Magalia on PID watershed property. Helped in building the by pass pipeline around the Magalia reservoir for better quality water supply and protection against a major accident on the roadway across the Magalia dam. Helped keep the finances of PID in very sound condition while investing in new improved equipment e.g. – the installation of new meters that will save our customers money in water loss that under the present system we would not know about for up to 60 days. With your support I will continue to help PID do the best job of serving you in Division 2. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be of service to you. Contact – wlk422@gmail.com or through the PID office.</p>	<p>BLANE PARROTT Age: 39 Occupation: Chiropractor</p> <p>Times are hard. We all have had to cut back on spending just to try to make ends meet. As incomes spiral down, the cost of living is rocketing up. I will do what I can to make sure water rates stay affordable. The Paradise Irrigation District needs to stay in touch with people's needs. Our PID has installed/is in the process of installing "smart meters" on many houses. These allow our usage to be transmitted wirelessly, making the job of meter reading obsolete. Is this the time to eliminate jobs by replacing them with expensive equipment? Installing costly equipment to bill us should not take precedence over making sure our homes have enough water to put out a fire if that terrible circumstance should occur. My own neighborhood, centrally located, does not have adequate water supply for a major fire. Does yours? I love Paradise. I was born here and have my practice, Parrott Chiropractic here. I will make sure the needs of our town are addressed. We will have clean, healthy, adequate water at a reasonable rate.</p>

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<p>VICTORIA K. COOTS</p> <p>I moved to Oroville in 1981 and have called Oroville my home for almost 30 years now. My husband, William Coots and I have three daughters, and four grandchildren. We were involved in the local little league and gymnastics with both our children and our grandchildren. We own T & T Supplies and Oroville Tool, which my husband manages, and I have serviced the bookkeeping end. I retired three years ago after 29 years (three in L.A., 26 in Butte County) in law enforcement. While with the Butte County Sheriff's Office, I worked in every department (jail, patrol, investigations and civil), and was the president of our Deputy Sheriff's Association for four years.</p> <p>Since retirement, I have been active in politics. I have always been active in my church, serving with the bus ministry, and teaching Sunday school. I have watched Oroville grow and prosper over the years until recently, and feel my values of fiscal responsibility, free markets, and constitutionally limited government would benefit Oroville now. I would be honored to serve our city as your mayor.</p>	<p>LINDA DAHLMEIER Occupation: Small Business Owner</p> <p>Oroville is a wonderful community that I am proud to call home. It is where my husband and I plan to spend the rest of our lives. As a small businesswoman that has been active in our community for nearly a decade, I'm running for Mayor in order to serve this community that I love.</p> <p>As President of the Oroville Chamber of Commerce I became more aware of the way our city treats local small businesses. Although we do some things right, we still have a long way to go in order to maximize our potential.</p> <p>Our city government is defined by infighting and petty games. I'm not running to play games. I'm running for Mayor to end them. We need a City Council that will work together to hire good managers and adopt policies that reflect our community goals.</p> <p>As Mayor I want to be available to you. If you want to let me know what you think about our city call me on my cell phone at (530) 519-1117 or e-mail me at lindalisa530@aol.com . I would love to hear from you.</p>
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<p>ROB ROMAGUERA Age: 35 Occupation: Private Sector Project Manager</p> <p>Education: MBA, Golden Gate University, Management Information Systems, Chico State University.</p> <p>I'm running for Oroville City Council to bring new experience and a fresh perspective to the table. We face serious challenges as a city and the time for politics as usual is long past due. My top concern is bringing job growth to this area by showcasing Oroville's competitive advantages, which includes our natural and historic beauty along with economic incentives for developing designated areas of our town.</p> <p>I have the ability to listen to our local citizens, and to lead and follow through conviction on the issues most important to our community and families. This also includes protecting public safety and schools. I am blessed with a wife and wonderful daughter who act as an inspiration for me to serve in this capacity.</p> <p>As a project manager in the private sector I have years of experience working with teams to accomplish break through innovations while working through significant challenges and barriers. Our city is deserving of leadership that will work together through difficult times to bring a much needed economic benefit through job creation to our community.</p> <p>I humbly ask for you vote on November 2nd, thank you.</p>	<p>DAN GORDON Occupation: City Development Expert</p> <p>Dr. Dan Gordon is a native Californian and has lived in the Oroville Historic District for 21 years.</p> <p>He has served as a volunteer and the only planning professional on the Oroville Planning Commission the past six years and as its vice-chair the past five.</p> <p>He's volunteered to Chair the Oroville Design Review Board the past six years.</p> <p>He holds a Ph.D. in City Economic Development and Planning and a Masters Degree in City Administration.</p> <p>Professionally Dan heads a company that works with cities all over the world to bring in new jobs, help make client cities more beautiful and more successful places to live. He would like to bring his talent and professional experience to the Oroville City Council.</p> <p>Our City Council has been divided this past two years between two groups. We need to elect people who can work with everyone effectively and I promise to do that.</p>

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<p>BARBARA CHERI BUNKER</p> <p>My name is Barbara Cheri Bunker and I would like to be your next Oroville City Council member. I have lived in and around Oroville since 1966. I am a retired CHP Dispatcher. I am currently the President of the Butte Pomona Grange, the treasurer of the Thermalito Grange, among others group. I have strong conservative values and I believe the Constitution of the United States of America. It has served us well for 234 years. I would be honored to serve on the City Council, so I can give back to the community I care about so deeply. I believe Oroville has huge potential and I would like to see it grow in a responsible manner. We need to check our spending, promote more business in the area, streamline the permit process, promote more jobs in the area. I believe in constitutionally limited government, being fiscally transparent, and free markets. I would appreciate your support on November 2nd.</p>	<p>DAVID QUINTEL Age: 52 Occupation: Real Estate Agent</p> <p>I am running for the office of Oroville City Council Member and believe I can facilitate a change in government. As a native resident of Oroville I have had a unique opportunity to work for the city as a Firefighter, and work with the city as a Real Estate Agent/Investor. Oroville has a huge untapped potential, and it will be my goal to release that potential. I am an advocate for pro-business and pro-growth.</p> <p>With your support, involvement, and Vote on November 2nd, we can make the change.</p>
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<p>ART HATLEY Occupation: Security Administrator/Investigator</p> <p>Now, more than ever, experience matters. I am running for City Council to use my experience as a councilman to continue to benefit our City. We are in the worst economic times since the Great Depression. I will be vigilant in fiscal responsibility for our City. I know that no one, especially not our federal/state governments, can spend their way to prosperity.</p> <p>My goal is to make sure City services are secure financially so our residents and businesses can count on them today, tomorrow, and in the future. With 26 years as a City of Oroville Police Officer, and having volunteered with area organizations, I understand the importance of partnering together to improve quality of life for our residents. It will take cooperation, dedication, and a strong leadership to ensure City services remain intact.</p> <p>Throughout my tenure on the Council, my vision has been committed to working with businesses and organizations and our City has grown. With due diligence and perseverance, we can continue to grow in spite of this harsh economy. If elected, I promise to be a man of my word and will remember that I work for the people that put me in office.</p>	

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<p>TIM TITUS Occupation: Business Owner</p> <p>I am running for Town Council because our community is at a crossroads; we have an aging population with increasing needs, declining revenues and increasing demands for service. The fix is not simply more taxes; it's good fiscal management, efficient delivery of services, and attracting new businesses to our community thereby increasing our tax base.</p> <p>I believe we must 1. Develop budgets that are balanced, easy to be understood and transparent. 2. Make sure all departments deliver services in an efficient, timely and cost effective manner. 3. Prioritize services based on existing revenues, focusing on public safety as our top priority. 4. Strengthen our existing businesses. 5. Attract new businesses that will bring good jobs to our community.</p> <p>By creating jobs and by strengthening and expanding our business community we will create the long-term source of revenues needed to offset the increasing cost and demands for service.</p> <p>For 18 years Carmen and I have lived in Paradise, and worked for the betterment of our community. I served on the Paradise planning commission, co-founded Paradise Charter Middle School, and served as a Trustee for the Paradise Unified School District. Please vote for me on November 2.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Age: 45</p> <p>APRIL GROSSBERGER Occupation: Planning Commissioner</p> <p>Together we face an uncertain future: economic hardship, the constant threat of catastrophic fire, and how and where our town will grow. After serving on the Paradise Planning Commission, Redevelopment Association, and Tree Committee, I recognize we need citizen input now more than ever on the development and implementation of our projects and policies.</p> <p>I bring to the decision making table nearly a decade of firefighting education and experience; a working knowledge of our town's strengths and challenges; and a willingness to listen. I will not make decisions predicated on my relationships with a select group but rather with the people who elected me: my fellow community members. I will advance partnerships with surrounding communities, the County, business owners, and community members to improve services and spend money wisely.</p> <p>We need government that represents the heart of our community: the citizens. Our constitution is founded on the principle that representation means Government of The People, By The People, and For The People. I want to bring your voice back to government. Public service is a great privilege and I would be honored to have your vote so that we may work together to strengthen the safety and livability of Paradise!</p>
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<p style="text-align: right;">Age: 53</p> <p>SCOTT LOTTER Occupation: Movie Theater Owner</p> <p>In this difficult economic time, all of us have faced challenges in our business and personal lives, I am proud to help the Town navigate through troubled waters while balancing budgets as well as our public safety and community service needs. The Town of Paradise is doing more with less.</p> <p>We have aggressively pursued Federal stimulus funds, providing a twofold benefit with local residents back to work resurfacing and restriping significant portions of Skyway, Clark, Pentz, Pearson and Neal Roads.</p> <p>Our Town Council continues to look for ways to streamline all areas of Town Government, in the building, design review, planning and onsite divisions to make doing business with the Town easier. We have instituted incentives to encourage construction and remodeling projects, supporting a driving force in our local economy.</p> <p>In the past 4 years we have successes including, our beautiful Paradise Community Park, Skyway/Wagstaff intersection and Downtown Lighting/Streetscape project. We have instituted one of the best trash, recycling and green waste programs in California. Success of the green waste diversion has significantly reduced yard waste burning, improving local air quality.</p> <p>With your vote I will continue to lead our community out of these tough times.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Age: 50</p> <p>MELISSA S. SCHUSTER Occupation: Business Owner</p> <p>To provide my son with a more positive educational environment I moved to Paradise in 2001. In 2005, I opened Chapelle de L'Artiste, a bed & breakfast/event facility in lower Paradise. I have been active in the Paradise Ridge Chamber of Commerce, serving on the Board as Director, Vice President, President and currently as Past-President. My community involvement has included participating, developing and managing fundraising events for local organizations including the Boys' and Girls' Club, PPAC, Northern California Ballet and many others.</p> <p>I believe that we can enhance our existing revenue sources, such as sales taxes and motel bed taxes, which would boost our local economy and, in turn, provide necessary funding for public services, without overburdening our citizenry. To that end, I have worked tirelessly to promote Paradise and have developed many relationships with local, regional, and state representatives in the tourism industry and government.</p> <p>I am eager to continue to work for my community through a seat on the Town Council. I will research all matters with due diligence and will seek long-term solutions to issues challenging our beautiful Paradise. I would appreciate your vote and be honored to serve our community.</p>

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<p>FRED ALDRED Age: 61 Occupation: Self Employed Advertising Co</p> <p>In 1981 I discovered Paradise. I saw a slightly disorganized town, mobiles next to mansions, and I loved it. I found a place I could raise my kids with less exposure to major crime, gangs and hard drugs. Paradise was and is that place. I moved here to enjoy it, not drastically change it.</p> <p>As a 29 year business owner I am proud that I still have my very first client, many 25 year clients and I have made friends with most of them.</p> <p>I count my local accomplishments as a past Exchangite, co-creator/chairman of Blues 'n Brews, Haunted Houses, classic car and harley giveaways. All successful fund raisers, mostly for children's groups. As a council appointed member of the sign/architectural review board I never hid my thoughts that no matter how intelligent, educated or well intended citizens groups are they have no business designing your private property. Both boards have been dissolved.</p> <p>I don't believe government should be looking for new revenue on the backs of business or residents by increasing taxes or fees, but by being a streamlined partner with less restrictions and allowing them to grow. I hope to work with staff to achieve that.</p>	<p>WARD HABRIEL Age: 63 Occupation: Retired Educator</p> <p>I am committed to this community with all my heart and soul. Tax and spend budgets are not the answer. Government needs to live within its means and follow sound, fiscal conservative budgets.</p> <p>I offer solid, commonsense business practices, and a resolve to work hard for you and your family. My promise to you is to never raise taxes. Police and fire protection will be a top priority. New jobs and new shopping opportunities will create new revenue sources to help pay for the services you desire without raising taxes.</p> <p>Currently retired with experience in both the public sector and private industry have prepared me well to serve. Membership in numerous community groups, Butte Regional Solid Waste Local Task Force, and volunteerism proves my ambition and dedication.</p> <p>Paradise was my second home for 30 years, and since 2004 is my principle residence. My wife Cheryl and I strive to better our community and improve the quality of life on the ridge. Should you have any questions on issues please call me at 877 3435.</p> <p>I ask for your vote.</p>

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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

JIM REED

DEMOCRATIC

I am a Moderate who can work with both parties and will not engage in partisan bickering and posturing to gain political advantage. I live on a ranch in Fall River Mills, am an attorney and small business owner with 10 employees. I am a third generation Northern Californian, a gun owner and strong defender of the second amendment. I believe in cutting taxes—especially for small businesses, tax simplification, and changing the laws so that companies will not get a tax break for outsourcing jobs to other countries like China and India.

Federal spending in Butte County is 40% below the national average. I will fight to bring our fair share of tax money back to the District, especially for education, veterans, and family farms. If Butte County received its fair share of Federal funding it would create enough jobs to cut the unemployment rate almost in half.

I believe in a balanced budget and have pledged not to take any pay raises until the budget is balanced. I have a plan for balancing the budget without tax increases or spending cuts for Social Security or Medicare. I also believe in term limits and have pledged not to stay in Congress for more than 8 years. I will represent the people of the District even if that means voting against my party's leaders or taking on the special interests.

I am committed to bringing hope and pride back to the District. See www.reednow.com

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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

TOM MC CLINTOCK

REPUBLICAN

This election will determine whether the policies of the Obama administration and the Pelosi Congress bankrupt our country or whether the American people rescue and restore the principles of individual liberty and limited government that made our nation the most prosperous in the world.

You sent me to Washington to speak out against irresponsible spending, crushing taxes and oppressive regulations, and I have done everything in my power to do so.

I have vigorously opposed the Wall Street bailouts and reckless deficit spending that have needlessly prolonged and deepened this recession.

I have fought against the government takeover of our health care system, the plundering of our treasury through Congressional earmarks and the endless increases in taxes and regulations that threaten our future prosperity.

I have co-sponsored legislation to stop the bailouts, reduce federal spending, restore solvency to the treasury, and return to individuals the means and freedom to make their own health care decisions again.

I have spoken out to secure our borders and stood up to the Mexican president when he came to Congress and attacked American sovereignty.

If you would like to join my campaign at www.helptom.com, I would be honored to have your support.

Most of all, I want to thank you for the privilege of serving as your representative in Congress during these difficult and critical times.

