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Caruso Endorses Jerry Brown

Rick Caruso, the philanthropist and billionaire creator of the Americana on Brand development in Glendale, announced that he is backing California Attorney General Jerry Brown for Governor.

Caruso said it was Brown's performance as mayor of Oakland California that got his attention.

"That's what really got me focusing on the importance a mayor can make in a city." Caruso said. "I think Jerry did a great job in Oakland."

"I'm going to probably piss off a lot of my Republican friends, which is fine."

A former LA police commissioner, Caruso considered running for mayor against Antonio Villaraigosa, but decided not to enter the race.

— Patt Morrison, LA Times

The California Fair Elections Act

There is no question that California's election spending has spiraled out of control. The California Fair Political Practices Commission reports that since 2001, California's candidates have directly raised over \$1 billion all while California's problems have gotten worse. We need fundamental election reform that will allow candidates and officials to get out of the fund raising game and back to solving California's problems.

Fortunately, Californians will have a chance on June 8th to vote for a measure to start that process. The California Fair Elections Act will create a pilot project to make voluntary public financing available to candidates running for Secretary of State in 2014 and 2018. The pilot program will provide campaign funding for candidates who demonstrate broad-based grass roots support, and will be funded primarily by registration fees on lobbyists, lobbying firms, and lobbyist employers, with no taxpayer dollars going to candidates.

California Common Cause believes that the California Fair Elections Act is just the kind of electoral reform we need to get our state back on track.

Over the coming weeks and months, the California Fair Elections Act campaign will be hosting events across the state to introduce voters to this important ballot measure and to kick-off our grass-roots campaign. We sincerely hope you will be able to join us at these events and get involved with the campaign.

Upcoming events in Southern California include:

Los Angeles Campaign Kick-Off, March 4, 7:00 pm, 1300 North Sepulveda Blvd, Los Angeles, CA.

We hope you can attend.

Sincerely,

Kathay Feng

and the rest of the team at California Common Cause www.commoncause.org

Corporations must not be considered "Persons" under the Law unless they can be convicted for murder an' then hanged by the neck 'till dead.

— Jonathan R. Hatfield

Wake up!
Citizen



**Register Democrat
Vote Democrat**

Remember :
**Thomas Paine's Birthday
on February 9th.**

Announcement:

The Glendale Democrats will be Tabling at the Montrose Harvest Market on March 7th and March 21st. Call Caro Avanesian at (818) 956-7103 for more information or to volunteer your time.

**Join
the Glendale Democratic Club.**

Upcoming Meetings on:

28 January

22 April

22 July

28 October

Quarterly Meetings are held on the Fourth Thursday of the month at Glendale's beautiful Pacific Park Community Center, 501 S Pacific Ave Refreshments at 6:30 pm Meetings at 7:00 pm.

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Obama's 2008 Campaign Platform

High priorities: *health care for all, ending the war in Iraq, and social security.*

Abortion: Pro-choice

Capital Punishment: Supports capital punishment in certain cases.

Education: Obama supports a new school construction program to improve crumbling schools. Supports recruitment of a "new generation" of teachers, improving teacher pay, and improvement in early childhood education. Opposes school vouchers. Has called for a "STEP UP" summer learning program for disadvantaged children through partnerships between community groups and schools. Supports increased funding for Head Start. Opposes reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind law until it undergoes reform. Supports merit pay for "master teachers" but opposes merit pay for teachers based on test outcomes.

"Our schools must prepare students not only to meet the demands of the global economy, but also help students take their place as committed and engaged citizens. It must ensure that all students have a quality education regardless of race, class, or background."

Energy/Environmental Issues: Obama pledges to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, with a goal of 80 percent by 2050, and make the U.S. a leader in the effort to combat climate change by leading a new international global warming partnership. Supports implementing a cap-and-trade program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Pledges to invest \$150 billion over the next 10 years to develop and implement "climate-friendly energy supplies, protect our existing manufacturing base and create millions of new jobs." Pledges to double federal clean energy research spending. Supports efforts to reduce dependence on foreign oil, and to reduce oil consumption by 35 percent by 2030. Would require that 25 percent of electricity come from renewable sources by 2025.

Experience: Attorney, Taught Constitutional Law at Columbia, Illinois State Senator, and United States Senator.

Gay Marriage: Supports civil unions. Opposes gay marriage.

Health Care: Obama's health care platform focuses on a new national health plan that covers the nation's uninsured. The plan would guarantee eligibility, provide coverage similar to the federal employee health insurance program, offer "affordable" premiums, co-pays and deductibles; and allow enrollees to keep their coverage when they change jobs. He would introduce a requirement for all children to have health insurance and pledges to expand eligibility for Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). Businesses that do not provide insurance to their employees would be assessed a fee based on a percentage of their payroll. His plan would allow states to continue developing their own reform plans. He would also make employer health plans eligible for reimbursement of catastrophic costs provided the savings would be used to offset employee premiums. Obama also pledges to support disease prevention programs, promote quality and cost transparency and reform medical malpractice insurance.

Immigration: Obama supports comprehensive immigration reform legislation that combines increased border enforcement with a path to legal citizenship for illegal immigrants already living in the U.S.

The war in Iraq: Obama spoke out against the war in Iraq when he was a state senator in Illinois but was not in Congress when the vote to authorize the use of force was taken. Supports a plan to immediately begin troop withdrawal from Iraq at a pace of one or two brigades a month, to be completed by the summer of 2010. Has called for a new constitutional convention in Iraq, to be convened with the United Nations.

Social Security: Obama opposes privatization of Social Security. Has pledged to take steps to keep Social Security and Medicare solvent. Promises to amend federal bankruptcy laws to keep companies from choosing bankruptcy to avoid private pension obligations. Promises to eliminate the income tax for seniors who earn less than \$50,000 a year.

Stem Cell Research: Obama supports expansion of federally-funded stem cell research, including embryonic stem cell research.

Taxes and Budget issues: Obama supports repeal of tax cuts for upper income earners to pay for health care. Opposes repeal of the estate tax.

<http://www.barackobama.com>

The Glendale Democratic Club Helps the Community

The Glendale Democratic Club along with United Long Term Care Workers took part in the Holiday event sponsored by the YWCA for the Battered Women's Shelter in Glendale. Gift bags were given for 26 families.

The Glendale Democratic Club and Tender Loving Clothing and Socks (TLCS) gave socks, shampoo and conditioner to the homeless on Christmas Eve in Fresno California and also to a Women's Shelter in Arroyo Grande.

A FUTURE PROJECT IDEA: Need your ideas and help! TLCS is a charity I started 3 years ago to give socks and hotel shampoo and conditioner to those in need. I would like ideas on how to raise money to buy diabetic socks for our older seniors in nursing homes and also warm socks for those who are homeless in Glendale.

If you know of a place in Glendale that is in need, or have a nursing home that you know needs help; please bring the information to our next meeting.

Please collect shampoo, soap and what you can from hotels and bring to the meeting and we will start collecting for our next give away, Saturday, March 20, 2010, the first day of Spring!

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