

We need **more Democrats** to file and run for local office. Have **YOU** thought about running for office?

Some important dates as posted by the **Riverside Registrar of Voters (ROV)**:

1/1/10 thru SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEE - Non Judicial Candidates

2/25/10 Candidates obtain forms from the ROV for signatures in lieu of all or part of the filing fee.

2/15/10 thru 3/12/10 NOMINATION PERIOD / NON-REFUNDABLE FILING FEE; LAST DAY TO SUBMIT SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEE – Candidates to file their Declarations of candidacy for office, circulate their nomination papers and file them at the ROV. If there are filing fees, they must be paid at the time they receive their nomination papers, otherwise provide signatures in lieu of filing fees.

We definitely must **have Democratic candidates** in the various upcoming area races. The primary is **June 8th, 2010**. Here's a glimpse:

- **64th Assembly District** – currently being held by a Republican. **Democrat** RCC Trustee **Jose Medina** is seeking the **Democratic Nomination** for this race.
- **County of Riverside Offices** (currently all Republicans): County Assessor; Auditor; District Attorney; Sheriff; Treasurer/Tax Collector, etc.
- **County Board of Supervisor** (the incumbent is a Republican) will likely be running for re-election to represent the 2nd Supervisorial District.
- **The County Superintendent of Schools**
 - **Dale Kinnear** (Democrat) running against the Republican incumbent.*
- Jurupa Unified School District – 2 seats
 - **Mary Burns** (Democrat) – Area 3
 - Dawn Brewer (Republican) – Area 4
- Riverside Community College District – 3 seats
 - **Jose Medina** (Democrat) and 64thAD candidate
 - Virginia Blumenthal (Republican)
 - Janet Green (Republican)
- Jurupa Area Recreation & Park District – 2 seats
 - Larry David Riddle (Republican)
 - Bob Hernandez (Republican)
- Jurupa Community Services District – 2 seats
 - Kenneth James McLaughlin (Republican)
 - R.M. "Cook" Barela (Republican)

- Rubidoux Community Services District – 2 seats
 - **Ruth Anderson Wilson** (Democrat)
 - John Skerbelis (Republican)
- Western Municipal Water District – 3 seats
 - Charles D. Field (Republican)
 - Tom Evans (Republican)

As you can see from this list, we have a lot of work to do! **WHAT & WHO** are we waiting for? **WE** are the ones we've been waiting for!

In the 2009 election cycle there were many races which were decided simply based upon those who filed to seek that office. Oftentimes, when there were, for instance, two seats open, only one or two people declared their candidacy.

Also, there are many **state-wide Constitutional Officer Races** and you'll be hearing more about those.

At a date to be determined in February, we will be co-hosting a **candidate forum** with the **Moreno Valley Democrat Club** and the **Democrats of Greater Riverside**. There are **Democrats running in two races** who will be seeking the **Democratic endorsement**.

Seeking election to the **37th State Senate District** are two well-known declared **Democrats**:

- **Art Guerrero**
- **Justin Blake**

There will be a Pre-endorsement Caucus held on **March 20th** (location/time tba) and **WDC** will have **two delegates**. Requests for self-nomination were sent out via e-mail on January 18th. There will be more information about this at our February membership meeting. The known **Democratic** candidates are:

State Assembly Race – 64th AD

- **Jose Medina**

State Assembly Race – 65th AD

- **Jayson Sandoval**
- **Carl Wood**

Happy "Politicking"! ✌️



Sheila Kay Riley

**Appointed; this will be the incumbent's 1st campaign.*

BIG GOP MONEY AND FRAUDULENT VOTER REGISTRATION EFFORTS IN RIVERSIDE

Nan McCoy
Chair, Voter Registration

The Press-Enterprise recently reported that the Riverside County Republican Party's state and federal committees have paid approximately \$15,000 to a local signature-gathering agency since November of last year. The **Riverside County Registrar of Voters** also reports that John Burkett, of Lake Elsinore, also recently received 7,000 blank voter-registration forms.

In 2006, Mr. Burkett's employees allegedly changed party affiliations to 'Republican' without voters' knowledge in both Orange and San Bernardino Counties. The San Bernardino County District Attorney conducted an investigation and the San Bernardino County GOP severed its' ties with Burkett. Burkett denied the allegations. He currently could not be reached for comment.

Brent Lowder, the state GOP's chief operating officer, reported that the state party has strict standards in place to combat fraudulent registrations, so there should not be a repeat of the 2006 problems.

It was also reported that the California GOP gave the Riverside County GOP **\$23,700** for voter registration in November followed by **another \$28,000** in early January. In addition, the local GOP also received contributions from California Border Security Newsletter (\$400), Marion Ashley, Riverside County Supervisor, (\$2,000) and **A.H. Belo, parent company of the Press-Enterprise**, (\$400), before the party began paying Burkett.

With these dollar amounts in mind and the very real push by the local GOP to register Republicans, we must get **OUR** table(s) out and **register as many Dems** as we can!

Riverside County can become a "**BLUE**" county if we get to work to combat the efforts of both Mr. Burkett and the local GOP.

Please be prepared to volunteer to help us staff our table(s) in the upcoming months. We are currently working on locations and schedules and will have more information at our next general meeting.

It's now more important than ever to get our **Democratic** presence felt whenever/wherever we can, but we'll need your commi

HELP SUPPORT SENATOR BOXER!

Sign **YOUR** name on her nomination papers!
2/16/10 Tuesday, 6pm: home of Stan Stosel.
782 S. University Drive, Riverside 92507

BE THERE TO SUPPORT OUR SENATOR WHILE SHE FILES FOR RE-ELECTION!

2/18/10 Thursday (Time TBA): Riverside ROV
2724 Gateway Drive - Riverside, CA 92507

INVISIBLE EARTHQUAKES

By Becky Foreman

The reports from Haiti this week are horrible beyond belief, and continue to get worse. The statistics are staggering: a quarter of a million dead, over 3 million homeless, and countless injured and dying. For survivors, there is more hell to come in the form of starvation and disease.

As always, a disaster on this scale brings out the best and the worst in people, with Rush Limbaugh (not surprisingly) representing the very worst by turning this human tragedy into an opportunity to bash Obama (and if you can work out how that makes sense --- well, if you think it makes any sense you probably are not reading this so never mind). But Limbaugh aside, we can at least be comforted and inspired by the good in people, evidenced by an overwhelming outpouring of support from around the world. We are all giving what we can to help, because it is the human thing to do.

But before we get too warm and cozy in the knowledge that we are part of an international community of caring, let's consider two more statistics, less shocking, but just as real and just as immediate:

- **18,000 dead in the U.S.** annually. Not due to natural disaster or terrorist attacks, but because they did not have health insurance to treat their survivable conditions.
- **292,624 homeless children in California.** Nationally, 1 in 50 children is homeless.

These statistics may be less compelling than those from Haiti, but the people they represent are just as real. Why do we not feel the same sense of urgency, the same call to action, to do something to help right now? The weather report says it will rain most of next week. There are children out there, without shelter. How can this be? Perhaps we (as a nation) have become so accustomed to the daily misery that surrounds us that it has become invisible. Or maybe we really need to be hit over the head with disasters of Biblical proportions before we start to pay attention. Or, perhaps, we accept some things as they are because we feel powerless to change them.

If that's the case then shame on us. Of course we can change things. It's what we do! One way to create change is to just get engaged in the issue (and we all get gold stars for that one!). Because of our efforts, we are on the verge of historic healthcare reform. Yes, it's imperfect, but it is a necessary and promising beginning.

The other, good old fashioned way, is to open your heart (and wallet) and get involved with one or more of the many social service agencies in your community. I choose to give through United Way, knowing my donation will help with many different needs. You may choose to donate directly to a specific agency close to your heart, or you can roll up your sleeves and provide direct volunteer service!

Ultimately, what will make the biggest impact is acknowledging that the need is here, and it is urgent. There are "invisible earthquakes" - hundreds of thousands of them - happening all around us, every day. We must take action - right now. It is the human thing to do, and it is the **Democratic** thing to do. ♪



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