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Dear (Sisters:)

Thank you for your interest in my candidacy for the 36th Assembly District seat in Ventura County. I am enclosing with this letter copies of my preliminary campaign materials which contain a ~~pretty exhaustive~~ summary of background, qualifications, and biographical information. In the area of background and qualifications, I would only state that I am particularly pleased that, by any objective standard, I possess ~~the most~~ solid record of past and present achievement in government and civic affairs. The reason this pleases me is that I have heard so often the tired cliche, "It would be great to have a woman in the Assembly -- if only we could find one that was qualified." I find it interesting, and personally gratifying, to be <sup>both</sup> the only woman and the most qualified person in this election.

As to the issues of the election, I believe the most critical ones to be the following:

TAX REFORM-- I believe that we have begun to move in the direction of genuine tax reform in California. Our system of taxation has tended to be regressive and to discriminate against low and middle income people while giving preferential treatment to big money interests. I support the move to eliminate the insurance company home office tax exemption and the move to reduce to a simple majority in the Legislature increases in the taxes for banks and corporations. This kind of reform is long overdue. I also believe that the time has come to take a hard look at the system of local property taxation and to figure out more progressive, equitable means of raising money to support local government and public schools.

POLITICAL REFORM -- I supported Proposition 9 and I believe that it began to move us toward government that was responsive to the needs of people, rather than to the needs of a few power brokers and corporate lobbyists. The spirit of reform which was the motivation behind Proposition 9 must be carried forward by electing people <sup>who</sup> ~~restoring~~ <sup>restoring</sup> are committed to openness in government and who see the need for ~~restoring~~ <sup>restoring</sup> confidence and respect for government by making certain that government deserves that confidence and respect.

CONSERVATION -- I am deeply concerned about the future of California with respect to the quality of life. I believe that our children have a right to expect us to leave them an environment which is at least as decent and livable as that in which we have lived. It would be tragic to become involved in the destruction of the future for the sake of a few short-term economic gains which usually end up benefiting only a few people. For this reason, I supported, as an elected public official, both Proposition 20 (Coastal Zone Initiative) and Proposition 5 (Mass Transit Initiative).

SOCIAL WELFARE -- The basic purpose of government is to assure every person a decent, humane standard of living. This precept applies to educational opportunities, housing, income, medical care, and equality of treatment under the law. I do not believe in the lowering of ~~expectations in these areas~~ expectations in these areas. I am idealistic enough to believe that our society has the intelligence, the creativity, and the resources to provide all people with an opportunity to live in dignity as human beings. In the past, we have developed programs to deal with these problems which have not always worked. Those programs which have failed should be eliminated. At the same time, however, we have often failed to create programs which might have worked. We must use the power of government to help meet the ~~unmet~~ unmet needs of many of our people and we must do so in a spirit of idealism.

These are a few of the basic issue areas which I perceive to be critical to Government in California today. I hope that my remarks give you an accurate insight into my political orientation. Thank you again and I am looking forward to meeting with you on

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