

Suggestions for Brown Event Remarks

[Standard type of introduction] -- Thank everyone for attending, thank those who worked to put event together, special thanks to Governor Brown, etc.

Text of Speech --

My Republican opponent is trying very desperately to create an image for himself which he feels will appeal to the voters. If you look at his literature and listen to him speak you get the impression that he is a different kind of Republican. He describes himself as a moderate who favors political and tax reform. He describes himself as free from special interest groups and a part of the "new politics." He describes himself as being non-partisan. In short, one is left with the impression of an honest, sincere, "Mr. Smith goes to Washington" type of political figure.

I believe that the time has come to set the record straight about what my opponent really stands for. He would have us believe that his is a grass-roots campaign free from the usual special interest money which is usually associated with Republican campaigns. It would be very nice if this were true. Unfortunately, the facts are completely at variance with the image he is trying to create for himself. If one looks at the sources of finance for his campaign, as disclosed through the financial filings which his treasurer has filed, one is struck by the ~~fact~~ fact that he is *being bank-rolled*

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by the same combination of narrow-based special interest groups and Republican high-rollers that one typically finds trying to buy elections on behalf of Republican candidates. Let's take a look at some of these contributors and see what the record actually shows. Here are some of my opponents contributors. I leave it for you to decide if they are supporting him because they believe he stands for political and tax reform in Sacramento.

Building Industry Century Committee in San Marino  
Calif. Automobile Dealer's Association Political Action Committee  
Board of Realtors Political Action Committee  
Vetco Offshore Industries, Inc.  
Martin Smith and Associates  
John Edward Jergens (a Los Angeles investor who contributed \$3,000)  
Hertel Constructors  
Petro Chem Corp.  
California Real Estate Political Action Committee  
United for California ( a front group for various special interest  
not interested in disclosing their identities)  
Del Monte Corporation  
Henry Salvatori (one of Ronald Regans chief financial backers)  
Teague-McKevett Corporation  
McKevett Corporation  
California General Management Inc. of Los Angeles  
Republican State Central Committee

This is only a partial list -- but it represents thousands of dollars in contributions and shows very clearly the depth of my

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opponent's <sup>supposed</sup> commitment to political reform. Is there anyone in this room naive enough to believe that these contributors, and others of the same sort whom I have not listed, are really supporting my opponent because of a burning commitment to representative government? ~~xxxxxxx~~ Or is it more reasonable to suppose that ~~as~~ they have every reason to expect the same kind of preferential <sup>treatment</sup> ~~treatment~~ that they are accustomed to receiving in return for their financial backing.

So much for my opponent's supposed freedom from special interest groups and his commitment to political reform. I suppose one could be ~~and~~ charitable and say that he is after all an inexperienced <sup>and</sup> young man who doesn't realize the obligations he has incurred during this campaign. But, perhaps he is still <sup>and</sup> basically an honest person. Well, I am sorry to say that even here we must begin to entertain certain <sup>doubts</sup> ~~doubts~~. Let me share with you a questionnaire which was mailed out by my opponent on a selective, targeted basis to voters in this District. No reasonable person could read or examine this questionnaire and draw any conclusion other than one -- that my opponent was deliberately and fraudulantly trying to create the illusion that he is the incumbent Assemblyman. (Hold up questionnaire -- Read statement about an Assemblyman not having time to get constituents' opinions, read section about not printed at Govt. expense, etc.)

Now, I must ask you -- is this the work of an honest person? Or is it more of the same old political dirty tricks and misrepresentation that we have all come to detest in politics and which we tried to get rid of with the passage of proposition 9 -- the political reform act. Once again, I believe that the answer is clear.

In summary, let me say this. There has ~~been~~ emerged in this campaign ~~more~~ more than just the question of where I stand on the issues or where my opponent stands on the issues. There has emerged more than the question of my experience in local government and his lack of experience. What has emerged is the basic question of credibility and honesty. Can we really afford to send someone to Sacramento to represent our interests who is all image and no substance? Can we really afford to send a person to the State Assembly who has amassed a back-log of debts to narrow special interest ~~groups~~ groups and who apparently is not above playing fast and loose with the truth in order to get elected?

I am going to ask each and everyone of you to ~~reaffirm~~ reaffirm your commitment to my candidacy. I am going to ask you to re-double your efforts on my behalf between now and election day. And, I am going to ask you to commit yourself to working on election day in our GET OUT the VOTE drive. The stakes in this election are very high. I don't have the financial backers that my opponent does, but if I have the support and commitment of every person in this room -- a far more valuable resource -- we ~~can~~ <sup>will</sup> win this election and provide Ventura County with the kind of representation it deserves. Thank you.