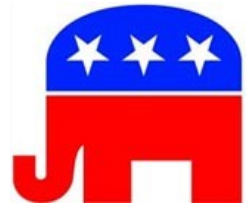


# Republicans of River City



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**THIS IS A FREE MEETING; YOU MAY PAY YOUR DUES AT THE DOOR!**

**WE INVITED DIANE SCHACHETRLE, DIR POLICY AND PLANNING AT AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS INSTITUTE TO SPEAK TO REPUBLICANS OF RIVER CITY ON January 17, 2012 at Mimi’s Restaurant, located at: 2029 Alta Arden Way Sacramento, 95825 The social hour starts at 6:30 PM and the general meeting starts at 7:15 PM.**



Diane Schachetrle a member of Republicans of River City and Director of American Civil Rights Institute (ACRI) will be the January 17 speaker at our meeting starting at 7:00 pm at Mimi’s Restaurant.

Ward Connerly is founder and President of the American Civil Rights Institute – a national, not-for-profit organization aimed at educating the public about the need to move beyond race and, specifically, racial and gender preferences.

Diane will travel to Oklahoma later this month and work for the passage of the Oklahoma Human Rights initiative an initiative that will eliminate racial or gender preferences for public employment, education or contracting purposes (similar to California’s Prop. 209).

Ward Connerly, who spoke to the members of Republicans of River City in the past has said “I certainly think we should reach out to everyone. I am not a proponent, however, of trying to reach people on the basis of their color, race, or ethnic background. California Prop 209 has not adversely affected women, and, most impressively, has benefited minorities by dramatically increasing graduation rates, thus boosting their chance for success in the job market.”

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## **ELECTION TIME FOR REPUBLICANS OF RIVER CITY**

**By Carl Burton**

Every two years, Republicans of River City hold an election of officers for the following two years. The elections should have been held this month (January) but do to making plans for our Christmas Party we failed to open up the election process for nominations to the board of directors and an election for officers.

If you would like to run for the board of directors or hold an office please let me, or any other member of the current board, know of your interest.

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Data from UC-San Diego illustrates how race-neutral admissions is producing better students. Richard Sander, a UCLA law professor and a longtime liberal civil rights activist reports that in 1995 African-Americans had a four-year graduation rate of 26%, while the 2001 class had a 52% graduation rate.

Passage of the Oklahoma Human Rights initiative will represent an opportunity for Oklahoma to break down the barriers of racial stigma and craft better solutions to minority achievement than the patronizing, discriminatory programs of racial preference.

Diane will let us know how we can help to educate our family members and friends living in Oklahoma about the initiative and tell us how Prop 209 has seceded in California.



### CHRISTMAS PARTY

By Carl Burton

The Republicans of River City Christmas Party was a successful event according to all the reports I have received. The music and food were outstanding and many of our attendees later danced the night away. I presented awards to local leaders in the community for their outstanding community accomplishments. A number of pictures were taken and can be viewed at our web site: [www.rrcgop.org](http://www.rrcgop.org).

### THE POLITICS OF FANTASY AND WISHFUL THINKING

By Christopher Angle

Now that the Occupy Wall Street (OWS) protests appear to have a bit of momentum, the left-wing media and politicians are gleefully predicting that this is the beginning of a middle class insurrection against the elites that will reshape the country. They loudly trumpet polls showing support for OWS and declare that the American people have awoken to take their country back. Indeed, some are predicting the rise of a left-wing version of the Tea Party that will “take the country back” from the 1% currently running it to the detriment of the ordinary American.

The excitement of the left is understandable when one realizes that the OWS protest rhetoric appears tailor-made to touch the left-wing heart from the “we are the 99%” to being against “corporate greed”. Unfortunately for the left, however, there are certain factors that are likely to doom OWS to the role of a loud but irrelevant minority that could actually hurt the Democrats, much as the loud and visible Operation Rescue protests ultimately hurt the anti-abortion movement.

The first problem with OWS is that there already is a middle class insurrection movement and it is called the Tea Party. While OWS bills itself as being driven by anger at Wall Street, the Tea Party also has a substantial anti-Wall Street element within it. This means that OWS is not the only available vehicle for channeling the public’s anger at Wall Street. Because the mainstream media

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### ELECTION TIME

This year will prove to be a critical year for the Republican Party and its candidates so the board of Republicans of River City must have a team of officers that will work hard together in order to help elect all of our local and national candidates.



### THE PRIMARY ELECTION IN IOWA AND NEW HAMPSHIRE

By Carl Burton

The voters of Iowa and New Hampshire have spoken and before the end of the month South Carolina voters will also go to the polls. And if the outcome is the same and Romney wins in Florida next month we can expect him to go on and win the Republican nomination for President in August at the national Republican nominating convention and to go on and win in November.

Who will Romney and the Republican convention delegates pick to be the vice president running mate? Could the delegates pick Senator Rand Paul from Kentucky? Could this help to unite the Republican Party behind our candidate?

To read more about Senator Paul and his family, visit:

[http://paul.senate.gov/?p=about\\_senator](http://paul.senate.gov/?p=about_senator)

### THE POLITICS OF FANTASY

and the left appear to oppose anything coming from the right in a knee-jerk manner, they have likely been blinded to the fact that some of the rhetoric coming out of OWS would actually not be unwelcome at a Tea Party rally. While there are obviously substantial differences between the political leanings of the two groups, anger at Wall Street does not automatically mean that a person will be receptive to the entirety of the OWS message.

The second problem with OWS is that its elements are disrespectful, loud, and attention grabbing. While left-wing hearts warm to the idea of wretched downtrodden masses storming the Bastille and throwing out the rich aristocrats, this image does not warm the hearts of average Americans. Americans, unlike the French, have historically not been ones to “rush to the barricades”. People tend to identify with people who are “like me”, and the odd assortment college students, aging activists, and malcontents camped out in lower Manhattan peddling the same slogans that some of them were chanting in the 1970’s and 80’s are not people with whom average Americans can relate, regardless of whether or not they share

some of their anger. In addition, the American people have historically tended to resist sudden lurches in either ideological direction, and are not likely to support tearing down the financial system when many of them have their retirement in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and cash in the bank.

The third problem with OWS is that the numbers simply don’t work for them to be a broad-based movement in the long run. The reason is that there are twice as many people who self-identify as conservative in this country as those who self-identify as liberal. Even with its’ somewhat reduced support, there are more people who self identify as Tea Partiers (25%) than as liberal (22%). In order for these numbers to change appreciably, OWS has to offer something to Americans that they have not been offered before. Based on the slogans coming from OWS marches around the country, this doesn’t appear to be the case.

The fourth problem with OWS is that their most visible slogan of the 1% vs the 99% is meaningless in almost any context. While the idea of the 1% vs. 99% may be appealing in the peasants vs. aristocrats political narrative favored by the left, American society is not nearly broken down in the manner that

the slogan implies. Consider that in 2007, being in the top 1% meant that a family had roughly \$5 million dollars in net worth. Under this definition, a family with \$4.9 million dollars in net worth would be included in the 99%. However, what such a family would have in common with a \$5,000 net worth family is not clear. An analysis that assumes that these two families are going to march arm in arm to the barricades to tear down the financial system is, to put it gently, erroneous.

The fifth problem with OWS is that it appears to have significant anti-democratic elements within it. Recent articles in The New Republic have expressed concern from a liberal perspective that these elements are antithetical to true liberalism. When a respected member of the liberal intellectual establishment is expressing concern that a left-wing movement is anti-democratic, that movement is going to ultimately struggle to attract support outside of the hard left.

While OWS will likely continue to exist just as MoveOn.org has, it is not likely to tap into any wave of popular discontent that will turn America into a center-left country. The expectation that OWS will lead a Tahir Square-style popular

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# THE POLITICS OF FANTASY

uprising is going to be a fantasy and a hope, given that OWS is advocating the same prescription for today's problems (i.e. a more powerful government) that the left has offered for the last 75 years. The danger for the excited Democrats is that they will become too closely identified with what is likely to become a failed, rejected, and/or rump political movement. Identification with the violent anti-war left of the Vietnam era essentially kick-started the process that ultimately saw the Democrats replaced as the natural governing party of America. Allowing themselves to be identified with the violent elements in OWS is unlikely to reverse this outcome.

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By Carl Burton

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I am a registered Republican and would like to join Republicans of River City.

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