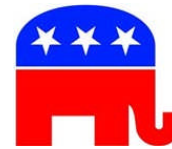


# Republicans of River City



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## IT'S FORMER SENATOR JIM NIELSEN AT REPUBLICANS OF RIVER CITY AND SOCIALIZE WITH YOUR FRIENDS IN SEPTEMBER AT RIVER CITY

September 18, 2007 in the Ose Room located at: Channel 6, KVIE

2595 Capitol Oaks Drive

Sacramento

The social hour starts at 6:30 PM and the general meeting starts at 7:15 PM.

### SENATOR JIM NIELSEN TO SPEAK

By Fred Hildebrand

Senator Jim Nielsen will kick-off our Fall Season Speakers' Program at our next General Membership Meeting on September 18th. He has addressed River City in the past and provided us with both informative and entertaining evenings. On one occasion, on behalf of the California Board of Prison Terms, he conducted 4 hearings and then drove to our River City location to be with us.

Actually, some of our members remember Jim from his early days in the California State Senate, where he became the youngest Senate Republican Leader.

At this time, we Republicans are fortunate that Jim is willing to resume a career under the capitol dome. He is running for the 2nd Assembly District, a seat we need to retain as Republican. No doubt, River City members will have questions to ask of Senator Nielsen and he will be happy to take any questions propounded. As usual, we will convene at Channel 6, K.V.I.E., at 6:30 P.M., for a Social Hour. The General Meeting will follow at 7:00 P.M. Jim will visit with our membership before his presentation. Once again, we can chat informally with a prominent Republican Leader who has a long list of accomplishments to his credit.

Accomplishment has been a hallmark of Jim Nielsen's career.

### WHY DO I HAVE TO PAY \$5 AT RIVER CITY MEETINGS?

by Robert Evans

As I sit at the table by the door taking \$5 from each person who joins us at our monthly meetings, I often get asked (sometimes silently with just a look) why we collect \$5.

The reason is, the \$5 is to cover the cost of using the Ose Room at KVIE.

KVIE charges Republicans of River City \$250 (plus \$20 to use the PA system) for each meeting. This means we need at least 54 people to come to each meeting to break even.

Unfortunately, lately, we have not had the minimum number of people show up and thus the \$5 no longer covers the cost of using the room.

At several of our board meetings, the  
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**WHY DO I HAVE TO PAY \$5 WHEN I VISIT RIVER CITY? (Cont.)**

subject has come up about what we can do to get more people to come to the meetings. Suggestions from board members range from stopping the meetings to moving the meetings to some other (free?) location. Carl Burton has looked into moving the meetings to a restaurant but some of the places want to charge more than \$250 plus a minimum amount for food. Some places will not charge to use their room but they want a guarantee of a minimum amount of food and drink orders.

Here is what I think. I think we need to ask you, the members of Republicans of River City, What do you want?

Is the problem the time the meetings are held? If so, what is a better time for our member meetings?

Do you want to move the meeting to some other place? Perhaps some restaurant? If so, do you have a suggestion of which place or restaurant?

Do you want to stop having monthly meetings? If so, how many meeting do you want?

Or is there some way to have more of our members attend? But how is that accomplished?

Please send your suggestions about how to solve this conundrum to me at [bobe@winfirst.com](mailto:bobe@winfirst.com) and in the subject line put My Suggestion.

If you don't have access to email, then send me a note to 760 Estates Drive, Sacramento 95864.

Thank you in advance for your help.

**SENATOR JIM NIELSEN (Cont.)**

Jim was raised on a small farm in the San Joaquin Valley, and he graduated from Fresno State with a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Business.

After college, Jim Nielsen first worked as a ranch foreman; then founded a company that utilized rice hulls and rice straw for fuel; and, eventually operated his own cattle ranch.

In 1978, Jim Nielsen was elected from the North State to his first of three terms in the State Senate, where he served as Senate Republican Leader from 1983-1987.

In the Senate, Jim quickly established himself as a tough-on-crime conservative who championed the cause for lower taxes. Nielsen also authored legislation to promote welfare reform and reduce welfare fraud, including the renowned GAIN program, and he authored and coauthored bills to promote agricultural exports.

After leaving the Senate, Nielsen continued his leadership on conservative issues, including service as Chairman of the Board of Prison Terms where he established a tough record of keeping hardened criminals behind bars.

Along with Jon Coupal, President of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, and Doug Mosebar, President of the California Farm Bureau, Jim Nielsen has been a leader in strengthening private property rights here in California. Founded by Jim, the California Alliance to Protect Private Property Rights is currently qualifying the California Property Owners and Farm Land Protection Act, which will limit governments' ability to seize private property through eminent domain.

Jim is married to Marilyn; has two daughters, Prima and Brandi; three sons, Jim, Adam and Bryan; and one granddaughter, Logan.



Honorable Roger Niello

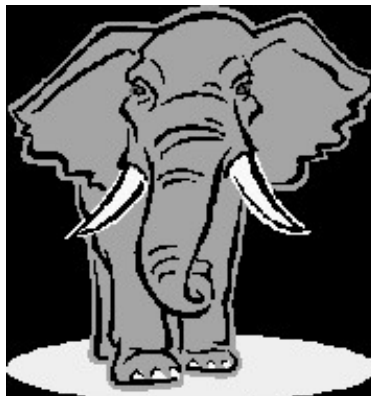
**PROTECTING TAXPAYERS FROM PENSION 'Triple Dipping' By Assemblyman Roger Niello**

As more and more members of the "Baby Boomer" generation retire, the pressure on local and state governments to fund the pension plans for newly-retired government employees is growing dramatically. More than ever, taxpayers need to be protected from abuse of the pension system.

As recent history shows us with the Governor's reform initiatives of 2005, whenever anyone tries to alter the status quo, there is bound to be resistance, no matter how much people believe in the need for reform. While there is certainly great controversy over the manner in which to reform the public pension system, there are few that questions the need for some reform effort.

State and local governments have been generous with retirement pensions in the past, and this generosity has allowed individuals to retire from government service with the security of knowing that they will have a pension waiting for them. However, the bill for that generosity is coming due as more and more of the "Baby Boom" generation ponders retirement from state and local service. Until there is comprehensive reform of the pension system, state and local governments will continue to scramble to find enough revenue to pay for rapidly increasing pension costs for

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## PROTECTING TAXPAYERS FROM PENSION ‘Triple Dipping’ (Cont.)

government retirees. In the meantime, abuse or misuse of the pension system cannot not be tolerated.

One such abuse that many cities and counties throughout California see is a new practice called “triple dipping”. This occurs when retired public employees collect retirement benefits, a salary and unemployment benefits – all within one year -- all at the expense of taxpayers.

Here’s how it works: a public employee retires and starts collecting a pension. Then, that same employee goes back to work for the city or county for short periods of time to work on projects that require the retired employee’s experience and expertise. The County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 authorizes a county to employ, without reinstatement from retirement, a retired member in a position requiring special skills or knowledge. Generally, a retired member may not work more than 90 working days or 720 hours in a fiscal year or any other designated 12-month period.

Once that job is done, he or she collects unemployment checks in addition to their existing county pension. While this practice had been illegal at the state level for years, the practice had continued at the local levels of government where the burden of funding retirement pensions is even heavier. There is no question that the abuse is costly to taxpayers and must stop. That’s why I am pleased Governor Schwarzenegger recently signed legislation I authored that puts an end to this sort of abuse.

In recent years, Sacramento County has experienced several cases of retired annuitants collecting unemploy-

ment insurance in between periods of innately temporary work with the county. According to the Sacramento Bee, in a span of 22 months, 27 former county employees returned to the county as retired annuitants and then collected unemployment payments when those jobs ended. Those employees cost the county \$128,910. On top of that, eleven of those employees filed multiple claims within that 22 month period, going back and forth from post-retirement short-term county jobs to collecting unemployment and back.

My legislation, AB 775, which was recently signed by Governor Schwarzenegger, ends the practice of county employees receiving three sources of income from the county, protecting taxpayers from this fraudulent behavior. The measure was supported by the California State Association of Counties, the County of Sacramento and the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association.

As a result of AB 775, retired annuitants will be prohibited from county employment if they have received any unemployment insurance compensation in the past 12 months as a result of working for the county.

Receiving retired annuitant status is a privilege awarded to those who have worked hard for our local governments, and have earned their pension so they can enjoy retirement. Retired annuity was never intended to be a period of stable employment, but rather an opportunity for the public employer to take advantage of a retiree’s special skills or knowledge

I’m proud that Democrats and Republicans worked together across party lines to pass my legislation, and was especially pleased to see Governor Schwarzenegger recently sign the bill into law.

At a time when our state and counties are facing continual overspend-

ing and severe budget shortfalls, it’s our duty as lawmakers to address this mishandling of taxpayer dollars. Working together, I’m pleased that we were able to take one important step toward ending fraud and abuse in our government pension system.

## ROGER NIELLO GRANTED LEGAL STATUS IN PRISON CAP CASE

Joins with Assembly Republicans to defend bipartisan reforms, and stop the potential for early release

Assemblyman Roger Niello, along with 30 other members of the Assembly Republican Caucus, has been granted intervenor status in a federal three-judge panel review of a case that will determine whether or not California should have a cap on the total number of inmates allowed in California prisons.

On July 23, U.S. District Court Judges Lawrence Karlton and Thelton Henderson ordered a three-judge panel be convened to consider setting a prison population cap in California. Assembly Republicans filed with the federal courts seeking to intervene in that case. They argued that under the Prison Litigation Reform Act, which sets the process for federal courts to convene three-judge panels, “any state or local official, including a legislator . . . shall have the right to intervene.”

Federal law requires that the state have time to remedy any deficiencies the federal court may find in California’s prison system. In filing with the courts, Republicans argued that lawmakers acted responsibly to reduce prison overcrowding, improve prison health care and strengthen rehabilitation programs by passing Assembly Bill 900 in May. They also argued that a population cap would lead to the early release of thousands of dangerous criminals, violating federal law which states

**ROGER NIELLO GRANTED LEGAL STATUS IN PRISON CAP CASE (Cont.)**

any solutions imposed by the courts must not jeopardize public safety.

“AB 900 represented a bi-partisan agreement and good-faith effort on the part of the Legislature to avoid the potential for early release of inmates. Considering the fact that the federal court demanded that we do something to reduce overcrowding, and improve prison healthcare, I thought AB 900 represented the best plan we could come up with under the circumstances. Because of this, I felt that it was important to defend the action that was taken on AB 900, and keep inmates behind bars,” said Assemblyman Niello.

Intervenor status will allow Assemblyman Niello and Assembly Republicans to become active participants in the case, as they will be able to file briefs with the court and provide oral arguments defending Assembly Bill 900 and California’s tough-on-crime public safety laws. Thirty-one Assembly Republicans signed onto the lawsuit, and will be represented in court by attorney Steven Kaufhold, with the San Francisco law firm of Akin, Gump, Struass, Hauer and Feld, which is handing the case as part of their commitment to pro bono work. They have also been working

with Steve Baric, attorney-at-law, of the California Republican Lawyers Association. Additionally, Assembly Republicans are working with the Assembly Speaker’s office, which says it has a keen interest in a separate filing by the Assembly.

**ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY**

September 2, 1910 - Republican Mayor George Alexander, Mayor of Los Angeles, appoints Alice Wells the first woman police officer in America.

September 3, 1868 - Twenty-five African-Americans in the Georgia legislature, all Republicans, are expelled by the Democrat majority.

September 12, 1868 - Civil rights activist Tunis Campbell and all other African-Americans in the Georgia Senate, every one a Republican, are expelled by the Democrat majority.

September 22, 1862 - President Abraham Lincoln issues the Emancipation Proclamation.

September 24, 1957 - Under withering criticism from Democrats John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson, President Dwight Eisenhower deploys U. S. troops to Little Rock to force Democrat Governor Orval Faubus to integrate public schools.



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**HAVE A LAUGH**

Short Story

A man driving North on a road.  
A woman driving South on the same road.

They pass each other.

The woman yells out the car window  
**PIG!**

Man yells back out his window  
**BITCH!**

Man rounds the next curve and  
crashes into a **HUGE PIG** standing in  
the middle of the road and the man  
dies.

Thought for The Day: If only men  
would listen!

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**Carl Burton, President**

**VOLUNTEERISM, VOTES AND MONEY**

By Carl Burton

I think the political strength of Republicans of River City comes down to three things: volunteerism, votes and money.

These three things win elections; they get the attention of candidates for public office and make us more important in the greater Sacramento County area.

We have a membership (Reagan Club) level at \$150.00 for those who want to attend all of our monthly meetings and not have to pay \$5 at the door each month.

Money and votes get respect.

It's important that all Republicans vote in the county because unless we suddenly get a lot of money, votes along with our endorsement are our only bargaining chips.

Last year Republicans of River City members printed out the entire precinct walking sheets in the county and stuffed the packages for all of our county Central Committee precinct volunteers. Our members walked more precincts than all the other groups in the county and a number of our members who were unable to walk their precincts paid for their precinct to be walked by young people and some members

mailed letters to every Republican in their precinct asking for their vote for our Republican candidates.

I add a third layer to empowerment. Money, Votes and Activism.

People who deliver petitions, write letters, participate in boycotts, and shout the loudest also get noticed.

It isn't easy to influence your neighborhood. But you are a member of Republicans of River City. You are a potential catalyst for action in Sacramento and California and having your friends and family members become members of Republicans of River City.

In some ways that is what our newsletter is all about--helping people be that catalyst to help make Sacramento a better community.

With your help Republicans of River City will continue to be the activists who volunteer more, help to get out the vote, get more petitions signed, write more letters, make more phone calls and shout louder. Example: River City volunteers at the State Fair Republicans booth volunteered a total of 140 hours.

Well done, Republicans of River City members!

**THEY WALK AMONG US**

I was at the checkout of a Kmart. The clerk rang up \$46.64 charge. I gave her a fifty dollar bill. She gave me back \$46.64. I gave the money back to her and told her that she had made a mistake in MY favor. She became indignant and informed me she was educated and knew what she was doing and returned the money again. I gave her the money back again; same scenario! I departed the store with the \$46.64.

I walked into a Mickey D's with a buy-one-get-one-free coupon for a

sandwich. I handed it to the girl and she looked over at a little chalkboard that said "buy one-get one free." "They're already buy-one-get-one-free" she said, "so I guess they're both free." She handed me my free sandwiches and I walked out the door.

**They Walk Among Us and Many Work Retail.**

One day I was walking down the beach with some friends when one of them shouted, "Look at that dead bird!" Someone looked up at the sky and said, "Where?"

I used to work in technical support for a 24/7 call center. One day I got a call from an individual who asked what hours the call center was open. I told him, "The number you dialed is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week." He responded, "Is that Eastern or Pacific time?" Wanting to end the call quickly, I said, "Uh, Pacific."

My sister has a lifesaving tool in her car designed to cut through a seat belt if she gets trapped. She keeps it in the trunk.

My friends and I were on a beer run and noticed that the cases were discounted 10%. Since it was a big party, we bought 2 cases. The cashier multiplied 2 times 10% and gave us a 20% discount.

I couldn't find my luggage at the airport baggage area, so I went to the lost luggage office and told the woman there that my bags never showed up. She smiled and told me not to worry because she was a trained professional and I was in good hands. "Now," she asked me, "Has your plane arrived yet?"

**They Walk Among Us!**

They walk among us and worst of all they VOTE!



**GOVERNOR JOINS OTHER REPUBLICANS TO WARN OF DANGER IF FELONS ARE RELEASED INTO COMMUNITIES**

**Arnold Schwarzenegger**

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today joined law enforcement officials from across the state and Republican legislators to warn of the dangers that early release of felons or a prison population cap could have on California communities.

“We must be given adequate time for our prison reform package to work. Earlier this year I worked with members of the Legislature to develop a comprehensive prison reform package to ensure dangerous criminals are kept behind bars and that our rehabilitation programs are effective in reducing recidivism.”

In July, a three-judge panel was formed based on motions granted in prison medical care and mental health care cases by two judges. In the coming months, this panel will hear evidence related to prison overcrowding and health care, the result of which could be an order for the early release of thousands of dangerous criminals into our communities or a population cap that would prevent prisons from housing convicted criminals.

“AB 900 attacks our recidivism rate, which is the highest in the nation, by bringing rehabilitation back to our prison system. This will protect the public because inmates who are committed to turning their lives around will have more opportunities when their terms end,” said Governor Schwarzenegger. “Much of that rehabilitation will be done in the secure re-entry facilities

we are building in partnership with California communities.”

Along with enhanced guidelines that will allow parole agents to focus on the most dangerous offenders, the reforms in AB 900 will ensure parolees are properly supervised and get the right help to live crime-free.

AB 900, also known as the Public Safety and Offender Rehabilitation Services Act of 2007, provides \$7.7

billion to add 53,000 prison and jail beds in two phases and shifts how the CDCR approaches rehabilitation. AB 900 funds 16,000 beds in secure centers that provide offenders with job training, mental health and substance abuse counseling and other programs in the critical few months just prior to their release.



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Your membership in Republicans of River City provides you a monthly newsletter, speakers, and an outstanding opportunity to meet your elected officials and California’s finest political strategists. River City is also a great way to network and make new friends.

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

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