

Bullseye continued . . .

- Requires government auditors to select 60 registered voters from applicant pool. Permits legislative leaders to reduce pool, then the auditors pick eight commission members by lottery, and those commissioners pick six additional members for 14 total.
- Requires commission of five Democrats, five Republicans and four of neither party. Commission shall hire lawyers and consultants as needed.
- For approval, district boundaries need votes from three Democratic commissioners, three Republican commissioners and three commissioners from neither party.

This measure will create many fair and competitive districts throughout California. You will no longer see districts with boundaries that run down railroad track for dozens of miles in order to connect voters with other areas to guarantee the outcome in districts. They will not be allowed to take the residence of a politician in consideration in order to draw districts for them. They also will have to respect community boundaries when drawing the new lines. Ultimately, when there is a fair and level playing ground, we can win if we out-work our opponents and carry a clear message to the voters.

Our work has just begun and you can be sure that GOC will continue to use the resources entrusted to us by our members and friends to defend the Second Amendment in California wisely and effectively. As you can see from the results, all of the races GOCCC was financially involved in were won or lost by margins of less than 1%.

Finally, we must report to you about the 5th Senate District race, one of GOCCC's top priorities, between pro-gun Assemblyman Greg Aghazarian and anti-gun Assemblywoman Lois Wolk. GOCCC participated in marshalling our troops to volunteer in the campaign, we sent out mail on behalf of Aghazarian and we made sure that all of the gun dealers in the district had materials to pass out to customers regarding this race. But, when funding for Aghazarian was cut-off by the Republican Party, basically giving up on him, GOCCC decided that we should invest our financial resources in the other races reported here. Good stewardship of our member's resources required that we make this difficult decision.

Thank you for your support because Gun Owners of California made a difference in this election . . .

Special Thank You continued . . .

in Orangevale, were great ticket sellers. The team of 14 individual sellers of tickets was phenomenal in their diligence and commitment. Mike Myers of Arbuckle, Jesse Rogers of Lewiston, and Dean Lawrie of Folsom were the top sellers, followed closely by Scott Friesen of Orangevale and Mike Friesen of Loomis. We cannot fail to mention radio's California Sportsmen host Sep Hendrickson and Ultimate Bass host Kevin Brown for their faithful announcing of each weeks winner, as well.

If you are interested in participating in one of these events, in purchasing a **2009 52 Guns in 52 Weeks** raffle ticket, or in becoming a committee member for one of our banquets, just give us a call at (916) 967-4970.

Jay LaSuer continued . . .

safe from harm brought against them, their homes or their property by criminals.

Jay believes that violent crime must be solved immediately. He believes that violent crimes should never become "Cold Cases". We encourage all of our members to support Jay LaSuer by contributing directly to his campaign. Local law limits campaign contributions to \$500 per person for the Primary Election, and \$500 per person for the General Election. Spouses may write separate checks, or write one check signed by both spouses if the check exceeds \$500. Only personal checks may be accepted. Corporate, business or committee contributions are not permitted. County law prohibits the acceptance of contributions from a lobbyist registered with the County of San Diego. State law prohibits reimbursing donors for their contributions.

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GOC Hits the Bullseye in 2008 Elections!

Sam Paredes - Executive Director

Here we are, a month after the 2008 General Elections and we just received the final results on some elections critical to gun owner's rights.

One thing we do know for sure is that Gun Owners of California Campaign Committee (GOCCC), who endorsed candidates throughout the state and sent mail to its members in important races, targeted three races for direct financial contributions and those are the three races that turned out to be the most hotly contested races in California history. As we report to you, our members and friends, the final results of those three races have just been determined. Rest assured, your dollars were well spent in these three campaigns.

Here's the breakdown:**19th Senate District**

In the 19th Senate District, a district that encompasses portions of Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Los Angeles Counties, and where Senator Tom McClintock was termed out, pro-gun former Assemblyman Tony Strickland (R) was steeped in one of the State's most expensive battles against extreme anti-gun and radically liberal former Assemblywoman Hanna-Beth Jackson (D). The return to the legislature of Jackson would have been a disaster for gun owners. GOCCC pulled out all the stops to prevent that from happening and made a maximum financial contribution to Strickland and motivated our forces to support his campaign. Strickland defeated Jackson by 1,216 votes out of 406,478 votes cast (.2% margin). The margin is so close that this is a race that could not have been won without GOCCC's support. It will be very good for California's gun owners to have Tony Strickland in the Senate for the next 4 and probably 8 years.

In the State Assembly we had two races where GOCCC targeted maximum resources to win.

10th Assembly District

In the 10th Assembly District, pro-gun former Lodi City Mayor and San Joaquin County Supervisor Jack Sieglock (R) was pitted against Democrat Alyson Huber who was heavily supported by teacher and government employee's unions, groups who have never seem a anti-gun bill they didn't like. In the final days of the counting, when Sacramento County processed their remaining absentee and provisional ballots, Huber overtook Sieglock and defeated Jack by 505 votes out of 188,022 (.3% margin) votes cast. This was a race where GOCCC made a maximum financial contribution and sent out troops to walk precincts to get out the Sieglock vote.

30th Assembly District

In the 30th Assembly District, pro-gunner former California Highway Patrolman Danny Gilmore(R) defeated Democrat Fran Florez, mother of Senator Dean Florez in one of the real battle ground districts. Gilmore won by 888 votes out of 84,804 (.6% margin) votes cast. For the past 6 years, Democrat Nicole Parra, an Assemblywoman who started her career as an anti-gunner but changed her perspective and had a rock solid pro-gun record for most of her tenure in the Assembly, had to leave her seat due to term limits. This was a district that the anti-gun leadership in the Assembly had to keep in the Democrat column but failed, thanks to GOCCC.

These victories mean that the numbers in the State Senate will remain the same – 15 Republicans and 25 Democrats but will become marginally more pro-gun with the addition of former Assemblyman Rod Wright (D). This house will be our best bet to stop all anti-gun legislation.

In the Assembly, the pro-gun Republicans lost four seats they previously held and gained one formerly held by the Democrats

for a net loss of three seats. There will be 29 Republicans and 51 Democrats. This house has definitely continued to slide to the far left and will probably be the birthplace of most of the anti-gun legislation we face in the next two years.

More Election News**4th Congressional District**

Termed-out Senator Tom McClintock, Gun Owners of America Political Victory Fund's #1 targeted candidate, was also locked in a neck-and-neck battle in his race to represent the 4th Congressional District in northern California against Speaker Pelosi supported Charlie Brown. Senator McClintock squeezed out a win by 1,576 votes out of 367,510 (.3% margin) votes cast. Thanks to GOA support, Senator McClintock is now going to be Congressman McClintock.

Proposition 11

Also, it must be noted that Proposition 11, the Redistricting Initiative passed by a very close margin, .8% to be exact. This is a measure that was endorsed by GOC as it would take the power out of the hands of the legislature, and in particular the radically liberal Democrat leadership, to draw their own districts. No longer will the fox be in charge of the chicken coop. Allowing only the Democrats to design and draw their own districts is analogous to allowing felons to decide how long their sentences will be and where they will serve their time. Now an independent commission will be assembled to draw fair districts without respect to where politicians live. Here are the details:

- Changes authority for establishing Assembly, Senate, and Board of Equalization district boundaries from elected representatives to 14 member commission.

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TO: SENATOR H. L. RICHARDSON, (ret.)

YES! I want Gun Owners of California, Inc. to continue fighting for our 2nd Amendment rights. I understand the minimum donation of \$35.00 entitles me to full membership benefits.

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Guns and Ammo

Sam Paredes - Executive Director

If you haven't heard, we didn't win this November. Those other folks did. You know, the ones who think we are nothing more than irrelevant fools, clinging to our guns and religion.

You'd better wake up and join the multitudes that are planning for the worse. Thousands upon thousands of folks, nationwide, are lining up at gun stores buying all of the guns and ammunition they can afford. They are concentrating on the "black" semi-automatic rifles and shotguns as well as handguns because those are the ones they feel will be banned first, but they are also buying your typical hunting and target guns too.

Gun buyers who live in states with "instant background checks" are waiting 2 to 6 hours for clearances that normally take a few minutes to process. The systems are all clogged up. Gun dealers are having a tough time replenishing their inventory to keep up with the demand and manufacturers are working overtime to fill the need.

What's all the commotion about?

It's a very real fear that under an Obama Administration and with the increased strength of the most radical liberals in Congress, as well as in state legislatures like California, there will be great efforts to ban, restrict or tax firearms and ammunition to heights unheard of in the past.

Yes, the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling in the Heller v. DC case will ultimately help us to fend off many of the upcoming assaults but don't think that Obama and his minions won't be doing all they can to change the rules and stack the courts to wage battles against the Second Amendment everywhere they can. It's going to be a long haul.

The only way we will be able to fight off the impending assault on the Second Amendment is for you to tell all of your friends, family and fellow shooters to join you in supporting Gun Owners of California by becoming a member, so that together we can change the make-up of the legislature and defend our rights.

A Special Thank You to GOC Sponsors for 2008!

As many of our longtime members and friends know, Gun Owners of California (GOC) is the nation's oldest pro-gun political action committee. Founded in 1975 by California State Senator H.L. Richardson (ret.) who served in the Senate for 22 years, GOC has continuously fought to defend the Second Amendment in California. GOC has continued to exist for these past 33 years only because of the thousands of loyal members and sponsors who believe in our mission and our approach to strong political action. For this, we wish to thank all of the folks who support our organization.

Over the past few years, raising money through direct mail has become more and more expensive and we have always committed to our donors that we will not inundate them with requests for donations through the mail and we have been rewarded with very loyal support. We have also branched out with various fundraising events to help raise the resources needed to continue our operation. We have had Chukar Hunts, Pheasant Hunts, Sporting Clays Shoots, and our 52 Guns in 52 Weeks Raffle, and now we have begun having fundraising banquets with auctions and raffles. All of these events have been successful and we will continue to develop more of them in the future. In particular, we held our first ever banquet in Oroville, CA and our second one in Redding, CA this year. They were great events where GOC gave away lots of guns, hunts, shooting and hunting equipment, and ammunition. We are planning events in 2009 in the following areas: Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Diego, and the Central Valley as well as continuing in Oroville and Redding.

For now, we want to take this opportunity to thank some of our major sponsors who have made all of these events possible.

2008 Annual Sporting Clays Shoot: Smith and Wesson, Wild Sports in Orangevale, Badger John's Huntin' Stuff in Sacramento, Sportsman's Warehouse in Rocklin, Western Frontier Sales in Jackson, and Camache Hills Hunting Preserve.

2008 1st Annual Oroville Banquet: First and foremost we must thank Bob Post and Huntington's Sportsman's Store for the success of this event. **Sponsors** - Cal-West Concrete Cutting, Brent C. Little, Berthe Mastelotto, RCBS, Wagon Wheel Market, Mike & Pam Hanson-

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2008 1st Annual Redding Banquet: Our first thank you goes to Patrick Jones and Jones' Fort for their amazing support. **Table Sponsors** - Red Bank Ale & Quail Outfitters, Great Outdoors, Charlie's Custom Excavating, Inc., Old West Gun and Loan, Inc., Alan Otto, Hot Flash Gun Refinishing Service, Richard and Carol Crippen, North State Recycling. **Gun Sponsors** - Smith and Wesson, Jones' Fort, Old West Guns, Great Outdoors, Redding Chapter of Safari Club International, North State Recycling. **Raffle Sponsors** - Jones' Fort, Red Bank Ale & Quail Outfitters, R&R Meats, Nice Shot Indoor Shooting Range, Hank George, Hot Flash Gun Refinishing Service, Shoot for Purpose, Bill Kuchan - Western Frontier Sales, C.R. Gibbs American Grill. **Youth Sponsors** - Jones Fort & North State Recycling

A special thank you goes to Brad and Barbara Taggart of Lots'A Java Catering, JB's Bar Service, and Greg "Topo" Padilla our auctioneer and number one cheerleader, for all of their support at our banquets and auctions.

52 Guns in 52 Weeks Gun Raffle - Elkhorn Bait and Tackle in Rio Linda, Ed Goulart Pointing Dog Training, Guns, Fishing and Other Stuff in Vacaville, Reel Outdoors in Concord, Sunny's Electric Marine of Sacramento, and Wild Sports

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A San Diego Sheriff We Can Be Proud Of: Jay LaSuer

Jay LaSuer served 8 years in the California State Assembly with distinction and honor. Members of GOC will remember that Jay was the unquestioned leader in the Assembly in defending our Second Amendment rights. He carried legislation on our behalf and was the most vocal opponent of all anti-gun bills. As a member of the Committee on Public Safety, he went toe-to-toe with any legislator, or supporter of anti-gun legislation.

Well, Jay is running for Sheriff in San Diego County in 2010 and he deserves our support. He will be a Sheriff whose influence will be felt all over California.

As Sheriff, Jay LaSuer has stated that he will follow the model for crime-fighting established by anti-crime hero Sheriff Joe Arpaio of Maricopa County, Arizona. Jay believes that jail time should not be a ride in the park. Arpaio is well known for establish tent camps, pink underwear, and baloney sandwiches for criminals sentenced to jail. Jay will follow the example.

What LaSuer believes:

Jay believes that the most important aspect of a person's quality of life is the knowledge that they and their family are safe from criminals. Citizens must also know that if they are the victim of a crime, law enforcement will not rest until the criminal is relentlessly pursued, arrested and jailed.

Jay also believes that law enforcement must use new and innovative crime fighting tactics to stop crime even before it happens.

Jay believes children have a God given right to be safe in their homes, in school, in a park or playground and when on the streets of their community. Predators who would molest our children must be immediately arrested and prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Jay believes that senior citizens have a right to be safe from con-men and thugs who would harm them simply because they think senior citizens may be an easier target for crime.

Jay believes that a family's innate right is to be

GOC 2008 General Election Results

Names highlighted in red were our endorsed candidates for the November Elections. (D) = Dem, (R) = Rep, * = Supported with maximum contribution

<u>STATE SENATE</u>		
SD 1	Dave Cox (R)	AD 25
SD 3	Mark Leno (D)	AD 26
SD 5	Lois Wolk (D)	AD 27
SD 7	Mark DeSaulnier (D)	AD 28
SD 9	Loni Hancock (D)	AD 29
SD 11	Joe Simitian (D)	AD 30
SD 13	Elaine Alquist (D)	AD 31
SD 15	Abel Maldonado (R)	AD 32
SD 17	George Runner (R)	AD 33
SD 19	Tony Strickland (R)*	AD 34
SD 21	Carol Liu (D)	AD 35
SD 23	Fran Pavley (D)	AD 36
SD 25	Roderick Wright (D)	AD 37
SD 27	Alan Lowenthal (D)	AD 38
SD 29	Robert Huff (R)	AD 39
SD 31	Robert Dutton (R)	AD 40
SD 33	Mimi Walters (R)	AD 41
SD 35	Tom Harman (R)	AD 42
SD 37	John Benoit (R)	AD 43
SD 39	Christine Kehoe (D)	AD 44
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AD 2	Jim Nielsen (R)	
AD 3	Dan Logue (R)	
AD 4	Ted Gaines (R)	
AD 5	Roger Niello (R)	
AD 6	Jared Huffman (D)	
AD 7	Noreen Evans (D)	
AD 8	Mariko Yamada (D)	
AD 9	Dave Jones (D)	
AD 10	Alyson Huber (D)	
AD 11	Tom Torlakson (D)	
AD 12	Fiona Ma (D)	
AD 13	Tom Ammiano (D)	
AD 14	Nancy Skinner (D)	
AD 15	Joan Buchanan (D)	
AD 16	Sandr� Swanson (D)	
AD 17	Cathleen Galgiani (D)	
AD 18	Mary Hayashi (D)	
AD 19	Gerald Hill (D)	
AD 20	Alberto Torrico (D)	
AD 21	Ira Ruskin (D)	
AD 22	Paul Fong (D)	
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		Bill Berryhill (R)
		Bill Monning (D)
		Anna Caballero (D)
		Mike Villines (R)
		Danny Gilmore (R)*
		Juan Arambula (D)
		Jean Fuller (R)
		Sam Blakeslee (R)
		Connie Conway (R)
		Pedro Nava (D)
		Steve Knight (R)
		Audra Strickland (R)
		Cameron Smyth (R)
		Felipe Fuentes (D)
		Bob Blumenfield (D)
		Julia Brownley (D)
		Mike Feuer (D)
		Paul Krekorian (D)
		Anthony Portantino (D)
		Kevin De Leon (D)
		John Perez (D)
		Karen Bass (D)
		Mike Davis (D)
		Mike Eng (D)
		Hector De La Torre (D)
		Curren Price, Jr. (D)
		Isadore Hall (D)
		Ted Lieu (D)
		Bonnie Lowenthal (D)
		Warren Furutani (D)
		Tony Mendoza (D)
		Ed Hernandez (D)
		Charles Calderon (D)
		Anthony Adams (R)
		Curt Hagman (R)
		Norma Torres (D)
		Wilmer Carter (D)
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		Brian Nestande (R)
		Paul Cook (R)
		Kevin Jeffries (R)
		Jim Silva (R)
		Van Tran (R)
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		Chuck DeVore (R)
		Jeff Miller (R)
		Michael Duvall (R)
		Diane Harkey (R)
		Martin Garrick (R)
		Nathan Fletcher (R)
		Lori Saldaña (D)
		Joel Anderson (R)
		Martin Block (D)
		Mary Salas (D)
		Manuel Perez (D)