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AD	Description	Registration	Candidates	GOC Rating
41	Pasadena	43% 34% 19%	Michael Cacciotti (D) Chris Holden (D) Donna Lowe (R) Victoria Rusnak (D)	A

Analysis: This district is a combination of Republican Assemblymen Mike Morrell and Tim Donnelly's and Democrat Anthony (Anti-Gun) Portantino's old districts. Voted Yes on 8 with 59% and for Republican AG by 5%. Democrats will undergo a bloody shootout to face Donna Lowe, one of the strongest Republican candidates in the state.

56	Imperial Co. – Perez(i)	49%(D) 32%(R) 15%(DTS)	Corky Reynaga-Emett (R) V. Manuel Perez (D)	F
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Analysis: Even though this district did not change very much from Assemblyman Perez's old one, this district is a conservative district when voting on values issues. Yes on 8 was 63%.

61	Riverside	43%(D) 35%(R) 18%(DTS)	Bill Batey (R) Joe Medina (D)	
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Analysis: Growth in the Inland Empire forced the creation of this Latino seat that leans Democrat in registration but has conservative values voters who supported Yes on Prop. 8 with 63%

66	Torrance	38%(D) 35%(R) 22%(DTS)	Craig Huey (R) Nathan Mintz (R) Al Muratsuchi (D)	A A
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Analysis: This district voted Obama by ½%, but voted Republican for Governor, Attorney General and U.S. Senator. Also voted Yes on 8 by 51%. This should be one of the easiest pick-ups for Republicans.

Our 2nd Quarter newsletter will have the very latest updates on our 11 targeted districts and ratings and endorsements for all other races in plenty of time before the June 5th, Primary Elections.

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By Julie Benson – Director of Marketing

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Anti-Gun Senator Misleads Senate Committee on Public Safety or, Liar, Liar Pants on Fire...

By Sam Paredes - Executive Director

On Tuesday January 10, 2012, in a meeting of the California Senate Committee on Public Safety, arch anti-Second Amendment leader Senator Kevin de Leon testified in his closing comments for his Senate Joint Resolution 10 (SJR10), calling on Congress to reinstate the so-called Federal Ban on Assault Weapons and High Capacity Magazines, using information reported by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (WWIC) as justification.

Here is a literal transcript of a part of his testimony:

"According to the Woodrow Wilson Institute on, ah, Woodrow Wilson International Center Trans Border Institute at the University at San Diego, 80,000 high powered assault weapons were seized in Mexico in the past two years. Out of the 80,000 high powered assault weapons that were seized in Mexico, 80% originated in the United States. The other 20%, this is empirical data from the Woodrow Wilson International Institute, the other 20% was made of reference to whether they were Russians or they were Chinese or their other Eastern Block countries on the black market, who covertly selling high powered assault weapons to nefarious individuals throughout the world and at drug cartels in Mexico or throughout the western hemisphere has secured ah, ah high powered assault weapons through those venues then that's a reality. Then 80% of the high powered assault weapons originated from the United States, specifically Nevada, Texas, and Arizona." Senator Kevin de Leon.

This isn't even one of those half truths, you know, like when a film producer claims

that the critics have declared his film "colossal", when in fact the critics described his movie as a "colossal flop!"

Either Senator de Leon truly intended to deceive the committee with misinformation, or his staff was so grossly incompetent as to produce testimony for him based on information that was largely refuted by an updated report conducted by the same institution. That's right... The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars – Mexico Institute (the actual name of the institution)!

Here are some actual excerpts from the WWIC's Update on U.S. Firearms Trafficking to Mexico Report, by Colby Goodman dated April 2011:

"... After the Mexican government handed ATF [Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives] a list of tens of thousands of firearms in late 2009, there was hope that this list would provide the U.S. government with much needed information on U.S. buyers and lead to improved firearm trace request submissions by Mexico.

... ATF officials have said they have only been able to use about eight percent of Mexico's firearm trace requests to initiative investigations in the United States.

Since the publication of the Mexico Institute's first report on the issue, there

is some new data and information on the specific problems. According to new statistics provided by the U.S. and Mexican governments, Mexico has submitted a total of 78,194 firearm trace requests to the United States from FY 2007 to FY 2010.

... but ATF now reports that tens of thousands of the trace requests are duplicates. In some cases, ATF has received information on the same firearm up to five times as Mexican police, a crime lab, the military, and the Attorney General's office all write down information on the same firearm, and the individual in the Attorney General's office in Mexico City submits trace requests on all of them.

Of the remaining firearms, the Mexican government has also failed to sometimes include basic information about the firearms

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such as the manufacture's serial number or the import number on many of these firearms. According to a detailed U.S. DOJ Inspector General report released in November 2010, about 26 percent of Mexico's trace requests to the U.S. government for FY 2009 were untraceable because of serial number errors.

...In total, ATF has said they were able to trace to the first purchaser in the United States about 25 percent of the firearm trace requests submitted by Mexico as of August 2010."

And finally, "...To improve the timeliness and accuracy of the trace requests, ATF officials stationed in Mexico or along the U.S. southwest border have sought to physically inspect firearms at crime scenes or at Mexican military storage facilities, but have had limited success, mostly because Mexican officials or the Mexican Attorney General's office prevented such access, due in part to national sensitivities and lack of trust."

After the revelations of Operation Fast and Furious, it's no wonder that the Mexican government does not trust the ATF.

When you start reading between the lines to make some calculations, the number of guns that can actually be traced to the United States and investigated, shrinks from 78,194 to about 6,200. And if that is true, the single largest contributor to that total is the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives being that they have already admitted to allowing at least 2,000 guns to walk into Mexico.

In his testimony and that of his supporters, Senator de Leon implied that there are 8,000 rogue gun dealers along the border states of Arizona, Texas, New Mexico and Nevada funneling guns to the Mexican drug cartel, when nothing can be further from the truth. This is proven out because there have been virtually no charges or arrests made of border state gun dealers. As a matter of fact, law-abiding gun dealers have been one of the most important tools of law enforcement agencies in arresting criminals and straw purchasers.

One of the Senator's witnesses, a fellow named John Lindsay-Poland of the group Fellowship of Reconciliation, glibly testified that "anyone in the committee hearing room could jump on the 12:30 flight to Phoenix, Arizona, and drive

½ hour to Lone Wolf Trading in Glendale, walk in, purchase 20 AK47's and walk out of the store." He continued, "These are military grade weapons but it's no problem, it's all legal."

Wow, coming from a supposedly person of faith and integrity those are some bold whoppers. Yes, any Arizonan can walk in and buy whatever they want and walk out...after they have undergone an instant background check. No, a Californian cannot go in and do the same thing. Federal law requires gun dealers to follow the laws of the state of residence of any purchaser, so, a Californian could buy guns in Arizona only if they are legal for him to possess back home. He could not take possession. The dealer would be required to ship any purchased guns to a licensed dealer in California and the purchaser would have to undergo the Dealer Record of Sales background check and 10 day waiting period. And no, the AK47's are not military grade. They are simply semi-auto look-alikes of the fully automatic "military grade" rifles.

Also, it is important to note that Senator Kevin de Leon is also being grossly disingenuous when he repeatedly states that it was 80,000 high powered assault weapons that were seized in Mexico. The actual number of 78,194 firearms seized by the Mexican government and reported to American authorities for tracing includes revolvers, pistols, bolt action and semi-automatic rifles, pump and semi-automatic shotguns, of all calibers including 22 Rimfire. Not the fully automatic machine guns, true assault rifles that are coming from other sources.

Gun Owners of California will do everything possible to shed a bright light on this matter.

Since we are taught that *the truth will set you free*, Senator de Leon will remain a captive of his own radically leftist and anti-Second Amendment mind.

In my faith, lying is a sin...obviously Senator de Leon and John Lindsay-Poland think differently.

Please visit our website, www.gunownersca.com for any updates regarding this legislation.



Newly Introduced Legislation for 2012

By Gwen Friesen Legislative Assistant

AB 1527 Portantino (D)

Ban on Open Carry of Unloaded Rifles

Oppose - This bill extends the ban to unloaded long guns.

Status: Assembly Public Safety Committee

AB 2182 Torres (D) Firearms: Arrest/Airport

Oppose - This bill requires the arrest of a person carrying a concealed firearm within an airport and requires the confiscation of the firearm.

Status: Introduced 2/23/2012

AB2221 Block (D)

Firearms Disclosure in Public Records

Oppose - This bill would add prosecutors and public defenders to the list of professionals whose firearm applications are not required to be disclosed as public records.

Status: Introduced 2/24/2012

AB 2344 Torres (D) Concealed Weapons:

This is a spot bill.

Status: Introduced 2/24/2012

AB 2460 Dickinson (D) Firearms: Handguns

Oppose - Prevents an exempted individual from giving a handgun deemed unsafe by the state of California to another individual who is not exempted.

Status: Introduced 2/24/2012

AB 2549 Hall (D) Possession of Assault Weapons by Law Enforcement:

Watch - Law enforcement officers are allowed to own firearms deemed "assault weapons." This bill will require written authorization from the employer stating that the firearm is for law enforcement purposes.

Status: Introduction 2/24/2012

AB 2615 Jones (R) Concealed Weapons

Support - This bill would require the issue of a CCW license if the applicant meets requirements, and states that personal protection/self-defense is enough of a good cause.

Status: Introduced 2/24/2012

SB 404 Anderson (R) HSC: Fees to Veterans

Support - Honorably discharged Veterans will only pay a one time \$10.00 fee to apply for a Handgun Safety Certificate, rather than the \$25.00 that is now charged.

Status: Amended 1/4/2012

2012 California Primary Election Update

By Sam Paredes - Executive Director

As we stated in our last newsletter, only selected swing Assembly Districts will receive the vast majority of our attention. We are presently building a plan with a coalition of gun owners, conservative organizations and Tea Party groups focusing on these target districts for victory. Below is a rundown on each of the 11 swing districts including a list of potential and announced candidates. We will continue to provide you with any updated information and endorsements in our future newsletters.

AD	Description	Registration	Candidates	GOC Rating
08	E. Sacramento Co.	40%(D) 38%(R) 17%(DTS)	Ken Cooley (D) Larry Miles (D) Barbara Ortega (R) Chris Parker (D) Peter Tateishi (R)	A A
Analysis: Very competitive district, although both Obama and Brown won in this new area, the district also voted heavily Republican for U.S. Senate, Attorney General, and Yes on Prop 8 (Traditional Marriage).				
09	S. Sacramento Co.	46%(D) 33%(R) 17%(DTS)	Tony Amador (DTS) Richard Pan (D) Sophia Scherman (R)	F
Analysis: To avoid a face-off with fellow Democrat Roger Dickenson, Assemblyman Pan moved south to run in this Democrat leaning district. This is 100% new territory for Pan. The district voted 59% Yes on Prop. 8.				
13	Stockton	48%(D) 34%(R) 15%(DTS)	Xochitl Paderes (D) Manuel Martin (R) Susan Eggman	A
Analysis: Considered the first urban Democrat district. Area has voted heavily for Democrat candidates but voted 61% Yes on Prop. 8. Unemployment rate at 16% is running above the state average.				
16	Tri-Valley	40%(D) 34%(R) 21%(DTS)	David Haubert (R) Joan Buchanan (D)	F
Analysis: Largely a new district for Assemblywoman Buchanan. With a 6% Dem advantage Brown won with only 5%. This area voted Republican for Attorney General by 5%, truly a potential pick-up for Republicans.				
21	Merced	48%(D) 33%(R) 15%(DTS)	Adam Gray (D) Lesa Rasmussen (D) Jack Mobley (R)	A
Analysis: Although this district leans Democrat, it voted for Republican Attorney General by over 5%, Republican U.S. Senate by over 6% and was Yes on 8 by 67%. Definitely a district in play.				
31	W. Fresno	50%(D) 33%(R) 13%(DTS)	Henry Perea (D)	F
Analysis: Republicans are searching for a solid candidate to run against Assemblyman Perea, who has a substantial financial war chest of over \$300K on hand, in this moderate Latino district which voted almost Yes on Prop. 8 by almost 70%.				
32	Kings	47%(D) 34%(R) 15%(DTS)	John McQuiston (R) Pedro Rios (R) Rudy Salas (D) Dave Thomas (R)	
Analysis: A very competitive seat with no incumbents when Republican David Valadao decided to run for Congress. Voted for Carly Fiorina over Barbara Boxer by 7% and Yes on Prop 8 with 74%.				

SB 1286 LaMalfa (R)

Firearms: Handgun Registry

This is a spot bill.

Status: Introduced 2/23/2012

SB 1315 De Leon (D)

Imitation Firearms: Regulation

Oppose - This bill exempts Los Angeles County and any city within the county, from the state preemption on the control of airguns.

Status: Introduced 2/23/2012

SB 1366 DeSaulnier (D) Lost/Stolen Firearms

Oppose - This bill requires the reporting of a lost or stolen firearm within 48 hours of the time one would have reasonably known that the gun was missing. If you don't, it is a misdemeanor.

Status: Introduced 2/24/2012

SB 1367 Fuller (R)

Archery Season: Concealed Firearms

Support - If you have a CCW, you may take your firearm with you when you go bow hunting for deer. You can't use it, but you can take it with you.

Status: Introduced 2/24/2012

SB 1422 Anderson (R)

Handgun Safety Certificate: Exemptions

Support - Honorably discharged members of the US Armed Forces, National Guard, Air National Guard and the active reserve would be exempted from needing a handgun safety certificate when purchasing a handgun.

Status: Introduced 2/24/2012

SB 1567 LaMalfa (R)

Waiting Period: Exemptions

Support - Exempts CCW holders from 10 day waiting period.

Status: Introduced 2/24/2012

SB 1569 Fuller (R) Firearms: Waiting Period

Support - Changes the law from a 10 day waiting period to a 72 hour waiting period when purchasing a firearm.

Status: Introduced 2/24/2012

SJR 10 De Leon (D)

Resolution to return Assault Weapons Ban

Oppose - A liberal response to an erroneous report, this resolution urges the President and Congress to take extraordinary measures to stem the trafficking of illegal firearms and ammunition into Mexico. This measure does not carry the force of law, even if it passes.

Status: Passed the Senate and sent to the Assembly

