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KEVIN SPILLANE, VETERAN GOP POLITICAL

By Fred Hildebrand

Kevin Spillane, veteran G.O.P. consultant, will be our featured speaker on October 18th. Although he is probably best known for his energetic and effective style as a consultant, he is also the author of some outstanding op-ed pieces as well as a Panel Member at various venues, such as the Annual Firestone Reunion each spring. Even the Sacramento Bee has published some of his articles, one of which recently provided a very positive outlook for November in contrast to other writers.

Kevin has been known to River City members for some time and has appeared before us in the past. He is always positive and interesting. He will take questions and give us the benefit of his keen analysis. This is a meeting you should now miss. Remember, we will meet at channel 6, KVIE for a Social Hour at 6:00 P.M. and we will open our General Meeting promptly at 7:00 P.M. This will be a great October Fest event!

Kevin Spillane is a veteran GOP political consultant and has consulted for numerous statewide initiative, state legislative and congressional campaigns.

Spillane has been named a "Rising Star of Politics" by Campaigns & Elections Magazine and a Political "Star of Tomorrow" by California Journal Magazine and has been profiled in U.S. News & World Report and on the CBS News program "48 Hours". He has also been an instructor at numerous political training

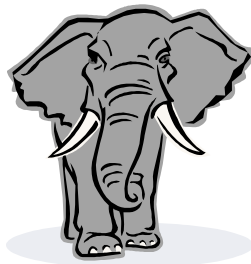
seminars, including for Russian pro-democracy candidates.

A partial list of Spillane's previous clients include former Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan, YES on Prop. 209 (banning affirmative action), YES on Prop. 213 (tort reform on insurance cases), NO on Prop. 33 (opposition to a sales tax increase), Congressman Tom Campbell, Gary Mendoza for Insurance Commissioner, Ruben Barrales for State Controller, Congressman Buck McKeon, Congressman George Radanovich, Congressman Steve Horn, Congressman Bill Baker, state Senator Dick Monteith, Assemblyman Jim Cunneen, Assemblyman Howard Kaloogian, Los Angeles City Councilwoman Joan Milke Flores, Kern County Supervisor Ken Peterson, San Mateo County Supervisor Tom Huening, Secretary of State Bill Jones, Insurance Commissioner Chuck Quackenbush, the National Republican Congressional Committee, the California Republican Party, the Alaska Republican Party, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, and the Western Mobilehome Association, among others.

Spillane is a former policy analyst and media consultant for the California State Assembly Republican Caucus and a Regional Analyst for the National Republican Congressional Committee

SPECIAL THANKS INGRID

One of our members, Ingrid Gilcrest, has brought many many items for the troops.



THIS IS A LOVE LETTER TO RIVER CITY MEMBERS

By Robert Evans

The members of Republicans of River City have given many items for our troops in the mid East; we have got everything from a giant salami to personal calling cards. Members of River City can be mighty proud of themselves for their generosity.

This effort is the result of our committee; members George Bradshaw, Richard LaFontaine and Lt. Col Edward Gorre (Ret.) can be justly proud of their efforts for our fighting men and women.

However, a word: I learned this past week that our troops give away much of the gum and candy and toys we stateside send their way.

And I also learned that the boys in Iraq steal everything given to the girls, except for the dolls our troops give them to play with.. So, I'd like to suggest that if you want to give something for us to send to the troops, you consider giving a doll for the troops to give away to the girls.

Again, thank you, Republicans of River City; you are great people.

SPECIAL THANKS INGRID

Long time RRC members, Ingrid Gilcrest, has brought many many items for the troops; Ingrid collects these items from people who reside at her retirement village and also buys many of them herself. Way to



The Honorable Roger Niello

2005 Legislative Session Wraps Up

By Assemblyman Roger Niello

The 2005 California State Legislative Session came to a close late on the evening of September 8. For the most part, this represents good news to the thousands of business owners, taxpayers, and local governments that spend millions of dollars each and every year defending themselves from the onslaught of new laws, regulations, and mandates posed by the 3,000 bills that were introduced in the legislature this year. If there was one observation that I would have to make about the California State Legislature during my first full year serving in the Legislature, it is this; for what is supposed to be a policy making body, the legislature is far too often involved in operational detail.

When the dust had finally settled this year in the legislature, nearly 1,600 of the 3,000 bills introduced ended up on the Governor's desk. The Governor now has until October 9 to decide their fate by giving them his signature, vetoing them, or allowing them to become law through inaction. It is always

an interesting time of the year watching what gets signed and what gets vetoed. This year, with the special election looming in November, it could make for an even more interesting bill-signing period.

By far, the most noteworthy and frustrating revelation that I had this year in the legislature was the need by some to attempt to micromanage operational aspects of state government through the legislative process. In reality, there just isn't a need for 3,000 bills every year. Details that are far better left for the experts frequently are brought forward in the legislature. For example, one of the bills that came before me this year was a bill that dictated to Caltrans the percentage of crumb rubber that needs to be used in asphalt projects. While the intentions of the author may be completely noble in the sense that we need to do something with our used tires, Caltrans already is utilizing this material wherever applicable. I'm far more comfortable with Caltrans as the road building experts deciding exactly where and how much we should be using crumb rubber asphalt.

Recent news articles from around the state have characterized this year's session as a waste of time due to the stalemate in the legislature between the Governor and the majority party in the legislature. And while I do think that there were some issues that were deferred while awaiting the outcome of the special election, I think it would be wise to consider that maybe a stalemate isn't always such a bad thing. We pass a lot of laws in the legislature that have far-reaching, long term effects. It's possible that having a down year in terms of legislative productivity could be just what the doctor ordered; a "step-back-and-take-a-deep-breath" year, if you will.

From a personal standpoint, I was happy to have had two bills make it to the Governor's desk. I am extremely

proud of the work that was accomplished with AB 394, legislation that came about as a result of constituents in the Arden Park region of Sacramento discovering that illegal, racist language, banning certain races from living in the neighborhoods still existed in their Covenants, Codes, and Restrictions, 60-70 years after it was written and decades after it was made illegal. AB 394 provides a way for them to remove the actual language from their documents.

Another bill I authored, AB 1031, was also placed on the Governor's desk. This bill will make our highways safer by bringing more trucking companies into compliance with the Biennial Inspection of Terminals (BIT) program that was established in 1989 to provide for the inspection of facilities where commercial trucks are maintained. Legislation passed in 1989 established the BIT program, and AB 1031 will make the program work more efficiently and effectively, while capturing a larger percentage of the overall truck fleet.

Assemblyman Roger Niello represents the 5th Assembly District, including the cities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, and Sacramento, and the communities of Arden Arcade, Carmichael, Fair Oaks, Foothill Farms, Granite Bay, Natomas, North Highlands, and Orangevale.



The President's Corner



Republican Of River City President Carl Burton

VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION 76

I have heard Gov Schwarzenegger say, "California doesn't have a revenue problem -- it has a spending problem." And that's because our Democrat controlled state Legislature is addicted to spending taxpayers' money.

California is facing an ongoing budget crisis because the Democrats in the Legislature can't seem to say no to the special interests that dump millions of dollars into their campaigns. Between 1998 and 2004, the Legislature increased spending from \$75 billion to over \$108 Billion even though the state did not have enough money to pay for all of their new programs and the growth in population or inflation or both multiplied together did not merit this increase in spending.

We recalled Governor Davis because he couldn't say no to his friends or to the Democrats in the Legislature and we elected Governor Schwarzenegger and asked him to find a solution to California's problems.

Part of his answer is Proposition 76 on the November 8 ballot. Proposition 76 will help to control spending to end state deficits and balance the state budget without raising taxes. At the same time, it will stabilize education funding to make sure our public schools are getting the money they need.

Proposition 76 will force the Legislature to live by the same basic rule you and I live by: don't spend more money than you can earn.

Proposition 76 will force politicians to stop autopilot spending and set clear funding priorities each year based on what's best for the state.

Proposition 76 will place reasonable, responsible limits on state budget growth by limiting year-to-year budget increases to the average growth in revenue for the past 3 fiscal years. This will prevent Democrat legislators from creating costly new programs during economic booms that demand ongoing spending when revenues drop.

I'm asking you to tell your friends about Proposition 76 to encourage them to vote YES for Governor Schwarzenegger's reform package. For more information about his reform programs visit <http://www.joinarnold.com> or you can call me at 916-359-5741.

VOTE YES ON PROP. 74, 75, 76 AND 77

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**Kevin Spillane, veteran GOP consultant, will address
River City at our next General Membership Meeting
on October 18, 2005 in the Ose Room located at
Channel 6, KVIE
The social hour starts at 6PM and the general
meeting starts at 7 PM.**