



The Local Republican

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President's Message

The New Healthcare Tax

"Cause I'm the Taxman... and you're working for no one but me" – from the song "Taxman by the Beatles"

When selling the Healthcare "Reform" Bill that barely passed both the Senate and House without Republican support, the Obama Administration and their Democrat allies in the Congress said that the new mandate to force us to buy health insurance or pay a penalty was not a tax and our taxes would not rise.

However, according to Robert Pear of the **New York Times**, the Obama Administration has in court argued that they are allowed to implement this new mandate under the government's "power to lay and collect taxes." The reason they are in court is that twenty states and several private organizations have sued the federal government making the legal claim that this new mandate is unconstitutional and therefore should be struck from the new law. In response, the Obama Administration is making the case that the "power to lay and collect taxes" is more sweeping than the interstate commerce clause, in the scope of power it gives to the Federal Government.

Should the Obama Administration prevail in the courts, not only would everyone be subjected to this new invasive tax, but further invasive taxation would be green lighted in future years. The only way to stop this attack on all of our wallets is to make sure true fiscal conservatives are in charge of both Houses of the Congress and the White House. While some elected Democrats are fiscally conservative, our own Congresswoman Linda Sanchez is not, as she has consistently voted to take more money out of the pockets of everyone, sometimes directly and sometimes through mandates like this new one, and then spend it on activities that have not solved the unemployment and foreclosure problems gripping her district. As such, she has killed off jobs in the district, with the only new jobs coming either in spite of government or being temporary in nature due to temporary government funding. This is not the way to spur economic recovery in an economy where in some parts of Linda's district the unemployment rate is above 20%, with families losing their homes because they cannot find a job(s) that pays their bills.

Meanwhile the stated unemployment number in L.A. County is 588,000 people, which does not include the

numbers of folks whose unemployment benefits have stopped, have lost hope of being able to find a job, or are scraping by with whatever temporary work they can get. On top of that, newspapers are filled with going out of business auctions where small, medium, and large businesses are selling off equipment and inventory after laying off workers, because they can't pay their bills after paying their taxes and regulatory compliance costs.

Last thought: it is a sad state of affairs when one considers that the only real growth industries left in California are auction houses and politics, thanks to fiscally irresponsible career politicians like Congresswoman Linda Sanchez.

Matt Kauble

General Meeting
August 10, 7:00 pm
Skyline Room
Cerritos Library
Speaker: Art Gallucci

Let Freedom Ring Celebration

At the Let Freedom Ring Celebrations, CRC members were on stage, including Councilmembers **Bruce Barrows**, **Carol Chen**, and **Jim Edwards** and Let Freedom Ring Chair **John Dawson**.



The CRC had a tic tac toe booth that was run by various volunteers.

Visit the CRC website for more [photos](#).

July BBQ

Over sixty members and guests attended the BBQ on July 13 at Cerritos Park East. Hamburgers, veggie burgers, and hotdogs were grilled by **Lew Gentiluomo** and **John Dawson**. Several salads, fresh fruit, lots of cookies, and a cake completed the menu.



After the sumptuous dinner, Los Angeles County Supervisor and CRC member **Don Knabe** gave a talk on the "State of Los Angeles County." He described the success of the Safe Surrender, 10,000 Jobs, and Most

Wanted Delinquent Parents Programs. Don also commented on the great opportunity that Republicans have to regain some seats at the state and national levels.



Many thanks to the following members who helped to make our BBQ a success: **Nancy Crockett** (two platters loaded with freshly baked cookies), **Joanne Witt** (baked banana pecan cookies), **Barbara Lockwood** and **Lew Gentiluomo** (fresh fruit), **Candy Yee** (potato salad), **Joan Pylman** (ice), and **Teresa Barrows** (a most delicious, decadent apple dip). Thanks for your help.

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Upcoming Meetings

The CRC Board Meeting will be on **August 10** at 5:30 pm in the Board Room of the Cerritos Library.

The August General Meeting will be on **August 10** at 7 pm in the Skyline Room of the Cerritos Library. Cerritos City Manager **Art Gallucci** will give us a State of the City address.

The 2010 CRC directories will be available at this meeting to those who have not received one. For those who picked up a directory at the July BBQ, please check that your copy has your address label on it. If not, please bring your copy to the meeting for an exchange.

There will also be a discussion regarding the distribution of printed copies of the newsletter.

Did you know?

In case you were wondering, the preliminary City of Cerritos Annual Budget for 2010-2011 shows the **total** budget for the five Cerritos City Council members was:

Regular earnings	\$67590
Employee benefits	\$75000
Auto Allowance	\$24000
Travel and Meeting	\$116170
Total	\$282760

If all five City Council members served on our five Commissions, each would have **regular earnings** of \$22698, much less than four Bell City Council Members had been making until recently.

2011 CRC Board Nominations

The Board is seeking members for the 2011 CRC Board. Please contact any Board member if you are interested.

Voter Registration Drives

A voter registration drive will be held at the Los Cerritos Mall on August 28. If you could volunteer one or two hours, please contact [Joan Pylman](#).

Call for Articles

If you would like to contribute an article or personal news for the September newsletter, please submit it to [Jim Yee](#) at jfye@hotmail.com by August 27.

Past Newsletters

At the CRC website, you can access some Newsletters from last year and this year by pointing at the [News](#) link.

Welcome New Members

The Board would like to welcome the following new members: **Bob Burns, Dean Grose, Betty and Tom Day/Kolodziej, Charles Lewis, and Dave and Helen Najjar.**

Want To Become A Member?

If you are reading this and are not a member of the Cerritos Republican Club, you can join by contacting [Barbara Lockwood](#), our Membership Chair, by email at barbie562@aol.com or by phone at 562-926-7069. To join, you must be a Registered Republican.

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