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The Atlas PAC Board

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The Atlas PAC Board of Directors would like to welcome you to the April issue of the newsletter. With the June Primary Election is just around the corner, Atlas PAC will soon be unveiling our updated list of endorsed candidates for local, state and national elected office. As always, we will continue to present to our membership candidates that practice our core values of limited government, free market, low taxation, and individual liberty.

In early May, we will feature a candidate forum exclusively for our endorsed candidates for the June Primary. Later in the month, we will host a fundraising reception for the Stop the Special Interest Money Now Initiative. Please mark your calendar for these upcoming events and we hope to see you soon.

Atlas PAC Mission Statement

The Atlas PAC mission is to create an environment of business professionals that believe in the ideals of limited government, free market enterprise, low taxation, and individual liberty to associate, network, and socialize with like-minded individuals. Through this association, the Atlas PAC supports like-minded candidates and issues through its monetary and political support.

May Networking Event Featuring Atlas PAC Endorsed Candidates for the June Primary Election

Atlas PAC would like to invite all members and guests to meet our endorsed candidates for the June Primary election. All candidates will be given the opportunity to address the



Dave Bartels

John Draper

Mary Dreyer

Kurt English

Kathryn Feather

Joe Ludlow

Jeff Mathews

Walter Myers

Ben Pugh

Stephanie Olsen

Sarah Soss

Mike Tripp

Coming Soon

Del Mar Day at the Races



July 28, 2012

March Networking Event with Assemblyman Tim Donnelly

group. We hope you'll join us for this candidate forum.

Wednesday May 2, 2012

6:00 p.m.

Scott's Restaurant & Bar

3300 Bristol Ave
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Cost: Members \$15 Non Members \$20

RSVP: rsvp@atlaspac.org

Parking: \$4 Valet



Atlas PAC Committee Meetings

Endorsements Committee Meeting

April 26, 2012

6:30 p.m.

The Endorsements Committee evaluates candidates and ballot measures for potential endorsement, financial contribution or independent expenditure support. To attend this meeting, please contact Endorsements Committee Chairman Ben Pugh at bpugh@atlaspac.org for the location details.

Events Committee Meeting

May 14, 2011

6:30 p.m.



The Events Committee coordinates the production of fundraising and political events, including contacting speakers, securing venues, developing marketing materials and facilitating the production of the event. This will include the planning and coordination of existing annual events, as well as other fundraising and political events as speakers are confirmed during the year. To attend, please contact Chandra Chell at cchell@atlaspac.org for the location details.

Note: Committee meetings are open to Atlas PAC members & invited guests only.



Update: Stop Special Interest Money Now Initiative By Craig Alexander

As many of you know, 2012 is an important election year. Of course, the Presidential primary and general election are important, but in California we have an opportunity to end the union and corporate dominance over California politics from Sacramento to our own counties, cities and school districts. I would like to give you information about the initiative so you can see why I believe passing it is vital to our State. Mark Bucher is Chairman of the campaign to pass this initiative and he advised me that the initiative qualified for the ballot on December 6, 2011.



Let me begin by asking you some questions. 1. Who do you believe is the largest contributor to politics in California? 2. Are corporations always contributing to conservative politicians and causes? 3. In the last 10 years, how much money has been spent by "Special Interests" in California? 4. Finally, doesn't a proposed law by an individual constituent have as much chance of being enacted as those sponsored by Union Bosses and Corporate Executives?



Answers:



1. The largest contributor to politics in California over the last 10 years is the California Teachers Association, closely followed by another government employee union and the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers of America.

2. No - corporations contribute to their own interests as evidenced by their cooperation in the raising of taxes on all Californians in 2009.

3. Between 2000 and approximately 2009, the top 10 contributors to politics contributed just over \$1 billion dollars to state and local elections.

4. No - laws sponsored by special interests have a passage rate far greater than that of non-special interests (i.e. you and



1). In fact, 40% of all legislation in Sacramento is written by Special Interests or their lobbyists.

What will the passage of the Stop Special Interest Money Now Act do? Right now, employee unions and corporations are allowed to involuntarily take money from their union members/corporate employees and place it directly into their Political Action Committee. Plus they can contribute directly to politicians' campaigns. The passage of the Stop Special Interest initiative will change all that and level the playing field.

Specifically, the Stop Special Interest Money Now Act will:

- 1) Ban both corporate and labor union contributions directly to state and local candidates.
- 2) Prohibit government contractors from contributing to state and local officials who can award them contracts.
- 3) Bar corporations, government employers and labor unions from collecting funds from employees by payroll deduction and using that money for politics.
- 4) Preserve every employee's right to contribute to campaigns by means other than payroll deduction (for example, by check or by monthly debit from an account or credit card), but it ensures that those contributions are voluntarily authorized by the employee in writing annually.

Given the amount of money coming into politics from Unions and Corporations, and since this initiative will to a large extent limit the amount of money they can collect via involuntary payroll deductions, you can see how the passage of this initiative will break the control of unions and corporate special interests in Sacramento and in our cities, counties and school districts.

The politicians will be forced to pay attention to and receive contributions another group of people: their constituents the voters! You and I!

I encourage you to find out more about this initiative before the unions and corporations begin their disinformation campaign about the initiative. You can obtain more information at

<http://stopspecialinterestmoney.org/>

This initiative is so important that I have volunteered to be a guest speaker for the Stop Special Interest Money Now Act's Speaker's Bureau. If you have a group you would like to have someone speak about this important initiative, please contact me at cpalexander@cox.net.



Craig Alexander is an attorney whose practice emphasizes insurance coverage, HOA law and construction defect claims and litigation. Craig also serves as the Recording Secretary for the California Republican Assembly. He is Chairman of the Orange County CRA Elections Committee. Craig is on the Orange County Board of Assessment Appeals and the Board of the California Republican Lawyers Association.

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About Atlas PAC

Atlas is a politically based membership organization made up of business, political, and community professionals who share a passion for free enterprise, limited government, reduced government regulatory burdens, low taxation, and individual liberty. Atlas furthers its ideals by funding candidates and causes who aggressively advocate the values of Atlas.



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