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Why I'm Supporting **Carole Lutness** and why you should too. . .

Even though I am not in her District, I am a great supporter of **Carole Lutness** and her bid for State Assembly in the 38th Assembly District * because....

1. Most of all, this is a seat that can be won!

- ✓ The 38th AD has been a strong Republican district. Two years ago there was a 12 point difference between Republicans and Democrats (47% - 35%). This year the spread is down to a 5 point difference (41%-36%) and the Decline to State voters (18 % of registered voters) are voting with Democrats this year. They voted in the Presidential Primary 52% to 48% with Democrats in that district. In this, "the year of the Democrats" they need to know who the "down-ticket" Democrats are and why they should vote for them.
- ✓ Carole shares 30,000 voters with **Hannah Beth Jackson** who is running for the 19th SD. Hannah Beth has a very good chance of winning and Carole can win too if she is able to get her message out particularly to the Decline to State voters.
- ✓ The Los Angeles Democratic Party is supporting Carole's race with money, technical assistance and support as part of their RED ZONE program.
- ✓ Unions and social/environmental organizations are behind Carole all the way with financial support and have promised to have many volunteers working on her campaign beginning in August with precinct walkers, phoners and other GOTV activities.

2. Carole is a "do-er" who gets results: (see www.brightcove.tv/channel.jsp?channel=712914692)

- ✓ She has been a social, environmental activist her whole life, starting when she was 21 as the only white woman in the NAACP marching in civil rights marches in Morgantown, W.Va.
- ✓ She is known to never give up. She has been in the forefront in the 38th AD on such issues as Clean Money, Health Care for All, the Iraq occupation and establishing a permanent cold weather homeless shelter in Santa Clarita
- ✓ She is tireless in her efforts to work within the political system as the founder of Democratic Neighbors of the 38th AD (DN38), the area's GOTV organization, as an elected member of both the Los Angeles Democratic County Committee and the California Democratic Executive Board and an active member of numerous Democratic organizations.
- ✓ As the Communications Chair of SCOPE, Santa Clarita's environmental group, she spearheaded an application to the FCC for a limited range public FM radio station that will give more opportunity for a variety of viewpoints to be heard in that community.

3. We need 54 Democratic legislators in Sacramento to change the 2/3rds vote requirement for any budget increases.

Our current law requires a "super-majority" (2/3) vote to get any revenue increases passed. This is impossible now because Republicans vote lock-step against any revenue increases through taxes, fees, fines, etc. During this year's budget crisis this is going to mean that our

children, families, the poor, the elderly, the sick and disabled will suffer because of program cuts. The Republican's hold our budget hostage every year and there has been a marked decline in necessary services and infrastructure upkeep and development. The idea that "there is not enough money" to pay for mass transit, delta repairs, good schools (we're 46th in the nation and will be 50th if the Republicans have their way this year), health care for all and humane treatment of our elderly, sick and disabled is intolerable.

4. **Our Republican's refusal to vote for new sources of revenue is part of a nationwide plot to "shrink government so small you can drown it in the bathtub."**

Our Republican's refusal to compromise on resolving our budget problems is part of the Grover Norquist's [Americans for Tax Reform's "Taxpayer Protection Pledge"](#) which has been signed by nearly 1300 Republican state legislators and state officials all over this county. This pledge, which all but one of our Republican legislator's signed states that they "pledge to the taxpayers of the ___ District of the State of ___ and to all the people of this state, that I will oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes." This is the way they are destroying our government and schools. Little by little they are starving schools and programs so they become so weak their corporate buddies can take them over and either privatize the services or eliminate them. Imagine the future if they succeed. We will no longer have a **public police force**. It will be privatized with rent-a-cops protecting the property and persons of the super wealthy. We will have **no civil liberties or protections** because our armed forces also will be privatized with **Blackwater** mercenaries able to knock down our doors because they "suspect" we are terrorists or criminals. **All schools will be privatized** so that only the super-wealthy's children will get an education. Our elderly, poor, disabled and ill will become "**beggars at the gate**" begging for alms for the poor as the super-wealthy ride by in their limousines heading for their mansions guarded by rent-a-cops. **Our environment will collapse** as our oceans die, global warming progresses and our resources are plundered by corporations. We will **no longer have a Middle Class**. We will live in a world of the "Have Nots and the Have Yachts." The vision of this dystopia is very grim unless the voters wake up as they have done in the past and wrestle control back from the corporate oligarchy as we did during the **Gilded Age** and the **Great Depression**.

For these reasons and more I am behind Carole's bid to become the Assemblyperson in the 38th AD. WE NEED HER there. Carole will always protect the people's needs against the Corporate wants. She needs our financial support and our volunteer efforts. Please send her a donation today (www.Lutness4Assembly.com) (Lutness4Assembly, P. O. Box 221251, Newhall, CA 91322-1251), host a house party, connect Carole with people who will be able to help her and volunteer to GOTV. Those of us in safe BLUE districts NEED Carole to be one of the 54 Democrats to break the Republican's strangle-hold on our legislative process. Their Stonewalling affects us all. The future of our state depends on us supporting excellent BLUE candidates in Red districts. Carole is such a candidate. PLEASE HELP HER GET HER MESSAGE OUT!

Sincerely,

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* The 38th AD consists of northern San Fernando Valley, most of Santa Clarita, up the 210 Frwy to La Crescenta, to the edge of Glendale, the edge of Burbank and 18,000 voters in Simi Valley.