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LEAGUE MEMBERS TO FOCUS ON LOCAL POSITIONS IN MAY 8 MEETING AT CASPAR COMMUNITY CENTER

LWVMC members will gather at the Caspar Community Center Tuesday, May 8, to approve the 2012-2013 budget, elect board members and officers and give direction to local League leaders for the coming year.

Sign-in begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Caspar Community Center and the meeting will be called to order at 10:45 a.m. Members are asked to bring a copy of the April 2012 Members-only VOTER which includes the Annual

Meeting Agenda, proposed budget, nominating committee report and Local Program Positions.

The current Board of Directors has made no recommendation at this time for adoption of a local issue for education and action for 2012-2013. However, the Board asks members to suggest ideas for action during the Table Talk planned during a potluck luncheon after the business meeting.

The main luncheon

course comes courtesy of members Dorine Real and Lee Tepper—soup from the Westport Hotel kitchen. Please bring a potluck salad or dessert to the meeting.

And please bring ideas about programs for next year, local positions, or issues for local education and action. A facilitator will be assigned to every table to record suggestions. Your suggestions will help create topics for next year's programs and focus of local action.

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CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES JOIN LWVMC "VIRTUAL" FORUM

The new 2nd Congressional District (redrawn by the California Redistricting Commission after the 2010 U.S. Census) and a new state open primary election system (approved by voters in 2010) generated a field of 12 candidates for the June 5, 2012, election. Under

the Open Primary Act, all candidates running in a primary election appear on a single ballot and voters can vote for any candidate, regardless of party preference (except for U.S. Presidential primary candidates and County Central Committee offices). Congressional

Candidates come from all corners of the second district which stretches along the coast from the Golden Gate Bridge to the Oregon Border. So it was difficult to schedule an open public forum with all candidates at one time in one place.

League members wrote

ten questions and submitted them to all candidates on the Secretary of State's Certified Candidate List and asked for responses by e-mail. Candidates' answers are printed in alphabetical order by last name starting on Page 2 of this issue of the VOTER.

Candidates Respond to Questions from Mendocino League

Editor's Note: Each of the twelve candidates for U.S. Congress, 2nd District, was contacted by the VOTER staff and asked the same ten questions. Answers were limited to 250 words or less per question. Eleven candidates responded. Responses are listed in alphabetical order by candidate last name and no answers were edited in any way except for line spacing (in order to fit the VOTER format). Each candidate was asked to list a website where voters could learn more. Some questions are specific to Mendocino County and other questions were generated by concerns and questions voiced at our January League program meeting. The source of a candidate's party preference, hometown and occupation is the Secretary of State's certified candidate list.

Susan Adams, Democratic, San Rafael, Nurse and County Supervisor

1. How do you perceive Mendocino County, CA? What is your vision for Mendocino County?

I am the fourth generation descendant of a Mendocino ranching family. My great grandfather homesteaded the ranch where I played as a child and the family still maintains. Mendocino is a complicated County, with its beautiful coastline and tourist economy as well as the inland towns such as Ukiah and the rolling hills and ranchland, forests, rivers and vineyards.

Keeping public lands and our watersheds safe from illegal cultivation with sometimes violent confrontations with growers has to be a priority. But the federal policies on marijuana are not working and the people of California voted to support access to marijuana for medical purposes. I believe this discussion needs to begin in Washington where the focus on enforcement seems to be more on the collectives than on illegal cultivation on our public lands.

I believe Mendocino and much of the North Coast can thrive through traditional as well as new businesses. With the decline of the logging industry, I see a variety of new small businesses, including cooperatives, as paving the way for a thriving future - traditional fishing industry, short sea shipping, viticulture, tourism, including agri-tourism, and of course a thriving artistic community. As a Congress woman, I would do all I can to support funding for sustainable small business growth and the kind of incubator projects that have already taken shape in Arcata at Food Works. The introduction of clean and renewable energy sources can also provide good jobs and long term economic viability.

There are also challenges in meeting the needs for rural health care, education, road infrastructure, resource management and watershed restoration. As a member of local government in the 2nd Congressional District, I have worked on these issues and solved some difficult problems, bringing state and federal dollars home. I have the local lens and understand what it will take to rebuild our local economies and address community based concerns.

Mendocino is a national treasure from its breathtaking seaside communities and thriving wine industry in the Anderson Valley, to the inland agricultural community to the salmon rich Eel River. All these resources must be protected and nurtured for future generations.

As your member of Congress, I will renew and expand my network of contacts here in Mendocino County. There are many different communities here, and I will strive to represent all.

2. In at least 8 states a photo i.d. is required to vote and voter registration restraints are so onerous in some states that even the League of Women Voters has suspended voter registration work. How can the federal government protect the citizen's right to vote?

The Federal Government has historically played a role in civil rights protection, and voting rights are among the most important of these. When people are disenfranchised because of onerous laws and intimidation, this is of the gravest concern. I would make every effort to make sure that the Justice Department makes voting rights enforcement a priority as well as support Federal legislation that protects the rights of all citizens to be able to exercise their right to vote without fear of intimidation or excessive requirements that keep them from casting their vote in peace and safety.

The voter ID laws and other laws and regulations that limit voter participation are part of a coordinated effort to suppress participation by targeted groups. It's un-democratic and un-American. While most of these restrictive laws are at the state level, and beyond the reach of Congress, I'm encouraged that courts in a number of states have blocked the implementation of new voter ID laws. Humboldt County has set high standards for elections with a transparent process and meaningful audits, and I've promised to work to ensure the highest standards at the national level in the Congress.

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3. How can we improve providing healthcare in this country and what will you do to support and help fund local rural health care clinics?

I support first and foremost a system of Medicare for All. This would enlarge the Medicare system, so that all paid into it and all would benefit from it. In rural areas this would allow greater access to local health care providers who would be funded through the system. Today, local clinics have been established in underserved communities in a variety of ways. For instance in Marin County, we have built a new health and wellness campus with the use of tobacco settlement funds, with no cost to taxpayers. This has been a boon to those without insurance and from minority communities, *with 100,000 patient visits annually*. The overall public health is improved as a result. The Open Door Clinics and the Mendocino Health Clinics rely on the assistance of State and Federal dollars in order to provide a comprehensive array of services to our rural communities such as the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) funding. Health care is delivered at the local level and I will fight to protect the funding for these important safety net programs. As a health care professional, I am the most qualified candidate to address our nation's health care issues.

Another important Medicare reform is to amend the prescription drug law to promote price competition, so our seniors don't have to go to Canada or Mexico to get affordable drugs.

As a nurse who has specialized in women's health, I'm a strong supporter of a woman's right to choose, and strongly oppose recent efforts to limit access to contraception and other critical health services. In particular, I oppose the recently defeated Blunt-Rubio amendment, which would have allowed an employer to arbitrarily deny coverage for some women's health services and prescription drugs.

4. What is your idea of a quality education? What is your view of education reform?

I am a strong supporter of a quality public educational system from pre-K through college and/or vocational training schools. Today, our educational system is broken largely because of a lack of funding at all levels. Wealthier communities are able to finance bond measures that improve their schools, while those in the poor and minority communities suffer. "No child left behind" is forcing teachers to teach to a test rather than teaching children how to use their critical thinking and creative thinking skills. This law needs to be greatly reformed. Investments that are made into our children's education are investments into our future.

We must do more, for our disadvantaged youth and those on a vocational track, as well as providing stronger scientific and technical training for the jobs of the 21st century.

I think the No Child Left Behind has left many of our kids behind, and that Race to the Top created an unfortunate competition for resources that will also leave some children behind. As a teacher of nursing, I know that teaching to the test doesn't produce quality nurses. I support federal policies and funding that fit the needs of each local district and, with my experience at the county level, I know how tough it is to deal with state and federal mandates that shift the costs to local taxpayers. My view of education reform includes expanded federal funding, without strings, to UC, CSU and community colleges. I will fight to reduce the burden of student loans by expanding Pell grants and discounting or forgiving student loans for graduates who teach for at least 2 years or provide community service work through a federally recognized service corps. For K-12, I want to find federal dollars to support science, computer, math, arts and music to help fill the gaps created by state and local cuts in recent years.

5. As our Representative, how would you vote on issues that involve protection for salmon and other listed species? For instance, how would you have voted on H.R. 1837 (Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act)?

I strongly support measures that protect all our native fish species, most especially those that are endangered or threatened. I would fight for healthy fisheries and clean, healthy waterways. Water is our lifeblood and not just to supply agribusiness and urban areas. So much more can be done in terms of water conservation in cities, as well as putting into practice sound agricultural practices that do not deplete the resource and reuse of gray water.

I would have strongly opposed HR 1837 had I been able to vote on it. It was nothing but a corporate water grab and a devastating move for the Delta. Some members of Congress from the valley and southern California have started a new

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fight over water rights, and I will be a strong advocate for the coastal watersheds and the interests of the north state in general. While the increase in the salmon run this year is encouraging, the preceding years have taught us that we must be vigilant to sustain all of our fisheries.

6. *How do we best protect our ocean natural resources and wildlife? Do you support off-shore oil drilling? Do you support creation of wind energy apparatus on the continental shelf?*

I strongly oppose all off-shore oil drilling. We must protect our oceans by taking a multi-pronged approach. We must stop the use of plastic bags and dumping other non-recyclable products that find their way into the Ocean, which kills wildlife, including migrating birds, and contributes to the gigantic gyre that still swirls out in the Pacific. In Marin County, I took a leadership position with my colleague (the late Supervisor Charles McGlashan) in eliminating the use of single plastic bags in our retail and grocery outlets. We must kill the Navy's ocean sonar plan that disrupts the whale migration. We should place stronger regulation on cruise ships that dump toxic materials at sea. Better regulations of ocean going vessels are also an important part of protecting our oceans. This must include treaties with other nations on ocean protection policies. And I want to restore and maintain the coastal radiation detection network, in order to monitor potential radiation from Fukushima or any other source.

7. *What is your position on tax cuts and cutting of government services?*

Our essential services have been cut to the bone. Public safety, education, healthcare and services for the elderly and disabled are suffering. We see this on the County level most acutely where both Federal and State cuts have left us holding the bag. We need to be both more creative in how we use existing resources and find ways of increasing revenues so that this downward spiral does not continue. I would support an end to tax cuts for the very wealthy. These cynical giveaways in the name of "job creation" are nothing but crony capitalism at its worst. Meaningful job creation must come from within the communities, and the Federal government can support those efforts with small business loans and incentives for local businesses who support their community. I don't support tax holidays for American corporations that have hoarded cash offshore, and threaten to keep it there until we give them a break. I strongly support President Obama's call for an end to subsidies and tax breaks for oil companies, and I believe we can preserve and extend Social Security by lifting the cap on eligible wages, currently \$106,000.

Cutting defense spending and returning our troops home will add much needed revenue to the budget which can be redirected toward infrastructure repair, education and rebuilding our cities and towns, retraining workers and reinstating some of the lost governmental services.

When it comes to government services, my priorities might be called very progressive—I think government should serve the people in many essential ways. At the same time, I'm very cautious with taxpayer money, and have a 3-term record of frugal spending as a county supervisor. I will take these principles to Washington with me.

8. *What, if any, specific immigration reforms do you hope to bring about if elected?*

Immigration is an issue that attracts extreme, emotional responses. I reject the extremes, and prefer a rational, practical approach to immigration policy.

Our economy is the magnet for illegal immigrants, and militarizing our border with Mexico won't stop the migration. While we have the right to secure our borders, I don't think the cost/benefit pencils out.

I support a reasonable path to citizenship for undocumented persons in the United States; I oppose mass deportations, and have been critical of ICE for enforcement that divides families and incarcerates women and children in detention centers that often do not meet basic human rights standards.

A recent murder case in San Francisco exposed a dangerous loophole in immigration enforcement: the prime suspect was ordered deported after his prior state prison term, but when his native country declined to accept him, he was released to the streets without appropriate post-prison monitoring from probation or parole departments. If elected to Congress, I will work to fix this problem.

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9. What is the first international issue you will educate yourself about when you get to Washington?

My first priority on international issues was articulated by Barack Obama during his presidential campaign in 2008: I want to change the mindset that led us to war in Iraq. I'm concerned that the US is being pressured into a military conflict with Iran, even though our intelligence community is clear that there is no near-term threat to the United States.

As your question suggests, there is much to learn about the intricacies of our foreign policy. But I already have a strong set of principles that will guide me in international policy:

--any issue or initiative I support will be in the best interests of the United States and the American people, not allies or corporations

--war and military action should only be last resorts, and should be approved by Congress, the United Nations, and our allies

--we must have a clear, consistent policy of promoting freedom and democracy and opposing dictators and authoritarian governments.

10. Which campaign issues are the most important issues to you?

Instituting a program of "Medicare for All" to ensure a healthy population for a healthy future. As the only health care expert in this race, I know the importance of having access to health care for all. And health extends beyond the physical body to our communities, our environment and our economy. The fact that a lack of insurance in times of unexpected illness or injury is the number one cause of most bankruptcies in this country is lack of coverage underscores that providing access to health care for all is essential.

Meaningful job creation in our communities, through expanded clean and renewable energy programs such as the Marin Energy Authority which has been a rousing success in its first two years of operations, instituting a WPA type program for rebuilding America's infrastructure and providing incentives for local small businesses to expand, are priorities of mine.

Protecting the working class by ending corporate loopholes and tax breaks for the rich.

Protecting and enhancing services for seniors, children and our veterans. We must redirect the economy from a war economy to one that invests in its people. Protecting Social Security by lifting the income cap is something I wholeheartedly support.

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Andy Caffrey, Democratic, Redway, Green Conversion Consultant

1. How do you perceive Mendocino County, CA?

I've lived in Mendocino County and have lived for the last 14 years just north of the county line, in Humboldt.

What is your vision for Mendocino County?

The new district is extremely diverse. The two southern counties, Marin and Sonoma, have median incomes up around \$85,000 per year, are suburban and connected directly to the Bay Area's extremely diverse economy. The four northern rural counties, including Mendocino have a media income of around \$35,000. The southern district is also the heart of the Bioneers. The northern district has marijuana at its economic core. Humboldt and Mendocino depend each year on a billion dollars income each from that industry.

Because of the climate crisis, all of us have to engage in a WWII-like Emergency effort to get off fossil fuels and nuclear power as fast as possible. This will require communities to assess their new economies in the context of their bioregions in order to assure they are sustainable. We must restore our "natural capital" and preserve what we still have. That means no more intrusions on native habitat at all. This means a massive restoration effort for our forests, for salmon habitat. and planning for a post-prohibition marijuana/hemp economy. I'm already working on the incorporation of Emerald City in SoHum so that we can make our own regulations.

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We need to come together in Great Conversion conferences to write our own legislation which I can introduce in Congress to begin our conversion next year. We must bring labor, farmers, peak oil, climate crisis, ecologists and Ecotopian experts together to work this out. So my campaign is about creating Ecotopia Now!

2. In at least 8 states a photo i.d. is required to vote and voter registration restraints are so onerous in some states that even the League of Women Voters has suspended voter registration work. How can the federal government protect the citizen's right to vote?

By not electing psychopathic, elitist corporatists to Congress anymore! We live in a plutocracy, a corporate government. We have to cut through them like the Gordian Knot! We have to wrestle the power back to our communities.

3. How can we improve providing healthcare in this country and what will you do to support and help fund local rural health care clinics?

My life depends on rural health care clinics, such as our own Redwoods Rural Health Center. We need a massive effort to convert off of fossil fuels and nuclear power as fast as possible because of the climate crisis. This requires a national emergency effort similar to the one in WWII and an expansion of the social safety net to allow everyone to feel secure as we go through this transition. This means redirecting trillions of dollars from the pursuit of empire and the War on Drugs back to our communities to rebuild our economic infrastructure to meet our needs sustainably from as close to home as possible. That means full funding for a national health care system, such as Medicare for All.

I also believe in holistic health and have wellness as a paradigm to use with all issues. Preventative medicine, and a national effort to go organic, an end to GMO food, and protection from being polluted from toxic chemicals and radiation are all key to health and wellness for everyone and among my highest priorities. Home health care and care for the elderly, as well as vastly improved medical care for the poorer areas of the district and the nation. healthcare is a right that goes back to our tribal ancestry.

4. What is your idea of a quality education? What is your view of education reform?

We only have four high schools in the district now with machine shops. We used to have forty. the corporatists have cut into the meat of our society. They must go! I also have a plan for high school seniors in which they can take half the normal school load to join an apprenticeship program with friends to start a business, a non-profit organization to work on some cause, or to start a band! the idea is to give young people the training in that senior year to run their own businesses and not just fit into some corporation.

Free college tuition. Recreation of the best schools in the world, like we used to have in California. Critical thinking and honest history courses that teach young people about our political, economic, and ecological realities are important to me. And Writing!!!!

5. As our Representative, how would you vote on issues that involve protection for salmon and other listed species? For instance, how would you have voted on H.R. 1837 (Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act)?

I'm an Earth First!er. My bumper sticker has salmon on it. Protecting our ecosystems is the foundation for the new green American future. Because of the climate crisis, all of us have to engage in a WWII-like Emergency effort to get off fossil fuels and nuclear power as fast as possible. This will require communities to assess their new economies in the context of their bioregions in order to assure they are sustainable. We must restore our "natural capital" and preserve what we still have. That means no more intrusions on native habitat at all. This means a massive restoration effort for our forests, for salmon habitat and planning for a post-prohibition marijuana/hemp economy. I'm already working on the incorporation of Emerald City in SoHum so that we can make out own regulations.

We need to come together in Great Conversion conferences to write our own legislation which I can introduce in Congress to begin our conversion next year. We must bring labor, farmers, peak oil, climate crisis, ecologists and Ecotopian experts together to work this out. So my campaign is about creating Ecotopia Now!

6. How do we best protect our ocean natural resources and wildlife? Do you support off-shore oil drilling? Do you support creation of wind energy apparatus on the continental shelf?

I support the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society. In high school and college I was a student in a special summer school

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program on Inshore marine Biology. Then I was a TA, then an assistant instructor. I went to UCSD to work on projects at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Fighting for a local hook-and-line fisherman is a priority for me. My heart lies in the oceans. I'm also the only candidate fighting to keep sea levels from rising!

I oppose all fossil fuel development, so that includes the ocean. I'm undecided on the open ocean wind farm. Perhaps as a last resort.

7. What is your position on tax cuts and cutting of government services?

The last census revealed a shocking truth: the United States is no longer a middle class country. More than half of us are now poor!

In 1979 the top 1% had 8% of the nation's wealth. Now they have 23% or more! that's where all the money went and it's where we can get all that we need, along with retreating the American empire of bases on 150 nations, and ending the War on Drugs. I favor tax holidays for the poor and the middle class. Tax cuts for the rich just suck more money away from the middle class and keeps the economic engine, which has always been fueled by middle class spending, from recovery. Austerity measures for the rich might be a good idea, but the cuts in Medi-Cal have cause many of my friends to lose dental care, glasses and mental health services. That can kill them. It's a horrible travesty that the state government, including Assemblyman Huffman, sign off on year after year. It's why they have to go!

8. What, if any, specific immigration reforms do you hope to bring about if elected?

We need to tackle the supply and demand side. Having grown up in L.A. and gone to college in San Diego County, I understand the impacts large numbers of poor people flooding into neighborhoods can have. But these people are coming here because of banking institutions imposing austerity measures on Mexico and much of the rest of Latin America, the nationalizing of resources and agriculture and the extermination of subsistence agriculture. I want the rest of the world to go Green too (e.g. New Green Mexico). Their economies also must meet the needs of their people as close to home as possible. That is how we reduce the flow of migrant Latin workers, by making it much better for them at home, where they would like to be to begin with.

I oppose walls. I favor penalizing employers, not workers.

9. What is the first international issue you will educate yourself about when you get to Washington?

I've been educating myself about world geography my entire adult life. I have worked on activist campaigns in over 40 nations and have thousands of activist friends from all seven continents, 1,000 of whom I'm in touch with via Facebook. I co-founded two U.S. green parties, the Citizens party in 1980 and the modern Green party in 1985. The Greens are an international movement I have been a part of for over 30 years. Likewise, I have been an international Earth First! organizer and worked on rainforest and indigenous peoples issues all that time, such as for the last migratory rainforest tribal people, the Penan in Indonesia. The New Zealand Greens are backing my campaign as are some Australian aborigines. I was a consultant to the environmental ministers of the Sandinistas in Nicaragua.

I want to look more into the Iran situation, but first will be getting straight on what is really happening at Fukushima.

10. Which campaign issues are the most important issues to you?

New Green America!!

Fight The Climate Crisis as Threat Number One

Rebuild America's Infrastructure around Bioregions and Sustainability to meet all our needs as close to home as possible

TAX THE RICH

Medicare for All and Expansion of the Social Safety Net

Retreat the U.S. empire. Use the military only to defend Americans and their US property

End Corporate Personhood

Legalize Marijuana and End the War on Drugs

Prosecute the Bush administration for Crimes Against Humanity, War Crimes, Torture, and Murder

Electoral Reform, Ranked-Choice Voting, and Paper Ballots. Get Corporate Money out of Elections

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Brooke Clarke, No Party Preference, Ukiah, Small Business Owner

1. How do you perceive Mendocino County, CA? What is your vision for Mendocino County?

Answer: The big problem for all counties is the economy. The structural problems (see [10 below](#)) that created the 2008 financial meltdown have not been fixed, and in some cases have been made worse.

2. In at least 8 states a photo i.d. is required to vote and voter registration restraints are so onerous in some states that even the League of Women Voters has suspended voter registration work. How can the federal government protect the citizen's right to vote?

Answer: Voting Rights Act of 1965 ([Wiki](#)) should cover this, but because of the structural problems (see [10 below](#)) it may not be enforced.

3. How can we improve providing healthcare in this country and what will you do to support and help fund local rural health care clinics?

Answer: Single Payer Health Care is the only thing that makes any sense. All the other industrialized countries in the world already do this and they have a healthier population than the U.S. The Health Resources and Services Administration branch of the Department of Health and Human Services studies this issue and their recommendations should be part of the Single Payer Health Care program.

4. What is your idea of a quality education? What is your view of education reform?

Answer: The current educational system is outdated. It was mainly designed to train factory workers, but those jobs have been exported. The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 ([Wiki](#)) instituted testing which changed education from teaching subjects to teaching test taking. This is one of many laws that needs to be repealed. In addition we could learn a lot by studying the Finnish educational system ([Wiki](#)).

5. As our Representative, how would you vote on issues that involve protection for salmon and other listed species? For instance, how would you have voted on H.R. 1837 (Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act)?

Answer: The Endangered Species Act of 1973 ([Wiki](#)) requires protecting animals that are listed. This has unintended consequences. In the case of the California central valley the unintended consequence has been to stop the flow of water to a large number of agricultural users. I'd vote for H.R. 1837. Salmon Conservation ([Wiki](#)) points out that when human life is at stake animals will be sacrificed.

6. How do we best protect our ocean natural resources and wildlife? Do you support off-shore oil drilling? Do you support creation of wind energy apparatus on the continental shelf?

Answer: There is much more CO₂ in ocean water than in the atmosphere which makes the water acidic. I see CO₂ as the main problem both in terms of global warming ([Wiki](#)) and ocean acidification ([Wiki](#)). No to offshore drilling, it is too risky. Yes, but there are technical problems that need to be solved to make wind turbines viable when they are located in deep water.

7. What is your position on tax cuts and cutting of government services?

Answer: The Reagan cut the tax rate was based on the Laffer Curve (see my [Issues page: Laffer Curve](#)). Now the Laffer Curve is saying to raise taxes. The tax rate for the wealthiest people should be raised from 15% to 50%, but it should not be higher than that or we would have the same type of problem as 1980 when buying tax shelters ([Wiki](#)) was more profitable than investing.

8. What, if any, specific immigration reforms do you hope to bring about if elected?

Answer: In September 2001 there was bipartisan agreement for a major immigration reform, but the events of 9/11 killed it. That reform should be put into effect and it superseded any post 9/11 conflicts.

9. What is the first international issue you will educate yourself about when you get to Washington?

Answer: Other countries differ from the U.S. in many respects. We can learn a lot from those who have better outcomes. Finland and Denmark are a couple of examples.

10. Which campaign issues are the most important issues to you?

Answer: I would call functional problems what most candidates call issues, for example: jobs, education, the

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environment and the economy. The real issues are structural problems at the federal level. This relates to how the federal government operates. An example is the removal of the checks and balances on Wall Street (Issues: Capitalism). Until the checks and balances are restored attempts to get the economy going are doomed to failure because the underlying problem is the lack of regulation.

Instead of being the bully of the world (Wiki: Hegemony) we can get back to being a leader by restoring the principles that made our country great.

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William L. Courtney, Democratic, Mendocino, Physician/Inventor/Researcher

1. How do you perceive Mendocino County, CA? What is your vision for Mendocino County?

Mendocino County has been my home for 24 years, a bastion where people are motivated to seek the truth and to change what they see as wrong. Sometimes I think Mendocino is oppressive, until I travel, then long to be back where people demand freedom and care about each other. We set precedents in expectation and behavior in Mendocino. The Nation and World looks to Northern California for a vision of the best of the human spirit. Yet we must now reaffirm Mendocino as the home of civil liberties, which are being removed in the name of 'Terrorism'. As a founding member of the Civil Liberties caucus of the Democratic party I am shocked that President Obama signed HR 347 Federal Restricted Buildings and Grounds Improvement Act of 2011, AKA Anti-Protest Law. A bill approved by every Progressive democrat. Clearly "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Yet "The bill expands current law to make it a crime to enter or remain in an area where an official is visiting even if the person does not know it's illegal to be in that area and has no reason to suspect its illegal." NDAA allows assassination of citizens without due process, Patriot Act, Seize agricultural production means, Constitutional Free Zone, what next?

2. In at least 8 states a photo i.d. is required to vote and voter registration restraints are so onerous in some states that even the League of Women Voters has suspended voter registration work. How can the federal government protect the citizen's right to vote?

There is no information on Mendocino's Congressional or Senatorial representative's websites on voter registration. I ordered 1000 registration forms, which I have been distributing in the last 6 months. This experience has taught me that many people have no idea how to register, that registration must be updated when you move, or how to assist another person to register legally. Our right to vote is sacred and must be upheld, the 99% possesses the votes required for change. The Corporation has taken over Congress, and they have amassed the nation's wealth. The only protection we have against this inequality is our suffrage. Suffrage it is, because so many have endured so much suffering in order to secure our right to vote. The special interests have worked hard to reinstate modern Jim Crow laws, and I will do all I can, whether elected or not to repeal them. When the League of Women Voters must suspend registration work you know we have ceased to live in a society of the people, by the people and for the people. The framers of our Constitution held the principles of limited government, separation of powers, checks and balances, yet we are now afraid to speak of Jury Nullification and Essential Civilian Demand. I will fight all laws that restrict our vote. In addition, children need to be taught about voter registration, civic responsibility, and the Constitution in school. This information must be readily available to all citizens in language that is easily understood.

3. How can we improve providing healthcare in this country and what will you do to support and help fund local rural health care clinics?

We can improve healthcare by decreasing support of the insurance and pharmaceutical industries while promoting prevention and wellness. Preventable illness makes up approximately 80% of the burden of illness and 90% of all healthcare costs. Preventable illnesses account for eight of the nine leading categories of death. It is far easier to improve one's overall health than it is to treat a disease or condition once it has developed. The United States spends more on health

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care administration that most on the provision of healthcare. When AIG, the American Insurance Group is presented as 'to big to fail' and requires we tax our children's future to bail them out, to me that means single payer. Medicare uses 3% for administration while traditional insurance consumes 30%. If we shift that 27% in administration to the provision of local rural health care we will go a long ways towards humane access.

Mandating that people buy into AIG profiteering is not a solution.

The best answer is prevention. I treat thousands of rural local Californians every year and have been able to decrease or cease taking expensive medications with serious side effects. The US DHHS holds a patent on Cannabidiol and President Obama signed an executive order that identifies hemp as a strategic resource. Thomas Jefferson said, "If people let the government decide what food they eat and what medicines they take, their bodies will soon be in as sorry a state as are the souls who live under tyranny."

4. What is your idea of a quality education? What is your view of education reform?

A quality education is essential for our children's creativity, as preparation for competing in the global economy. For our children to survive in a shrinking world where 95% of the market is outside the US, we have a duty to make sure our children are well educated.

This Nation has a failed set of priorities.

California proposes shortening the school year while the US funds military bases in 130+ countries! Programs are being cut because of the costs of the 'War on Terror'. Young people feel disenfranchised by the current Government. They know their payments into Social Security and Medicare will not be there to support them. They know lawmakers have sold their future. While campus protests occur in "free speech zones", military recruiters are given free reign to sign our children up to kill and be killed to make defense contractors rich. No Child Left Behind has left them far behind. Teaching to tests ignores the individual nature of learning and knowledge. Larger class sizes, forcing 50 parents to drive 50 vehicles to replace a single bus driver is a failed Faustian bargain to shift funds so that we can fly drones in Northern California. Teaching needs to be revered and funded as in Finland if our children are to participate in future. Our children's unique talents require assistance in developing a life long approach to education, not just a series of standardized test evaluations.

5. As our Representative, how would you vote on issues that involve protection for salmon and other listed species? For instance, how would you have voted on H.R. 1837 (Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act)?

I oppose HR 1837, AKA Salmon Extinction Bill, as yet another example of the Anthropocene impact of humans on the environment. This bill will allow corporations to steal Northern California water for agribusiness. It repeals the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act and allows the use of hatchery spawned or otherwise artificially propagated strains of a species in place of naturally spawned salmon. Why worry about salmon swimming upstream when you can just dump farm raised GMO-fed look-alikes? HR 1837 preempts California requirements for the conservation of any species that are more restrictive than the 1994 Bay-Delta Accord. Rape, pillage & plunder -business at any cost. This law preempts state law that protects salmon.

I spoke with a local fisherman recently, who said protective measures will only be circumvented by corporations who will take all the salmon quickly and move on, leaving this area in ruin. We must stop corporations and work with local fisherman. Wild salmon are part of a larger food chain, which when disrupted, affects many more species of plants and animals. I would protect the ecosystem and habitat in order to preserve the biodiversity essential to the global ecosystem. I will address habitat reconstruction, water quality and flow, and erosion. Dam removal on the Eel and Klamath Rivers would open up necessary water to support spawning grounds; the rivers and its denizens were here before all humans and deserve preservation and protection from all predation.

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6. How do we best protect our ocean natural resources and wildlife? Do you support off-shore oil drilling? Do you support creation of wind energy apparatus on the continental shelf?

As a resident of the Mendocino coastline for 24 years and inventor of water safety equipment I am deeply committed to preserving the coastal resource. The number of congressmen defending the coast from predatory drilling has been reduced by 50%! Drilling will not occur during my term as North Coast Representative. Subsidized drilling is lucrative unto itself and must be stopped.

As the Anthropocene complicates the Holocene or 6th mass extinction, internal combustion must be replaced despite the oil industries stranglehold on Congress, the Executive branch and the globe. I have seen enough tar balls in Santa Barbara for a lifetime, and one 'Deepwater Horizons' is enough for the planet. Wind energy has its place but not in the ocean.

As Sonoma, Humboldt and hopefully Mendocino review the progress of Marin Clean Energy I will work diligently to assure all six counties of the North Coast can afford to establish similar programs, a model for the rest of the US. The mandatory next step is a Clean Energy Amendment to the Constitution, before we cross the tipping point. The premier asset of the North Coast is its 600 miles of coastline. BioPower of Australia utilizes the moon's gravitational energy, which creates the tides, a 24/7 renewable source of hydrokinetic energy. Ocean bottom tide energy will not negatively impact the coastline, but will offer this District, California, the Nation and the world a zero CO2 source of energy providing environmentally sound jobs in installation, maintenance and distribution.

7. What is your position on tax cuts and cutting of government services?

From time immemorial waging war required revenues, thus the American Revolution, when the costs to fund the Seven years war were put upon the colonies. Our current wars and troop forward costs, our new African military headquarters requires taxation or deficit spending. At 15 trillion and mounting debt is now over 100% of GDP. The corporate politics drove Congressional Approval to -3% while cancer traditionally enjoys a 2-3% Approval rating. We waste precious resources building and driving through tax loopholes. The 1% pays the least, because they can afford the best attorneys, and own the career politicians to create their loopholes. This shifts the brunt of the tax burden to small businesses and middle class. The only real solution is: 1 vote, 1 tax; 1 for all and all for one. When we build up the least of us, we strengthen our Nation. When all pay equally into the system, the costs of collection can be shifted to education and health care. To continue Government services to those who really need them we must cut unnecessary services like costs of IRS, arcane loopholes, foreign and domestic wars. If tax Wall Street transactions like Main street if we provide environmentally sound jobs we can pay down the massive debt and provide basic services to ensure no one goes hungry, homeless, or without basic health care. The corporate politicians management of the 1.2 trillion cuts in military and domestic services this year will produce enough material for another Michael Moore Movie.

8. What, if any, specific immigration reforms do you hope to bring about if elected?

This Country was founded on immigrants, we must respect the words on the Statue of Liberty, "Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she with silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!". Federal immigration should take into account the rights of families to remain together. Once immigrants are established they should be allowed to become a US citizen if they pay taxes, learn English, and study civics. I am opposed to a National identity card on costs and Constitution grounds. Tripling the border patrol has not impacted the problem of illegal immigrants. The only real way to address this issue is economics. As long as countries to the south are impoverished, people will risk their lives to support their families. Wouldn't you? Unfair trade policies and corporate piracy have left many third world Nations accruing interest debt. I oppose anti-immigration laws such as Arizona's SB 1070, where police arrest "suspects". Such laws strip all our freedom and open the door to unconstitutional search and seizure. Mendocino also lies in a "Constitution free zone". Terror and immigration are being used to destroy our constitutionally protected rights. California spends over \$10 billion a year on the education, health care and incarceration of illegal immigrants. We could cut more than 2 billion a year if we simply stopped locking them up.

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9. What is the first international issue you will educate yourself about when you get to Washington?

There are many global issues that keep me up every night researching, evaluating and contemplating. The collapse of the world economy and human rights violations are significant, but nothing else will matter in the near future if we don't address the environment. I am environmentally grounded in every decision I make. Economics and the environment can and must go hand-in-hand. I am interested use of the Fort Bragg lumber mill as algae based Biofuel production facility. Local jobs, lower fuel costs, closing the CO2 cycle thus providing a multi-faceted economic/environmental benefit. As tree canopies begin to fail around the world, and permafrost thaws there will be a dramatic loss of CO2 sequestration, increased UVB penetration, leading to accelerated global environmental destruction. As in World War II, Congress needs to ask the farmers of America to plant cannabis. Cannabis has the ability to absorb 5 times as much CO2 as an acre of forest. Hemp fiber can convert CO2 into lumber, plywood, insulation and hempcrete for long term CO2 storage. The leaves and flowers from the same plant can be used to reduce the size for heart attacks by 66%, prevent and treat cancers, reduce insulin dependent diabetes by 58%. Seven presidents have identified cannabis as a strategic resource in Executive Orders. Cannabis is a unique food source with balanced essential amino acids, essential fatty acids and essential cannabinoid acids. In the absence of a timely global effort to capture CO2, we face serious environmental consequences.

10. Which campaign issues are the most important issues to you?

Once we secure our children's children's right to an environment, human suffering is the chief concern. FDR's 2nd Bill of Rights guaranteed employment, living wage, housing, medical care, education, social security and freedom from monopolies. These rights would have guaranteed security and independence so that freedom can persist. We are measured by how we treat the least of us. Banks and corporations have stolen our basic rights to clean energy, air, water, safe food, and shelter. With the 99% working to secure basic needs there is no time for altruism, environment or civics. No child should go without food or healthcare, no senior stripped of a pension and forced to work in poverty until the day they die. Our children's education is failing to prepare them for global participation. Congressional campaigns force candidates into the hands of corporations. A new Constitutional Convention would address: Term Limits, Corporate Limited Liability and Personhood, Clean Energy, Clean Genome, Freedom of Choice of Food and Medicine, Single Payer Insurance and restore the civil liberties stripped in the name of 'Terror'. "When the Government fears the people there is Democracy, when the people fear the government there is tyranny." We must teach our children civic responsibility and their duty to protect freedom and their right to vote, to petition the Government for redress, to assemble, to be free from unwarranted search, to protest unjust laws and that jury nullification is a critical check against unjust laws. If the 99% vote, the 1% will listen.

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Larry Fritzlán, Democratic, Mill Valley, Psychotherapist/Interventionist/Businessperson

We are overwhelmed and operating with a very small staff, so we regret that we will not have time to fill out your questionnaire. But we are grateful to you for organizing and distributing information to the voters. I invite you to look at the website, LarryFritzlánForCongress.com, and to note that Larry is the *only* candidate from the 2nd Congressional District who is pointing out the corruption in our government and the role that money in politics is playing in crippling our government's capacity to address any of the other big problems facing our country. (This is Larry's answer to question 10 of your questionnaire). Avis Rumney Campaign Manager for Larry Fritzlán

Mike Halliwell, Republican, Cotati, College Professor

1. How do you perceive Mendocino County, CA? What is your vision for Mendocino County?

Mendocino County and the whole North Coast is a beautiful place to live, but its unemployment rate is higher than the State average (which is now far above the national average). Being born in 1942 I'm a member of the generation following Tom Brokaw's "greatest generation" As we struggle to avoid leaving this world in worse shape than we found it, we must preserve the natural beauty of the North Coast and make tourism a viable alternative to what has become the main industry, marijuana growing. I lost a brother (Robin Halliwell) to a suicide caused by mind altering drugs which started with marijuana. I do not support legalizing this "gateway" drug, which can only increase its usage. I do not support retreating from reality as the viable basis for an economy, or as an approach to meaningful politics.

I am going to be greatly outspent by five Marin county candidates in this race, but their campaign spending may cancel

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out to some extent, leaving the other seven 2nd CD candidates an opportunity to heard, and letting smaller counties like Mendocino have an important voice. I have as much an advantage in “political track record” over the other Republican running, as he may gain from spending \$800,000 of his own money in this race. As in my prior congressional races, I document my positions with actual House votes and compare them here with positions of 1st CD incumbent Mike Thompson and 6th CD incumbent Lynn Woolsey. **Issues do matter!**

2. In at least 8 states a photo i.d. is required to vote and voter registration restraints are so onerous in some states that even the League of Women Voters has suspended voter registration work. How can the federal government protect the citizen’s right to vote?

Any selectively enforced aspect of election law can become an instrumentality of voter suppression. Because one’s ethnicity is often a highly visible characteristic, the pre-clearance requirement of the Voting Rights Act must be applied conscientiously in those states and parts of states (including California’s Kings, Merced Monterey and Yuba Counties) where it is applicable. Most of the 8 states with photo ID voting requirements are covered by the Voting Rights Act. Requiring a photo to vote does not seem like much of a burden to those who already have them, but jurisdictions wishing to adopt such laws must provide a cost-free means for acquiring photos (otherwise, the photo becomes a form of poll tax). If a voter is prevented from voting because of the lack of a photo ID, the voter should be allowed to cast a provisional ballot, which would be counted after a photo is promptly acquired (perhaps at a Department of Motor Vehicles) before the final canvas of votes is completed (which takes at least several weeks).

Russian reformers used to joke “someone broke into party headquarters and stole next year’s election results.” Before Propositions 11 and 20, one could break into offices of a Sacramento Joint Committee on Redistricting and steal results for a decade of elections. I have fought tenaciously, for the better part of four decades, against the gerrymandering of legislative districts which has played a role in the legislative deadlock, which contributes to political polarization and paralysis of much of our State government.

3. How can we improve providing healthcare in this country and what will you do to support and help fund local rural health care clinics?

Mike Halliwell has consistently opposed Top Down Health Care Restructuring, where the important treatment choices are made by a Washington Bureaucracy. This includes the 1994 Clinton Gephardt Plan which Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey voted for in committee and Congressman John Conyer’s single payer Bill which Woolsey cosponsors. Mike Halliwell supports the repeal and replace Republican consensus on ObamaCare, but I emphasize the replacement part, with my own comprehensive plan for more equitable health care subsidies. I set a maximum \$2,500 upper tax bracket subsidy for a \$10,000 family policy (based on the tax rate for the average family income), and increase subsidies for below average family incomes, so that no one pays more than 15% (the health care share of our gross domestic product) of family income for health insurance. The Black community rescued Defense of Marriage, Republicans should reciprocate by expanding health care access.

As I said in my Petaluma October 28, 2004 speech to SRJC students, “Health Care is a war where we must unite as best we can against a common foe.” My health care activity has been focused on developing (with Marin County Public Health Department help) aggressive treatment to deal (successfully so far) with my wife’s very aggressive bilateral breast cancer, and to remove bureaucratic obstacles to more individualized therapy for my wife and other patients fighting potentially lethal diseases. To reduce “defensive medicine” pressures, which inhibit innovative therapy, I would extend nation-wide California’s \$250,000 cap on subjective malpractice awards (beyond lost income and treatment costs).

4. What is your idea of a quality education? What is your view of education reform?

In our highly mobile society, the federal government plays an important role in assuring the citizens of all states have adequate educational opportunity. However, the main beneficiaries of federal aid should be students, not profit-making schools almost totally dependent on federal dollars. I support making Pell higher education grants available year round to disadvantaged students and enhancing the Perkins loan program as important ingredients to maintaining education as a ladder for upward mobility. Grants to facilitate Charter Schools are an effective way of field testing innovations which can be broadly applied to all schools. I support the Scholarship program for poor students in Washington D.C. to en-

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hance their educational choice. Allowing federal funds to be used to diversify classroom teaching also makes a contribution to improving education. Recruiting “the best and the brightest” into our armed services is as important as military hardware in creating a force capable of effectively defending our nation, with the fewest casualties possible. I support federal aid “dollars to the classroom” formulas which limit overhead and cut down paperwork burdens that often accompany federal aid to education.

Hank Sims’ March 1, 2012 (<http://lostcoastoutpost.com>) 2nd CD candidates forum report says Dan Roberts opposed any federal spending on education, saying: “Washington spending is a silent swindle.” Roberts urged: “The best educational product you can get would have the least governmental experience.” Roberts explained his thinking: “Education is a state issue, not a federal issue. Put local school boards in charge. Close the federal Department of Education.”

5. As our Representative, how would you vote on issues that involve protection for salmon and other listed species? For instance, how would you have voted on H.R. 1837 (Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act)? HR 1837 reinstated water California central valley quotas set in a 1994 compact, whose suspension in 2009 has had a severe impact on agriculture (and therefore on farm worker employment). Because of drought conditions there is not enough river flow to provide full quota amounts of water to the central valley and still maintain normal habitat conditions for an endangered species in the Sacramento Delta. While there is a strong legal claim under the 1994 compact, California has made adjustments to maintain Delta ecology at the expense of central valley agricultural productivity. I believe that the best way of handling this situation is to restore 75% of the water cut-back, which would perhaps imperil the endangered species, but not irreversibly unless the current drought continues for a protracted period.

Congressman Mike Thompson offered an amendment which would have barred the proposed water restoration if it produced any job losses in the area receiving diverted water since 2009. I oppose Thompson’s amendment because NET job losses in both northern and central valley regions would be minimized by a 75% restoration. If an amendment for only 75% restoration were defeated on the House floor, I would have voted YES on HR 1837, because it is more equitable than the status quo. However, if the Rules Committee disallowed a 75% restoration amendment, I would have voted NO on the bill (because in that situation House leadership would be trying to get an election issue, rather than to resolve the underlying problem).

6. How do we best protect our ocean natural resources and wildlife? Do you support off-shore oil drilling? Do you support creation of wind energy apparatus on the continental shelf?

Most environmental controversies involve trade-offs between economic benefit and residual pollution. In the case of nuclear power (which I believe should be phased out), the toxic waste (highly radioactive isotopes left from splitting uranium atoms) is impossible to recycle and produces a heat buildup (earth’s core is kept molten by heavy radioactive elements) which will eventually melt any storage container. I support The Canadian Keystone Pipeline, using oil sands least useful for petrochemicals, whose only residual atmospheric pollution is carbon dioxide (which we all exhale). Rain dissolves carbon dioxide to become carbonic acid, which combines with minerals in our oceans to produce calcium carbonate rock (which stays put until it’s pushed under a drifting continental plate and breaks down into gas in a volcanic eruption). Saving off-shore oil to the very last (when its price then can pay for safe extraction) minimizes environmental damage resulting from gasoline production needed to keep our economy running well.

Dolphins have language and social organization, if requiring their rescue from fishing nets raises tuna prices, so be it. Saving free-flowing rivers allow salmon access to spawning grounds and maintain sustainable fisheries. North Coast Redwood timber must also be a sustainable resource. Pacific Lumber’s leveraged buy-out caused redwood clear-cutting, because rapid asset liquidation was the only way to pay off purchase loans. The denuded landscape washed into Eureka Bay, clogging it with silt. Predator warning call recordings can scare birds away from electricity generating wind turbines. Placing turbines on the continental shelf minimizes visual blight.

7. What is your position on tax cuts and cutting of government services?

Government has no money of its own, and keeping taxes as low as possible improves the standard of living of most people. This also lets us make our own spending decisions, instead of having our lives burdened with “strings attached” to whatever we get in income transfer programs. I support retaining the Bush era tax cuts, and closing some tax loopholes, to pay for eliminating the Clinton 4.3 cents per gallon increase in federal gasoline taxes and reducing the taxable portion of Social Security benefits from 85% to 80%.

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I would eliminate the ethanol subsidy, thereby making more corn available for human consumption. I would reduce the amount of the mortgage interest deduction for the most expensive homes to make the tax benefit closer to that available to middle class home owners. I would make hedge fund managers pay a higher capital gains rate, since their own money is not at risk, and their “capital gain” is immediate and not subject to erosion by inflation.

The monolithic opposition, by those coerced into signing a pledge to never raise taxes, to any loophole closing that is not used immediately to lower marginal rates, is aggravating our soaring deficit problem. The least justified narrow tax preferences should be “picked off” one at a time, with the savings being devoted for a five year transitional period to reducing the national debt.

I oppose the Payroll Tax Holiday from normal Social Security contributions, and Democrats’ proposed “millionaire’s tax” which hurts employers and eliminates jobs.

8. What, if any, specific immigration reforms do you hope to bring about if elected?

I’ve always opposed a “race to the bottom” fueled by seemingly unlimited supplies of illegal cheap labor, as my 2010 *Marin IJ* GOP Primary endorsement notes. Prior to endorsing my 2010 6th CD candidacy, the *Press Democrat* noted:

On immigration, Halliwell said he wants “a rather modest increase” in law enforcement. Employers should have to prove that half of their workers are citizens, he said, a step that would reduce the economic advantage gained by companies that hire predominantly illegal workers at lower wages.

Americans believe life chances shouldn’t depend on circumstances of one’s birth. We should export American ideals of democracy and free enterprise, so economic disparities among nations are reduced enough that immigration both ways evens out, as between our country and Canada. But until then, an “open borders” policy is unfair discrimination against our workers who face challenges in their efforts to reach the middle class. It’s very difficult for many Americans to compete with illegal immigrants, who can’t defend their workplace rights, and are vulnerable to being “used up and thrown away.” Without raising quotas, I advocate replacing 50,000 visas allocated annually by lottery, with an equal number reserved for increased Mexican immigration. The Mexican government would decide how many to give to Mexicans who have migrated here illegally, instead of those still waiting in line in Mexico for their turn to “go north.” When unemployment declines, this program could be expanded to increase those paying into Social Security, enough to sustain it without tax increases

9. What is the first international issue you will educate yourself about when you get to Washington?

As always the Middle East is a top priority. Iran, located between American involvements in Iraq and Afghanistan, is the most likely “flash point” because of its efforts to become a nuclear power. The Ayatollas who run Iran can use their vast oil revenues to buy nuclear warheads from Pakistan any time they wish, but it is vital to head off Iran’s uranium enrichment program because other nations (such as Turkey and Saudi Arabia) may feel impelled to acquire their own nuclear weapons, if Iran develops its own. Iran’s pathway to becoming a nuclear power may “let the genie out of the bottle” with respect to nuclear proliferation. Our best leverage point in Iran is the Persian people themselves, since it is very much in their interest that oil revenue be spent on their own economic development. We should have been much more supportive of Iranian political reformers when President Ahmadinejad was re-elected, and we should tailor sanctions now to focus their impact on the leaders of Iran, not Iranian families struggling to survive.

The Iranian leaders’ pledge to “wipe Israel off the map” is a ploy to try to gain Arab support in the Moslem world, for the numerically smaller Shia denomination in their ancient battle with the Sunnis. We should try to move the Palestinian people towards a state of their own, whose underlying interests will be intertwined with Israel’s, thus eventually pushing the Arabs and Jews west of the Jordan river toward a Northern Ireland style reconciliation.

10. Which campaign issues are the most important issues to you?

My May 27, 2010 *Press Democrat* 6th CD endorsement says:

The *Press Democrat* recommends Halliwell, who is well versed in health care, an issue that will remain pertinent as the reform plan passed this year goes into effect. A retired professor of political sociology at Long Beach State University,

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Halliwell also has a long record of service to the GOP. North Bay voters may remember that he ran against Woolsey two years ago. He also ran for a Southern California state Senate seat in 1970 as a part of a reform coalition headed by Marin County's Peter Behr, and he filed a lawsuit challenging gerrymandering of legislative and congressional districts in the 1980s. Halliwell's opposition to offshore oil drilling fits well with North Bay voters.

Environmental protection is controversial in hard economic times, but remember, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." I defend our descendants' future. *Samoa Softball* quotes my 3/30/12 Humboldt LWV Forum lament: "We are the first generation that will leave the environment worse than when we entered." Driving back past the Standish-Hickey Redwoods Recreation Area State Park (slated for closure) and across the Eel River (preserved by Peter Behr's Wild Rivers Bill), I recalled this 3/20/12 report: "Landslide partially blocking Eel River." I'M NOT GIVING UP. Offshore oil is worth most as petrochemicals, long after this latest surge in gasoline prices. Any risk from the Canadian Oil Sands pipeline is less than of repeating the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill if we drill offshore.

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1. *How do you perceive Mendocino County, CA?*

I have visited Mendocino County countless times during the 20 years that I have lived in Northern California. As an environmentalist I am awed by the beauty of the coast, the rural amenities such as the gorgeous state parks where my family and I love to hike in the redwood and conifer forests. Susan and I spent our honeymoon in Gualala and Mendocino 17 years ago. I was on the water board in Marin at the time, so a side trip to the Potter Valley Project to check it out was part of our journey. During the last year, I have had the pleasure of meeting with entrepreneurs, farmers, environmentalists, foresters, and civic, nonprofit and tribal leaders in the county. Mendocino is not only a remarkably beautiful place but also full of unique people, trades, and businesses that make this county truly special.

What is your vision for Mendocino County?

I believe the natural beauty of Mendocino must be preserved. Everything from protecting the coast to making sure State Parks are kept open, so both local people can enjoy them and we can bolster tourism and spur the local economy. Additionally, I believe we must increase access to broadband and invest in local infrastructure needs to allow Mendocino to flourish. I support the localization efforts and see Mendocino as a leader in green practices including renewable energy and sustainable agriculture.

If elected to Congress, I am committed to representing Mendocino with the same level of responsiveness as people here are used to receiving from Congressman Mike Thompson.

2. *In at least 8 states a photo i.d. is required to vote and voter registration restraints are so onerous in some states that even the League of Women Voters has suspended voter registration work. How can the federal government protect the citizen's right to vote?*

The government must do everything it can to protect a citizen's right to vote. In the Assembly, I authored AB 1326, to ensure all individuals that register are able to vote on election day by allowing county elections officials to register disenfranchised voters if their voting application was mishandled, lost or deliberately not submitted to the county. This session, I am working on legislation, AB 1805, to ensure California's overseas military and international support personnel can vote in local and state elections..

3. *How can we improve providing healthcare in this country and what will you do to support and help fund local rural health care clinics?*

First, I will defend and work to expand the Affordable Care Act. We have taken the critical and historic step of securing health insurance coverage for 95% of Americans, including younger Americans who can now stay on their parents' plans until age 26. The Act also helps end abusive practices by health insurers that deny or rescind coverage based on

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preexisting conditions, and should begin to reduce costs by requiring that 85% of health premiums go to actual health-care instead of insurance company administrative costs and profits. Building on the policy framework of the ACA, I will support additional incentives to promote wellness and prevention, including improved nutrition and healthier lifestyles starting with our children. And I will work to pass a public option so that consumers will have choices and private health insurers will have competition.

In the longer term, I believe America must move toward single payer national health insurance. I have supported and co-authored single payer legislation each year in the state legislature, and will continue to champion this as the ultimate goal for health insurance policy in Congress.

An important part of my job representing the North Coast will be ensuring adequate federal support for the unique healthcare needs of rural communities. I've met with health clinics providers from Anderson Valley, Laytonville, Ukiah, Redwood Valley and Fort Bragg and understand the need for access to broadband and incentives to recruit more doctors.

4. What is your idea of a quality education? What is your view of education reform?

I have two children in public schools and I'm married to a teacher, so there is no higher priority for me than public education. In Congress, I will work tirelessly to reform "No Child Left Behind" by making it less punitive, more flexible, and by providing federal funding to support federal mandates. Another top education priority for me will be finally securing adequate federal funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Act, IDEA special education mandate.

My personal commitment to public education is reflected in my regular meetings with a wide range of education leaders including personal visits to almost 100 schools during my six years in the Assembly. This year, I fought successfully to restore home to school transportation in rural areas, I was honored by the California Superintendents Association, and named "2011 Legislator of the Year." I am endorsed by California Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson, by the California Federation of Teachers, California School Employees Association, and by dozens of education leaders throughout the 2nd Congressional District.

I support teaching the tenets and respect for equality for everyone no matter their creed, color, or sex and I have a track record to exemplify my commitment. As an attorney I successfully defended equal rights for women in education, including representing CalNOW in a Title IX case against all 23 campuses of the California State University system, which resulted in a historic consent decree that has created new opportunities for thousands of female scholar-athletes throughout California.

5. As our Representative, how would you vote on issues that involve protection for salmon and other listed species? For instance, how would you have voted on H.R. 1837 (Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act)?

As an angler, an attorney and elected official, I've championed salmon recovery for nearly two decades. At the Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD), I spearheaded a program to restore flows and salmon on Lagunitas Creek and chaired that effort for ten years. As an NRDC attorney, I represented environmentalist and fishing groups in a huge salmon restoration case that culminated in a settlement that is restoring flows and salmon to the San Joaquin River. In the Assembly, I've authored numerous bills and chaired important hearings on salmon and received awards from fishing and environmental groups for this work. I'm the only candidate with a serious record on salmon recovery and will be a champion for salmon in Congress.

In terms of H.R. 1837, not only would I be a "no" vote in Congress, I'm the only candidate who has been working for over a year to defeat this terrible bill. That includes writing legislative sign-on letters, providing written Congressional testimony, and just two weeks ago {*February, 2012-editor's note*} publishing a joint op-ed with Congressman Mike Thompson. H.R. 1837 undermines the ESA; flouts over 100 years of federal deference to California water law by elevating the interests of a few CVP contractors above other stakeholders and the environment; preempts and contravenes key state laws, including provisions of the 2009 legislative water package I helped write to ensure strong protections for the Delta and its fisheries; and sabotages the historic settlement to restore the San Joaquin River which I worked on as an NRDC attorney.

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6. How do we best protect our ocean natural resources and wildlife? Do you support off-shore oil drilling? Do you support creation of wind energy apparatus on the continental shelf?

I do not support off-shore drilling. I am committed to protecting our ocean wildlife by preventing the dangers of drilling and promoting onshore and off-shore clean alternatives like wind and solar.

To protect the California coast, I authored AB 1112 to ensure adequate funding and improve the effectiveness of California's oil-spill prevention program. It took me two years to pass this legislation, and it required overcoming stiff opposition from big oil companies. I will bring to Congress that same commitment to coastal protection and oil spill prevention.

7. What is your position on tax cuts and cutting of government services?

Public services have already been cut too much – it's time to focus on revenues and economic growth. I believe we need to end the Bush Tax cuts for wealthy families earning over \$250,000 and put in place more tax fairness, such as a Wall Street transaction tax and elimination of the loophole that allows hedge fund managers to pay a lower tax rate on their earnings than the rest of America. Additionally, we must eliminate the loopholes so that corporations like GE actually pay taxes instead of gaming the system; once their fair share of revenues are flowing to the Treasury, then we can have a conversation about what the corporate tax rate should be. As for foreign earnings, I oppose amnesty and other schemes to repatriate these monies without paying taxes, and would like to see much stronger incentives to promote investment and job creation in this country instead of abroad.

In the Assembly, I have consistently, offered and supported legislation in support of targeted revenue increases to fund education, safety net services and other critical priorities.

8. What, if any, specific immigration reforms do you hope to bring about if elected?

I support immigration policies that recognize the need to keep international students working in the United States after getting their degrees from our colleges and universities. Similarly, I regard the DREAM Act as a commonsense investment in keeping our country safer and making our economy stronger by offering legal status to bright young undocumented immigrants who are willing to serve in our military or pursue higher education. I am a proud supporter of the California DREAM Act. I also support a path to citizenship for people who are contributing to our economy in order to decriminalize their status. And I endorse a guest worker program that meets the needs of local agricultural and other economic drivers.

9. What is the first international issue you will educate yourself about when you get to Washington?

The first international issue I will further educate myself on is how to safely and strategically reduce our military deployment abroad and cut costly and unnecessary weapon systems so we can redirect those saving into domestic needs and grow our economy. I would like to find ways to downsize and re-focus our military on modern security needs instead of the costly global forward-positioning left over from the Cold War.

10. Which campaign issues are the most important issues to you?

Job creation and economic growth -- through smart investments and incentives in infrastructure, education, and clean energy solutions, as well as universal access to broadband, as important today as the telephone, especially in rural areas. I am currently working on a jobs package in the Assembly that will address many of these issues. The bills are AB 1530, the Clean Manufacturing and Job Creation Incentive Act; AB 1671, the Building Construction Jobs Act; and AB 2305, the Level Playing Field for Small Businesses Act.

Sensible deficit reduction- through reductions in military spending, eliminating subsidies, closing corporate tax loopholes, and ensuring that wealthy Americans pay their fair share of taxes.

Health care reform- by defending the incremental progress achieved through the Affordable Care Act while working to achieve more, including a public option and eventually universal single payer health insurance.

Education- every American should have the opportunity to receive a quality public education and that greater

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investments are needed across the spectrum from pre-K to higher education, including the development of a highly skilled workforce for a clean energy economy

Equality and Women's Rights- I believe in equal rights for all American's and I have a long record of fighting discrimination and standing up for the equal rights of women, minorities, and the LGBT community.

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Stacey Lawson, Democratic, San Rafael, Educator, Small Businesswoman

1. How do you perceive Mendocino County, CA?

Mendocino County is a community rich with coastal beauty and a bounty of natural resources, hard-working people, and strong convictions about environmental stewardship and preserving quality of life, while at the same time trying to build a sustainable local economy and livelihoods for all citizens. I was raised in Port Angeles, Washington, a rural, coastal community where working families shared many of the same values and challenges, and our community was deeply connected. You might say Mendocino County feels a lot like home to me.

The granddaughter of a millworker and daughter of a truck driver, who has been involved in economic development for nearly 20 years, I believe I have the life experiences that represent the broad diversity of Mendocino County and this district. As a small business owner, educator, and policy maker, I am the only candidate who has created the kind of high-wage, middle-class jobs that this district needs and I am in a unique position to understand your issues.

What is your vision for Mendocino County?

Northern California's coast is a natural treasure and lifeline for local economies, supporting fishing, tourism, recreation and almost 400,000 related jobs.

I will work to create conditions for small businesses to thrive, promote local business and manufacturing, protect our coast, and invest in education, transportation and renewable energy.

I will fight from day one in Congress to prevent offshore drilling along the coast, stand up for environmental protections, work to support federal and state efforts to protect our local fisheries and promote the recovery of salmon populations.

I will bring my own deep personal experience to the job. I am the only candidate with 20 years of experience in economic policy, small business and manufacturing industry expertise. I am the only candidate who has been in the trenches, created jobs, and educated others to be job creators of the future. I don't have a traditional political resume – unlike my opponents who may talk about job creation, I've built multiple businesses and created hundreds of jobs. I saw a need to focus on economic and innovation policy, so I co-founded the Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology at UC Berkeley – now one of the foremost institutes of its kind nationally. We need more members of Congress who have experience doing the work, not simply talking about it. I bring a necessary background in job creation married with strong progressive values to ensure we restore the middle class and get Americans back to work.

2. In at least 8 states a photo i.d. is required to vote and voter registration restraints are so onerous in some states that even the League of Women Voters has suspended voter registration work. How can the federal government protect the citizen's right to vote?

I strongly oppose these types of discriminatory vote and voter registration laws that aim to disenfranchise and discourage certain segments of the voting population. We must stand up to protect our fundamental rights – our right to vote – against this assault. These are tactics of voter suppression that aggressively target minority, elderly and youth populations.

3. How can we improve providing healthcare in this country and what will you do to support and help fund local rural health care clinics?

I am a strong advocate of a single payer health care system and feel we should move in that direction as quickly as

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possible. The Affordable Care Act was a long-overdue step in finally bringing some common sense to our health care system, which was spending far too much to deliver far too little results and leaving far too many people uncovered.

However, it was just that: a first step. Regardless of the Supreme Court's decision, much of the hard work is in front of us, not just in the countless aspects of implementation that will require legislative oversight, but expanding on the basic promise of universal coverage so that families can indeed finally know that they have quality affordable health care that can never be taken away.

As such, I would work to expand on ACA. Given the proven efficiency of many forms of care in which government is involved, I would seek to expand public option(s) in many directions and for many more classes of people.

4. What is your idea of a quality education? What is your view of education reform?

Our goal should be to provide every child with high quality, affordable education and the opportunity to go to college. College success is shaped in early childhood and K-12 education. Children who go to excellent pre-K programs have higher lifetime earning potential than those who do not.

We must improve our public schools so students arrive prepared, increase support for students in school who are in danger of dropping out, and lower the costs of college so students can spend more time succeeding and less time working to pay tuition and fees.

Contrary to the Ryan Budget's plan to slash funding for Pell Grants, we must increase funding for public colleges and universities and financial aid for higher education. Particularly here in California, higher education funding has taken a back seat. Tuition hikes and layoffs have damaged two of our best economic assets: the best public university systems in the world and a 21st century workforce.

This is a critical issue in California, not only because we are failing to provide opportunity for our youth, but also because our economy will continue to decline if we cannot educate our workforce. According to the Public Policy Institute of California, our state will graduate one million fewer Californians than are needed to meet workforce demands.

The reality is that many of our kids will not obtain a four-year degree. Some estimates in California have put that number as high as 70 percent which is just one of many reasons why we need to invest in community colleges, trade and vocational programs, both to retool our workforce and to equip young people with skills that match local employers' needs.

5. As our Representative, how would you vote on issues that involve protection for salmon and other listed species? For instance, how would you have voted on H.R. 1837 (Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act)?

I would have voted against HR 1837. This would have removed all environmental protection from the delta and Central Valley areas, and thousands of jobs for salmon fisherman and farmers would be threatened. This bill would have simultaneously wrecked California's goals of ecosystem restoration and water reliability. We must find a way to ensure water access that will create jobs without threatening others, and is environmentally conscious at the same time. As Congresswoman, I will work to support federal and state efforts to protect our local fisheries and promote the recovery of salmon populations.

I am also strongly opposed to any plans to build the peripheral canal. It was a bad idea in 1982 and it's a bad idea today – both because of the environmental damage it would cause and because of the jobs that would be lost as a result.

6. How do we best protect our ocean natural resources and wildlife? Do you support offshore oil drilling? Do you support creation of wind energy apparatus on the continental shelf?

Growing up in a rural, coastal community, I was raised to protect and preserve our resources through sustainable, responsible use and environmental stewardship. Northern California's coast is a natural treasure and lifeline for local economies, supporting fishing, tourism, recreation and almost 400,000 related jobs. That's why I will fight from day one in Congress to prevent offshore drilling along our Pacific coastline.

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I support renewable energy sources, like wind energy, to achieve energy independence from foreign oil and to stimulate our long-term economic recovery. Wind energy is already competitive with oil, coal, and natural gas and we need a national smart grid to deliver power generated from renewable sources across the country.

We need to solve our tough environmental problems, not run away from them. Politicians can say they're for protecting the environment, for smart planning, and for job creation – when it is easy. It's when things get hard that we see where people really stand. I won't back down from the tough fights. I have been a strong advocate for environmental stewardship and sustainable innovation, and will fight to protect the environment while creating sustainable, green jobs.

7. What is your position on tax cuts and cutting of government services?

While some believe that the answer to economic crisis is to shrink our government services, I believe that economic crisis is actually the most critical time to make smart government investment in economic stimulus (such as infrastructure, small business, and new sectors such as clean energy) and to strengthen our social safety net.

Smart government investment to increase demand is going to be key to our economic recovery. Now is the time to invest in infrastructure, creating new jobs repairing and upgrading the nation's roads, bridges, ports, airports, and schools. We also need to extend payroll tax breaks to workers and offer incentives to companies who create net new jobs.

The fastest and fairest way to rebalance our fiscal picture is through cuts in military spending combined with tax reform for increased revenue generation. Those who are fortunate to have made millions should pay their fair share, and we all know this isn't happening now. It's clear that our tax code needs to be more progressive. I support letting the Bush tax cuts expire for families earning over \$250,000, limiting tax deductions for the wealthy, and considering ways to structure capital gains tax more effectively so that millionaires and billionaires pay their fair share. Corporate tax breaks add up to an estimated \$123B annually. We need to eliminate these unfair subsidies by closing corporate loopholes. In addition to tax reform, we need to get out of wars we shouldn't be fighting, we need to get our banks properly regulated, and invest in getting our economy going again.

8. What, if any, specific immigration reforms do you hope to bring about if elected?

We must fix our broken immigration system and replace it with one that allows workers to earn a path to citizen if they pay taxes, learn English, and play by the rules.

The high-tech industry has seen firsthand the contributions that immigrants can make to building a stronger and more prosperous America – and seen how immigrants' desire to come to America to pursue their dreams can be exploited by those who seek to bend the rules. We need a comprehensive system with an earned path to citizenship and rational rules for future legal immigration.

9. What is the first international issue you will educate yourself about when you get to Washington?

I've been actively engaged in international economic development and education issues since 2003. Having traveled to over 40 countries and visited the Middle East five times over the last 10 years, I'm acutely aware of the impact of our policies on foreign countries. I've been involved with an international organization that does community development work in Southeast Asia and India, rebuilding slum areas into thriving villages with clusters of new homes, medical facilities, and learning centers or schools. In partnership with local governments and NGO's, we deliver livelihood training and skill development programs that help families living in poverty to not only gain access to safe living conditions but to build a better life for themselves and their children.

The U.S. currently spends less than 1% of our budget on foreign aid compared to the massive sums spent on military and defense. I have seen first-hand how even modest investments in economic development, healthcare, education and infrastructure in developing countries can avert conditions that often breed extremism or terrorism, ultimately averting potential military action and leading to a more just and peaceful world.

10. Which campaign issues are the most important issues to you?

The issues I'm most passionate about are restoring our economy and fighting for working families. It all starts with

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getting our economy going again. I've published a detailed plan (available for download at www.StaceyLawson.com) to revitalize the American manufacturing economy and rebuild our middle class – by creating the kinds of jobs that send kids to college and provide a secure retirement.

With an economy that is based 70% on consumer spending, smart government investment to increase demand is going to be key to recovery. Middle-class families have lost ground in this economy – and if they can't afford to buy the goods and services that businesses are selling, our entire economy suffers.

I also believe that we need to put a stronger focus on public education in this country. Strong K-12 public schools, fully supported community colleges and help for every student with the drive to attend college. Revitalizing public education is central to improving our economy and building a stronger America.

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John Lewallen, No Party Preference, Philo, Business Owner

1. How do you perceive Mendocino County, CA? What is your vision for Mendocino County?

Mendocino County is part of my body and blood. Since 1980 I have made a living hand-harvesting wild seaweed on the Mendocino Coast. Today my wife Barbara and I own and operate the Mendocino Sea Vegetable Company.

For over thirty years I have been organizing to stop offshore oil drilling, advocate sustainable forestry, protect and restore rivers, defend access to sustainable fisheries, stop nuclear power plants, and generally keep Mendocino healthy.

I am devoted to keeping Mendocino County rural, to oppose overdevelopment. As the financing of all our government services shrink, I advocate federal and state funding for parks, clinics, schools, roads, services for seniors.

My vision for Mendocino County is that we will be free to let the many citizen efforts for food localization, environmental protection, social services, sustainable fishing, grow and develop free of unfair federal intervention. I advocate increasing federal fisheries allotments to shore-based hook-and-line fishermen, and phasing out large net-dragging trawlers. Small producers of vegetables, meat and dairy products have the right to sell and trade products free of unfair USDA regulations.

I advocate ending the federal prohibition of marijuana. I believe marijuana prohibition brings violence, corruption, environmental damage and financial loss to Mendocino County on many levels.

2. In at least 8 states a photo i.d. is required to vote and voter registration restraints are so onerous in some states that even the League of Women Voters has suspended voter registration work. How can the federal government protect the citizen's right to vote?

The Voting Rights Act passed in 1965, as amended, is not adequate to deal with voting discrimination caused by state laws requiring voter identification, because it is focused on protecting the rights of ethnic groups, and it stigmatizes states with a history of voter discrimination. I favor Congressional hearings to craft a new Voting Rights Act, equally applicable to all states, setting federal standards for ballot access nationwide. The identification laws discriminate primarily against low-income people, who should be guaranteed full voting rights.

3. How can we improve providing healthcare in this country and what will you do to support and help fund local rural health care clinics?

I strongly support single-payer health care. We need millions of people demanding single-payer, because the insurance lobby spends heavily to defeat it, then raises our premiums to pay for the lobbying. The complex insurance system we have is very expensive, unaffordable to many, and delivers very poor results in actual health care.

Dental care should be provided by Medicare and Medicaid.

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A full review of ways the federal government can improve health care for women is needed.

My wife and I rely on our local clinic, which recently was kept open in part by a federal grant. I will do everything I can to fund rural health care.

We will not be able to maintain any government services unless we make deep cuts in military spending, build the domestic economy and infrastructure, enact a fair tax structure, and regulate the financial industry.

4. *What is your idea of a quality education? What is your view of education reform?*

The federal government should take the lead in a complete reform of our education system, with hearings involving all interested citizens. What sort of education do we need to make a peaceful and prosperous nation living in harmony with the natural environment?

As an independent member of Congress, I will write a National Peace Conversion Act, a complete plan for converting to a job-creating peacetime economy. I advocate a national employment corps like the Civilian Conservation Corps of the thirties, to build an infrastructure based on renewable energy, water conservation, and reducing carbon emissions.

More immediately, I advocate federal education grants and the financing of education to allow all qualified students to advance fully with little or no debt.

5. *As our Representative, how would you vote on issues that involve protection for salmon and other listed species? For instance, how would you have voted on H.R. 1837 (Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act)?*

This year's strong salmon run up the Sacramento and other rivers shows that restoration of river spawning habitat is key to restoring salmon and many other species. The cultural survival and restoration of tribal communities also depends on free-flowing rivers.

Watershed restoration is a major theme of my campaign. I oppose the Peripheral Canal which would take the Sacramento River away from the San Francisco Bay-Delta Ecosystem, and favor Delta Restoration by reducing water exports from the Delta.

The restoration of natural flows in the Eel River Watershed by removing the two dams in the headwaters and stopping water diversions would restore the great Eel salmon run. As I campaign in Marin and Sonoma, I advocate water efficiency and unity to restore the Eel.

I support Klamath River dam removal, and will keep in touch with the Klamath Watershed residents about how the federal government can best help.

HR 1837 I strongly oppose; it would federally pre-empt state control over our water resources, and give great power to corporate farmers in Southern California. I urge everyone now to lobby our Senators and President to stop HR 1837, and to elect a Congress not in the thrall of corporate interests.

6. *How do we best protect our ocean natural resources and wildlife? Do you support offshore oil drilling? Do you support creation of wind energy apparatus on the continental shelf?*

As a founding member of the Ocean Protection Coalition, I am committed to defending a clean and wild ocean environment. The new Second Congressional District covers the whole Northcoast ocean from the Oregon Border to the Golden Gate Bridge. We need a Congressional representative devoted to protecting the ocean upwelling ecosystem here, one of the world's richest sustainable sources of essential wild food from the ocean.

My decades in ocean politics have helped prevent offshore oil drilling and wave energy experiments off our coast. Now we face national and state governments pushing to remove independent, shore-based, harmonious fishermen from the Northcoast ocean, and bring in military testing and ocean industrialization projects. I inform and organize to rebuild our sustainable, shore-based fishing fleet, maintain access to ocean fishing grounds, and defeat ocean industrialization.

I am against wind energy devices on the continental shelf here.

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7. What is your position on tax cuts and cutting of government services?

As an independent, non-partisan Congress member devoted to finding lines of unity among all parties and factions to deal with fundamental problems affecting us all, I will strive for a complete reform of the tax structure, regulation of the financial industry, and expanding essential government services.

The Bush-era tax cuts for the super-rich should be ended. We need a progressive tax system, based on ability to pay, with higher tax rates for higher income people. Capital gains should be taxed at the same rate as ordinary income. Huge corporations which are raking in great profits must pay their fair share of taxes, with no loopholes for offshore incorporation. A transaction tax would provide revenue and reduce damaging stock speculation.

The National Peace Conversion Act our campaign is organizing now will show how to reduce the military budget and finance basic domestic government services.

Financial industry reforms we should consider are breaking up the big banks with antitrust laws, disallowing banks from trading in stocks and other financial instruments, and establishing a Consumer Financial Products Agency to set standards for financial products.

8. What, if any, specific immigration reforms do you hope to bring about if elected?

Anderson Valley, where Barbara and I live, now is the home of a large community of people from Mexico. Valley residents are acting to meet the basic needs of our neighbors, and bring everyone together in happy community.

I favor a Congressional act along the lines of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2011, which provides undocumented aliens a path to "Lawful Prospective Immigration Status," creates a Commission to encourage Mexican workers to obtain visas, and help states with grants for teaching English and other integration skills.

The system we have creates a de-facto slave class of undocumented residents, subject to economic exploitation, fines and deportation. I believe we must move toward a society where all people are protected with similar rights, and have similar responsibilities.

Several government services in education, health care, and other areas are provided to undocumented residents. I support these services, but believe similar services must be provided to U.S. citizens. There is widespread belief that the undocumented are getting more free public services than are citizens.

9. What is the first international issue you will educate yourself about when you get to Washington?

This congressional campaign is an open-ended education on all issues! I believe I have some understanding of military policy, having studied it for decades and written books on military topics (*Ecology of Devastation: Indochina*, Penguin Books, 1972; and *High-Altitude Nuclear War*, 2004), though I continue to study military policy and Peace Conversion every day.

I will focus on immigration policy, due to the local importance of this topic. Also, international relations and laws of the ocean and fisheries is a major topic of study and concern.

10. Which campaign issues are the most important issues to you?

The John Lewallen for Congress Campaign is focused on several vital reforms: Peace Conversion of economy and society; harmonious livelihood development; ocean protection and watershed restoration; ending federal prohibition of marijuana. I am constantly being informed by citizens about what is important, and I do my best to understand and represent the needs of all.

At age 69, I am compelled to offer myself as an independent Congress member devoted to serving the needs of people, working with all organizations trying to reverse the national slide into global war and economic depression.

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If you choose me as your Congressional representative, it will be the beginning of the end of big-money control of Congressional politics, inspiring a national movement to elect citizen-candidates with people power, not money power.

Please contact me with your advice and concerns!

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Tiffany Renee, Democratic, Petaluma, Petaluma Vice Mayor

1. How do you perceive Mendocino County, CA?

Having spent many weekends and holidays in Mendocino as a child, my experience of Mendocino is filled with happy memories of exploration. My family camped at the ocean and in the redwoods before eventually finding five beautiful acres on Cameron Road near the mouth of the Navarro River. My time spent outdoors during childhood was immensely meaningful. The natural world left a huge imprint on my heart and is what guides my policy-making to this day.

The ocean has always held a special place of significance for me. When I was seven, we drove across country in our VW bus with our California plates, the question of locals was always, "Have you seen the ocean?". The pristine magnificence of northern coast means something to people in Kansas that have never even seen it in person. I feel a sense of duty and pride to protect the coast, the forests and open spaces for those that have yet to see it.

What is your vision for Mendocino County?

I envision a place where everyone has health care and a roof over their head. I envision a place where everyone makes at least a living wage if they want to work or can afford to stay home to raise a family if they choose. I envision a place that has a thriving economy and a healthy food system that doesn't come at the expense of the environment. This is a place where open landscapes, forests and coastlines are valued for what they are, not what they produce. I envision a place where children can roam freely in fresh air — without fear of their safety to explore the magnificence of what surrounds them — to learn and understand where they come from and what sustains them.

2. In at least 8 states a photo i.d. is required to vote and voter registration restraints are so onerous in some states that even the League of Women Voters has suspended voter registration work. How can the federal government protect the citizen's right to vote?

While the Voting Rights Act has done great good ensuring that people vote regardless of race or language, it has not kept up with the restraints constantly tested and implemented in many States. A voter ID or photo ID may disenfranchise seniors, the poor, students and minorities. Obtaining an ID costs money, time and in some cases a permanent address.

Even in California, registering people to vote has become onerous. I used to do voter registration in my early days of campaigning for various candidates. Last fall I did voter registration at the county fair and a health fair. Both times I found myself questioning the process and helping people to fill out the forms. It should not be that difficult.

The Voting Rights Act still allows for preclearance of changes in several states. However the restraints applied go beyond the original intent of enfranchisement. Expanding preclearance to all States may be necessary to further reduce discrimination and disenfranchisement. Given the increasing numbers of seniors and Spanish-speaking citizens, the percentage of discrimination through these restraints may increase significantly in the next decade if these restraints go unchallenged.

3. How can we improve providing healthcare in this country and what will you do to support and help fund local rural health care clinics?

As a Vice Mayor, I've seen the impact that health care costs have had on our public employees and city budget. Health care cost increases accounted for 9-15% of the various agency budgets I represented in 2011. Access to affordable health care continues to be one of the biggest expenses for American families and burdens on their bottom line. In Petaluma our agencies worked to secure Federal funding for a local health care center for the uninsured and under-insured.

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As your Representative, I will:

- Vote to preserve the Affordable Care Act and support a move to a single-payer system.
- Vote to expand Medi-care and remove the age minimum. I've proposed doing this through a phased option by making Medicare available to all public employees and their families, addressing local government's challenge annual rising health care costs.
- Promote prevention and healthy food systems as a pathway for families to lower health care expenses.
- Bring home dollars to fund community health clinics and human services, especially in rural areas where access to preventative health care is scarce.
- Increase the Social Security contribution wage cap from the existing \$110,100 to \$250,000.

4. What is your idea of a quality education? What is your view of education reform?

Education has always been the seed and core of American ingenuity and innovation. We're now in danger of falling behind the rest of the world in competing in the 21st century global economy. We trail in math and science proficiency. Students are challenged to thrive in the current system despite increasing class sizes, dwindling classroom resources, yearly increases to college tuition rates, and being saddled with more and more student loan debt. As the first in my family to graduate from college, while a single mother of two daughters, I learned the value of hard work and education. Both of my grandfathers were tinkers and inventors. Learning from their skill and mastery, I found immense value in being a maker of useful things. We need to inspire our youth to be makers again.

As your next Congresswoman, education will be a top priority for me, including:

- Reversing cuts to education funding at every level.
- A student loan finance reform bill that makes automatic cuts to student debt interest rates and keeps them at historically low levels, putting hundreds of dollars annually back into the pockets of students and families.
- Increased investment and focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) in K-12 and post-secondary curriculum, educating and preparing our future workforce and investing in a strong manufacturing sector.
- Addressing Race to the Top and No Child Left Behind. No Child Left Behind is a failure and Race to the Top doesn't do enough to improve it. We need to bring back shared decision making, bringing all stakeholders to the table in evaluating policy that defines student performance standards.

5. As our Representative, how would you vote on issues that involve protection for salmon and other listed species? For instance, how would you have voted on H.R. 1837 (Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act)?

I would vote No on HR 1837. It repeals longstanding efforts to resolve legal disputes over water rights and environmental protections. The bills tosses out water price reforms for conservation efforts while putting old science into policy. Instead of improving water supply reliability, it throws the State into major legal battles that may further weaken the Bay-Delta environment. We need leadership legislation that doesn't pit fish against farmers.

To ensure salmon recovery, I will protect and restore sensitive habitats, including streams near agricultural and human activity that produce polluted run-off. We must tighten nonpoint source pollution regulations to ensure healthy watersheds in populated or resource managed areas. Increase funding for NSP programs in the District. We must establish stronger policies that reduce and eliminate genetically modified organisms, pesticides, and fertilizers that contribute to population die off or interfere in population recovery (GMO farmed salmon).

I support removal of the dams and Potter Valley project. Restoring this river to natural flows for the salmon and the Tribal cultures that respect and depend on salmon are important environmental and cultural reclamations. As someone with a mixed-race heritage that includes native ancestors from Central America, I understand the deep value that renewing the ecological habitat and one's heritage means to the people of the north coast.

6. How do we best protect our ocean natural resources and wildlife? Do you support off-shore oil drilling? Do you support creation of wind energy apparatus on the continental shelf?

I support the removal of the Klamath dams to restore the fish habitats and natural flow of the Klamath River. While dam removal doesn't need to be combined with the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement, the KBRA is also important to the

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recovery of the salmon species, reducing regulatory burdens on family farms and providing pathways for Tribal communities to thrive again. As a co-founder of the Petaluma Grange, I am working to block and label GMOs and protect organic farming.

Lands designated as Wilderness Area under various Federal management agencies (BLM, NPS, USFS) need legislation that will further protect these ecological habitats. Areas not yet designated Wilderness Area under the National Wilderness Preservation System must be considered for adoption. Vast stretches of land that were once logged under the Forest Service or mined for resources under the BLM must be reclaimed Wilderness for rehabilitation. Implementing a program like the People's Lobby proposed American World Service Corps would provide service members to rehabilitate previously "managed" areas to restore them to Wilderness habitats in exchange for student loan reductions or to provide needed jobs for the unemployed.

I do not know enough about wind energy in the ocean to form an opinion at this time. However, as with any decision, I would weigh the science and the cost/benefit of addressing our dependence on oil over any ecological impacts of this form of energy production. I am opposed to drilling for oil off the coast. We have clean, renewable energy alternatives.

7. What is your position on tax cuts and cutting of government services?

As someone representing local government since the beginning of the mortgage crisis, I have seen and experienced the cuts to services that protect our quality of life. These are vital services that ensure we have police and fire protection, running water, safe roads and sidewalks. I find it increasingly frustrating that we cannot achieve political will to protect our quality of life through increasing taxes on the top 1% of the country.

In my lifetime, I've seen the erosion of quality jobs, which is shredding our social fabric. We're seeing record corporate profits and the largest CEO salaries in history, while the average family requires two or three jobs just to make ends meet.

We can't keep electing the same type of politicians and expect different results for our working families. The same energy, passion and resources that were exhausted by the Wall Street bailout must now be applied to Rebuilding the American dream and our working class. As the only progressive candidate with a proven record of fighting against the status quo, I'll get right to work for you in Washington.

8. What, if any, specific immigration reforms do you hope to bring about if elected?

Fixing our immigration system is a critical component of fixing our economy. We need workable solutions that benefit us all. Immigrants, both documented and those without status — are already part of the fabric of our society. Immigrants are contributing members of our communities; they are our neighbors, classmates, coworkers and friends. We need to make sure they can participate fully in our society and contribute fully to our economy. When this happens we all benefit.

Comprehensive immigration reform will ensure that all workers are here legally, will punish unscrupulous employers who undercut their honest competitors, and will restore fairness to the labor market. It will lift wages for workers, restore tax fairness, and create a level playing field for law-abiding employers.

Legalizing workers without immigration papers and holding employers accountable will increase tax compliance by both. A Congressional Budget Office analysis of the 2007 Senate comprehensive immigration reform bill estimated it would generate \$48 billion in revenue from income and payroll taxes between 2008-2017

By cracking down on bad-actor employers who exploit workers and undermine wages of all we will reverse the race to the bottom, increase the bargaining power of all workers, and lift wages for American and immigrant workers alike.

I have been an outspoken proponent of the State and Federal DREAM Acts, speaking on panels at regional campuses. I have worked with community and faith-based groups to seek interaction between the council, the police department and the immigrant community to dialogue on law enforcement and car impounding.

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9. What is the first international issue you will educate yourself about when you get to Washington?

I am very interested to get into the details of how the Federal budget is determined, especially in international versus national spending. Much of what gets done in government is determined by what is funded, or not funded. We can write and pass as many bills in the State and Federal legislatures as we can muster, but it won't matter if they are unfunded mandates. There are many good policies that have gone unfunded because our dollars are being sent overseas. By getting at the nuances of budgetary spending, I can see where dollars can be re-focused domestically.

10. Which campaign issues are the most important issues to you?

As a founding director of the Regional Climate Protection Authority comprised of local elected government officials, I've worked to put bold GHG reductions and renewable energy programs in place in Sonoma County. We have led the nation in tough goals, working diligently to address the energy grid through smart grid technology, to address energy consumption through the residential and commercial efficiency retrofit programs and to produce local power through the nearly approved clean energy authority Sonoma Clean Power. These are programs I will promote in DC which are critical to our ecological future on this planet.

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1. How do you perceive Mendocino County, CA?

- Rural, pristine, independent

What is your vision for Mendocino County?

It won't be my vision for Mendocino County, but yours - I will support at Federal level your expressed needs.

2. In at least 8 states a photo i.d. is required to vote and voter registration restraints are so onerous in some states that even the League of Women Voters has suspended voter registration work. How can the federal government protect the citizen's right to vote?

- I would suggest voter I.D.'s be required at time of voting and reduce use of absentee ballots.

3. How can we improve providing healthcare in this country and what will you do to support and help fund local rural health care clinics?

- Healthcare, under the 10th amendment to the constitution is a state issue – look to your state for government assistance.

4. What is your idea of a quality education? What is your view of education reform?

- Under the 10th amendment of the constitution, education is not a federal issue. Look to local or state government for direction.

5. As our Representative, how would you vote on issues that involve protection for salmon and other listed species? For instance, how would you have voted on H.R. 1837 (Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act)?

- I would vote to protect salmon and other listed species through strong water flows downstream. I will not support water diversions from our streams and rivers, especially to arid south.

6. How do we best protect our ocean natural resources and wildlife? Do you support off-shore oil drilling? Do you support creation of wind energy apparatus on the continental shelf?

- Regarding protection of resources and wildlife, recognize there are limits on harvest to protect future species and no off-shore oil drilling in California. Wind energy is not dependable and is not an economic replacement for fossil fuels.

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7. What is your position on tax cuts and cutting of government services?

- I am an economic conservative and a social moderate. Regarding taxes and spending, we must first cut spending, and then cut corporate personal income taxes. Government must halt over promising and under delivering of services.

8. What, if any, specific immigration reforms do you hope to bring about if elected?

- Immigration reforms will come from the administration. I would close the border to illegals.

9. What is the first international issue you will educate yourself about when you get to Washington?

- Bring myself up to date on Iran nuclear issues.

10. Which campaign issues are the most important issues to you?

- Federal government deficit spending must be stopped, but it will not stop until stopped. Seems to be the new third rail of Federal issues but must be addressed, restrained, the sooner the better.

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1. How do you perceive Mendocino County, CA?

Mendocino County is a vibrant, beautiful area. In addition to its lovely archipelago of small towns and villages, rural Mendocino County is a leader in the organic wine industry and other forward-thinking farming and artisanal trades, and of course, it's a great place to vacation. I hope to be returning to Mendocino County frequently as part of my home district in Congress. I've always felt comfortable in rural areas, which is part of the reason I live in the small, coastal village of Inverness. I look forward to being in Mendocino County a lot in the years to come.

What is your vision for Mendocino County?

I would follow the locals' lead. I would work hard in Congress to continue to bring home the federal support we need for health and community centers, transit improvements, parks support and more locally controlled education money. Where the state government has failed and disappointed many local residents in recent years, with park and clinic closures, I would fight for the money we need to maintain the quality of life we've come to expect and deserve.

My vision for Mendocino County is to maintain the quality of life we've come to expect here. I will not condone the selling off of Mendocino's natural beauty and resources to a handful of corporations, as we've seen attempted in the past. I want to invest in our local people and services. As your Representative, I will always give Mendocino's priorities equal weight at the top of my agenda, so this county plays second to no other counties.

2. In at least 8 states a photo i.d. is required to vote and voter registration restraints are so onerous in some states that even the League of Women Voters has suspended voter registration work. How can the federal government protect the citizen's right to vote?

The right to vote is one of the most fundamental constitutional rights in our democracy. This right is under attack, as state legislatures pass voter suppression laws under the guise of preventing voter fraud. These measures include requiring voters to have a photo ID and proof of citizenship, and place extreme restrictions on third-party registration and early voting. These measures place a specific burden on minorities, the poor, students, and the elderly, and must be fought against. Since they are state measures, much of this fight must be done at the state level. In Congress, I would use all the tools available, including pushing for Congressional hearings and studies by the Government Accountability Office, to investigate these disturbing voter suppression laws.

3. How can we improve providing healthcare in this country and what will you do to support and help fund local rural health care clinics?

The fact that the U.S. spends more on health care than most industrialized nations is a reflection of the unhealthy power of the insurance, hospital and pharmaceutical industries in our country. Our current system does not serve Americans

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equitably; it must be reformed and improved.

I strongly support single-payer health care (enhanced Medicare for all), and have done so for many years. I am co-chair of the Healthcare Not Warfare campaign along with Donna Smith of the California Nurses Association and Congressman John Conyers. This campaign advocates for ending the wars and redirecting the funds to pay for a national single-payer healthcare system. While the Affordable Care Act (ACA) brought expanded coverage to portions America's uninsured, it also brought a humongous transfer of power and wealth to the private insurance industry. I strongly believe single-payer health care would provide quality healthcare at a significantly reduced cost. And as some Supreme Court observers have noted, if we had single-payer health care (enhanced Medicare for all) in place instead of ACA, we might not even see these challenges from the states' attorneys general, as Medicare is settled law.

In lieu of a federal single-payer system, however, I would support legislation to make it easier for states to adopt a single-payer system. Such a system would create equitable coverage for people of all ages. In the meantime, federal legislation should curb the excessive profits of the insurance, pharmaceutical and hospital industries as well as protect the rights of all patients to treatment without price gouging of any kind.

Specifically on rural health centers, as I wrote above, I will fight to restore and maintain funding which is critical for rural health clinics. Federally qualified health centers must be supported with full funding.

4. What is your idea of a quality education? What is your view of education reform?

The federal government continues to underfund education, contributing to increased class sizes, cuts in vital student programs and a shortened school year. The federal government's neglect of our public schools is unacceptable. In Congress, I will fight to renew our national commitment to public education, and to restore quality and faith in our public education system.

Specifically, No Child Left Behind has failed our children, and Race to the Top is doing more to undermine our public schools than to help them. The federal government should not be promoting overdone "teach to the test" models that steamroll local autonomy and teacher flexibility.

Federal mandates for local school districts must be coupled with federal funding to meet those obligations. For instance, when school districts are required to provide costly (but essential) special education, the federal government must come through with promised funding for those districts.

These are some of the reasons I was recently endorsed by the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and its statewide affiliate, California Federation of Teachers (CFT).

5. As our Representative, how would you vote on issues that involve protection for salmon and other listed species? For instance, how would you have voted on H.R. 1837 (Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act)? Salmon protection and recovery is a priority issue. First and foremost, stable federal funding must be allocated for recovery programs and restoration efforts led by local experts. I will work to include local fishers in developing recovery solutions.

Specifically, I oppose HR 1837 because it undermines five years of collaboration between stakeholders and places our environment in jeopardy. HR 1837 will result in inequitable treatment of one group of water users over another, and will preempt California water law. The bill is contrary to the long-standing principle that beneficiaries should pay for the cost of developing water supplies and for mitigating any development impacts. In addition, I will urge others to join the Sierra Club California's call to "help in organizing against the water bond." I'm also against efforts to construct the peripheral canal, which voters rejected in 1982.

6. How do we best protect our ocean natural resources and wildlife? Do you support off-shore oil drilling? Do you support creation of wind energy apparatus on the continental shelf?

I would fight for an ironclad prohibition on offshore oil drilling as a key legislative goal. The Pentagon's military tests

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that currently disrupt and endanger ocean life off the Northern California coast should be banned. Large-scale federal jobs programs should be established and fully funded so that thousands of young people and others can be employed for ongoing shoreline restoration and protection projects. Those three measures would establish some crucial long-term protections for Northern California's precious coast. All wind projects must appropriately sited.

7. *What is your position on tax cuts and cutting of government services?*

The budget debate in this country is just the latest example of corporate dominance. Mega-corporations and their ultra-rich CEOs have bankrolled their own politicians, think tanks and media outlets to promote the false message that the rich need government support to rescue our economy while middle class programs are unaffordable. Wall Street gets bailed out, while Main Street gets shafted. It's one more reason why I have refused to take any corporate PAC money – not one dime. I will fight for fairness for the middle class and Main Street, and I will stand up to Wall Street.

There are plenty of sensible and effective ways to reduce the deficit – including ending the Bush-era tax cuts for the very wealthy, the closure of loopholes in the corporate tax code and a significant reduction in the military budget.

Also central to my campaign is support for the 21st Century Humphrey-Hawkins Full Employment and Training Act, introduced by Rep. John Conyers. (For several years, I have been a national co-chair of the Healthcare Not Warfare campaign along with Congressman Conyers and Donna Smith of CNA.) The Act would commit the federal government to full employment nationwide and would impose a ¼ of 1 percent transaction tax on Wall Street, providing \$150 billion in revenue per year, to be spent on job training and jobs programs.

8. *What, if any, specific immigration reforms do you hope to bring about if elected?*

I support reform of our broken immigration system. Immigrants have made and continue to make America the rich and diverse nation it is. Instead of pitting immigrants and American workers against each other, we should expand educational and employment opportunities for all. I support the DREAM Act, which provides a pathway to citizenship for immigrants who choose to study in the United States or serve in the U.S. armed forces. Too often, ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) actions have intruded on local law enforcement roles, abused civil liberties and undermined human rights. As we move forward with new policies, I believe that the economic factors motivating undocumented immigration – including NAFTA and other trade pacts that have exacerbated poverty, forced urbanization and increased migration in Mexico and other countries – must be acknowledged and addressed by our policymakers.

9. *What is the first international issue you will educate yourself about when you get to Washington?*

Actually, I stand alone in this race with significant international anti-war and pro-human rights work, which exceeds all of my competitors' experience combined. I organized and went on three missions to Baghdad prior to the invasion of Iraq – including one led by Congressman Nick Rahall and former U.S. Senator James Abourezk, and another with Actor/Activist Sean Penn – always seeking alternatives to war. I also organized and went on a fact-finding trip to Afghanistan in 2009. As author of a dozen books on media, political discourse and public policy, including "War Made Easy: How Presidents and Pundits Keep Spinning Us to Death," my books have been adopted as required reading in many college courses.

10. *Which campaign issues are the most important issues to you?*

My top priorities in Congress would be:

1. Full employment; living-wage jobs; laws and enforcement that rigorously protect labor rights.
2. Single-payer health care, with national commitment to full access to quality health care as a human right.
3. Strengthening of social safety nets; defeating austerity agendas; national rededication to retirement security.
4. Fighting back against large corporations' power and domination of our economy and political process, including a large transaction tax on Wall Street and progressive taxation.
5. Major reductions in military spending; an end to perpetual war; large-scale public investment made possible in part by Pentagon cuts.

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