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This is the sixth monthly newsletter outlining GOP activities in Santa Barbara County. If you want to have something in the newsletter, please contact Janine Blum, Corresponding Secretary at P688-3749, F688-9227, Email secretary@santabarbaragop.org or Monte Ward P/F567-0280, Email chairman@santabarbaragop.org about it.

At the September SBCRP meeting, the following was done: 1) We endorsed Lanny Ebenstein and Terry Tyler for Santa Barbara mayor and city council respectively and will include their names along with or part of the CRP doorhanger in Santa Barbara for the Nov. 2005 election; 2) Our website is supposed to be up and running by the end of Sept.; 3) Our next meeting will be an event featuring (we hope) Tom Campbell, Arnold's spokesperson for Prop 76, State Finance Reform to which big donors should be invited; 4) The Santa Maria office, known as the "Republican Resource Center" is open for business.

We need to raise about \$50,000 more than before to keep our activities at a high pitch. Remember, the Democrats get over \$100 million plus paid workers from unions alone while we count on local voluntary contributions to fund our activities. There are about 75,000 registered Republicans in Santa Barbara County. To raise \$50,000 means about 70 cents per registered Republican or, if only one in 50 gives, they must average \$35 per contribution from 1500 new donors. All money raised locally is spent locally. If we don't raise the money we need, we will have to curtail our plans drastically because, as good Republicans, we won't ever resort to deficit financing. This year, there are no countywide candidates to push for the important initiatives on the November ballot (reapportionment, state spending controls, teacher tenure and the like). Normally candidates spent a lot more money than the party does. This year, the party must assume that burden to sell the program, normally a candidate's job.

This year's election will be mostly about initiatives. There are 8 initiatives on the ballot, 6 of which the CRP has endorsed and 5 of which Arnold has endorsed. Those endorsed vote **YES** are 73 – Parental Notification, 74 – Teacher Tenure (not specifically endorsed by Arnold), 75 – Public Employee Union Dues, 76 – State Spending Reform, 77- Reapportionment, and 78 – Prescription Drug Benefit. Measures opposed by CRP and Arnold (vote **NO**) are 79 – Prescription Drug Control and 80 – Electricity Regulation. We really need to vote the CRP and Arnold recommendations in because Arnold is faced with a dysfunctional Democrat dominated legislature that would apparently rather trash Arnold than fix anything. Let's get out in 2005 and support Arnold and rework the state by replacing Democrats with Republicans in 2006 after reapportionment.

Onward and Upward,

Monte Ward 10/2/05

P. S. Try our new Website at <http://www.santabarbaragop.org>