

Republican Perspective
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A CLEAR CHOICE

“The ballot is stronger than the bullet.” Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the U.S.

This writing is not intended for fellow Republicans. It is intended for Independents and Democrats not enamored with Gavin Newsom as the next Governor of California.

Why vote for John Cox? Under a Democrat governor and legislature, California has the highest poverty rate in the nation. Under a Democrat governor and legislature, housing is unaffordable. Under a Democrat governor and legislature, funding for public education is at risk due to unfunded pension liabilities. Under a Democrat governor and legislature, millions of gallons of surface water flows to the Pacific instead of being stored. Under a Democrat governor and legislature, Caltrans spends more than double the national average to build and maintain one mile of highway.

Take a look at John Cox’s policy agenda:

Education

“Schools fail primarily not for a lack of resources, but because we cram too much need into too few schools. Our schools are increasingly becoming re-segregated, not only by race but by income. I believe that Charter schools are certainly part of the solution and I support them. For me the question is more about need to provide more school choice to parents and thus allow them to give more opportunity to their kids in the classroom.”

“I am a big believer in local control and that school districts need to be able to provide the right choices for their parents and children. I don’t believe in a one size fits all model because we have to give districts, teachers and parents the opportunity to make the right choices for their kids.”

Healthcare

“If you think access to quality health care is tough now, imagine if the DMV was in charge. If Gavin Newsom gets his way, expect the same long lines at your doctor’s waiting room as at your local DMV office. And since the prices will be set by the politicians, the lobbyists will have a field day padding the bills. Long lines, lower quality, higher costs.”

John Cox does not support single-payer healthcare that will increase high California state taxes.

Environment & Energy

“Any environmental or energy policy in California must focus on creative solutions that prioritize both environmental protection and the ability of Californians forgotten by the Sacramento political class to afford to pay their rent and put food on the table for their families.”

He opposes any new or expanded offshore oil drilling to ensure the protection of California’s coastline, natural habitat and ocean waters. He supports Proposition 6 to repeal the gas tax. He also supports repealing the increased vehicle license fees. He supports clean energy alternatives.

Transportation

John Cox does not support the continued building of Jerry Brown’s legacy High Speed Rail train. Gavin Newsom supports this boondoggle and will continue to waist taxpayer dollars. Cox will call for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reform for highway projects. He proposes such reform to be modeled on prior legislation affecting sports stadiums; exceptions for threats to health and safety, Native American heritage sites, etc.

Cox proposes other reforms including: dedicating a percentage of motor vehicle sales and use taxes to transportation projects, dedicating a percentage of “cap-and-trade” fees to transportation projects, dedicating vehicle insurance taxes to transportation funding, and redirecting \$100 million bond payments and cap-and-trade funds currently allocated to High Speed Rail to transportation projects.

Sanctuary State

John Cox flatly rejects Gavin Newsom’s “sanctuary state” policies that have allowed violent criminal aliens to escape prosecution. Cox favors “smart immigration” that favors those with skills needed to fill specific worker shortages instead of competing with Americans for jobs. He also supports securing the border to stem the flow of illegal guns and human trafficking that’s plaguing our inner cities.

Housing

“First, we need to address the high cost of housing and lack of supply. The key to solving the government-created housing crisis is to replace the sledgehammer of CEQA with a greatly streamlined set of sensible reforms. The current rules have made housing unaffordable which means it doesn’t work. If something doesn’t work, it needs to change. A major overhaul of the 47-year-old CEQA law will go a long way to solve this issue.”

A Los Angeles Times editorial from July 14, 2017, “Organized labor groups have used the threat of CEQA lawsuits to force developers to hire unionized labor. Companies have filed CEQA lawsuits to block competing businesses. Homeowner groups have used CEQA to stop construction or shrink the size of apartment complexes in the middle of cities.

Look no further than San Francisco to see what California will be under Newsom. The City has had to create a “Poop Patrol” to clean-up human waste on its streets. San Francisco attracts

homeless drug addicts through policies that provide them easy access to services to shoot up. Newsom supported this as mayor.

Californians have an opportunity to reject the slide into the progressive abyss. Vote for John Cox.