

OPPOSING LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATES FOR UNION PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS ON CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors voted on May 22, 2007 to require contractors to sign a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) with construction unions in order to work on the New Administration Center; and

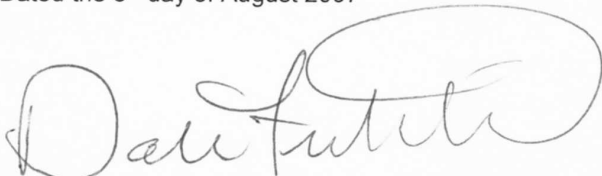
WHEREAS, the San Joaquin-Delta Community College District Board of Trustees voted on July 19, 2005 to negotiate a Project Labor Agreement with construction unions that contractors would have to sign to work on a future project funded by Measure L bonds; and

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin County Republican Central Committee agrees with the objectives in President George W. Bush's Executive Order 13202, which prohibits Project Labor Agreements on federally funded construction projects in order to (1) promote and ensure open competition on Federal and federally funded or assisted construction projects; (2) maintain Government neutrality towards Government contractors' labor relations on Federal and federally funded or assisted construction projects; (3) reduce construction costs to the Federal Government and to the taxpayers; (4) expand job opportunities, especially for small and disadvantaged businesses; and (5) prevent discrimination against Government contractors or their employees based upon labor affiliation or lack thereof; thereby promoting the economical, nondiscriminatory, and efficient administration and completion of Federal and federally funded or assisted construction projects; and

WHEREAS, the same purposes behind Executive Order 13202 for federally-funded projects are applicable to locally-funded projects in San Joaquin County;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Joaquin County Republican Central Committee opposes any proposals at local governments within San Joaquin County that would (a) require or prohibit bidders, offerors, contractors, or subcontractors on construction projects to enter into or adhere to agreements with one or more labor organizations on construction projects; or (b) otherwise discriminate against bidders, offerors, contractors, or subcontractors on construction projects for becoming or refusing to become or remain signatories or otherwise to adhere to agreements with one or more labor organizations.

Dated the 6th day of August 2007


chair SJRCC
Aug. 6, 2007