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MEMO TO: PORAC Board
FROM: Aaron Read and Randy Perry
SUBJECT: 2010 General Election Results

As you know, this year's election has been one of the most grueling. The gubernatorial race became the most expensive election in the history of the state—and the nation. Meg Whitman spent over \$160 million on her campaign, more than any one person has ever spent on a candidate or issue. With that said, PORAC is proud of the candidates we supported and 97% of those we endorsed were voted into office.

The Attorney General's race is still too close to call. As of this writing, 99.2% of the precincts are reporting, and Kamala Harris is leading Steve Cooley by 14,838 votes. This is ascribable to the top of the ticket race. Brown had coattails. Cooley was ahead last night, but the vote has swung in the other direction.

In the statewide races overall, PORAC endorsed in all seven races and six of these candidates have been successful thus far.

Attorney General Jerry Brown (D) was successful in his bid for Governor, beating republican Meg Whitman by 12 points.

San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom (D) won his bid for Lieutenant Governor over acting Lieutenant Governor Abel Maldonado (R) by nearly 11 points.

Assemblymember Tom Torklakson (D- Martinez), a long time supporter of public safety, was elected to Superintendent of Public Instruction, beating Larry Aceves (R) by nearly 10 points.

Assemblymember Dave Jones (D- Sacramento) was successful in his bid for Insurance Commissioner, winning his race against Assemblymember Mike Villines (R- Clovis) by 13 points.

Incumbent statewide officials Debra Bowen (D- Secretary of State), John Chiang (D- Controller) and Bill Lockyer (D- Treasurer) all won their bids for re-election.

Senator George Runner (R) was elected to the Board of Equalization, District 2. Incumbents Betty Yee (D- District 1), Michelle Steel (R- District 3) and Jerome Horton (D- District 4) were successful in their BOE re-elections.

Assemblyman Ted Gaines' name appeared on the ballot twice. He was re-elected to his current assembly seat, AD 4, and won the Special Primary Election for former Senator Dave Cox's seat (SD 1),

who passed away a few months ago. Although Gaines won the Senate Primary, he did not receive 50% + 1 of the vote, so there will be a Special General Election held on January 4, 2011 for the senate seat. If Gaines wins that election as well, there will be a subsequent special election to fill his vacated assembly seat.

Another interesting note, Senator Jenny Oropeza was re-elected to her senate seat, SD 28; however, she passed away last month. A special election will be called within the next couple of months to fill her seat.

Of the 80 assembly races, PORAC endorsed in 73 races. Of the 73 endorsed, 72 of those candidates were elected. The only endorsed candidate to lose was Phu Nguyen, who had a tough fight against Allan Mansoor in AD 68 (Orange County).

Of the 20 senate races, PORAC made endorsements in 19. Of the 19 candidates endorsed, 17 were successful in their races. The only candidates who did not win were Roger Niello (SD 1), who lost to Ted Gaines, and Anna Caballero (SD 12), who lost a tough campaign against Anthony Cannella.

It is important to note that in some cases where we made no endorsement, we either did so because we were not approached by a candidate or because there were friends running against each other.

STATEWIDE

Office	Endorsed	Winner
Governor	Jerry Brown (D)	Jerry Brown (D)
Lt. Governor	Gavin Newsom (D)	Gavin Newsom (D)
Attorney General	Steve Cooley (R)	TOO CLOSE TO CALL
Controller	John Chiang (D), Incumbent	John Chiang (D)
Insurance Commissioner	Dave Jones (D)	Dave Jones (D)
Secretary of State	Debra Bowen (D), Incumbent	Debra Bowen (D)
Superintendent of Public Instruction	Tom Torlakson (NP)	Tom Torlakson
Treasurer	Bill Lockyer (D), Incumbent	Bill Lockyer (D)
BOE, District 1	Betty Yee (D), Incumbent	Betty Yee (D)
BOE, District 2	George Runner (R)	George Runner (R)
BOE, District 3	Michelle Steel (R), Incumbent	Michelle Steel (R)
BOE, District 4	Jerome Horton (D), Incumbent	Jerome Horton (D)

SENATE

District	Endorsed	Winner
SD 1	Roger Niello (R)	Ted Gaines (R)
SD 2	Noreen Evans (D)	Noreen Evans (D)
SD 4	NO ENDORSEMENT MADE	Doug La Malfa (R)

SD 6	Darrell Steinberg (D), Incumbent	Darrell Steinberg (D)
SD 8	Leland Yee (D), Incumbent	Leland Yee(D)
SD 10	Ellen Corbett (D), Incumbent	Ellen Corbett (D)
SD 12	Anna Caballero (D)	Anthony Cannella (R)
SD 14	Tom Berryhill (R)	Tom Berryhill (D)
SD 16	Michael Rubio (D)	Michael Rubio (D)
SD 18	Jean Fuller (R)	Jean Fuller (R)
SD 20	Alex Padilla (D), Incumbent	Alex Padilla (D)
SD 22	Kevin de Leon (D)	Kevin de Leon (D)
SD 24	Ed Hernandez (D)	Ed Hernandez (D)
SD 26	Curren Price (D), Incumbent	Curren Price (D)
SD 30	Ron Calderon (D), Incumbent	Ron Calderon (D)
SD 32	Gloria Negrete McLeod (D), Incumbent	Gloria Negrete McLeod
SD 34	Lou Correa (D), Incumbent	Lou Correa (D)
SD 36	Joel Anderson (R)	Joel Anderson (R)
SD 38	Mark Wyland (R), Incumbent	Mark Wyland (R)
SD 40	Juan Vargas (D)	Juan Vargas (D)

ASSEMBLY

District	Endorsed	Winner
AD 1	Wes Chesbro (D), Incumbent	Wes Chesbro (D)
AD 2	Jim Nielsen (R), Incumbent	Jim Nielsen (R)
AD 3	Dan Logue (R), Incumbent	Dan Logue (R)
AD 4	NO ENDORSEMENT MADE	Ted Gaines (R)
AD 5	Richard Pan (D)	Richard Pan (D)
AD 6	Jared Huffman (D), Incumbent	Jared Huffman (D)
AD 7	Michael Allen (D)	Michael Allen (D)
AD 8	Mariko Yamada (D), Incumbent	Mariko Yamada (D)
AD 9	Roger Dickinson (D)	Roger Dickinson (D)
AD 10	Alyson Huber (D), Incumbent	Alyson Huber (D)
AD 11	Susan Bonilla (D)	Susan Bonilla (D)
AD 12	Fiona Ma (D), Incumbent	Fiona Ma (D)
AD 13	NO ENDORSEMENT MADE	Tom Ammiano (D)
AD 14	Nancy Skinner (D), Incumbent	Nancy Skinner (D)
AD 15	Joan Buchanan (D), Incumbent	Joan Buchanan (D)
AD 16	Sandr� Swanson (D), Incumbent	Sandr� Swanson (D)
AD 17	Cathleen Galgiani (D), Incumbent	Cathleen Galgiani (D)
AD 18	Mary Hayashi (D), Incumbent	Mary Hayashi (D)
AD 19	Jerry Hill (D), Incumbent	Jerry Hill (D)
AD 20	Bob Wieckowski (D)	Bob Weickowski (D)
AD 21	Rich Gordon (D)	Rich Gordon (D)
AD 22	Paul Fong (D), Incumbent	Paul Fong (D)
AD 23	Nora Campos (D)	Nora Campos (D)
AD 24	Jim Beall (D), Incumbent	Jim Beall (D)
AD 25	Kristin Olsen (R)	Kristin Olsen (D)

AD 26	Bill Berryhill (R), Incumbent	Bill Berryhill (R)
AD 27	Bill Monning (D), Incumbent	Bill Monning (D)
AD 28	Luis Alejo (D)	Luis Alejo (D)
AD 29	Linda Halderman (R)	Linda Halderman (R)
AD 30	NO ENDORSEMENT MADE	David Valadao (R)
AD 31	Henry Perea (D)	Henry Perea (D)
AD 32	Shannon Grove (R)	Shannon Grove (R)
AD 33	Katcho Achadjian (R)	Katcho Achadjian (R)
AD 34	Connie Conway (R), Incumbent	Connie Conway (R)
AD 35	Das Williams (D)	Das Williams (D)
AD 36	Steve Knight (R), Incumbent	Steve Knight (R)
AD 37	Jeff Gorell (R)	Jeff Gorell (R)
AD 38	Cameron Smyth (R), Incumbent	Cameron Smyth (R)
AD 39	Felipe Fuentes (D), Incumbent	Felipe Fuentes (D)
AD 40	Bob Blumenfield (D), Incumbent	Bob Blumenfield (D)
AD 41	Julia Brownley (D), Incumbent	Julia Brownley (D)
AD 42	Mike Feuer (D), Incumbent	Mike Feuer (D)
AD 43	Mike Gatto (D), Incumbent	Mike Gatto (D)
AD 44	Anthony Portantino (D), Incumbent	Anthony Portantino (D)
AD 45	Gil Cedillo (D)	Gil Cedillo (D)
AD 46	John Pérez (D), Incumbent	John Pérez (D)
AD 47	Holly Mitchell (D)	Holly Mitchell (D)
AD 48	Mike Davis (D), Incumbent	Mike Davis (D)
AD 49	Mike Eng (D), Incumbent	Mike Eng (D)
AD 50	Ricardo Lara (D)	Ricardo Lara (D)
AD 51	Stephen Bradford (D), Incumbent	Stephen Bradford (D)
AD 52	Isadore Hall (D), Incumbent	Isadore Hall (D)
AD 53	Betsy Butler (D)	Betsy Butler (D)
AD 54	Bonnie Lowenthal (D), Incumbent	Bonnie Lowenthal (D)
AD 55	Warren Furutani (D), Incumbent	Warren Furutani (D)
AD 56	Tony Mendoza (D), Incumbent	Tony Mendoza (D)
AD 57	Roger Hernandez (D)	Roger Hernandez (D)
AD 58	Chuck Calderon (D), Incumbent	Chuck Calderon (D)
AD 59	NO ENDORSEMENT MADE	Tim Donnelly (R)
AD 60	Curt Hagman (R)	Curt Hagman (R)
AD 61	Norma Torres (D), Incumbent	Norma Torres (D)
AD 62	Wilmer Amina Carter (D), Incumbent	Wilmer Amina Carter (D)
AD 63	Mike Morrell (R)	Mike Morrell (R)
AD 64	NO ENDORSEMENT MADE	Brian Nestande (R)
AD 65	Paul Cook (R), Incumbent	Paul Cook (R)
AD 66	Kevin Jeffries (R), Incumbent	Kevin Jeffries (R)
AD 67	Jim Silva (R), Incumbent	Jim Silva (R)
AD 68	Phu Nguyen (D)	Allan Mansoor (R)
AD 69	José Solorio (D), Incumbent	José Solorio (D)
AD 70	NO ENDORSEMENT MADE	Don Wagner (R)
AD 71	Jeff Miller (R), Incumbent	Jeff Miller (R)

AD 72	NO ENDORSEMENT MADE	Chris Norby (R)
AD 73	Diane Harkey (R), Incumbent	Diane Harkey (R)
AD 74	Martin Garrick (R), Incumbent	Martin Garrick (R)
AD 75	Nathan Fletcher (R), Incumbent	Nathan Fletcher (R)
AD 76	Toni Atkins (D)	Toni Atkins (D)
AD 77	Brian Jones (R)	Brian Jones (R)
AD 78	Marty Block (D), Incumbent	Marty Block (D)
AD 79	Ben Hueso (D)	Ben Hueso (D)
AD 80	Manuel Pérez (D), Incumbent	Manuel Pérez (D)

INITIATIVES

Proposition 19: Legalized Marijuana – FAILED. PORAC was in opposition of this proposition. This was a tough fight, with California billionaire George Soros contributing a million dollars to the Yes side just last week. Many pundits believed that even though the polling over the last couple of weeks showed a large number of voters voting against the proposition, some people were not being 100% truthful with their responses to pollsters. As it turns out, the polling was right and the proposition failed by a large margin.

Proposition 20: Redistricting of Congressional Districts – PASSED. PORAC did not have a position on this measure. This means that before the 2012 election, legislative and Congressional districts will be re-drawn by a citizen’s commission.

Proposition 21: Established an \$18 Surcharge for State Parks – FAILED. PORAC was in opposition to this proposition because this was another example of groups going after funding from the Vehicle License Fee, where law enforcement currently draws from. This was “ballot box budgeting” and Californians stood firm against raising registration fees to fund state parks.

Proposition 22: Prohibited the State From Taking Local Funds – PASSED. PORAC was in support of this initiative and it was even more successful than many thought it would be. This proposition stops the “cash-grab” by the State from local governments when trying to fill the General Fund budget gap.

Proposition 23: Suspended Air Pollution Control Law (AB 32) – FAILED. PORAC was in support of this measure, which would have repealed AB 32, the recently enacted anti-greenhouse gas legislation. This proposition failed by a wide margin, largely due to the broad, bi-partisan coalition created by the democratic leaders of both houses and the Governor.

Proposition 24: Repealed Allowance of Lower Business Tax Liability – FAILED. PORAC did not have a position on this proposition, which would have repealed tax breaks given to large corporations during the budget negotiations last year. These breaks were agreed to as incentive to garner the necessary republican votes to pass the budget. Many of these breaks benefitted only large, multi-state corporations, with less than 5% of California businesses seeing any kind of relief.

Proposition 25: Simple Majority to Pass a Budget – PASSED. PORAC was in support of this proposition, which changes the budget vote to a simple majority. The intention of this measure is to ease partisan politics and help get California’s budget process functioning. A large factor in the approval of this measure had to do with the requirement that legislators not get paid when a budget is late.

Proposition 26: 2/3 Vote for Some State/Local Fees – PASSED. PORAC was in opposition to this measure, which requires all fee increases to be passed by a 2/3 vote or voted on by the public. This will only increase budget gridlock. PORAC fought hard against this measure, but voters were firm in their conviction to keep legislators from raising any taxes or fees by a majority vote.

Proposition 27: Eliminated the State Redistricting Commission – FAILED. PORAC did not have a position on either redistricting measure. Legislators pushed hard for this measure, which would have scratched the plan for a citizen redistricting commission. But voters stood behind their vote in 2008 approving the commission.

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