

Cheryl Bly-Chester for Assembly, 2011

Thank you for your interest in my campaign for California's 4th Assembly District. The District comprises the majority of Placer County, El Dorado County east of El Dorado Hills, all of Alpine County, and Rio Linda - North Highlands area of Sacramento County. As your assembly member, my priorities will be education, tax, and regulatory reform. My jobs plan is to draft legislation for greater governmental accountability and lifting of economically unrealistic regulatory burdens leaving businesses with resources to create jobs. I will work for greater financial freedom at the local government level, tailoring educational solutions to the needs of the classroom, and protecting constituents from undue governmental demands, including taxes.

Raised in the Sacramento area, I have lived in Placer County since 1991 and owned vacation property in El Dorado County since 1995. I have also owned and operated a small business engineering consulting practice in Placer County since 1997 serving the private sector trying to comply with the load of government regulations. My three wonderful young adult children attended public school K-12 in Roseville and we attend Bayside Church. Because I live less than 25 miles from the capitol, I believe it is unethical to accept additional living expenses from taxpayers and would refuse the Assembly benefit.

I have been a volunteer all my life beginning with the Girl Scouts and church activities and carrying through to professional, outdoor, and military support organizations. Early in my engineering career, after years of supporting the *Christian Children's Fund*, I traveled to their communities in India where I spent time applying my concrete design engineering skills building sound and sanitary housing ahead of the monsoon season.

With a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from UC Davis, my engineering career began with the California Department of Water Resources and then Caltrans before earning an MBA in International Management, global resources. I moved to the Washington, D.C. area to simultaneously pursue international alternative energy development and my passion for whitewater kayaking, fostered on the American River. Before long in the energy field, I was

sent to inspect nuclear power plant concrete containments. I was in the nuclear power industry during the Chernobyl disaster, serving members of President Reagan's Energy Secretary Herrington's response team and attending special post-graduate sessions at MIT for credentials in nuclear reactor safety. Working on an international report on disposal of radioactive waste led to an environmental engineering career of hazardous waste remediation for military base closures and then private sector businesses beginning in 1988.

It was my outrage at California's unjust, confusing, and conflicting regulatory processes that brought me into politics. Along the lines of the later Tea Party movement, I felt the calling to defend citizens' rights and property protection. I ran for Governor in the recall election with the slogan, "*If the State does not elect me governor then whoever is governor will have to hire me to fix the state!*" Apparently agreeing, Governor Schwarzenegger appointed me to the flood protection Reclamation Board when he replaced all the members. I served as Vice Chair of the Board until 2006 when I began a term as Vice Chair on the State Mining and Geology Board that ended in 2010. I am now a Placer County Parks and Recreation Commissioner and elected member of the Republican Central Committee.

Service on state boards (at only \$100/month) showed me that the regulatory process in the state is no longer accountable to the electorate, allowing some civil servants to violate the public trust. They should be the first to go in downsizing. I am finalizing doctoral dissertation research on California state boards for a Doctorate in Management & Organizational Leadership, wherein I identify problems with the California board system along with recommendations on how to better achieve the potential benefits boards may offer.

I am known for my perseverance and dedication to principles of due process and fairness. As an engineer, I am accustomed to accepting ideas and input from all sides for "best fit" solutions. It would be my great honor to represent the entire 4th Assembly district with due consideration of all political views. Please vote for me in the upcoming special election.

Your contributions and vote for Cheryl Bly-Chester will bring us closer to reducing undue governmental demands on constituents of the 4th Assembly District

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