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Living Sign "No Quarry"

"Show Up And Be Heard!! [April 2008] about a human sign spelling out the words "No Quarry" was authored by Bugle Publisher Nancy Knight. The photo and quote by Jerry Arganda that was included to enhance the 2008 event were noted as from our April 2007 edition of The Bugle.

The publisher's comment, "They hope you will join them this year" included "help send a message to the local Republican politicians whose misguided clamor of property rights is oftentimes used as a ruse to support their wealthy campaign contributors" stirred only a minor reaction however to be clear on this point neither of the event's sponsoring groups contributed to this statement.

The issue became political when many elected Republicans, including Senator Hollingsworth, gave support to Granite Construction for the quarry. Four of the five Board of Supervisors, who are charged with the responsibility to approve or deny the quarry project, are Republicans. They need to understand that "property rights" does not rest with the land owner (See Liberty Quarry Position..., page 5, last paragraph) who wishes to develop at his neighbor's expense. In fact, that is a "live and let live" mantra - a Libertarian position.

Republican candidate Foote who is running for Supervisor Stone's seat understands that. His official position on the quarry is oppose. Likewise, Assembly District 66 candidate Grey Frandsen, a Democrat, has officially opposed the quarry.

Water supply will no doubt be an issue for this approval as it is a declining resource. California's imports are being cut back. Eastern Municipal Water District recently announced tiered rates as a means to increase water conservation so new development of large housing projects can still be approved. Rancho Water has already cut supply to local agricultural users. The Board of Supervisors will be hard pressed to justify approval of this project given existing water needs and our limited supply.

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