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Rabbitt Campaign Funded by Special Interests

Latest Filings Reveal Big Oil, Developers Funding Rabbitt Campaign

Petaluma, CA – Recent campaign financial disclosures by Councilmember David Rabbitt show that 64% of his campaign contributions have come from big oil, asphalt, gravel mining, and other development interests. Valero Oil Company and its staff are funding his campaign at the same time they are funding a “dirty energy” campaign to pass Prop 23, which will kill hundreds of thousands of green jobs and lower air quality standards. Rabbitt also received funding from Royal Petroleum for this campaign.

“It is no surprise that special interests are trying to buy this election. The voters need to send a message: Sonoma County is NOT for sale.” said Mayor Pamela Torliatt, candidate for Sonoma County Supervisor. “David Rabbitt has taken money from every interest group that wants to destroy our way of life. He is funded by special interests, and he votes with special interests. Enough is enough. Voters know that when they vote for me, they are voting for an experienced, independent leader who will work for us and not the special interests.”

Asphalt and gravel mining interests have also spent thousands bankrolling him, including the gravel mining company Syar Industries who has given him over \$12,000 to date.

“These are the very same companies that are backing the Dutra Asphalt plant that will endanger our health and our environment, that are pushing for gravel mining in the Russian River that threatens our ecosystem, and that are supporting the Roblar Road Quarry that will potentially destroy our agricultural and open space protections,” said Mayor Pamela Torliatt.

“We are outraged at these contributions,” said Dennis Rosatti, Executive Director of Sonoma County Conservation Action. “This out of state oil company is spending millions of dollars trying to undo groundbreaking environmental legislation for their own interests. We have serious doubts about any candidate who would willingly solicit and accept their support at this time. David Rabbitt – shame on you.”

Rabbitt also received a maximum contribution from PG&E just weeks after voting against a city resolution opposing Proposition 16, a PG&E funded measure that would have made it harder for counties to pursue their own green power programs, reducing competition in the market. (*Source: Petaluma City Council Meeting, April 19, 2010*)

Pamela Torliatt has raised over \$330,000 since the beginning of the campaign from over 800 individual contributors, demonstrating that she has a wide base of support for her candidacy. Torliatt currently serves as Mayor of Petaluma and was elected to that position in 2006. She

has 18 years of experience in local and regional government. As our Supervisor, Pamela will put her experience to work creating jobs, protecting our environment, and creating a more open and accountable government.

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