
Opinion: What Happened to Representatives with Common Sense?

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It maybe has always been the case, people who run for office to represent the public somehow can't dredge up a modicum of good old fashion "Common Sense". What should be obvious when policies almost never seem to work, let alone for benefit of the constituents, o are representatives who purport to be helping and abysmally fail to do so. What has happened to "this is not working, time to move on with something which actually works?"

Del Norte County has a newly-elected State Assembly member in the form of Chris Rogers from Santa Rosa where he is a life time resident. City Councilman and Mayor, Rogers is the consummate progressive Democrat in the mold of our Federal representative Jared Huffman. Early on, it would appear Rogers has a passion for all things environmental, off-shore wind farms, geothermal energy, and net zero boondoggles. Health care, a "modern" rural economy and driving climate action are his "causes." More salmon habitat restoration before any sizable salmon population is in evidence. What a misguided champ!

No mention of crime, homelessness increases, illegal aliens, or nation- leading taxes to be found in his "causes". No mention of \$20 hour burger flippers, or onerous State regulations which make building difficult and small business a not-so-welcome adventure; no serious plan for wild fires, incompetent democratic

leadership, or attention to forest mismanagement. Is this supposed to be an example of competence and common sense?

Clearly, the man, Rogers, never saw a liberal/progressive talking point he didn't embrace, in spite of the troubling fact several decades of thinking like a progressive Democrat politician have led to the current state of California in decline. Awash with Chris Rogers, Democrats who haven't recognized its Democrat policies which do not work, all have succeeded in making California a place where successful people mostly want to exit the Golden State.

Along with championing destructive environmental policies and using the foil of "climate crisis" to continue to push the agenda of incompetence, Assemblyman Rogers clearly has not received the "memo" from Washington, DC. Waste and fraud have become "targets" of the Trump Administration. California politicians Chris Rogers and Jared Huffman will not do themselves any favors by not recognizing Democrat governance is not IN SEASON and California politicians clinging to the past will likely suffer the consequences.

What will truly be unfortunate, is citizens represented by Rogers will become the ones most affected by Rogers' lack of common sense and awareness. Money which flowed like a river during the Biden Administration will dry up. Local and regional California governments will begin to find out programs not directly benefiting citizens will be programs to be found in the waste bin.

1. Legislation mandating California include funding for off-shore wind power and supporting seaport infrastructure which may never be realized is not a good start in Rogers' freshman season as assembly member. Neither is more money for salmon restoration projects on the Klamath River when Pacific Power ratepayers were assured money for restoration was in the funding for dam removal. More Rogers dipping into taxpayer wallets is not a pathway to success for Klamath River restoration or any other environmental project when current restoration efforts thus far haven't been particularly successful.

Until our newest member of the Sacramento assembly, Rogers can show more awareness to the changing world he is now to be found, those of us in Del Norte County should not expect too much from our new representative except more problems. A dose of "common sense" wouldn't hurt too much, but I for one am not holding my breath for this welcomed "common sense."