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On The Campaign Trail

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Have you ever wondered what it is like for an underdog candidate to be out in the wild arena of political rhetoric?

The campaign trail is a tiring and hectic pursuit of common-sense policy, while dodging the people who refuse to listen, discuss, or even try to explain why they think common sense is wrong.

The days are long and the drives are longer, meetings with business owners, shoppers, individuals and a few local leaders. A brief description of a few days in my personal schedule becomes a mishmash of events, door knocking, meetings and public speaking.

These past few days I spoke at a Federated Republican Women's meeting in Eureka. The next day I attended a Rodeo in Fortuna, talking with the directors, fans, participants, and sampling food by local clubs including oysters, tri-tip along with a hot dog.

Saturday morning on to Santa Rosa for meetings in the morning. Then I did some door knocking in Ukiah before an NRA dinner that night.

Sunday, I attended a morning church meeting in Ukiah then another church group in Santa Rosa before introducing myself to people in the Santa Rosa town square.

Are you tired yet? I am. Monday was spent talking with business owners and seeking endorsements, besides more door knocking. Tuesday I was canvassing neighborhoods before speaking at the Santa Rosa chapter of California Rifle and Pistol Association.

Wednesday a stop in Weott, off highway 101, before finally getting home late that night.

The people I meet are super, even the ones who disagreed with me but the time was worth it. My goal is to protect our rights and rural lifestyle from the democrat leadership who want us in designated housing areas and under their control.

People talked about how unaffordable California is with the high costs of living because Sacramento tries to control every aspect of our life.

We discussed how there is no accountability for the politicians of the one-party system in California and the scams they engineer to feather their pockets, such as high-speed rail and the Redwood Trail debacle.

I was asked about non-disclosure agreements, between unions, government contractors and the state directing agencies.

They wanted to know why our current representatives, Democrats Huffman, Mc- Guire, and Rogers support spending millions of dollars on illegal aliens and giving them money to buy a home over our own citizens (AB1840).

“We need to make California a place that we want to live, not leave”, was stated by Jason at the Fortuna Rodeo.

We need to address three issues when it is time to vote.

1) Vote for accountability or the democrats will continue to make our pocketbooks thinner.

2) Vote for and support the “California Dream” and making the state Golden once again. Do not let the vocal minority intimidate you.

3) Be proud of what America represents: Liberty, Freedom of Choice, and the opportunity to prosper with hard work and self-reliance, instead of relying on the government to feed, house, and clothe you.

Remember affordability, accountability, and achievability is what this election is about. That is just the opposite of our Democrat representatives are passing laws to prevent.

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