TAX THE WEALTHY AND CORPORATIONS TO FUND HUMAN NEEDS

Look at the facts - The rich in California are getting a lot richer:

The average income of the top 1% more than doubled between 1995 and 2007

But their tax rates have gone down:

The share of corporate income paid in taxes has fallen by nearly half since 1981

The governor and the legislature are decimating education and shredding the safety net to balance the budget. They claim they can't tax the rich and corporations because we will lose jobs and hurt the economy. But with years of lower taxes on the wealthy and corporations we have greater unemployment and an economic meltdown.

Let's turn it around. We can use the wealth that we have created through our labor to benefit all of us.

(Graphs from the California Budget Project)

PEACE & FREEDOM PARTY NEWSLETTER

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Five reasons to shut down the U.S. War Machine

1. U.S occupations are making conditions worse in Iraq and Afghanistan.
2. We need to feed the Haitians instead of conquering them.
3. Innocent people are killed, their neighborhoods destroyed.
4. War is the number one environmental disaster. The U.S. military is the single biggest creator of greenhouse gases.
5. Military spending gobbles up at least 44% of tax revenue. One trillion dollars has been wasted on the Afghanistand and Iraq wars so far and another quarter trillion is budgeted for this year. Our tax money pays for developing and manufacturing weapons of mass destruction instead of putting people to work building housing and public transportation.

Five things you can do

1. Work against military recruitment in the schools and at local recruiting centers.
2. Expose companies that are involved in war production and contracting mercenaries.
3. Go to anti-war demonstrations and actions.
4. Depose the politicians who vote to continue the occupations and fund the war machine.
5. Register and vote Peace and Freedom Party. Contact us to get active (see inside).
FROM THE PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY PLATFORM:

Provide full free quality public education from pre-school through graduate school.

Double the minimum wage, and index it to the cost of living.

Withdraw U. S. troops and weapons from other countries, and reallocate the resulting "peace dividend" for social benefit.

Full rights for all immigrant workers. No human is illegal. Stop ICE raids. Stop jailing and deporting immigrants.

Free high-quality health care for everyone, including birth control, abortion, pre-natal and childhood health care.

Restore and protect air, water, land and ecosystems.

The Peace and Freedom Party, founded in 1967, is committed to socialism, democracy, ecology, feminism and racial equality. We represent the working class, those without capital in a capitalist society. We organize toward a world where cooperation replaces competition, a world where all people are well fed, clothed and housed; where all women and men have equal status; where all individuals may freely endeavor to fulfill their own talents and desires; a world of freedom and peace where every community retains its cultural integrity and lives with all others in harmony.

The "Open " Primary Shuts Down Democracy

The so-called open primary proposition on the June 8 Ballot is a death sentence for alternative parties in California. This is how it works:

Any voter would be able to vote for any candidate in any party in primary elections - the ones held in June or March. Then the two highest vote getting candidates would be on the November election ballot. It might be a rich democrat and a rich republican. Or two rich democrats. Or two rich republicans.

When alternative parties cannot have candidates in the November elections, they will eventually lose their ballot status. Working class people will lose the right to build a party that represents them.

We need to be able to speak for ourselves during elections. We need to have our own party and pick our own candidates.

Vote No on Proposition 14 – The Top-Two Trap

Down With Corporate Power

Are you happy with your ever-rising gas and electric bills? The utility companies have a proposition for you. They want to require a two-thirds super-majority for localities to take over or expand their own power operations. That will be on the June 8 ballot in California.

All Power to the People! Vote No on Proposition 16

You Can Choose Peace and Freedom Party Candidates

There will be three candidates for Governor on the June 8 Peace and Freedom Party ballot: Stewart Alexander, Carlos Alvarez, and Mohamed Arif. You can find out about them by going to www.peaceandfreedom.org and following links to their websites.

The Peace and Freedom Party State Central Committee recommends:

CT Weber for Lieutenant Governor
Marylou Cabral for Secretary of State
Karen Martinez for Controller
Debra Reiger for Treasurer
Robert Evans for Attorney General
Dina Padilla for Insurance Commissioner
Marsha Feinland for U.S. Senate: Go to www.feinlandforsenate.org.

Register Peace and Freedom Party before May 24
to vote in the June 8 Primary.