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## **Assembly Republicans Back Runner**

*Assembly Members Hagman, Knight, Smyth and Strickland join growing statewide coalition*

SACRAMENTO—Senator and Taxpayer Advocate George Runner has announced the latest additions to a growing list of supporters from across the state. They are Assembly Republicans Curt Hagman, Cameron Smyth, Audra Strickland and Steve Knight.

Assembly Republicans cited Runner's proven record in the State Legislature in addition to his role as a Taxpayer Advocate for the statewide anti-tax group Americans for Prosperity.

"George Runner has successfully fought tax increases and over-regulation in Sacramento for over 12 years," said Assemblyman Hagman (Chino Hills). "He has never let California taxpayers down and he never will".

Senator Runner is running for BOE District 2, the largest of 4 districts that comprise California's statewide tax board. The district encompasses all or portions of 37 Counties that span from the California-Oregon border to San Bernardino County.

"Having the support of these conservative leaders demonstrates my commitment to opposing tax increases and rooting out the waste, fraud and abuse in state government," said Runner. "We are quickly building a strong statewide coalition capable of communicating this message to Californians up and down the state."

George Runner currently represents a large southern portion of BOE District 2 in the State Senate. He is well known statewide for his work in implementing the successful Amber Alert system and passing Jessica's Law in 2006. He resides in Lancaster with his wife, former Assemblywoman Sharon Runner.

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