

March 8, 2018

Dear Chairman Emeritus Scott Baugh,

For a decade you led the Republican Party of Orange County as our Chairman. Both as the Chairman, and before as a legislative leader, you upheld President Reagan's 11th Commandment – thou shalt not speak ill on any fellow Republican. Your recent decision to consider publicly challenge the Party's endorsed candidate for Congress, Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, is inconsistent with the positions you espoused as a leader and the principles we share.

As Orange County Republican elected officials, we urge you to reconsider.

Now more than ever, it is critical we unite behind elected leaders fighting for our common principles. Limited resources and volunteer energy must be directed towards defeating Democrats and not fellow Republicans. Proceeding on your current path is destructive to the Republican Party of Orange County which you helped build. It is divisive and presents an unnecessary distraction.

We all endorse Congressman Rohrabacher in his re-election to congress. Fighting for limited government and individual freedom, Congressman Rohrabacher has represented the 48th Congressional District, and our entire Nation, with distinction. In the coming election, we anticipate four highly contested Congressional seats – we need you to be a unifying force. If you choose to move forward with your candidacy it will be over our objections and without our support.

Again, we ask that you not run at this to time and join us in fighting to protect this congressional seat.

Sincerely,

Kevin McCarthy

House Majority Leader

Ken Calvert

Member of Congress

Mimi Walters

Member of Congress

Darrell Issa

Member of Congress

Jim Brulte

Chairman, California Republican Party

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Orange County Supervisor

Lisa Bartlett  
Orange County Supervisor

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Michael Vo  
Mayor, Fountain Valley

David Harrington  
Mayor, Aliso Viejo

Mike Varipapa  
Mayor, Seal Beach

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Mayor, Laguna Niguel

John Mark Jennings

Mayor Pro-Tem, Laguna Niguel

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Mayor, Westminster

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City Councilman, Newport Beach