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To: Candidates for Elective Office
Campaign Committees

From: Sam Bunton,
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Subject: Yuba County Sign Ordinance, Political Signs

I would like to take this opportunity to inform all candidates for elective office and campaign committees about the placement of Political Signs. Political Signs are allowed to be placed up to three (3) months prior to an election and must be removed within ten (10) days following the election. The duration of the sign placement pertains to all lands within Yuba County.

Unlike permanent signs, which are expressly prohibited from being placed within the County's right of way, the placement of political signs within the right of way may be allowable under certain conditions. Right of way is the area of land the County owns in fee title or has an easement for the purposes of public facilities such as roads, sidewalks, drainage ditches, etc. and is typically between 60 and 100 feet in width.

Those certain conditions that all must be met in order to place a Political Sign within the right of way are as follows:

- The right of way is by easement (not fee title) and the underlying fee title owner has granted permission to place the sign on their property within the right of way. If the County owns the right of way by fee title, the County cannot grant permission to anyone to place a Political Sign on County owned property.
- Political Signs can never obstruct use of the public facility and therefore cannot be within the clear vision triangle of a road intersection nor in any way obstruct the site distance of a roadway. The clear vision triangle is defined in the County Ordinance as a triangle with two legs that begin at the edge of pavement of an intersection and run 25' away from the intersection on each of the intersecting roads.
- In addition to the site obstruction, Political Signs cannot be placed within the maintained "county highway" as defined in the Streets and Highways Code. For the purposes of defining "county highway", this includes roads, bridges, culverts, curbs, sidewalks, storm drains, open ditches, and all works incidental to operation and maintenance of these facilities operated by the County (this includes CSA roads, but not private roads). In general terms this means no Political Signs that are within 10 feet of the edge of pavement. In the event the top back of bank of the roadside

ditch or the back of sidewalk is greater than 10 feet from the edge of pavement, then the outside edge of the ditch or sidewalk applies as the limit line.

Our County resources are limited and County personnel are obligated to enforce violations of the County Ordinance when brought to our attention. Action by County personnel to respond to violations cost time and resources that will be billed to the offender. Accordingly, your attention to abiding by the County's Sign Ordinance is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions about placement of Political Signs, please contact the Community Development & Services Agency at 749-5430 (free of charge) prior to placement of the signs.