

## **From the desk of Dan Jacobson, Chair**

### **The Party of Law & Order vs. The Party of Irresponsibility**

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It used to be said that if one were not a Democrat when young, one had no heart; if one were not a Republican when old, one had no brain. A sentiment was that the Democratic Party, while caring, was loose with issues regarding law and order; the Republican Party, while all for law and order, was not caring.

This saying is not heard much anymore. Today, the Democratic Party is the party of law and order, while the Republican Party, as exemplified by Ted Cruz and the House Republicans, has regressed into irresponsibility, and has begun to embrace the incipient steps of anarchy.

Citizens who were or are registered Republicans, have and are leaving the Republican Party in droves. Now that evidence of the Republican Party's disrespect for the law is being unveiled, we in the Democratic Party will welcome more countless former Republicans into our big tent. We assure them a warm welcome.

Obamacare is the law. We learned in elementary school that a bill becomes law when both Houses of Congress pass it and the President signs it. That law can be challenged in the courts. Obamacare passed the Congress, the President signed it, and the Supreme Court declared it Constitutional.

A law can be repealed. In the case of Obamacare, the Republicans made the repeal of Obamacare a cornerstone of the 2012 Presidential election, an election that they lost by over 5,000,000 votes.

Having tried legal means of stopping Obamacare, the Republican Party has chosen metaphorical hostage-taking to try to stop millions of Americans from getting quality private health insurance. The hostage being the American government and its laws – End Obamacare or we won't pay air traffic controllers (except with IOUs, which Vons won't accept), we won't allow the nearly \$300,000,000 of tourism revenue that California's national parks generate, we won't allow the EPA to protect your air and water, we won't allow the CDC to protect your health, we won't allow the FDA to inspect imported food – we won't allow your government to operate; we won't allow the your government to enforce your laws.

End Obamacare – or we will force the principles of anarchy on you – damn the law; we don't like this law, so we won't allow the other laws to be operate. The Republican Party has now shredded its last vestiges of patriotic belief in law and order. The Republican Party no longer believes in law; its actions show that it disdains law.

If you are caring, and if you believe in law and order and you are registered as a Republican, your Party has left you. We in the Democratic Party welcome those Republicans who rather than disdaining the law, love it, and love America.

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