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Indefensible Budget Deal Will Crush Economy- Enable Dysfunctional State Government

Fresno, California – “The budget deal struck early this morning by unanimous vote of Democrats in Sacramento, and Republicans Mike Villines, Anthony Adams, Roger Niello, Dave Cogdill, Roy Ashburn and Abel Maldonado is a disaster for California’s economy, a crushing burden on California’s taxpayers and small businesses, and an enabler of California’s dysfunctional, bloated Government to continue unabated”, said Lincoln Club Chairman Michael Der Manouel, Jr. this morning.

“We already know Governor Schwarzenegger’s second term to be the most disastrous of any Governor in the history of California, but when small minority of Republicans enable Democrats to hand the taxpayers of our already overtaxed and overregulated State another \$70 billion dollar, five year bill to remedy their out of control spending, it is the worst day I have seen politically in California in over 20 years” Der Manouel continued. “It is no wonder business is fleeing the State, employers are trimming their workforces, and citizens are losing their homes. With friends like this in Sacramento, who needs enemies? Republicans have one opportunity each year to stop the budgetary reign of terror of the Democrat majority, and for the eighth straight year, Republicans blinked.”

Finally, Der Manouel commented that “State Senator Abel Maldonado’s ‘deal’ to have a “blanket primary” was a shamelessly self serving move aimed at advancing his individual future political prospects. The other phony provision to withhold legislative pay if there is a late budget sounds great, but it’s hardly worth the \$70 billion price tag.”

“As California Republicans gather this weekend in Sacramento, we need to ask ourselves a simple question. Why do we even need to exist in this State if we cannot ever leverage our one chance a year to protect taxpayers?”

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