

Most Important Sheriff's Race of the Year!

By the GOC Staff

Of the 58 County Sheriff's elections going on this year you would think that the most important race might be the campaign to replace Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca, a virulent anti-gunner, or another race in one of the larger counties where there needs to be a sea-change on the issuance of Carry Concealed Weapons Permits (CCWs) but this isn't the case. The most important Sheriff's election is going on in the tiny and beautiful county of Del Norte, nestled in the far northwest corner of the state against the Oregon border.

Del Norte County Sheriff Dean Wilson has earned the endorsement of Gun Owners of California Campaign Committee (GOCCC) for re-election. His strong and vocal defense of the U.S. Constitution and the Second Amendment in particular, has earned him the support and admiration of law-abiding citizens throughout California.

GOCCC is California's oldest pro-gun political action committee and over the past 39 years, since its inception, we cannot recall a single time that an elected County Sheriff has personally testified

before the legislature to defend the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Californians. Sheriff Wilson was one of the first. "Sheriff Wilson has shown leadership, courage and dedication in stepping forward and making it perfectly clear to the State Legislature that he supports the Second Amendment, and for that we are eternally grateful", said Sam Paredes, Executive Director of Gun Owners of California.

"It's important that we elect leaders who understand our Constitution and the true intentions of our Founding Fathers. The endorsement of Sheriff Wilson was a no-brainer. We need Sheriffs like Dean Wilson who understand that the amendments added to our Constitution in the Bill of Rights are individual safeguards put there to protect us from overreaching government. We also believe that Sheriff Wilson will not only continue to be the criminal's worst nightmare, he has already proven to be the law-abiding citizen's best friend", said Paredes.

Gun Owners of California has conferred on

Del Norte County Sheriff Dean Wilson the title of Honorary Life Member for his outstanding and unwavering support of the Second Amendment.

The Gun Owners of California Campaign Committee is dedicated to the defense of the Second Amendment and the election of pro-gun candidates.

For information on how you can directly support the re-election of Sheriff Wilson, go to his website <http://www.wilsonforsheriff.us/> and help him in any way you can.



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Update from the Bench

By Sam Paredes - Executive Director

Understandably, there is lots of confusion out there about where we stand with regards to recent court decisions and the actions (or inactions) of the U.S. Supreme Court (SCOTUS). Let's see if we can unravel this and resolve some misinformation that is floating around in the pro-Second Amendment community.

First, let's start with the Peruta v. San Diego decision by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. A three judge panel issued a landmark decision making California's requirements that applicants for Carry Concealed Weapons permits (CCW's) must show good cause that includes something other than personal protection or self-defense, as unconstitutional. At that point, San Diego County could have requested an en banc re-hearing of the case. That is where a panel of 11 judges of the Appellate Court could re-hear the case and either uphold the decision of the three judge panel or issue a different ruling. San Diego County at the urging of Sheriff William Gore chose not to request the en banc hearing.

When San Diego County chose not proceed any further, California Attorney General Kamala Harris (AG) asked for the en banc hearing even though she had chosen not to engage in the lawsuit prior to this point. The court then asked all of the attorneys involved to send in an opinion as to whether the court should even consider the AG's request with arguments as to whether she had standing before the court on this issue. After considering the input by the attorneys on both sides of the case, the court will then decide whether they should consider the AG's request.

If the court rules that she does not have standing, then the three judge panel ruling goes into effect. If they rule that she does have standing, then they will consider her

request and decide whether they want to grant it or not. This is a separate decision. If they grant it, then an 11 judge panel will be selected at random from the members of the court and a new hearing will be held. If the ruling stands and San Diego chooses not to appeal the ruling to SCOTUS, the ruling becomes the law of the land in the area encompassed by the 9th Circuit Court.

There is a wild-card here. Any member of the court can ask for an en banc hearing whether any of the participants asks for one or not. In this case, a rehearing of the case will be held. If the ruling goes against us, then we will appeal to SCOTUS.

We also heard that SCOTUS denied granting certiorari (a hearing) to the New Jersey case known as Drake v. Jerejian. It was widely expected that this case was a natural for SCOTUS to hear because like the Peruta case, it dealt with the right to carry a concealed firearm outside the home. Observers rationalized that since multiple Appellate Courts had vastly different conclusions on this right, and the court held multiple conferences to discuss whether to accept this case, SCOTUS would take the case and resolve this issue once and for all. It was quite a surprise when the court announced that it would not take up the Drake case.

There is plenty of speculation that since there was not a final resolution of the Peruta case from the 9th Circuit Court that it would wait to see what happens before wading in on this very important issue. Some are concerned that the

defenders of the Second Amendment within the court might have lost a vote and so they chose not to accept it. Some are even concerned that SCOTUS did not want to take up another case that was being presented by the same team that litigated both the Heller v. Washington DC and McDonald v. Chicago. Nobody really knows why SCOTUS ultimately chose not to take the case.

These are the vagaries of the highest court in the land.

Although the anti-gunners are giddy with glee that Drake will not be considered, do not despair. There are still plenty of other cases including the Peruta v. San Diego, that SCOTUS will be able to choose from when the time is right.

We do not have many answers as to why things are where they are but we are confident that we have the best legal team possible protecting our interests before the courts.

Stay tuned to our website www.gunownersca.com for all the latest news and developments from the courts.

See Inside . . .

California Legislative Primary Elections - June 3, 2014

*Incumbent

(To conserve space, we did not include those races where there were only one or two candidates. They will be making it to the November General Elections under any circumstances.)

Go to our website at www.gunownersca.com for a complete election guide that is being updated daily.)

District/Candidates Party Rating

California State Senate

SD 2 DEREK KNELL DEM
HARRY V. LEHMANN NPP C
MIKE MCGUIRE DEM
LAWRENCE WIESNER REP A

SD6 JAMES AXELGARD REP
ROGER DICKINSON DEM F
RICHARD PAN DEM D
JONATHAN ZACHARIOU REP A

SD 10 AUDIE BOCK NPP
MARY HAYASHI DEM F
PETER KUO REP A
ROMAN REED DEM
BOB WIECKOWSKI DEM F

SD 18 RICARDO A. BENITEZ REP
BOB HERTZBERG DEM F
JACK LINDBLAD GRN

SD 20 CONNIE M. LEYVA DEM
MATTHEW MUNSON REP A
SHANNON O'BRIEN DEM
SYLVIA ROBLES DEM
AL SANCHEZ DEM

SD 24 PETER CHOI DEM
KEVIN DE LEON* DEM F
WILLIAM MORRISON REP F

SD 26 BEN ALLEN DEM
BARBI APPELQUIST DEM F
BETSY BUTLER DEM
SANDRA FLUKE DEM
AMY HOWORTH DEM
VITO IMBASCIANI DEM
SETH STODDER NPP
PATRIC M. VERRONE DEM

SD 28 WILLIAM CARNS REP
PHILIP DRUCKER DEM A
BONNIE GARCIA REP A
GLENN A. MILLER REP F
ANNA NEVENIC DEM F
JEFF STONE REP A

SD 32 CARLOS R. ARVIZU DEM
MARIO A. GUERRA REP
SALLY HAVICE DEM F
TONY MENDOZA DEM F
IRELLA PEREZ DEM

SD 34 JANET NGUYEN REP
LONG PHAM REP
JOSE SOLORIO DEM F

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California State Assembly

AD 2 PAMELA ELIZONDO GRN
MATT HEATH REP A
JOHN LOWRY DEM
JIM WOOD DEM

AD 3 JAMES GALLAGHER REP A
JIM REED DEM
RYAN SCHOHR REP A

AD 4 DUSTIN CALL REP
BILL DODD DEM
JOE KROVOZA DEM
CHARLIE SCHAUPP REP A
DAN WOLK DEM

AD 7 STEVE COHN DEM F
MARK JOHANNESSEN DEM F
KEVIN MCCARTY DEM F
RALPH MERLETTI REP
OLIVER PONCE REP A

AD 8 JANICE BONSER LIB A
KEN COOLEY* DEM A
DOUGLAS HAALAND REP A

AD 9 JIM COOPER DEM
DARRELL R. FONG DEM
TIM GORSULOWSKY REP A
MANUEL J. MARTIN REP A
DIANA SURUKI DEM

AD 10 GREGORY ALLEN REP
ERIN CARLSTROM DEM
DIANA M. CONTI DEM
RONI JACOBI DEM
MARC LEVINE* DEM F

AD 13 SUSAN T. EGGMAN* DEM C
SOL JOBRACK REP B
CATHERINE STEBBINS DEM D

AD 15 ELIZABETH ECHOLS DEM
CLARENCE HUNT DEM
SAM KANG DEM
RICH KINNEY REP B
PAMELA PRICE DEM
EUGENE E. RUYLE P&F
TONY THURMOND DEM
BERNT RAINER WAHL NPP

AD 16 NEWELL ARNERICH DEM
CATHARINE BAKER REP
STEVE GLAZER DEM
TIM SBRANTI DEM

AD 17 DAVID CAMPOS DEM
DAVID CHIU DEM
DAVID C. SALAVERRY REP

AD 20 JAIME PATINO REP A
BILL QUIRK* DEM F
LUIS REYNOSO NPP

AD 22 MARK GILHAM REP A
JON MADISON REP
KEVIN MULLIN* DEM F

AD 24 GREG COLADONATO DEM
DIANE GABL REP B
RICHARD GORDON* DEM F

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AD 26 TESS ANDRES REP A
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DEREK A. THOMAS DEM A

AD 28 BARRY CHANG DEM
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AD 32 ROMEO AGBALOG REP A
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AD 33 MICHELLE AMBROZIC REP A
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RICK ROELLE REP A
BRETT SAVAGE REP

AD 36 STEVE FOX* DEM A
KERMIT F. FRANKLIN DEM

JD KENNEDY REP A
TOM LACKEY REP
SUZETTE MARTINEZ REP

AD 39 RAUL BOCANEGRA* DEM F
PATTY LOPEZ DEM
KEVIN J. SUSCAVAGE DEM

AD 40 ARTHUR BUSTAMONTE DEM
KATHLEEN HENRY DEM
MELISSA O'DONNELL DEM
MARC STEINORTH REP A

AD 42 KARALEE HARGROVE DEM
GARY JEANDRON REP B
CHAD MAYES REP A

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JACQUI IRWIN DEM
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AD 48 JOE M. GARDNER REP A
ROGER HERNANDEZ* DEM F
MIKE MEZA NPP

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AD 55 LING-LING CHANG REP A
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JOSE MEDINA* DEM B
D. S. YARBROUGH DEM B

AD 62 AUTUMN BURKE DEM
SIMONA A. FARRISE DEM
GLORIA GRAY DEM
TED J. GROSE REP
PAUL KOURI DEM
ADAM M. PLIMPTON DEM
EMIDIO SOLTYSIK NPP
MIKE STEVENS DEM

AD 64 MICAH ALI DEM
MIKE GIPSON DEM
STEVE NEAL DEM
PROPHET WALKER DEM

AD 69 TOM DALY* DEM D
CECILIA IGLESIAS REP
SHERRY WALKER REP

AD 70 JOHN C. GOYA REP
SUJA LOWENTHAL DEM
PATRICK O'DONNELL DEM

AD 72 TRAVIS ALLEN* REP A
ALBERT AYALA DEM A
JOEL BLOCK DEM

AD 73 BILL BROUGH REP A
ANNA BRYSON REP A
WENDY GABRIELLA DEM
PAUL G. GLAAB REP
JESSE PETRILLA REP A

AD 74 ANILA ALI DEM
KEITH D. CURRY REP A
MATTHEW HARPER REP
KARINA ONOFRE DEM
EMANUEL PATRASCU REP

AD 78 TONI ATKINS* DEM F
BARBARA DECKER REP
KEVIN D. MELTON REP

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Shasta County Sheriff Tom Bosenko Honored at GOC Banquet

Sheriff Tom Bosenko has been one of GOC's strongest supporters since he was elected Sheriff of Shasta County. He is one of the leaders of California's Constitutional Sheriffs and has been the main point of contact for all legislative matters advocating our positions within the California State Sheriff's Association. He is also one of the most active communicators with the legislature regarding any and all legislation that affects our Second Amendment rights.

As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, where Sheriff Dean Wilson of Del Norte County may be the soul of the pro-gun Sheriffs in the Golden State, Sheriff Tom Bosenko is the heart. He proactively works to stay in close communication with Gun Owners of California and is enthusiastic about being a part of the process. We are blessed to have the undivided support of folks like Sheriff Bosenko and look forward to working with him for years to come. It should come as no surprise that in this election year, no one rose to run against him.

At the 2014 Redding Banquet held on Saturday March 29, 2014, the Board of Directors of GOC decided to begin recognizing outstanding Sheriffs by honoring one of them as our Gun Owners of California Sheriff of the Year. Sheriff Tom Bosenko was the recipient of that honor and was made an Honorary Life Member of Gun Owners of California for his outstanding efforts in supporting our Second Amendment rights.

Thank you Sheriff Bosenko for your dedication to duty and honor, we sincerely appreciate your leadership and support.

