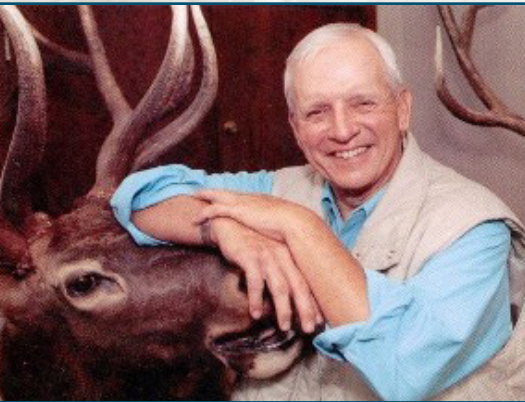




GUN OWNERS of California

GOC FOUNDER AND POLITICAL MAVERICK H.L. RICHARDSON PASSES AWAY

By Sam Paredes, GOC Executive Director



Senator H. L. “Bill” Richardson, one of the 2nd Amendment’s most dominant forces and founder of Gun Owners of California and Gun Owners of America, passed away on January 13, 2020. He was 92.

A nationally recognized, twenty-two-year veteran of the California State Senate, Richardson was a political pioneer, focusing almost exclusively on the preservation and protection of the 2nd Amendment. An active hunter and outdoorsman, Senator Richardson was vigorously involved on the state and national scene for more than four decades.

Born in Terre Haute, Indiana in 1927, Richardson fell in love with the beauty and grandeur of California following his graduation from the Cornish (Art) Conservatory in Washington. He was elected to the State Senate in 1966 and served for 22 years, during which time he grew concerned with repeated attacks on the 2nd Amend-

ment and made the decision to form Gun Owners of California, a grassroots political action committee. Gun Owners of America soon followed and Richardson’s keen skill for mobilizing single individuals toward a common goal launched a very effective political movement that continues to this day. In addition to GOC and GOA, Richardson organized multiple political action committees, including the “Law and Order Campaign Committee” which led the successful charge to defeat Chief Justice Rose Bird and two other liberal members of California’s Supreme Court. Following his retirement from the Legislature in 1988, he primarily devoted his time to GOC and GOA.

Richardson’s legacy, however, extends far beyond the world of politics. He was an extraordinary hunter and dedicated to the conservation of California game. He was a prolific writer, penning fictional and non-fictional books alike. His book “Confrontational Politics” is the quintessential guide to approaching politics from a conservative perspective and is considered a virtual “game plan” for political wins.

CALIFORNIA CANDIDATE SCORECARD PRIMARY ELECTION MARCH 3, 2020

The 2020 election is upon us. The primary is right around the corner and as is our custom, we have produced a voters guide based upon recorded legislative votes. For non-incumbents, we send each candidate a questionnaire which, if answered thoroughly, provides GOC the ability to assess a candidates’ policy views on the Second Amendment. The questionnaires are analyzed and a grade is assigned (A – F) by GOC staff. Not responding indicates the 2nd Amendment is not a priority and is noted as DNR. “I” indicates incumbent.

Statewide Direct Primary Election - March 3, 2020

California State Senate

District/Candidates	Party	Rating
SD1 BRIAN DAHLE PAMELA SWARTZ LINDA KELLEHER	R	A
	D	DNR
	NPP	DNR
SD3 BILL DODD	D	F
SD5 JESUS ANDREADE KATHLEEN GARCIA JIM RIDENOUR SUSAN EGGMAN MANI GREWAL	R	C
	R	DNR
	R	DNR
	D	F
	D	DNR
SD7 JULIE MOBLEY STEVE GLAZER MARISOL RUBIO	R	DNR
	D	F
	D	DNR
SD9 NANCY SKINNER (I)	D	F
SD11 ERIN SMITH JACKIE FIELDER SCOTT WIENER (I)	R	A
	D	DNR
	D	F
SD13 ALEXANDER GLEW JOSH BECHER MIKE BROWNRIGG SALLY LIEBER ANNIE OLIVA SHELLY MASUR JOHN WEBSTER	R	DNR
	D	DNR
	D	F
	D	F
	D	DNR
	D	DNR
	L	A
SD15 KEN DEL VALLE ROBERT HOWELL NORA CAMPOS DAVE CORTESE ANNIE RAVEL TIM GILDERSLEEVE JOHNNY KHAMIS	R	DNR
	R	B+
	D	F
	D	DNR
	D	F
	NPP	F
	NPP	DNR
SD17 VICKI NOHRDEN MARIA CADENAS JOHN LAIRD JOHN NEVILL	R	A
	D	DNR
	D	F
	D	DNR
SD19 GARY MICHAELS S. MONIQUE LIMON	R	C
	D	F

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2020 CANDIDATE SCORECARDS...CONT.

	ANASTASIA STONE	NPP	DNR
SD21	SCOTT WILK (I)	R	A
	WARREN HEATON	D	DNR
	STEVE HILL	D	DNR
	DANA LAMON	D	DNR
	KIPP MUELLER	D	DNR
SD23	ROSILICIE BOGH	R	B
	CRISTINA PURACI	R	B
	LLOYD WHITE	R	A
	KRIS GOODFELLOW	D	DNR
	ABIGAIL MEDINA	D	DNR
SD25	A.PORTANTINO (I)	D	F
SD27	HOUMAN SALEM	R	A
	HENRY STERN (I)	D	F
SD28	MELISSA MELENDEZ	R	A+
	ANNA NEVENIC	D	DNR
	ELIZABETH ROMERO	D	DNR
	JOY SILVER	D	DNR
	JOHN SCHWAB	R	DNR
SD29	LING LING CHANG (I)	R	C+
	JOSEPH CHO	D	DNR
	JOSH NEWAMN	D	C
SD31	RICHARD ROTH (I)	D	C
SD33	LENA GONZALEZ (I)	D	F
SD35	S. BRADFORD (I)	D	F
	PERRY AI		C-
SD37	JOHN MOORLACH (I)	R	A
	KATRINA FOLEY	D	DNR
	DAVE MIN	D	F
SD39	TONI ATKINS (I)	D	F

California State Assembly District/Candidates Party Rating

AD1	MEGAN DAHLE (I)	R	A
	E. BETANCOURT	D	DNR
	PK DHANUKA	NPP	B
AD2	CHARLOTTE SVOLOS	R	DNR
	JIM WOOD (I)	D	F
AD3	J. GALLAGHER (I)	R	A+
	JAMES HENSON	D	DNR
AD4	MATTHEW NELSON	R	DNR
	C. AGUIAR-CURRY (I)	D	F
	SOPHIA RACKE	D	DNR
AD5	FRANK BIGELOW (I)	R	A+

AD6	KEVIN KILEY (I)	R	A
	JACKIE SMITH	D	DNR
AD7	KEVIN MCCARTY (I)	D	F
AD8	CATHY COOK	R	DNR
	KEN COOLEY (I)	D	B-
AD9	ERIC RIGARD	R	DNR
	JIM COOPER (I)	D	F
	TRACIE STAFFORD	D	DNR
	M. TAHIRKHELI	D	DNR
AD10	RON SONDERGAARD	R	A
	TED CABRAL	D	DNR
	VERONICA JACOBI	D	DNR
	MARC LEVINE (I)	D	F
AD11	JIM FRAZIER (I)	D	A-
AD12	HEATH FLORA (I)	R	A+
	PAUL AKINJO	D	DNR
AD13	CHRISTINA FUGAZI	D	DNR
	KATHY MILLER	D	DNR
	C. VILLAPUDUA	D	DNR
AD14	JANELL PROCTOR	R	DNR
	TIM GRAYSON (I)	D	C-
	C. DEVEREAUX	P&F	DNR
AD15	JEANNE SOLNORDAL	R	DNR
	BUFFY WICKS (I)	D	F
	SARA BRINK	NPP	DNR
AD16	JOSEPH RUBAY	R	B
	R. BAUER-KAHAN (I)	D	F
AD17	DAVID CHIU	D	F
AD18	STEPHEN SLAUSON	R	C-
	ROB BONTA (I)	D	F
AD19	JOHN MCDONNELL	R	DNR
	PHIL TING (I)	D	F
AD20	SON NGUYEN	R	DNR
	VIPAN BAJWA	D	DNR
	BILL QUIRK (I)	D	F
	ALEXIS VILLALOBOS	D	DNR
AD21	ADAM GRAY (I)	D	A-
AD22	MARK GILHAM	R	DNR
	BRIDGET MAHONEY	R	A
	KEVIN MULLIN (I)	D	F
AD23	JIM PATTERSON (I)	R	A
AD24	PETER OHTAKI	R	DNR
	MARC BERMAN (I)	D	F
	KENNITA WATSON	L	A
AD25	BOB BRUNTON	R	A-
	JIM CANOVA	D	DNR
	NATASHA GUPTA	D	F

	ANNE KEPNER	D	F
	ALEX LEE	D	DNR
	CARMEN MONTANO	D	DNR
	ANTHONY PHAN	D	DNR
	ROMAN REED	D	DNR
	ANNA SONG	D	DNR
AD26	DEVON MATHIS (I)	R	A
	DREW PHELPS	D	DNR
AD27	G. BURT LANCASTER	R	B
	ASH KALRA (I)	D	F
AD28	CARLOS CRUZ	R	A
	EVAN LOW (I)	D	F
	SAM ROSS	NPP	DNR
	SHOMIRE BANERJEE	R	DNR
AD29	MARK STONE (I)	D	F
AD30	GREGORY SWETT	R	DNR
	ROBERT RIVAS (I)	D	F
AD31	F. BANUELOS	R	DNR
	J. ARAMBULA (I)	D	B
AD32	TODD COTTA	R	A
	RUDY SALAS (I)	D	B-
AD33	RICK HERRICK	R	B-
	THURSTON SMITH	R	D
	ALEX WALTON	R	DNR
	SOCORRO CISNEROS	D	DNR
	BLANCA GOMEZ	D	DNR
	ROGER LA PLANTE	D	DNR
	ANTHONY RHOADES	D	D
AD34	VINCE FONG (I)	R	A+
	JULIE SOLIS	D	DNR
AD35	J. CUNNINGHAM (I)	R	A
	DAWN ADDIS	D	DNR
AD36	TOM LACKEY (I)	R	A
	JOHNATHON ERVIN	D	DNR
	LOURDES EVERETT	D	DNR
	STEVE FOX	D	A-
	DIEDRA GREENAWAY	D	DNR
	OLLIE MCCAULLEY	D	A
	ERIC OHLSEN	D	DNR
	MICHAEL RIVES	D	F
AD37	CHARLES COLE	R	A-
	J. ABOUND	D	DNR
	STEVE BENNETT	D	DNR
	STEPHEN BLUM	D	DNR
	JASON DOMINGUEZ	D	DNR
	ELSA GRANADOS	D	DNR
	CATHY MURILLO	D	F
AD38	S. VALLADARES	R	A
	LUCIE VOLOTZKY	R	C
	DINA CERVANTES	D	DNR
	ANNIE CHO	D	DNR
	S. CHRISTOPHER	D	DNR
	KELVIN DRISCOLL	D	DNR

	BRANDII GRACE	D	DNR
AD39	RICARDO BENITEZ	R	D
	LUZ MARIA RIVAS (I)	D	F
AD40	JENNIFER TULLIUS	R	A
	JAMES RAMOS (I)	D	F
AD41	ROBIN GVIDSTON	R	A
	CHRIS HOLDEN (I)	D	F
AD42	ANDREW KOTYUK	R	DNR
	D. MAZINTO	D	F
	CHAD MAYES (I)	NPP	A
	MIKE GRAVES	R	B
AD43	LAURA FRIEDMAN (I)	D	F
	ROBERT SEXTON	NPP	F
AD44	DENISE PEDROW	R	A
	JACQUI IRWIN (I)	D	F
AD45	JESSE GABRIEL	D	F
AD46	LANIRA MURPHY	D	DNR
	ADRIN NAZARIAN (I)	D	F
AD47	MATTHEW GORDON	R	C-
	ELOISE REYES (I)	D	F
AD48	BLANCA RUBIO (I)	D	F
AD49	BURTON BRINK	R	A
	ED CHAU (I)	D	F
	BRYAN PEREZ	D	DNR
	PRISCILLA SILVA	D	DNR
AD50	RICHARD BLOOM (I)	D	F
	WILL HESS	D	B
	JIM KING'	D	DNR
AD51	WENDY CARRILLO (I)	D	F
AD52	TONI HOLLE	R	A
	F. RODRIGUEZ (I)	D	F
AD53	GODFREY PLATA	D	DNR
	M. SANTIAGO (I)	D	F
AD54	GLEN RATCLIFF	R	DNR
	CLINTON BROWN	D	F
	TRACY JONES	D	DNR
	S. KAMLAGER (I)	D	F
AD55	PHILLIP CHEN (I)	R	A
	A. RODRIGUEZ	D	DNR
AD56	AMERICA FIGUEROA	R	DNR
	EDUARDO GARCIA (I)	D	F
AD57	JESSICA MARTINEZ	R	A
	JOSUE ALVARADO	D	DNR
	LISA CALDERON	D	DNR
	PRIMO CASTRO	D	DNR
	GARY MENDEZ	D	DNR
	SYLVIA RUBIO	D	DNR
	DORA SANDOVAL	D	DNR

	VANESSA TYSON	D	DNR
	O. VALLADARES	D	DNR
AD58	CRISTINA GARCIA (I)	D	F
	MARGARET VILLA	GRN	DNR
AD59	MARCELLO VILLEDA	R	A
	R. JONES-SAWYER (I)	D	F
	EFREN MARTINEZ	D	DNR
AD60	CHRIS RAAHAUGE	R	A
	S. CERVANTES (I)	D	C-
AD61	ALI MAZAREI	R	A
	JOSE MEDINA (I)	D	F
AD62	ROBERT STEELE	R	DNR
	AUTUMN BURKE (I)	D	F
AD63	MARIA ESTRADA	D	DNR
	A. RENDON (I)	D	F
AD64	MIKE GIPSON (I)	D	F
	F. IQBAL-ZUBAIR	D	DNR
AD65	CYNTHIA THACKER	R	DNR
	S. QUIRK-SILVA (I)	D	F
AD66	ARTHUR SCHAPER	R	A
	AL MURATSUCHI (I)	D	F
AD67	STEVE MANOS	R	A
	NICK PARDUE	R	B
	KELLY SEYARTO	R	A
	JEREMY SMITH	R	A
	JERRY CARLOS	D	DNR
AD68	STEVEN CHOI (I)	R	A
	BENJAMIN YU	R	A
	EUGENE FIELDS	D	DNR
	MELISSA FOX	D	DNR
AD69	JON WHITE	R	DNR
	TOM DALY (I)	D	F
AD70	DAVID THOMAS	R	DNR
	P. O'DONNELL (I)	D	F
AD71	RANDY VOEPEL (I)	R	A
	LIZ LAVERTU	D	DNR
AD72	TYLER DIEP (I)	R	B
	JANET NGUYEN	R	A
	BIJAN MOHSENI	D	F
	DIEDRE NGUYEN	D	DNR
AD73	BILL BROUGH (I)	R	A
	LAURIE DAVIES	R	B
	ED SACHS	R	A
	CHRIS DUNCAN	D	DNR
	SCOTT RHINEHART	D	F
AD74	DIANE DIXON	R	A
	KELLY ERNBY	R	DNR
	C. PETRIE-NORRIS (I)	D	F
AD75	MARIE WALDRON (I)	R	A+

#WHATSYOURLEGACY?

In the aftermath of Senator Richardson's passing, GOC has been besieged with messages of condolences. While many expressed their sympathy, most however expressed something different: a sense of gratitude and appreciation for the tireless work he did on behalf of gun owners – whether they lived in California or across the nation.

"A true and great pro 2A warrior. RIP Brother in Arms"

~ Chuck Michel

Respected veteran reporter Dan Walters covered the Capitol for decades and remembered Richardson by penning "The Man Who Changed the Capitol." He wrote how Richardson "single-handedly changed the nature of the Capitol, pioneered political techniques that continue to be used and altered the course of California history...few political figures past or present could claim to have had such impact."

No truer statement could have been written about GOC's founder.

John Gizzi, chief political columnist and White House correspondent for Newsmax also weighed in, calling Richardson "A Swash-buckling Conservative Before It Was Cool." He recalled "...Utilizing his skills as an ad man and his legislative acumen, Richardson was

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a **major player in thwarting legislation** in Sacramento that would undermine the right to keep and bear arms....H.L. Richardson was a true swashbuckler in the postwar conservative movement, as well as a Renaissance man and true family man. To those whose lives he touched with words for inspiration, he won't be forgotten."

National Review's national-affairs reporter John Fund described Richardson as "savvy, outrageous, funny, and a patriot" and that "he [Richardson] helped **catapult conservative politics to a new level of sophistication**. Richardson didn't give a hoot about political correctness. He was one of the funniest, most effervescent, and most candid politicians I ever knew."

"He was a giant on the land and a mentor to me in every way"

~ Pat Nolan

The influence Richardson wielded was significant. Fund credited Richardson with **pioneering "a form of grassroots politics in California that proved to be revolutionary"**...His ability to move the political needle even while he was stuck in the legislature as a member of the minority party inspired many others to believe that they could make a difference from the outside."

Fund concluded with "Would that American politics had more H. L. Richardsons today."

That's something to consider. Who in the past 20 or so years has pioneered anything? Has anyone catapulted conservative politics – pro-gun or otherwise – to anything – let alone a new sophistication? Has anyone even thought about doing something different that could try to revolutionize grassroots politics?

"He was a legend and an icon of the conservative movement and he loved our country dearly but was deeply worried about the trend he saw coming. It is now up to us to continue fighting for our God-given rights and constitutional heritage that he fought for for most of his life"

~ Steve Baldwin

What if more elected officials had utilized the political knowledge Richardson delivered on how to "move the political needle?" Maybe we would not be in such a vulnerable position defending the 2nd Amendment – especially in California. The roadmap was there on how to mobilize single issue voters, and how to develop a constituency that could be used to move that needle. Sadly, however, once someone is elected, they usually develop an extraordinary sense of "know it all-ness," regardless of party affiliation. It's a challenge to pat down the "I'm pretty cool" that comes from sitting in the big chairs in the velvet-curtained, ornate

legislative chambers. Of course, some legislators keep things in perspective, but far too many adopt the attitude that they have all the answers. The vast majority find it very easy to dismiss advice on how to rock the status quo – particularly if it disrupts their comfort level and requires them to expend time and energy outside of voting and drinking cocktails with their colleagues.

"Bill will always be remembered as the "man who could and did." He provided that strong and steady leadership that showed the way to thousands across California and the Country. Bill's gone but his legacy will live forever"

~ John Briggs

GOC is issuing a challenge – not just to those elected to represent us, but to everyone. What's Your Legacy? We are all busy – life takes each one of us in innumerable directions, but you can help educate friends and family. Direct them to Gunownersca.com. **JOIN US IN THE FIGHT TO UPSET THE STATUS QUO!**

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