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BROWN RENOUNCES ROBO-CALLS, CALLS ON McCLINTOCK TO JOIN HIM

Brown renews pledge not to robo-dial district 4 residents in waning days of CA 04 Campaign

Roseville: As the campaign for California's 4th Congressional District reaches the home stretch, Retired USAF Lt. Col. Charlie Brown has called on his opponent, Southern California State Senator Tom McClintock, to join him in pledging to refrain from the use of robo-dial phone calls in the final two weeks of the campaign.

"Campaigns are supposed to be about voters interacting with the candidates and making informed choices on the issues," Brown said. "Robo-Dial phone calls are a nuisance and a deceptive campaign tactic typical of negative campaigns that would rather attack a person's character than offer detailed solutions."

In 2006, Robo-Dial phone calls to Democrats were used extensively by John Doolittle and the Republican National Committee. Brown's campaign received hundreds of complaints about the calls, which residents thought had come from Brown since they would begin with the phrase "I'm calling with information about Charlie Brown..." Similarly deceptive tactics were well documented in other campaigns across the country in 2006.

In an effort to avoid any confusion in 2008, Brown pledged this spring that he would not use robo-calls in the 2008 campaign.

Instead, Brown has held weekly town hall meetings across the district for each of the past 6 weeks, and will hold his seventh this Saturday in Grass Valley. On 3 occasions, the Brown campaign has made use of "Telephone Town Hall Meeting" services, which involve auto-calling thousands of voters simultaneously for the purpose of inviting them to participate in a live conference call with the candidate.

"Whether by live phone call, a knock at the door, town hall meetings, or other events, we're making every effort to personally engage all voters regardless of political affiliation in this campaign," Brown said. "This election is about the people of the 4th Congressional District, and I'm running to be a Representative for everyone—not just people of one political party, or the people who are willing to come to a fundraiser."

Brown has called on the campaign of Southern California State Senator Tom McClintock, who has already made wide use of robo-calls, to refrain from doing so during the final two weeks.

"I am calling on Tom McClintock to join me in a bi-partisan effort to conduct an above board campaign based on direct contact with voters---not deceptive and annoying robo-calls. Equally, I want to let the people of district four know, that if you get a robo-dial phone call at your house, it will not be coming from Charlie Brown for Congress."

A graduate of the US Air Force Academy, Retired Lt. Col. Charlie Brown spent 26 years in the Air Force, flying rescue helicopters, piloting reconnaissance missions around the world, and coordinating a variety of intelligence collection assets. His decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Sikorsky Winged S, 7 Air Medals, and 5 Meritorious Service Medals. He is a candidate for Congress in California's 4th District.

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