### **COMMUNITY**

## Be a Hometown Hero and Become CERT Trained

Disaster can strike at any time. Are you prepared? Are you prepared to jump in and help your community?Become a hometown hero - and one to your own family - by becoming CERT trained (Community Emergency Response Team).

Following a major disaster, fire and rescue resources may be unable to immediately respond to all those in need. In such a crisis, it will be neighbors assisting neighbors until emergency response personnel can arrive.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training provides residents with the skills and tools necessary to take care of themselves, their families, neighbors, and coworkers in the event of a disaster.

Sign up now for a free in-person hybrid CERT training, open to everyone 16 years and older. Classes are taught by trained emergency personnel, including firefighters and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel.

The training will be held at Calabasas Community Center, 27040 Malibu Hills Road in Calabasas. Training will be held on Saturday, August 10, from 8 am to 5 pm, and Tuesday, August 13, from 5 to 8 pm.

The training is provided by the City of Calabasas, the County of Los Angeles and the L.A. County Fire Department. For more information or to register for training visit fire.lacounty. gov/community-emergency-response-team.





# **ELECTION 2024**

# **Guest Editorial: Larry Thompson for Congress**

Hi. Larry Thompson here. I'm desperate for you to know what's in my heart. I want so badly for you to understand why I'm running to be your U.S. Congressman.

I'm not sure I totally knew myself until a would-be-assassin fired on Donald Trump and a Democrat friend of mine said "I'm sorry the shooter missed". I was stunned and saddened. No matter what your party preference there is no room for violence in our election process.

I knew when I decided to run in California, and especially in this democratic stronghold, district CA 32, my probable opponent would be Brad Sherman (D-CA) who has been in office for 14 terms (28 years). I was aware that would make me an obvious long shot to succeed, but I believed voters needed to hear both sides of the political spectrum to make the most informed decision. I didn't believe a one party state was politically healthy, so I threw my hat in the ring for my voice to be heard. And where once there were seven candidates in our primary race there are now only two in this general election. Sherman and me. Liberal versus Conservative. Democrat versus Republican.

So you now have a real choice - as it should be all over America. You can vote your tribe and party line and keep the long time incumbent Sherman or you can open your windows and mind to a fresh wind of compassion, values, and hope for our country and vote your dormant passion for a new direction and inclusive liberty for all Americans.

At this moment our United States is dangerously filled with hatred and insanity. I'm your new and improved "Sanity Man."

I am working to awaken, and organize, unite the conservative voter, the dissatisfied Democrat voter, and the undecided No Party Preference voter. I want them to feel alone, defeated, and scared no longer. I call upon them to have courage, stand up, and join me and those who share their true values and vision of our country. I will always protect family values. I want everyone to simply use common sense with common civility to find common ground to solve our common Issues. We are



one country and one shot should not represent how we solve our issues.

The bullet that pierced Trump's ear rang loud and clear all over the world. It offered a sudden earful of enlightened insight into our belief systems, our feelings, our hope, our values, and our collective vision for our universal humanity.

Did you hear the wake-up call? Did you listen to freedom ring? Did you overhear the truth? Did you eavesdrop on the need and sanctity of change? Did your eardrums start to the march to a new future? Did you grab your ear to stop the pain or did you simply reach for it to wipe the blood away?

I have been deafened by the silence of open dialogue between neighbors and friends, and I have been quieted by the liberal media.

I advocate closing the borders immediately, reducing the cost of living by putting policies in place to reduce and end inflation, and lowering taxes including "no taxes on tips." I'm tough on crime, strong on parental rights, pro bitcoin and cryptocurrencies, and an enormous protector of the everyday working man and woman. It doesn't take AI to know we need a strong military headed by a powerful leader and government.

I plead for more common sense, less fear and hatred of our fellow citizens, and a renewed abundance of personal prayer. Most of all I pray for a peaceful election.

I have published everything I believe and stand for on my campaign web site: Larry Thompson for U.S. Congress - California 32nd. I have written a political manifesto, *Voting In The Age Of Chaos*, which you can read at Age Of Chaos.

Lend me your ears. Harken to the insightful sounds of a new tomorrow.

#### Fernando Award Nomination Period Extended

Due to a change in board leadership, the time period to submit a nomination for the annual Fernando Award has been extended. Nominations are now due before noon on August 9, 2024. For more information on the Valley's highest award and nomination criteria visit fernandoawards.org. The winner will be announced November 8..