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****A District 5 Forum, sponsored by Napa Valley Register, is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, 7:30 p.m. at the Napa College Theater.**



**AMERICAN CANYON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
FIFTH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR RACE
JUNE 3, 2008**

**PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN TO:
American Canyon Chamber of Commerce
3419 Broadway, Suite H3-b
American Canyon, CA 94503**

**by
Friday, April 11, 2008
5:00 p.m.**

The American Canyon Chamber of Commerce presents the following questionnaire as a public service. The chamber is not planning on endorsing any candidate; the sole purpose for the questionnaire is to educate both the business community and the community at large. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in completing the attached within the timeline specified.

Each candidate is asked to keep their response to 75 words or less per question; anything in excess will not be printed. All responses are due in the chamber office by April 11, 2008; late responses will be recorded as a "no response".

NAME:

SIGNATURE:

**Please type or print (in ink) when filling out the questionnaire.
THANK YOU!**

**Responses will be published in our newsletter, sent via broadcast email and fax and posted on our website.*

**Questions & Answers for Fifth District Supervisor
June 3, 2008 Elections**

1. What sets you apart from the other three candidates running for the Fifth District?

CALDWELL: I have a broader background in local government management. As Fire Chief, I oversaw all aspects of administration including Finance, Human Resources, Risk Management, and Capital Improvements. I have a strong commitment to Open Space, the Protection of Agriculture Land and Balanced Growth. I oppose the Napa Pipe project, but support the construction of workforce housing and commercial and industrial development. During my career, I initiated programs to assist businesses in Health and Safety compliance.

COFFEY: No Response

JAGER: My education, business experience and public service make me qualified to serve as Supervisor. I have been active in the Chambers of Commerce of both Napa and American Canyon and am the only candidate who has spent his life in business. My term on the Planning Commission has given me insight into how government policies can affect the way we live, work and do business. I also serve on the American Canyon General Plan Committee.

SIMPSON: More than any other candidate, I have the respect, trust and long-term cooperative working relationship with Supervisors Dillon, Dodd, Luce and Wagenknecht, and will be better able to effectively persuade them on issues concerning American Canyon than any other candidate. I am the only candidate who has their endorsement and the best ability to actively and successfully advocate for the city's needs on the County Level.

2. If budget cutbacks are needed in the County, what services would you cut?

CALDWELL: I would not cut services but request a 5 or 10 % reduction from all departments. I would defer General Fund capital projects and purchases if practical. I would reduce General Fund support of community groups and organizations based on the need of services provided and potential revenue returned to the County. I would consider voluntary reductions in work hours and a hiring freeze. I would retain Public Safety and most Health and Human Services.

COFFEY: No Response

JAGER: Balancing the budget is a process of establishing priorities. I would ask all County agencies to review their budgets and offer to cut a percentage or whatever number is needed from their budgets. Each department knows where their priorities are, what spending is mandated and where consolidation of activities

can occur. I would also hold public meetings to help the board determine where the public's priorities should be when it comes to budget cuts.

SIMPSON: Budget cutbacks will only be necessary if the State severely cuts funds, and will depend on where they cut. The Board has a policy to maintain vital public safety services and to help frail/elderly/children as first priorities. The County is fiscally conservative and always balances its budget, on time. As Supervisor, I will continue to enforce that policy and to maintain critical services that provide for the safety of citizens.

3. What can you point to that demonstrates how you personally can improve relations between American Canyon and the County?

CALDWELL: I have participated in City and County negotiations which resulted in agreements such as the Affordable Housing MOU. I worked to improve the relationship with Napa County Fire and the Fire District which resulted in "service without boundaries". I believe I have earned the trust and respect of both the City and the County Officials. I would continue to find common issues such as traffic and housing where cooperation and support would benefit both jurisdictions.

COFFEY: No Response

JAGER: I have attended city council and planning commission meetings in both Napa and American Canyon. Because of this experience I know all of the city's elected officials and have gotten to know many of its citizens. I have also forged working relationships at the county with members the Board of Supervisors, county department heads and staff members. I will lead the effort to improve relations between the City and County with face to face meetings.

SIMPSON: I have worked cooperatively with American Canyon staff and Council for years to provide quality police services to the community, as well as to consult on other important issues. I have always found the city to be fair and reasonable, and our negotiations have always been positive. As Supervisor, I will build on that relationship of trust and cooperation in helping to provide the city with the representation and services it needs.

4. How would you help American Canyon get more from the County, in terms of representation and services?

CALDWELL: Hold regular meetings with County and City Officials, Non-Profits, Business and Community Groups to determine needs. Health and Human Services could partner with the American Canyon Family Resource Center and Clinic Ole' to share a location and enhance services. If the County would co-locate it would save residents a trip to Napa and cut down on traffic. I would seek out interested residents from throughout the Fifth District to serve on Committees and Boards.

COFFEY: No Response

JAGER: We need more co-operation between the City of American Canyon and Napa County. We have shared interests that require regional solutions to some of our toughest problems such as transportation and water. American Canyon needs leadership at the County that can advocate, inform and sell the rest of the County leaders on the benefits of investing resources in American Canyon. As Supervisor, I will help American Canyon market its vision.

SIMPSON: By utilizing my existing relationship with the city to build better relationships and understanding between American Canyon and the County, and by actively participating in the American Canyon community so I am aware of its needs and concerns and can bring in County services and resources where needed.

5. We have serious infrastructure problems in South County-- traffic and water supply, for example--what would you do to fix them?

CALDWELL: I believe water and traffic issues cannot be resolved by the Cities and the County working separately. As a "TEAM" we should pursue additional water supplies and require the use of recycled water and conservation measures. Traffic requires the same "TEAM" approach pursuing additional funding for road improvement projects while exploring vanpooling, express bus routes and carpooling. Knowing the correlation between the lack of workforce housing and traffic congestion we need to promote balanced growth.

COFFEY: No Response

JAGER: We must do more to treat transportation and water as regional issues. The County must cost share with American Canyon on transportation as this provides a benefit to the county. Past actions by the county, prior to incorporation, contributed to the poor quality of the existing water distribution system that is failing today. The county will benefit from contributions to upgrade the system if future county housing requirements are needed in American Canyon.

SIMPSON: Work with NCTPA and American Canyon to address area traffic problems and advocate for additional funding, lobby legislators for Safe Routes to School grant money; Re water, work with other cities in the county to ensure our share of North Bay Aqueduct water, advocate for a safe, reliable water supply through long-term planning, conservation efforts, greater use of recycled water, alternative supply options and infrastructure and facilities upgrading.