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Citizens Protest Lawsuit by Central Committee Chairman Against Registrar of Voters and Ten Republican Party Volunteers

San Leandro, CA (August 20, 2008) – Over 30 citizens peacefully protested against the costly lawsuit filed by the Central Committee Chairman outside the Alameda County Republican Central Committee (ACRCC) Monthly Meeting held in San Leandro last night.

In this lawsuit, Mr. Cummings alleges that the ROV and the ten candidates violated an obscure section of election law relating to prior party registration, even though their registration papers were reviewed and approved by the ROV prior to their names being placed on the June Primary ballot. In addition, Mr. Cummings is now seeking unlimited court costs greater than \$25,000 from the ROV and the candidates personally, regardless of whether they voluntarily withdraw from the ACRCC. The suit even names as Defendants individuals who lost the election. It appears, based on Mr. Cummings comments last night, that he either has not read, or does not understand, the lawsuit that has been filed on his behalf, and signed by his attorney, since he appeared surprised about the extent of the court costs being sought from the defendants.

Since the ACRCC had advance notice of the protest, they brought in as many existing members as they could, and used this meeting to fill empty seats vacated by prior members who either failed to attend the meetings or became *ex-officio*. Again, Mr. Cummings did not live up to his commitment made last June to seat winning candidates early. Note that there are Constitutional Republican candidates who were elected and whose seating on the ACRCC is not being challenged by Mr. Cummings.

Pictures of the protest are available at:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/CVMinutemen/ProtestAtTheRepublicanCentralCommiteeInSanLeandroCA>

More pictures and video of the meeting are being posted at the present time, and we will update these documents with new links. For those of you who took the photographs, a big "Thank You!" for sharing them!

In related events, the news story about the lawsuit now has been posted on the Ron Paul 2008 website, which means that this story is getting truly national exposure.