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From Assemblymember Shirley Horton

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Assemblymember Horton has significant concerns regarding the January budget proposal. 1) The May Revise still includes a summary parole proposal. Under this proposal, convicted felons on parole would no longer be supervised or tracked by parole officers, nor would they be sent back to prison for violating the terms of their parole, such as obtaining a dangerous weapon or abusing drugs. 2) The budget relies on yet-to-be-approved ballot measures. Assembly Republicans are concerned that this budget relies on a complicated scheme of ballot measures that have yet to be drafted or approved by voters. 3) Borrowing against the State Lottery/Budget Reform/Sales Tax Increase. The May Revise proposes borrowing against future revenues from the State Lottery and putting an upfront payment into a special fund created by the budget reform ballot measure. The Lottery scheme and a budget reform measure will both appear on the November ballot. Tax increases are not the answer. We still aren't addressing the root of the problem...spending. California continues to have a spending problem, not a revenue problem.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Volunteers in Policing (V.I.P.) at your local storefront. (The nearest storefront to Allied Gardens is on Jackson and Navajo.) They are in need of volunteers to work in the office (4 hours a week) and in the community. (Please call Brenda Clark at 619-287-7787 Tuesdays through Fridays.)

Volunteer at your San Diego Branch Library. Hours vary for each location.

Best Buddies is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing one-to-one friendships for people with intellectual disabilities. Volunteers have the special opportunity to go on outings and participate in fun group events. E-mail Annelise Cohon at annelisecohon@bestbuddies.org or call 619-584-5450.

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