

Hello, this is Tom Cookman with a Community Comment

In my last comment I shared my concerns that Virginia Bass had voted in the minority with Mark Lovelace on a Board of Supervisors agenda item. Although, I disagree with the vote Virginia cast, I want to publicly thank her for calling me and addressing my concerns. I endorsed Virginia and I did that because I thought she would listen to her constituents. She confirmed this when she took the time to give me a call. I will be highly disappointed if she aligns herself with Mark Lovelace, but I doubt that will happen. On a national level, we once again had to raise the debt ceiling. President Obama has continued to set our great country on a path of no return. When George W. Bush took office in January of 2001, our country was 5.6 trillion dollars in debt. This was a scary number. Over the next eight years President Bush was anything but a fiscal conservative. He increased our debt 4.3 trillion dollars on his watch. This was reckless and a completely misguided path for our country. I criticized him for this and stated on numerous occasions that he was a fiscal liberal and as a conservative I did not support his spending policies. Unfortunately Barack Obama became our President in 2009 and he has taken deficit spending to a level that is destroying the future of our country. In three short years he has added 5.2 trillion dollars more to our debt and it is projected that he will add two trillion more in 2012. In a little over three years President Obama will have increased our debt more than all the Presidents from George Washington through Bill Clinton. Just think about that. He has done this with the promise of fixing our economy. How has that worked out? If spending money was the key

to kick starting an economy, we would be in the best economic times in the history of our country? As of yesterday every single citizen of the United States owed \$48,703 in national debt. A family of four owes \$194,812. My wife and I with our three children and their spouses and our four grandchildren owe \$584,436 and \$200,000 of that has been in the three short years that Obama has been our President. In the time it takes me to read this Community Comment our country will have slipped another \$8,292,000 in debt. That is over \$46,000 every second of every day. It doesn't matter if you are a Republican or a Democrat, we are Americans first and this spending is wrong. We need to stop Obama before it is too late. As of today it looks like Mitt Romney is the front runner in the Republican Primaries. He is not a die hard right wing conservative. He is a candidate moderates on both sides of the aisle can get behind. He understands that the astronomical debt Obama is accumulating is destroying our country. The Democrats need to realize that Obama IS NOT A DEMOCRAT; HE IS A SOCIALIST. The debt Obama is accumulating, isn't politics as usual, it is an unsustainable socialist attempt at destroying the capitalistic foundations our country was built upon. Your vote is more important in 2012 than any other time you have ever cast a ballot. It is all about the economy, national debt and saving the America we grew up with, not party affiliation.

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