40th KZGN News Talking Points Editorial

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Before I start today’s editorial, here are comments received on the KZGN discussion group about my last editorial—Should the city fund private industry, only to get sued by one of those companies?

KZGN received many comments on this editorial via the KZGN News discussion group on Facebook and via email. Most of the comments received were in the tone of, “we told you so” and concern about Councilwoman Acton participating in the executive sessions. Steve offered this perspective, “I suspect that the city did not give them $800K all at once and likely the city didn't come through with on time transfers of money. I only wish it is not a costly screw up on the part of the city.” I agree with you, Steve. The $800K is to be distributed in intervals with specific phase completion requirements to allow the transfer of funds. I should also note that the agreements generally put the burden on the city managers shoulders to make sure these requirements have been completed, in accordance with the contracts.  I, too, hope it isn’t some mistake on the part of the city. That’s why the editorial mentioned many times. We don’t have all the facts yet.

The topic of today’s editorial is: Does anyone think our state and federal executives are overstepping their authority?

I don’t know about you, but I’m getting very concerned about our elected executives overstepping their authorities. It’s been bothering me for a few years now. I’ve even been hearing people saying that it appears we are heading towards a dictatorship. I have to admit, it looks that way sometimes. We’ve all heard people complaining about the President using executive orders to change laws; he has no power to do. The Constitution does not give the president that authority. When the President comes out in public and says that since he can’t get congress to do what he wants to do, he’ll have to find a way to do it anyway that is not appropriate. This is exactly why the countries founding fathers created a 3 branch government, so there are checks and balances of power, to avoid dictators. Congress is the only branch that can pass or change laws. Let’s stop for a minute and let me make something clear, I am not just complaining about President Obama. If another President was using executive orders they was Obama is, I’d complain about them too. I’m not talking about which president used executive orders more or less. How many times a President uses his authority for executive orders has nothing to do with my concern. It doesn’t matter how many executive orders have been issued. What matters is the content of the executive order. Obama has consistently changed laws without consulting congress.

Example: when Obama delayed implementation of Obama care, which was changing the law, which he has no authority to do. When he changes immigration laws by deciding by executive order, a certain class of illegal immigrants will not be subject to certain laws. He has no authority to do that. Only congress can change laws. Obama’s administration also allowed hundreds of firearms to be sold and let cross into Mexico. This program was completely against the law, but no one was held accountable for it. Even after one of our own border agents was killed by one of these illegal gun purchases, no one got in trouble for it. The Obama administration by executive order now requires special notification to the ATF about citizens that legally buy 2 or more semi auto rifles within 30 days. Gun dealers now have to notify the ATF, who did this, and how many guns they bought. Even though the purchased guns were done in accordance to federal laws, and background checks were done on the purchaser, we still have to do this special notification to the ATF. Oh and this is only in the states that border Mexico. Why only Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California? There are many other examples, as well.

Now, our own governor of California has taken a page out of Obama’s book and is doing the same thing. Now by simple order, Governor Brown is moving up water rationing requirements. He has also decided that we aren’t moving as fast as he wants us to towards fighting global warming…..or should I call it as the new phrase “climate change?” They had to drop the global warming line because too many parts of the nation were experiencing lower temps and huger snow falls than normal. To make sure they can argue against global warming, by calling it climate change, they can warn us about too hot and too cold temps.

Boy, they are smart. Back to these executives over stepping their authority, the mainstream media has nothing to say about either case. I guess this is because the orders are what the progressive liberals in the main stream media want to see. Until we are totally off gas fueled cars, this fighting about climate change will continue. The progressives even fight the development of solar, nuclear, and wind power generation. No new nuclear plants will be built…ever. The ones we have will be shut down. New solar and wind power plants are going to be killed next. The wind mills will be stopped because too many birds are getting killed by the turbine blades. Solar plants take too much water, and disturb too much soil. Obama and Brown are going too far. Someone needs to challenge these executives. Someone needs to stop this abuse of power. You want to know what I’m really waiting for in nervous anticipation. How Obama uses a legitimate power presidents have and use, right at the end of their terms of office. I’m referring to executive pardons. I can only think who Obama will exercise with this authority. Mark my words, just wait until we all see who he pardons. And when you see murders get pardoned due to his authority, remember, I said it first. And these pardons will be based on one certain criterion. But I’ll let you ponder that one a while. I’ll deal with that sometime in the future.

In conclusion, someone needs to stop the presidents and governors abuse of authority. The media should be calling for the same thing. Because, you see a liberal doing it now, just wait when a conservative starts doing it. What goes around comes around. The same standard applies to all.

I’m Tom Wiknich, and that’s what I think. I’d like to know what you think. If you have any comments about this editorial, or would like to discuss or recommend a topic, I’d like to hear from you. Please email them to [info@kzgn.net](mailto:INFO@KZGN.NET).