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First, some responses about my last editorial titled: Should the city of Ridgecrest annex land along its southern border and along S. China Lake Blvd. out to route 395?

I had one guy come into the store voicing strong opposition to the idea. While we discussed in the store, he made some valid points but some were also not correct. All I can add at this time concerning a potential annexation of territory into the city, I hope everyone discusses the pros and cons and makes an informed decision. Do not make a decision based on untrue assumptions that are already circulating. It will be up to Mayor Breeden to provide the information the people will need to make an informed decision.

Now, on with today’s editorial.

Why is Donald Trump gaining ground in the Republican primary?

Since Trump has jumped into the Republican primary, it has certainly gotten interesting. Personally, I like this new energy he brings into the campaign. All the news pundits are assessing this popularity. Both the left and the right don’t understand the excitement shown by supporters. They cannot fathom why he is going up in the polls. Most polls show him in either second or first place. He is being dismissed by the Republican establishment. I have my opinion as to why he’s gaining popularity. It has to do with clarity and forcefulness. Trump is saying things many are saying in their homes every day, things the people are afraid to say in public due to political correctness, and those that try and tie any criticism to racism. One pundit even said the silent majority finally has a spokesperson.

Pundits have even said Trump is really a Democrat. One even put out the possibility that he was put up to this by Hillary. All I can say is wow. I have no idea of any of those thoughts are right or not. What I do know, is that he is talking about some things everyone else is being wishy washy about. I know I’m not alone in that I am very angry as to what is going on with the president. I have wanted someone…..anyone… to actually fight this president. I’ve wanted Congress to challenge him. He is constantly warning congress, they better do what he wants, or he’ll go around them. He’ll use illegal executive orders. He threatens vetoes. The president is not a dictatorship. We are a representative form of government.

Congress is supposed to represent us, not the president. For seven years, a large part of the country has been waiting for someone to challenge this president. Few of the current Republican candidates are stepping up and saying what we want to hear. We want a candidate that will fix the last 7 years. Trump is coming out discussing real problems. He is telling what he thinks in strong words. Too often candidates try and say something strong, only to try and smooth off the rough edges of the point he’s trying to make, so as to not offend someone. Many are completely fed up with all the talk in Washington. All this talk that they’ll take on the president on his illegal actions. Then hardly anything happens. Hey congress, we are looking for action, not words. Enough talk. Do something congress. Trump is telling us he’s ready to fight for us and the country. He’s ready to kick butt to foreign terrorists. He’s ready to take on Iran, Russia, China and Korea. He’s ready to create real jobs, not part time and minimum wage jobs. It is estimated we now have over 4 million people that have just given up looking for work. Those numbers are being hidden by this president. Trump is ready to close our border to illegal immigration. All the current and past congresses have all promised to close the border. None have done it. He actually sounds like he means it. He’s ready to be the strong leader we all want. Not a president that goes around bowing to our enemies. We are fed up with a weak president. We are also fed up with a justice department that only takes on cases generally that have race implications. How about the rest of the people? I don’t intend this editorial to be an endorsement of Trump. It is an endorsement of that he is saying. What a lot of us agree with. He’s not worried about being politically correct. When the pundits come after him for his candor, I say this. At least we know what he really thinks. Not the mush we hear from so many other candidates. I don’t know about you, but I’ve had it with politicians telling me they understand me and will take care of me. I don’t need you taking care of me. There’s enough of that already. Take care of the country. Do what is right for the country. For if it’s right for the country, then it’s right for me as an individual. Provide a defense of our borders. There are bad people coming across our borders. People that see us as weak and seek to destroy our way of life. People that are animals. These people need to be stopped. Provide a defense of our country. Stop this nonsense of giving away all our protections. I can hardly wait to see the details of todays reported Iran deal. If it’s a bad deal, then congress better do something about it. Not talk tough and then run and hide. Obama has already threatened a veto if congress tries to do anything to stop this deal. Again, he’s threatening the people that we elected to represent us and the country. I’m happy Trump is out there saying what he is. The rest of the candidates better take heed to what he is saying. There is a huge portion of the nation that agree with him.

In conclusion, is trump stirring things up? Yes. And that’s great. He is showing strength and pride. He’s had it with political correctness. The rest of the candidates should pay attention.

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).