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## **THE L.A. MESSAGE**

**DOLE HAILS RIORDAN VICTORY:**  
**PEOPLE OF ALL PARTIES LOOKING TO GOP FOR LEADERSHIP;**  
**L.A. & TEXAS MESSAGE OF CHANGE TO CLINTON --**  
**SCRAP ONE-PARTY STRATEGY, REACH OUT TO REPUBLICANS & INDEPENDENTS**

The voters have spoken again. And it's another loud and clear message -- no more business as usual: in Texas, and now, in Los Angeles.

On the heels of Kay Bailey Hutchison's landslide win in Texas, Richard Riordan's impressive victory in Los Angeles is the latest proof that people of all parties and all ethnic backgrounds are looking to Republican leadership to help solve our national and urban challenges.

I want to congratulate Mayor-elect Riordan for his successful campaign, and for his message of hope and real change in a city that is crying out for leadership.

### **People Fed Up With Liberal Status Quo**

Whether it's L.A. or Texas, it's clear the American people are fed up with the liberal status quo, where the only solution to every problem is to raise taxes, strangle businesses with job-killing mandates, and to hope that big government in Washington somehow comes to the rescue. Well, those are deadbeat policies, the kind of visionless programs that have sent people to the polls looking for real change, real alternatives and real mainstream solutions. And that's just what they will be getting in Los Angeles and Texas with their new Republican leaders.

### **Republicans Are Part of the Solution**

I hope the Clinton administration is tuning in to these dramatic messages from the real world. The American people want fresh, bi-partisan solutions to the challenges confronting America. They don't want the same old stuff they thought they were voting against last year. And they don't want the stuff they've been getting so far from an administration that seems to be out of touch with the mainstream. The bottom line is, the American people want President Clinton to listen to them. They want him to work with Republicans and Independents. And they want him to back off his one-party strategy to raise taxes, avoid real spending cuts and saddle working America with more big government mandates.

### **Surprising GOP Strength**

I also want to congratulate Republican candidate Bill McCampbell for the fine race he ran in a heavily Democrat congressional district in California. The 43% who voted for Mr. McCampbell are also part of this loud and clear message to Washington. Even the Associated Press commented that "the closeness of the race was a surprise in a district where registered Democrats outnumber Republicans by a ratio of nearly 2-to-1."

So, let's hope the message is getting through. Even the Washington Post today recognized the strength of the message from Texas, reporting that "the massive [Democrat] defeat sent shock waves though Democratic ranks and heightened fears among Democrats that they could lose their [Senate] majority and their chairmanships next year, when 21 Democrats and 13 Republicans face voters." That's not Bob Dole talking -- that's David Broder in the Washington Post, which has never been accused of being a Republican newsletter.

The bottom line message coming from Texas, Los Angeles and northern California is simple: the American people want change. And Republicans are delivering it.

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