

# **Aanestad Named Top Conservative in State Legislature**

## *Non-Partisan Legislative Scorecard Gives Aanestad Top Billing*

**SACRAMENTO, CA:** Senator Sam Aanestad (*R-Grass Valley*), who represents the conservative and experienced choice for California Lieutenant Governor, has earned the score of "**Top Conservative**" in the State Legislature according to rankings released today by the non-partisan Capitol Weekly publication. The Third Annual Legislative Scorecard ranks all lawmakers for a series of votes on 19 key bills that the State Legislature acted on during the just concluded Legislative Session.

The results of the scorecard led Capitol Weekly to proclaim that "*Lite Gov. Candidate Sam Aanestad receives our top conservative score.*" Senator Aanestad says the results of the scorecard reflect his values as a true conservative lawmaker in Sacramento.

"I'm proud of the acknowledgements that I've stood up and fought against higher taxes, fought against more regulation and fought against the continuing legislative intrusion into the private lives of all Californians," said Senator Aanestad. "I'm both pleased and honored to be recognized as one of the top tax fighters in California, a defender of family values and a true believer in the conservative values that helped shape this great nation."

Senator Aanestad says the Capitol Weekly rankings also show the wide political gulf and sharp differences that exist between him and Senator Abel Maldonado (*R-Santa Maria*), who has been nominated by the Governor to serve as Lt. Governor until the 2010 elections. Indeed, the Capitol Weekly scorecard notes this difference with the proclamation that "*(Senator) Maldonado's score was more liberal than some Democratic Senators.*"

"With all due respect, Senator Maldonado didn't even make it on the Republican scorecard list," said Senator Aanestad. "His vote this past year for the largest tax hike in California history and his decision to split from the Senate Republican Caucus on numerous issues puts Senator Maldonado on the list for the most liberal big spenders."

Senator Aanestad says the philosophical and political differences between him and Senator Maldonado will become clear during the Republican Primary race next year.

"I've never once voted for any tax hike during my entire legislative career," said Senator Aanestad. "Senator Maldonado just can't say that."

Senator Aanestad is the only conservative running for Lt. Governor in California, and has

been endorsed by Congressman Tom McClintock, U.S. Senator Fred Dalton Thompson and California Republican Senate Leader Dennis Hollingsworth, as well as other Republican legislators. For more information and news about his campaign, visit [Vote For Sam](#).