

# Vickie Butcher for Congress



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### **VICKIE BUTCHER ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR 52<sup>nd</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AT PRAYER BREAKFAST IN EL CAJON ON WED. DECEMBER 12**

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EL CAJON -- Vickie Butcher, J.D., will announce her candidacy for the 52<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District at a non-denominational prayer breakfast on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. at Tyler's Taste of Texas, 576 North Second St. in El Cajon. Amid a season of peace and goodwill, Butcher will speak on, "Time to Heal America: A Prescription for Change."

Congressman Duncan Hunter has announced that he will not seek reelection, as he pursues his Presidential bid. His seat in Congress is open for the first time in 25 years.

Butcher's extensive experience includes a track record of leadership at national, international, state and local levels, including numerous government positions as well as business, educational, legal and nonprofit organizations. She has consensus-building skills and the vision to provide strong leadership for all people in our community and our nation.

A 28-year resident of El Cajon, Butcher understands the needs of our community. She has raised five children in the 52<sup>nd</sup> Congressional district along with her husband, Dr. Richard O. Butcher. A teacher who obtained a law degree from Thomas Jefferson School of Law after her fifth child was born, Butcher went on to chair the El Cajon Planning Commission and serve on the California Water Quality Board. She's taught school at Grossmont Community College and in the Grossmont High School District. She is past president of the National Medical Association Auxiliary and the San Diego County

Medical Society Alliance. She received the 2007 NAACP Humanitarian Award for leading efforts to provide safe water and medical supplies to children in 15 nations as Executive Director of Water for Children Africa. She has also gained international recognition for her humanitarian achievements, winning many awards for her dedicated civic service, including the Medaille d' Excellence for service on a United Nations peacekeeping roundtable in Geneva, Switzerland. Butcher has also organized 11 international trade and business conferences, and understands the needs of both the business community and working families.

“It’s time to end the divisive nature of politics to heal our nation and our world,” she said. Past owner of It Is Written, a Christian community bookstore, Butcher plans to reach out to faith-based voters who share her belief that it’s time for voters to embrace a broader definition of moral values. She believes that definition should include proper care for our wounded soldiers and veterans, as well as ending the Iraq War and bringing our soldiers safely home.

USA Today reports that there are five times more brain injuries among our soldiers than the Pentagon reported, Butcher observed. “Spending \$11 billion a week on a war that our top generals now believe must end, while failing to provide proper care for our wounded soldiers and veterans, is not moral,” she added. “This administration has run up the highest deficit in America’s history. Our national debt is increasing by a million dollars every minute. The current leadership in America has created a \$30,000 debt for every man, woman and child in America—and that is not moral.”

Butcher also calls for reform in America’s healthcare delivery system. “Affordable healthcare must be provided for all Americans,” she said. “President Bush vetoed a bill that would have provided healthcare to thousands of poor children right here in San Diego County,” Butcher noted. “This is wrong. I believe that the best way to protect our troops is to bring them safely home. Instead of spending \$11 billion a week on war, we should make reducing our national deficit a priority. We should also invest in programs to help people here at home, starting with healthcare for all American children and expectant mothers.” Safeguarding Social Security for our senior citizens and preserving our planet—God’s creation, must also be moral priorities, she believes. Butcher, who has served on a sustainable energy delegation to a national conference in Washington D.C., also called for investment in jobs training for sustainable energy production, providing energy independence for our region.

Butcher also pledged to provide leadership at the federal level to protect San Diego County from future devastating wildfires. “The worst fires in California history all started in my district,” she observed. “I pledge to fight for reforms to provide real fire protection for our region, and will organize a brain trust of top fire officials to advise me in drafting appropriate legislation to strengthen wildfire protection.”

Butcher is endorsed by a broad spectrum of local and national leaders including members of Congress and leaders in education, labor, business, healthcare reform, religion, and minority communities. Endorsements include Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones

(D-Ohio), chair of the House ethics committee, Congresswomen Diane Watson (D-Los Angeles), Donna Christian-Christensen (D-Virgin Islands,), Richard Barrera (San Diego organizer, United Healthcare Workers), Jamie Beutler (Chair, Rural Caucus, California Democratic Party), Dan Ortiz (former Vice President, United Auto Workers Local 4123, former finance chair, San Diego Cesar Chavez Commemoration Committee and member, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce), Leon Thompson (executive board representative, California Democratic Party and CDP Native American Caucus member), Miriam Raftery (national award-winning journalist), Sylvia Hampton (Health Director, League of Women Voters, San Diego County and Director, Health Care for All/CA, San Diego Chapter), Gerald Ramsey (college administrator), Andre Branch, PhD (professor of education curriculum, San Diego State University), Derek Casady (former editor, Daily Californian and Los Angeles Times newspapers and past candidate, 52<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District), Rev. Alyce Smith Cooper (Bethel A.M.E. Church), Rev. Peter Moore Kochlacs (former candidate, 52<sup>nd</sup> Congressional district), Rev. Dr. William H. Knight, George Billingsley (Executive Director, City Heights Business Association), Robert S. Triplett MBA (financial services professional) and Peter Moller (retired news anchor, KSDO and KOGO).

For a complete bio, position papers, and other information on Vickie Butcher's candidacy, please visit her website at [www.votevickiebutcher.com](http://www.votevickiebutcher.com).