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Fact of the Day #3: Lori Saldana May Stall the Engine of Job Growth

-- Candidate in Assembly District 76 refuses to rule out tax increases --

WASHINGTON, D.C. – **Lori Saldana, a candidate in California's 76th Assembly District, has refused to sign the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, and has thereby refused to rule out tax increases. Thus, she may plan to raise your taxes. The options are wide, and may not only affect Californians at the personal level, but also the state's business climate – including both large corporations and small businesses:**

Everyone knows General Motors and General Electric. Big companies are household names. But 98% of businesses in America have fewer than 100 employees. That accounts for 36% of the nation's workforce. And 75% of all new jobs are created by small business.**

From a comparative perspective, California only holds the 38th rank on the Tax Foundation's 2004 State Business Tax Climate Index. Even worse, the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Council in its 2004 Small Business Survival Index ranks the state as having the worst policy climate for small businesses in the nation, except Washington, D.C.

By not ruling out tax increases, Lori Saldana invites the big spenders to push for higher taxes.

California cannot afford the policies of tax-and-spend nor do the Californian people want these policies: They former Gov. Gray Davis after he went on a spending spree and tripled the car tax.

Saldana's opponent Tricia Hunter has signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge. She will fight to keep California taxes low, to make it an attractive place to live and do business.

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