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## Challenge for Debates in the 52<sup>nd</sup> District

### Local Libertarian invites challengers Duncan Hunter Jr. and Michael Lumpkin to Debate

SANTEE, Calif., June 17, 2008 – For the last several decades, the political reign over much of San Diego County by the two establishment political parties in the 52nd and 51st Congressional Districts has been all but guaranteed. These districts were gerrymandered to give respective incumbents a clear party majority: Republican in the 52nd, Democrat in the 51st. This has provided distinct advantages for both exiting Congressman Duncan Hunter Sr. and his fellow gerrymanderer Bob Filner. Now with public opinion of the House of Representatives at record low-levels and the coinciding retirement of Duncan Hunter, Sr., there is a real opportunity for change.

Over the past 28 years without serious debate or accountability from Congressman Duncan Hunter, Sr., the voters of East County have become hungry to express their opinions and hear the viewpoints of their representatives. Well-known Libertarian Candidate and local businessman Michael Benoit today issues an open challenge to Democrat Michael Lumpkin and Republican Duncan Hunter Jr. to participate in an open debate in a public venue to give the people of the 52<sup>nd</sup> district an opportunity to ask ALL candidates about their stances on issues of vital importance to them, such as: limiting the out-of-control government, the economy, the budget deficit, the war in Iraq, and political corruption.

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