The 21 Counties which make up, slightly more than one third of California have a share of 9 State level Representatives. This is a slight exaggeration because some of these representatives also have Counties in their districts which do not fall into the northern 21. Realistically the 1,730,000 people of the 21 Northern Counties by population only have part of nine representatives while the Southern 37 counties by population have 111 representatives.

We have the worst representation ratio in the United States. Each State Senator represents nearly one million people. Each Assembly person represents around 500,000 people. We are four times worse off than Texas which is the second worse representation ratio in the United States.

California has the poorest record in the Nation when it comes to replacing incumbents in State Government. Due to the large districts, political campaigns for State office are very very expensive and few manage to challenge an incumbent.

Representation was capped at 80 Assembly members and 40 Senators in 1879. It has not increased even though the population of this state is one hundred times what it was in 1879.

We are using the Declarations as an indication of who wishes to be included in an Article 4, Section 3 Constitutional State Split. Barring a successful outcome in splitting the state, we will sue for lack of representation and dilution of vote. The worst case is that we may well end up in California but with a State level representative for each and every single county. In the very worst case scenario we end up no worse off than we are now and it cost you nothing to find out what could be possible. State split has precedence. It has been done 4 times in our history: Vermont from New York, Maine from Massachusetts, Kentucky from Virginia, and West Virginia from Virginia. We are not breaking trail. It is legal, ethical, moral and it has been done before.

In 1926 thru Proposition 28, California embraced the Federal model of Government, much the same as the Federal Government as Outlined in the Constitution. We had roughly one State Senator per County with only the most sparsely populated being asked to share a Senator. We enjoyed this model of government along with 29 other States. California worked well under this system. We had a very effective rural caucus in the Senate while the large Cities dominated the Assembly. The result was compromise and fiscally responsible government. California had less than 5 billion in long term debt and was a prosperous, growing state.

Enter the Warren Court. Earl Warren was a Governor of California and the States Attorney General for a while. President Eisenhower appointed Warren to the Court. Later Ike was to call Warren, "the worst damn fool mistake I ever made. Warren was a devout progressive. Warren believed the Constitution of the United States of America was a "Living Document", and therefore putty in the Courts hands to be remade in Warren’s image.
Starting in 1962, the Court gave itself the unconstitutional power to intervene into states elections. The Court then invented the one man one vote principal. The Court used the 14th amendment to do this. Oddly though, the 30 states had the Federal Model of Government both before and after the 14th amendment.

Was Warren the first Justice in 150 years to notice that the Founders, although expressly permitted by Constitution, would have two United States Senators from each and every state whether large or small, but forgot to mention that the States were not entitled to the same?

Fortunately for all of us, the Court went on to ignore itself afterward in the Brown V Thompson Case. This case allowed a very sparsely populated county in Wyoming to have a State representative. The Majority justice in Brown said "It is easier to oppress the people of this state or of any other state when the people of each County have no representation than it is when each County has at least one representative. This opinion is what will allow us to form a State Constitution with one rep for each county.

The Declaration is designed as a "Political Statement only!!!!" The Declaration will create "Standing for any County who wishes to have a seat at the table if or better yet, when we challenge California in Federal Court for lack of representation and dilution of vote.

The Declaration causes no action on the part of any County Government who affirms it. It does not cost anything to sign. The Declaration is an open document vetted by at least 8 County Counsels. The Board can change the wording if they wish. Lassen County did. Several Counties have. Some have not.

The board needs to realize that the important statements are the Declaration and Petition to withdraw due to lack of representation and the Legal Description of the County. The rest simply outlines the reasons that California is a poor business partner and more importantly why we are taxed but have no say in how the taxes are spent. The SRA fire fee is a good example. The tax was authored by a Los Angeles State Senator whose constituents do not pay the tax.

Now Service fees are coming. Sales taxes on your dental visit, your plumbing bill, your auto repair bill. Couple this with the Grazing regulatory action plan, State EPA telling you when you can have a cattle truck on the road, CARB.... I could go on and on.

California is irretrievably broken. We need to start over. We need to get back to the basics of good common sense, fiscally responsible government. We need at least one State representative per county.

We have asked a lot of politicians the following question. If you have a better idea to restore adequate representation to Northern Rural Counties, tell us and we will help. The silence is deafening.
This movement is apolitical. I am not a member of any political party. People of both the left and the right can agree on one thing. Rural California has no representation. We want Liberty. We demand the restoration of property rights. We demand what we are guaranteed in Article 4 Section 4 of the United States Constitution, a Republic form of government.

There is no reason what so ever for the Board not to sign a Declaration. We already have enough counties to proceed. We are simply trying to give as many counties as possible the opportunity to join the 21 Counties who have already declared to withdraw or at the very least to gain representation for each of the counties in California.

Our Legislation will be introduced in 2016. If we are ignored by the state, We the People, (not asking for county money or participation unless they wish to help), will sue the state for lack of representation and dilution of vote. Two Supreme Court Justices have expressed interest in revisiting the principal of one man one vote as invented by the Warren Court.

We must all ask ourselves a question....... Liberty was a gift to you. It was paid for with the lives, the treasure and the sacred honor of our fathers and our forefathers. The price of Liberty is eternal vigilance.

The open question is......What will you do to secure Liberty for your children?

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