Hi Jeffersonians:

It's a New Year for Jefferson

Our efforts to gain fair representation for California in 2018 had some setbacks, but it is a New Year in Jefferson, and the fight continues for representation. Plans are underway with the formation of a new SOJ County Committee of Correspondence (CCC), composed of representatives from each of the 23 Counties. The first conference call of the year is next week, to encourage a larger effort of communication between counties. This will lead to greater outreach, marketing, action plans, fundraising, and alliances with others who share our same values and goals.

Assemblyman Kevin Kiley to Speak, Tuesday January 8th

El Dorado County State of Jefferson's first meeting of the year is Tuesday, January 8, with guest speaker Assemblyman Kevin Kiley. Kevin is expected to talk about his perspective and expectations for the 2019 State Legislature under the leadership of Governor Gavin Newsom. In November, Kiley announced that he is a candidate for District 1 State Senate seat, vacated by Ted Gaines, who in November was elected to the State Board of Equalization. There will be a special election for the Senate seat, in March or April.

Doors open at 5:30 PM at the American Legion Hall, 4561 Greenstone Road in Placerville. Jefferson Hot Dogs, along with beverages and desserts, will be available for a donation. This is also a perfect time to visit or sit down with one of our SOJ committee members to find out more about Jefferson and Jefferson merchandise will be available. The meeting begins at 6:30, and will include updates about the court case and Mark Baird's legal action regarding Open Carry and the Second Amendment.
Join Us for Breakfast in the New Year, Saturday January 26th

The EDC Jefferson Committee is kicking off the New Year with its first breakfast at The Breakroom, on Saturday January 26, from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. We will be scheduling these weekend breakfasts every two months at local restaurants throughout the County. The Committee believes the breakfasts offer an opportunity for local residents to visit with those who support Jefferson and join in our efforts to recognize and support local businesses.

The Breakroom, under the ownership of Audrey Pearce, is preparing a special menu of breakfast items and has generously offered to donate the proceeds to SOJ. The Breakroom is located at 4131 South Shingle Road, #7, in Shingle Springs, near the US Post Office. All County residents are invited to attend, please let your friends and neighbors know. Reservations are not required. Feel free to wear your Jefferson gear, bring your appetite, and see you at The Breakroom on January 26th.

In March, the SOJ breakfast will be hosted by Mike Fagan, owner of Beef & Brew in Diamond Springs. More details to follow.

We greatly appreciate the support given by participating restaurants and all other local business supporters, many who you will see advertised at the bottom of this newsletter.

Second Amendment Dinner and Auction, Saturday January 12th

There is still time to purchase tickets for the Second Amendment Dinner and Auction, hosted by Mark and Cyndi Baird. The date is Saturday, January 12, at the Miners Convention Center, 112 East Main Street, Yreka, in Siskiyou County. The mixer begins at 5 PM, and a Prime Rib Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM, with guest speaker Mark Baird. There will be an auction, drawings and silent auction, with many guns and other great prizes in the offering. All proceeds will go toward the legal fund to restore open carry to California. Mark and his wife Cyndi, have retained an attorney, and will be seeking a restraining order/injunction against the State, to stop California's enforcement of laws which prohibit the open or exposed carry of an operable and loaded weapon. State of Jefferson and/or Citizens for Fair Representation is not funding this. The SOJ CCC voted to publicly support Mark and Cyndi, and all that protects our rights guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution.

Dinner tickets are $50 per person and sponsor tables of 8 are $400. To reserve your tickets, please call Mark Baird, 530-227-6729 or Cyndi Baird, 530-227-6728. There is lodging available in the area, should you want to make a weekend of it and visit the far northern tip of Jefferson.
If you would like to donate to Mark Baird's lawsuit, or would like more information about it, please visit: http://tokeepandbear.com/

**Our EDC State of Jefferson Newsletters are on our website**

You can now go to our website and find our newsletters from previous months. When you are on our website, select committees, select El Dorado County, and click on the newsletter you want to view. Our website is: http://soj51.org/

**Please forward this email to all your contacts and Social Media Friends**

**Thank you, from the El Dorado County State of Jefferson Committee**

Disclosure:
The State of Jefferson Formation is a grassroots effort to restore representation to the rural counties of Northern California. This movement is NOT affiliated with any political party. Over the last four years, presentations explaining the reasons for Jefferson have been given to all political parties, as well as men and women's service organization, chambers of commerce, county taxpayers associations, county and city government meetings, high school government classes, and town hall meetings for the general public, throughout Northern California. The State of Jefferson welcomes everyone.

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