JUDGE JIM GRAY (Ret.) FOR GOVERNOR – ISSUES

* COVID-19: Decisions about whether and how to keep businesses open should be made by businesspeople and their employees and customers, and for schools by local school districts and the students’ parents. Government involvement is arbitrary, but it has the important role of providing honest and factual information in a timely manner, as well as recommendations about what actions to take. In addition, the government has a right as well as a duty to keep people from assaulting other people. As such, the government has the right to pass laws mandating that people wear masks while in public, and issuing a citation for a fine to those who do not.
* Transparency in Government! Who is the state government serving, the People of California, or big businesses, public employees unions and other vested interests? Openly disclose who is financing what legislation, and hold accountable the officials who allowed such fraud with the EDD payments to gangsters in China, Russia and Nigeria, as well as felons in prison!
* School Choice, Vouchers, Charter Schools, Excellence! Way too many schools in California are failing our children, and most of those failing schools are found in lower-economic areas often populated by People of Color. Instead., empower all parents to decide how government money will be spent for the education of their children. If Milwaukee and many places in Indiana, Florida and Arizona are any indication, the parents will demand – and receive – excellence!
* Repeal the Labor Union-endorsed AB-5! Labor Unions don’t care if non-union workers lose their jobs, or businesses who hire non-unionized workers go out of business. But tens of thousands of people have seen that happen to them due to AB-5. This job-killer must be repealed!
* Criminal Justice and Prison Reform!

\* Empanel a state commission to investigate and offer DNA testing to anyone incarcerated in our prison system who claims to be factually innocent.

\* Empanel a commission to review sentences of people who are in state prison to see if they have been model prisoners and reformed and make recommendations to the Governor accordingly. So if, for example, some inmates were sentenced to 30 years in prison and have served 18, decide, after contacting their victims, if it serves anyone’s purpose for them to remain in prison. We have over-incarcerated in our state for years!

\* Repeal the laws of Capital Punishment! Regardless of one’s political philosophy, capital punishment simply doesn’t work! It needlessly draws out for decades the uncertainty faced by the surviving victims, and it is hideously expensive for the taxpayers!

\* Remind members of the Law Enforcement Community that if they attempt to carry out their mandate “to do the right thing for the right reason – every time,” we will “Have their Backs!” But if they do not, they will be held accountable.

* Reduce bureaucracy and needless restrictions on the sale of medical and recreational marijuana and other hemp products, and allow legal marijuana businesses to use regular commercial banking facilities and to be able to deduct their expenses on their income tax returns!