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California Jobs Initiative qualified for November ballot

It was announced late this afternoon that the "California Jobs Initiative" has been certified by the Secretary of State and will be on the November ballot.

In 2006, the Governor signed AB 32 into law, which requires California to reduce emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. The California Air Resources Board (CARB) was tasked with developing new regulations with implementation beginning in 2011. CARB is one of the state's most controversial agencies, challenged for using unscientific data, its arbitrary approach and ignoring many reasonable proposals by business. Even CARB admits California alone can't have an impact on reducing global warming yet continues to move ahead with no sound, valid economic analysis of the total impact to implement this program.

The initiative would suspend any implementation of AB 32 until the state's unemployment rate returns to 5.5% for four consecutive quarters.

LACN is part of a large coalition of organizations and businesses including the California Small Business Alliance, California League of Food Processors, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association and others.

Financial support for the initiative is a priority now that the campaign will begin in earnest. The website for the initiative is www.jobs2010ca.com Additional information is also available from LACN.