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Re-elect John Moorlach to represent Senate District 37

John Moorlach . . . the rare candidate who rises above the pack and impresses even those of us who have covered an endless array of politicians.

Moorlach is the real deal. He is one of the smartest and hardest-working officials in Sacramento. As the only certified public accountant by training in the Capitol, the senator understands budgeting and debt in a way that surpasses his colleagues.

But we've seen smart numbers-crunchers come and go. Moorlach combines that skill with a philosophical mooring, a courageous attitude that doesn't bend to the will of special interests, and a collegial personality. Those attributes make him remarkably effective . . .

There are many ways to measure a lawmaker's effectiveness. In Moorlach's case, he is a lodestar. His innovative ideas, thorough research and ideological consistency force unpopular ideas onto the agenda.

Moorlach is so comfortable in his ideological skin that he regularly bucks his own party on open-government and reform issues. Look at his many admirable votes on crucial police-reform legislation. While other Republicans are busy worrying about what the police associations will say or fearing political blowback, Moorlach simply does the right thing. He always speaks his mind and never dances around tough issues or questions.

His challenger, UC Irvine Law Professor Dave Min . . . was troublingly evasive, refusing even to take a stand on the crucial tax-increase and other measures on the November ballot. We found that approach disingenuous but understandable given his long list of endorsements from public-sector unions, which despise Moorlach for his years of truth telling on pension reform.

We struggled with some endorsements, but not this one. By every measure, Moorlach towers above his opponent – and most everyone else in the Capitol. We strongly support the re-election of Sen. John Moorlach for the 37th District.

