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SEN RC SONG
ALATORRE

I AM PROUD TO BE HERE WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE ROBERT
F. KENNEDY DEMOCRATIC CLUB.

YOU ARE A VERY FORTUNATE GROUP OF PEOPLE.

THE REST OF US HAVE TO WAIT A YEAR. BUT TWO WEEKS FROM
NOW, YOU HAVE THE CHANCE TO TELL RICHARD NIXON AND RONALD REAGAN
WHAT YOU THINK OF THEM.

YOU KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENED TO AMERICA. JOHN KENNEDY GOT
THIS COUNTRY MOVING AGAIN. RICHARD NIXON HAS STOPPED IT.

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AND YOU KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENED TO CALIFORNIA. UNDER
RONALD REAGAN, TAXES ON PEOPLE ARE UP AND THE PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE
ARE DOWN.

SO SEND A MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON AND SACRAMENTO ON
NOVEMBER 16. SEND THE SAME MESSAGE ROBERT KENNEDY TOOK ACROSS THIS
NATION AND THIS STATE IN 1968. TELL NIXON AND REAGAN THAT YOU ARE
NOT SATISFIED -- THAT YOU BELIEVE WE CAN DO BETTER.

AND THE WAY TO SAY THAT IS TO VOTE FOR RICHARD ALATORRE.

HE CAN SPEAK FOR THE POOR AND THE POWERLESS. HE UNDERSTANDS THEIR PROBLEMS BECAUSE HE WAS BORN AND HE GREW UP IN EAST LOS ANGELES.

AND RICHARD ALATORRE CAN SPEAK FOR YOUR DISTRICT AND YOUR CITY. HE UNDERSTANDS WHAT IT IS TO BE AN ASSEMBLYMAN BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN WALLY KARABIAN'S FIELD REPRESENTATIVE. AND HE UNDERSTANDS URBAN PROBLEMS BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN AN INTERN FOR THE URBAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL.

BUT WHAT YOU'RE REALLY ELECTING IS A HUMAN BEING, NOT A LIST OF QUALIFICATIONS. AND RICHARD ALATORRE IS A MAN IN THE TRADITION OF ROBERT KENNEDY.

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HE WILL REPRESENT ALL THE VOTERS OF THIS AREA -- AND HE WILL BE A DESPERATELY NEEDED VOICE IN SACRAMENTO FOR THE UNDERREPRESENTED CHICANOS OF THIS STATE.

YOU CAN PROVE THAT THERE IS SOMETHING IN YOUR NAME.

YOU CAN LIVE UP TO ROBERT KENNEDY'S CHALLENGE -- HIS CONVICTION THAT "EACH OF US CAN WORK TO CHANGE AT LEAST A SMALL PORTION OF EVENTS."

YOU CAN DO THAT BY YOUR ACTIVISM . . . AND BY VOTING FOR RICHARD ALATORRE.

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