

Letters to the **WEEKLY**

Dear Editor

Last week, Rod Diridon, Jr. announced that he would Chair the newly created California Ethics Project instead of running for the State Assembly. In doing so, he proved that he is the "real deal," a leader who puts people and policy before his own political self-interest.

Sometimes a person has to perform a selfless act to show their true character. By backing out of the race, for the best reasons and while winning in the polls, Rod has proven that he was in-fact the best person for the job.

As a member of an Ethics group in San Jose I've taken a long look at the programs that Rod has helped implement,

and on which the new California Ethics Project will be based. They are an impressive step towards empowering the public to hold politicians and government accountable to be at their best.

It sounds like a daunting task, but if anyone can get it done, it is Rod Diridon. A lot of people talk about doing things, but Rod actually gets things done. My only regret is that we can't have "Real-Deal Diridon" serve as both Chair and Assemblyman!

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