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From: Michael Murphy [mailto:]

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To:

Subject: Thought...

Hi ,

Is there anything we can do to get SP to reconsider this race? PPIC will be out with a 41 to 11 primary poll tomorrow.

I hate the idea of us each spending \$20 million beating on the other in primary, only to have a damaged nominee. And we can spend \$40M+ tearing up Steve if we must; bad for him, bad for us, and a crazy waste to tear up a guy with great future statewide potential -- really the only guy on the CA GOP bench for the future.

We could unite entire party behind Steve right now to build a serious race against Diane F in 2012. Could be a strong GOP year and DiFi will be 78 or 79 years old.

Thought I'd try one more time before it's 1914.

Hope you are well.

Best, Murphy

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