

Appendix 8: Political Activity

Dave and Bertha Davini were very active in Republican Party politics. Bertha was head of the Republican State Central Committee for Sonoma County, and both worked very hard to get candidates elected who were pro-business and believed in the private enterprise system. The Davinis believed that only through private investment could a community truly grow and prosper. They encouraged business of all kinds to invest in Cloverdale, including many that worked in direct competition with them. They felt competition made people work harder and improve services to their customers in order to be successful.

- A. C. J. "Red" Tauzer Letter– November 19, 1947. Red Tauzer got the full support of Dave and Bertha Davini when he ran for political office. Tauzer was an attorney from the law office that represented the City of Cloverdale.
- B. Senator Abshire Letter – November 12, 1958. Senator Presley Abshire was very well respected in Sacramento and helped the Davinis secure support for many projects in the Sonoma County region, including Cloverdale. The Davinis supplied Senator Abshire and other Republic candidates free commercial space for their campaign offices.
- C. Vice President Richard Nixon Letter – May 23, 1960. The Davinis were active on behalf of several Republican Presidential candidates. Among the campaigns the author remembers best were Dwight David Eisenhower ("I Like Ike"), Richard Nixon and Barry Goldwater.

LAW OFFICES OF
GEARY AND TAUZER
SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA

THOMAS J. GEARY, 1878-1929
W. FINLAW GEARY
C. J. TAUZER
CARLTON SPRIDGEN
JOHN H. MOSKOWITZ
FRANK L. BARRETT

November 19, 1947

Mr. Dave Davini
Cloverdale, California.

Dear Dave:

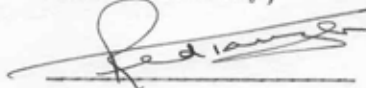
I am wondering if it is necessary for a person to become a candidate for public office to really realize and appreciate the vast scope of his near and dear friends. The campaign just closed was an eye-opener for me.

Let me lead the list with your name (I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the wonderful work you have done in behalf of my candidacy). We find fine friends in all parts of the county, in all walks of life, giving generously of their time, their money, their energy to support a constructive platform for better government and for economy in governmental administration.

It is an honor to have had you as one of the most ardent workers in the campaign, and an honor to have you as a friend. Your confidence in me ever will be respected and my platform will be energetically fulfilled to the best of my ability.

To say "Thank You" is not enough, I am overwhelmed!

Most sincerely,



CJT/be

HOME ADDRESS
627 BOBELAINE DRIVE
SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA

SACRAMENTO ADDRESS
STATE CAPITOL
ZONE 14

F. PRESLEY ABSHIRE
TWELFTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT
SONOMA COUNTY

COMMITTEES
AGRICULTURE
CHAIRMAN
FINANCE
LABOR
REVENUE AND TAXATION
SOCIAL WELFARE
WATER RESOURCES

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

Senate

November 12, 1958

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Davini
540 Hillside Drive
Cloverdale, California

Dear Dave:

Both Mabel and I want you to know how much we appreciate your friendship and all the loyal support which you gave in my behalf during the recent campaign.

Your friendship and loyalty were further demonstrated by furnishing the headquarters in Cloverdale, as well as in assisting in taking care of all the newspaper ads.

I am also writing Ray Ferrari, and Emma Herrmann, and if you know of any others whom I should send thank you letters to, please let me know.

With kindest personal regards, and many thanks for all your courtesies, my

Best wishes,

Pres

*P.S. I did write and thank
Mrs. Emma after the opening
and coffee hour at headquarters.*

Pres



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

May 23, 1960

Dear Friend:

I want you to know that I greatly appreciate the confidence in me you showed by signing one of the petitions needed to qualify my delegation to the forthcoming Republican National Convention.

Because of your interest in my behalf, I thought I might take the liberty here of mentioning a way that everyone favorable to our cause can help in the weeks ahead. You can certainly be of great assistance by encouraging your Republican acquaintances to get to the polls for our California Primary Election on June 7th, as it is extremely important for our Party to turn out an impressive vote on that occasion.

You may be sure of my gratitude for your friendship and constructive support, and this note brings with it my thanks and very best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dick Nixon".

Richard Nixon

Mr. David A. Davini
506 Hillside Drive
Cloverdale, California