

Darrell Issa

Republican Policy Committee Chairman



The Policy Committee must be a beacon keeping the substance of our Republican message on course with the principles of our Party.

Our principles separate us from our Democratic counterparts. These differences are our strength. Our policy proposals and our outreach must embrace these core values: fiscal restraint, limited government, lower taxes, and individual responsibility.



"We know who orchestrated the Recall. It's Congressman Issa and the Republicans."

Former President Bill Clinton
(9/15/03) San Jose Mercury News



An Aggressive Advocate for Good, Responsible Government

Darrell Issa is no stranger to adversity. In 2002, despite heavy criticism over his handling of California's energy crisis and fiscal mismanagement, former California Gov. Gray Davis cruised to reelection. Some Republicans questioned the premise of their party. If they couldn't defeat Gray Davis what could they possibly accomplish?

Darrell Issa provided leadership for Republicans in California when they most needed it.

Issa led the effort to collect the 1.4 million signatures that triggered the election bringing Arnold Schwarzenegger to office.

Issa put together a team that shined a light on the problems confronting California for voters to see.

Over this period, Issa made hundreds of radio and television appearances to bring key issues to the forefront of public debate.

Darrell Issa has demonstrated effective leadership and can bring his energy and enthusiasm to the job of Republican Policy Committee Chairman.

As a Gov. Reform Subcommittee Chairman, Issa led the investigation of an Interior Department mistake on offshore drilling leases that originated during the Clinton Administration.

Issa's oversight work has been recognized by the *New York Times*, *Houston Chronicle*, *New Orleans Times-Picayune*, *Associated Press* and national television networks.

The oversight hearings will save taxpayers billions and has earned Issa a reputation as an aggressive advocate for good government.

Issa has also been a strong supporter of responsible fiscal policies.

He was both hailed and criticized for telling a local paper that projects in his own district should be part of a spending reevaluation. "I can't go any further for the war or Katrina or anything else down the road without making real cuts to show some semblance of living within our means," Issa said in the North County Times (10/5/05). "There comes a day of reckoning and I think the day of reckoning is starting to come to Congress now."