

Barbara Becnel Announces Run for Governor of California

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The "Only \$20 Each From 20,000" Campaign

"What happens to the poorest and most troubled of this state's citizens affects every Californian in some way. I'll make that case for you," states Barbara Becnel.

Barbara Becnel, 55, is Executive Director of a non-profit social services agency in Richmond, California. For 13 years she worked with Stanley Tookie Williams, death row prisoner and Nobel Peace Prize nominee, to edit and publish his award-winning series of books for at-risk children. She was Stan's advocate and friend, and organized an international campaign for clemency until he was killed by the State of California on December 13, 2005. She witnessed his execution.

California needs new leadership to serve ordinary people, not a few multi-millionaires. Do you want California to become a state for all of its residents? Barbara Becnel wants to be your next Governor, but it requires thousands of us donating at least \$20 each to make that happen. If everyone who agrees with Barbara contributes only \$20 to her campaign, we will raise enough money to take on Schwarzenegger and the other multimillionaires in the race for Governor, Democrats Steve Westly and Phil Angelides.

Believe that it can happen. Here's how you can help.

\$20 each from 20,000 women

\$20 each from 20,000 men

\$20 each from 20,000 students

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\$20 each from 20,000 community folks

Ms. Becnel's background includes working as a public policy expert in Washington, D.C. and in Los Angeles. She has written more than 100 newspaper and magazine articles as well as several books about parenting and overcoming drug addiction. She co-produced the award-winning TV film *Redemption: The Stan Tookie Williams Story*, based on her partnership with Stanley Tookie Williams. Jamie Foxx starred as Mr. Williams; actress Lynn Whitfield portrayed Ms. Becnel. The movie was honored at the Sundance Film Festival and Cannes Film Festival in France.

Ms. Becnel received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2 1/2 years, summa cum laude, in Economics from Adelphi University ; attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in a doctoral program in Quantitative Economics and did post-graduate work at the University of Chicago as a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow.

Ms. Becnel has earned high honors for her public service, including:

-Women's History Celebration Award 2006 for Social Consciousness from Contra Costa College
-California State Honoree 2005 Ella Hill Hutch Award for Community Service issued by Black Women Organized for Political Action
-Certificate of Appreciation for 2005 Ella Hill Hutch Award from Barbara Boxer, United States Senator
-Woman of the Year 2001 issued by the California State Legislature

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