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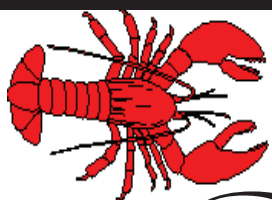
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**CLT Slams Misguided
Rep. 'Taxes' L'Italien**

Lawrence "Lonnie" Brennan
VALLEY PATRIOT GEORGETOWN COLUMNIST

Our notoriously left-of-left-of-left ultra-liberal, ultra-tax-raiser (6.25% sales tax, 6.25% meals tax, 6.25% beer and wine tax, and more than three-quarters of a decade of blind support for every tax increase, and every spending increase, and every assault on the retired hardworking families in our community, and a solid F-rating from CLT), 'representative' Barbara 'Taxes' L'Italien recently outdid herself. Ms. L'Italien, in all her arrogance, sponsored legislation to effectively eliminate the initiative petition process.

That's right. If 'Taxes' was successful, according to the Executive Director of the Citizens for Limited Taxation Barbara Anderson, the initiative petition process in Massachusetts would be dead. As the sole restraint on unbridled assaults on our tax dollars, the citizen's right of address, right of creation of "Proposition 2 1/2" for example, would be forever extinguished if Ms. L'Italien got her way.

To make matters worse, according to Anderson, 'Taxes' L'Italien tried to sneak her constitutional amendment in through an off-beat method.

"I don't think they would try to do it if they didn't think they could sneak it through," Anderson explained about the off-beat method used to attempt a run at a constitution convention vote, with obscure, seemingly harmless 'equality' language and a run through a certain committee vote.

Outraged at the arrogance and sneakiness, Anderson exclaimed that "It shouldn't be stripped away without everyone knowing what they tried to do."

When reviewing the veiled language of the radical left-leaning L'Italien sponsored article, Ms. Anderson noted that it would close the door on the taxpayers: "If adopted, it would eliminate, well, just about everything, and it certainly includes any attempt to cut or limit taxation" in the future, she explained.

"I thought it was something left over from the gay marriage issue, that they were still annoyed about that, but ah, then that issue is dead" Anderson noted on WRKO minutes before the vote. But upon simple inspection, Anderson understood exactly what L'Italien, Byron Rushing, Cynthia-Stone-Creem, Alice Wolfe, and other radical legislators were trying to sneak through: "These people really, really hate your right to go out and make your own laws or repeal laws, if you don't like what the legislature is doing," Anderson explained.

"They're from the left wing of the left wing of the left wing of the Democratic



Lawrence Mayor Lantigua and State Rep. Barbara L'Italien

party," WRKO talk show host Charlie Manning noted as he described L'Italien and her cabal.

"People should be aware that whether you're liberal, conservative, animal rights activist, environmentalist, if you are trying to use the initiative petition process, these people are trying to stop you," Anderson said.

Anderson went on to explain that our government derives its powers from the people, not the other way around, and elitism has reached a dangerous point in our Massachusetts legislature. It certainly has in the 18th Essex, with L'Italien (solid F-rating on taxes), and Barry Finegold (voted to support benefits for illegal aliens, just like L'Italien, and voted for sales, meals, and wine tax increases, and has a solid F-rating on spending and tax increases by CLT, and is running for Senate, promising of all things, to be good in the future. Yeah, right. Is he selling the Tobin bridge too?)

Fortunately, 'Taxes' L'Italien failed to note that CLT is comprised of common, decent, taxpaying, regular citizens, not snoots and elitists, and that these normal, hardworking, and often financially struggling families are sick of countless tax increases. L'Italien took on CLT, and that was a big mistake. It was like showing up for a gun fight with a straw and purse full of spitballs. CLT got on the airways, sent out press releases and alerts, and "we shone a light" on what 'Taxes' L'Italien and her cohorts were trying to do.

When it came time for a vote, a big CLT spotlight shone brightly upon the podium, and no legislator dared to enter the light. The measure died in the blazing sunshine. Score another win for sanity. Anderson highly recommends that voters remember the shenanigans in Boston and the arrogance of L'Italien, Wolfe, and the cabal, and vote them out in November.

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