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Ed Ring on “Myths About Public Unions” **SPARC’s Exciting March Topic**

Los Altos Hills, California: The cop on the beat and the firefighter rescuing the neighbor’s cat are much beloved images. But what if you looked at each one of them as an unfunded pension obligation for which you, the taxpayer, would soon have to dip into the family piggy bank? It might change your perspective.

Ed Ring, President of the California Policy Center, is a writer and editor with experience in technology, ecology, finance, and journalism and from this eclectic background has been studying this very issue. Ring will be the keynote speaker at the upcoming meeting of the South Peninsula Area Republican Coalition—SPARC—Wednesday, March 16, 2016 with the topic “Myths About Public Unions: And How Believing Them Can Hurt.” It is especially timely as cities throughout California struggle to face serious shortfalls in their ongoing pension and benefit responsibilities.

Ring directs the California Policy Center’s research projects and is also the editor of UnionWatch.org. Previously a CFO in Silicon Valley, he brings this experience to his analysis of issues relating to public sector finance. With a BA in Political Science from UC Davis and an MBA from the University of Southern California, this Californian is dedicated to seeing his home state find practical solutions to its problems.

The SPARC event includes a wine reception and dinner scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at the Fremont Hills Country Club, 12889 Viscaino Place in Los Altos Hills. It is open to the public and tickets are priced at \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members with a special discount for students with student identification. Both reservations and payment in advance are highly recommended and can be made by going to sparc1.org. There is a small, added surcharge for payment at the door. Reporters and photographers are always welcome at SPARC events.

For more information on SPARC and/or covering this event, email us at rchaps2@gmail.com.

We are happy to host reporters at the wine and dinner reception.

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