

Jack Flanigan of the Flanigan Law Firm Acting as Informal Advisor to Jerry Brown

SACRAMENTO, CALIF., May 6, 2010 – On his political blog, California’s Capitol, Greg Lucas reported on April 29 on the role of Jack Flanigan of the Flanigan Law Firm as an unofficial advisor to Jerry Brown.

“Jack Flanigan, a veteran GOP political strategist, is among the informal network of advisers Attorney General Jerry Brown consults in his race for governor. Flanigan said he has no formal role in Brown’s campaign, just offers advice when Brown seeks it.”

“I basically respond to his questions. What do you think about X? Who is this person? Why is this person important? What do I do” Probing questions that pop up during the day that he thinks I have special insight into by being Republican.”

Lucas called Brown and Flanigan a “political odd couple,” given Brown’s long history with the Democratic Party and Flanigan’s experience working with Republican campaigns. Flanigan has a history with former Governor Pete Wilson, a Republican. He managed Wilson’s re-election campaign for mayor of San Diego in 1975. And, he was the state co-chair of the Bush-Quayle California campaign in 1992.

While the pairing may seem unorthodox from the outside, many, including Flanigan, see it as part of Brown’s collaborative approach to governing.

“I think Jerry’s whole approach is to try and reach out and find folks from the other side of the aisle because, if he becomes governor, in order to find solutions he will desperately need help from the Republican side,’ Flanigan said.”

“Flanigan said Brown initiated the contact and that two have been talking, off-and-on, for six months.”

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