
Fred Thompson is the Favorite in Republican Straw Poll

California Republican Assembly conducts vote during annual convention

Former Senator Fred Thompson took first place in a Presidential Preference straw poll conducted by the California Republican Assembly at its annual convention this weekend.

Thompson received 25% percent of the convention delegates' votes, easily beating the two runners up, Congressman Duncan Hunter and Governor Mitt Romney who each received 19% of the vote.

Complete straw poll results follow:

Fred Thompson (25%)
Duncan Hunter (19%)
Mitt Romney (19%)
Ron Paul (12%)
Tom Tancredo (8%)
Newt Gingrich (7%)
Rudy Guilliani (7%)
Sam Brownbeck (3%)
Mike Huckabee (0%)
Tommy Thompson (0%)

CRA, the state's oldest and largest Republican volunteer organization, conducted the straw poll as part of a weekend convention that featured appearances by Presidential candidates Duncan Hunter and Congressman Ron Paul.

Other speakers included Senator Tom McClintock, Congressmen Gary Miller and Ed Royce, Assemblymen Bob Huff, Bill Emmerson and Chuck DeVore, and Joe Loya, father-in-law of Border Agent Ignacio "Nacho" Ramos.

In convention business, the CRA delegates re-elected Mike Spence to serve as President for two more years, as well as electing a new board of directors.