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There is a situation in the Chino/Chino Hills, CA area involving a Constitutional breach of the separation of church and state. Calvary Chapel of Chino Hills informs members of its congregation which political candidates they should vote to elect, based on their "Christian beliefs." This is not right.

All non-profit organizations should be treated equally, regardless of whether they espouse an atheist position, or a religious position. Currently the IRS singles out churches for privileged treatment by exempting them from the disclosure requirements all other 501(c)(3) organizations must comply with, or lose their exemption. Taxpayers, who are subsidizing tax-exempt groups, have a right to know what entities are exempt from taxation and to review general financial disclosures. The privilege of not being taxed must come with some measures of accountability.
Please make churches conform to the same IRS requirements as all other 501(c)(3) groups. At a minimum, the IRS should require any organizations that claim to be religious organizations, to file an annual notice with the IRS that they are claiming tax exemption.

In addition, member of this church who are also elected members of the Chino Valley Unified School District Board of Education are offering prayers from their seats, advocating conversion of citizens, and making other statements that alienate citizens of this community. This may be a different issue, but it does tie to the lack of separation of church and state.

Please investigate this Constitutional breach.

Sincerely,
Susan L. Snookal