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Republican Party opposes prejudice

We read comments in the Glendale News Press that we find disturbing and anachronistic.

There is a local issue whether an Armenian organization should be funded by a local city council. What emerged from this debate are prejudicial comments, emphasizing an anti-Armenian bias.

The California Republican Party has always enjoyed community-wide support in Glendale.

The party of Abraham Lincoln was created for the purpose of ending slavery in America.

The Democrats sided with the slave owners. The Republican Party emerged for the purpose of recognizing that all people are created equal and require equal opportunity.

The California Republican Party recognizes that for the Republican Party to grow, we must continue to assimilate all new Americans into the Republican Party.

We are particularly proud that the California Republican Party twice nominated George Deukmejian as our governor.

Currently, the Republican Party has two members in the Assembly who are of Armenian heritage.

Those individuals who wish to strike out against a particular ethnic group are certainly not Republicans in the image of Abraham Lincoln, nor are they Americans as contemplated by the founders of our republic.

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