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OCGSRW EVENTS CALENDAR



September 1st – Labor Day

September 10th – OCGSRW Board Meeting:
9:30am – 11:30am
Hosted by: Jan Day

September 15th – OCGOP Central Committee Meeting:
7:00pm, Hilton Hotel
3050 Bristol, Costa Mesa

September 17th – OCGSRW **NEW! DINNER MEETING**
(Details on right and on [page 4](#))

September 17th – Constitution Day

September 19th – National POW/MIA
Recognition Day

September 22nd – First Day of Autumn



For more OCGSRW events, information, ways to be involved and take action, please visit our website at ocgsrw.org.

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NEW FOR OCGSRW: A SPECIAL FALL EVENING EVENT WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH



Keynote Speaker:

Assemblywoman Diane Dixon

Diane Dixon, who formerly served two terms as Newport Beach Mayor and represents the 72nd Assembly District, is running for the 5th District of the Orange County Board of Supervisors in 2026, currently occupied by Katrina Foley.

Second Speaker:

Mike Harvey, Co-founder 511 Media

Mike Harvey, Sponsorship Coordinator & Founder at 511 Media Group, is dedicated to helping make California great again! He promotes faith, family, and freedom through impactful podcasts, innovative media, and strategic partnerships.



Evening Dinner Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 17th, 2025, 5:00pm
Price: \$55 per person

Reservations:

Must make reservations by Friday, September 12th

Please make reservations online: **Signup Genius**
Payment will be made when you arrive at the meeting by check, cash, or via ZELLE. Please see the QR code inside this edition to make your payment.

Location:

Marbella Country Club
30800 Golf Club Drive
San Juan Capistrano, CA

Please Note: We can no longer save seats. Only those members who hold a patron membership are allowed to have a seat saved for them. All others are first-come, first served. Please arrive early if you have multiple guests in order to find seats together.

COMING TOGETHER | WORKING TOGETHER

President's Message

"A Call to Action: The Time to Engage is Now"

To All OCGSRW Members and Friends:

We are standing at a turning point in our state right now! The upcoming election year is not just another contest—it is one of the most decisive in recent memory. California needs strong Republican leadership at every level of government to restore balance, protect our freedoms, and ensure that the voices of everyday citizens are heard above the noise of special interests. But winning seats and shaping policy will not happen on its own. It requires each of us to rise to the moment with energy, commitment, and action.

Forms of activism range from mandate building in a community: including writing letters to newspapers and elected officials, running or contributing to a political campaign, preferential patronage (or boycott) of businesses, and demonstrative forms of activism like rallies, street marches, strikes, and sit-ins. Every effort, large or small, adds momentum to a movement that grows stronger with each voice that joins in.



Consider this: history has never been changed by silence. It is moved forward by those willing to speak up, to write, to organize, and to stand firm even in the face of challenge. The most effective way to shift the future of our state is for **every** Republican in California not only to vote but to actively work to engage neighbors, friends, and communities in this mission.

You may not be able to do everything, but everyone can do something! Volunteer for a campaign. Donate if you are able. Write a letter to the editor of your local paper. Share facts and perspectives on social media. Attend or organize local rallies. Support businesses that reflect your values. Most importantly, talk with others about the issues—personal conversations remain one of the most powerful tools of persuasion and mobilization.

This is our moment. The responsibility rests with us to push back against complacency and rekindle the civic spirit that makes our nation strong. If we do not act boldly now, we risk leaving the future of California in the hands of those who do not share our vision for freedom, prosperity, and accountability.

Together, through engagement and persistence, we can bring balance back to California and secure a better tomorrow. Let us commit today to do more, reach further, and never underestimate the power of collective action.



The time for activism is not tomorrow—it is now.

Linda Koelling,
President, OCGSRW



Register to Vote/Absentee Ballots/Election Questions: Orange County Registrar of Voters, 1300 South Grand Ave., Building C
Santa Ana, CA 92705 - Telephone: 714-567-7600 | Website: www.ocvote.com

Voter registration forms are also available at our General Meetings, at most U.S. Post Offices, at Public Libraries and the Orange County Republican Headquarters. Voter registration closes fifteen days prior to any election.



BRING A FRIEND AND RECEIVE 3 FREE RAFFLE TICKETS



Membership Renewal

RENEW Your Membership TODAY for \$45 so you don't miss receiving our beautiful Newsletter and other special events.

Members, bring a NEW friend or neighbor to our next meeting. Pay by Zelle or bring your checkbook.

Dinner is \$55 per person.

Access the New or Renewal [Membership Application HERE](#).

Please mail your check today with the Membership Application to:

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31103 Rancho Viejo Road, Suite #D3292
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Please call Jan Day, Membership Chair if you have any questions
714-747-6339.

OCGSRW Summer Mixer, July 24



Gene Johns Mayor Pro Tem of Laguna Niguel gives an update on Lithium Battery Storage issue.



More Summer Fun



JUST A REMINDER...**"NEW" FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING
TIME CHANGE!**

Starting with our **Wednesday, September 17th** meeting we are having a dinner instead of a luncheon. We decided the month of September would be perfect to experiment with an evening meeting since it is still light out. We are excited to have **Assemblymember Diane Dixon** as our keynote speaker. Diane is running for a seat on the Orange County Board of Supervisors in 2026. She is hoping to unseat Katrina Foley who currently occupies the seat. This is a very important election for 2026 so bring a friend to hear and ask questions of our honorable Assemblywoman.

In addition, we have Mike Harvey joining us to discuss the plan to make California Great Again! He is Sponsorship Coordinator & Founder at 511 Media Group | Promoting faith, family, and freedom through impactful podcasts, innovative media, and strategic partnerships.

This will be a great way to introduce more Republicans to our club, thereby boosting the number of volunteers to work on getting Republicans elected and to be more informed and educated about the issues facing us through our speaker line-up.

(MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER BEGINS AT 5:00PM AT MARBELLA COUNTRY CLUB. BRING A FRIEND.)

**GSRW 2025 Biennial Convention at Knott's
Berry Farm, September 26-28, 2025**

Golden State Republican Women invite you to join us for our very first Biennial Convention at Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park from September 26 to 28, 2025. Guest speakers will include CA Gubernatorial candidate Steve Hilton, Tony Strickland, Evelyn Sky Jones, and more!

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FOR A FUN
WEEKEND
AT KNOTTS
BERRY FARM

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A CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER

We are over six months into the growing resistance movement to prevent a potentially hazardous facility to be built on our doorstep endangering our homes, our lives, our children, our businesses and our future. We all need to recognize that this is an encroachment on our freedom to live in a safe environment by forces that want to decide what's good for us, without our consent, and without consideration for our safety and our livelihood.

The Lithium Battery Storage Facility presents several catastrophic risks. The primary risk is that it is prone to erupt in flames. Those flames are difficult to control and cannot be put out by normal fire-fighting methods. It has caused disasters in previous installations around the country by emitting toxic fumes over a wide area, polluting the water and the ground water supplies. It will shut down major transportation routes, schools, churches and businesses as well as create local environmental hazards when the problem occurs.

What makes this even more troublesome is that the effort is supported by a state government that is bent on allowing a hazardous facility development without the consent of the communities in which it is planned to be built. The voices of the communities are being totally ignored.

The only way to stop this is to make our voices heard.

All the resources needed to get involved and prevent such a clear and present danger are available at blessinoc.org.

1. You can submit comments online
2. Write your own letters
3. Use the letter templates provided
4. Attend the meetings: schedules provided
5. Send letters to the Governor and the Secretary of Energy. Templates provided
6. Donations help with legal representation, flyers and ads, yard signs and banners



REDISTRICTING...THE BATTLE BEGINS AGAINST THE POLITICAL POWER GRAB IN NOVEMBER, VOTE NO ON PROP 50

We must come together and volunteer to do what it takes to defeat Gavin Newsom and the California Democrats in their quest to redistrict California. Consider what will this redistricting do.

1. Hands the power back to politicians to rig the system by drawing districts guaranteeing their reelection.
2. It eliminates public input and transparency, thereby silencing voters. It takes redistricting out of the public square and turns it over to politicians behind closed doors in the capital.
3. It undermines democracy and opens the door to gerrymandering which disproportionately harms communities of color, reduces competitive elections and erodes accountability.
4. This act strips constitutional protections that currently ensure communities are kept whole and that maps are not drawn to favor political parties or incumbents.
5. It sets a dangerous precedent that could be used by future politicians to undermine constitutional safeguards
6. This special election is costly and wasteful as it will cost the California taxpayers more than \$250 million dollars as California faces budget cuts on critical services.
7. This action by Governor Newsom is illegal and corrupt. By putting this measure on the November ballot, these politicians are violating their oath to defend the state constitution.
8. Recently, Republican legislators fought this corrupt plan from within the state legislature, but of course Newsom had the votes to proceed. The California Supreme Court then denied a GOP request for a hold on the redistricting legislation.



Several lawsuits are out there but **WE WILL HAVE TO WIN AT THE BALLOT BOX**: Preparations are being made for an aggressive statewide campaign to defeat Gavin Newsom's corrupt plan in November 4th's special election. Contact the OCGOP office 714-453-0900 and see what you can do to spread the word and defeat this egregious action.

More information on redistricting at ReformCalifornia.org.

SB 79....A TROJAN HORSE

The State Over Reach on our communities and the disregard of the people's voices, continues with SB 79. This bill must be stopped before the Governor signs it into law. Contact all of your local leaders, state representatives and include a letter to the Governor....VOTE NO ON SB79

SB 79 — The Ugly Truth: These state bills, which the public is starting to see the negative impacts of, keep on coming, with little pushback, because most people are completely unaware of these State bills. That is until one of these projects comes to their neighborhood, and then they scream at City Council's to stop it! And even worse, there has been little to no impact on solving the 'housing affordability crisis', as the vast majority of these projects are building at market rate!

SB 79 would also let developers bypass local planning by allowing **large projects inside half-mile "transit bubbles"** statewide where you could all see **5-7 story developments and 80+ units per acre — without local input, notice, or parking requirements.**

Why SB 79 is Dangerous:

- **Bypasses local housing plans**
Communities have been met with aggressive state housing mandates by developing **state-certified housing elements** — plans tailored to our unique **infrastructure limits, wildfire evacuation routes, and environmental protections**. SB 79 sweeps this work aside with **top-down zoning**.
- **Puts historic areas and safety at risk**
The bill offers **no exemptions** for historic districts, wildfire hazard zones, narrow evacuation routes, or fragile infrastructure.
- **Shifts control from communities to developers**
Development would be almost exclusively market-rate, meaning neighborhoods lose livability and working-class people are priced out.
- **Expansion**
"Qualifying" transit stops can be designated **before construction** and implemented even during planning stages.
- As you may have heard, the Los Angeles City Council just voted to put forth a resolution recommending a NO vote on SB 79. SB 79 must be stopped. Contact your local and state officials NOW!



Meet the Board: Nancy Jimeno

By Phoebe Wise



It's a Sunday morning in the 1960s, in the City of Orange, California. A young girl, just back from church, crawls out of her bedroom window, jumps on her bike, and pedals toward the endless groves of Villa Park, not yet a city, a rural community of growers for Sunkist. Rows of trees flit by, with the occasional house or long driveway. The citrus groves and windbreaks of eucalyptus are green and quiet; the roads are low in traffic, allowing her to go for maximum speed.

In following years the groves begin to give way to the developers; housing tracks and shopping centers replace the rural scene. Nancy's family, with several generations rooted in southern California, are part of this transformation. Her father is elected to the city council of Orange, and his goal is to help sponsor the construction of the 55 freeway, knowing it will be good for business. He is right, but the freeway accelerates the transformation of Orange County from rural to urban.

Despite the increasing traffic, Nancy sticks to her love of cycling. On weekends she rides the 30-mile round trip to the Fullerton Airport where her parents, both pilots, keep private planes. For safety purposes, she learns to fly—that's before she is old enough to drive.

In 1972 Nancy graduated from Marywood High School in Orange. That spring she rides her first criterium cycling race, the only woman in the competition. Cycling is far from being her only interest, however. That same year, 1972, she enters and wins the Miss City of Orange Pageant and becomes a City of Orange Princess. It's the scholarship money she is after. Her parents are not supportive of higher education for their daughter, but Nancy is determined to find a way to pursue her dream of going to college. Unfortunately, this is the only year that the pageant organizers do not find the means to fund the scholarship, so Nancy has to put her college dreams on hold.

I asked Nancy how she managed to handle such a disappointment. She told me that it was ok. She learned so much the year she represented the city as Miss Orange. She gained vital skills and knowledge you don't necessarily get in college: public speaking, poise in dealing with all kinds of people and about promoting businesses, a skill she learned as she fulfilled her responsibilities with the Orange Chamber of Commerce.

With her education plans on hold, Nancy found employment in a trade shop of the jewelry industry—that is where custom manufacturing and repairs happen. She became a "bench jeweler," carving waxes, casting gold, setting stones and engraving. Joseph Hartstein, owner of Jewels by Joseph (the first jeweler to establish a jewelry store at South Coast Plaza), suggested that she become certified as a Graduate Gemologist of the Gemological Institute of America (G.I.A.), and a Registered Jeweler and Certified Gemologist Appraiser of the American Gem Society (AGS). She completed the rigorous G.I.A. program—the 117th woman in the US to have done so at that time—and remained in the fine jewelry business as an appraiser and buyer of high-end fine jewelry for close to thirty years.

When Nancy returned to fulfill her college dream in her late thirties, she was much better oriented to take advantage of the opportunity than the average college freshman. She graduated from Cal State Fullerton in Political Science summa cum laude, as the valedictorian of her class. Two of her professors recommended her for the Ph.D. program at UC Riverside; they wanted her to return to Fullerton as a professor, which she did. Nancy completed her doctorate in 2012 while simultaneously teaching classes in American Government, California Politics and Public Policy. She completed a 20-year career at CSUF, retiring in 2024, when Laura Newhall recruited her to join our Club.

Nancy's PhD program took a little longer than usual to complete; she spent eight years interviewing state and federal biologists, development executives, landowners, state legislators and local elected officials, plus two years writing her dissertation. Given her family's long history in southern California and all the changes they've seen, it seems fitting that her dissertation would be about development here in south Orange County. Specifically, it concerns the Endangered Species Act and the Natural Communities Conservation Act, or NCCP. This CA law provides a legal framework by which some land can be conserved, and the rest developed. It was the brainchild of Monica Florian, who was employed by the Irvine Company from 1978 through 2004.

Nancy's was the first social science dissertation to cover the NCCP. She was generously granted interviews of many people who shaped the communities we live in today, including Irvine Company executives (the city of Irvine) and Rancho Mission Viejo's Senior Vice President of Planning and Entitlement, R.J. Bromming (Rancho Mission Viejo, Mission Viejo, Ladera Ranch, Rancho Santa Margarita, etc.). I know this dissertation would make fascinating reading for any resident of South Orange County.

I could tell during this interview that Nancy is not only well-versed in the history and politics of southern California, but that she has a real love for all these places that she holds so vividly in memory—the orange groves of her youth, bike routes through the hills around Cook's Corner, Catalina Island where she lived for two years. Given the continuing battles for local control of development that we are fighting with the state, it would be difficult for someone who truly loves this place not to wind up in the dead end of despair or cynicism. That is not where Nancy lives.

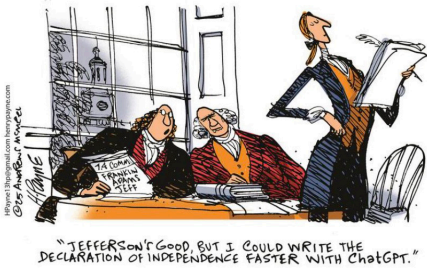
She told me a story about her paternal grandmother, Evadne Konen-Phillips, born in Los Angeles in 1898. Evadne's father had been a music professor at UCLA, back when it was known simply as "the Branch", as in a branch of UC Berkeley, and was located in down town Los Angeles. When she was a young woman, her grandmother could ride horseback from downtown Los Angeles where she lived to what is now Inglewood, following a sycamore-lined creek. Now that lovely creek is under the runways of LAX.

Nancy said she asked her grandmother why people did not fight harder to save this beautiful piece of nature. She answered with a word of wisdom that sustains Nancy to this day: "If you are going to remain in California, you are going to have to develop generosity of spirit. Or else you will drive yourself crazy." Somehow, Nancy has managed to follow her grandmother's advice. She remains politically engaged, but she retains her generosity of spirit.

We are grateful to Nancy for the generous time she devotes to our club as Vice President, and we are also grateful to her husband Mark for the many ways he helps our Club, including for his work in the preparation of this newsletter.

JUST FOR LAUGHS

A photo of the rare and elusive Golden Crested Dembuttkicker.



In 1939, The New York Times predicted that TV would fail because people wouldn't have time to stare at a screen.



"Back in my day, eggs and toilet paper were so abundant we used to throw them at the houses of our enemies"

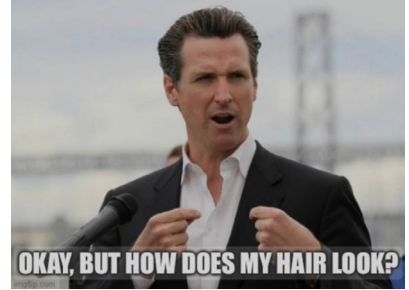


JUST FOR LAUGHS CONTINUED

The umbrella was originally going to be called just "brella"... but the inventor hesitated.



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