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Meetings held monthly except July, August & December

August 2026

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OCGSRW THIS MONTH



Wed 12th • OCGSRW Board Meeting

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Jan Day's home

Sat 15th • V-J Day 1945

Mon 17th • OCGOP Central Committee Meeting

7:00 PM, Hotel Zessa
201 E. MacArther Blvd, Santa Ana

****NO LUNCHEON MEETING THIS MONTH****

Thur 20th • Meet the Candidates Event (flyer on right)

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Crown Valley Community Center



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

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SPECIAL MEET THE CANDIDATES EVENT



AUGUST 20, 2026

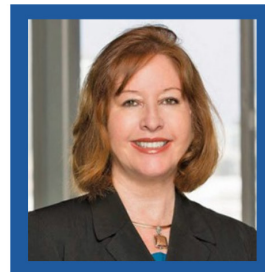
GENERAL MEETING

Guest Speakers



Jenny Rae Le Roux

United States Congress CA 47
Candidate



Gloria Romero

California Lt. Governor
Candidate

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Crown Valley Community Center | Crown Ballroom

29751 Crown Valley Parkway, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

6:30 PM Ballroom Doors Open for Fellowship & Refreshments

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Program

Members \$25 | Non-Members \$35

Reservations Required by August 13, 2026

Reservation required by August 13 so all attendees can be accommodated.

Seating is first come first serve. Any reservations received after August 13,

may enter ballroom after 6:50 PM, space permitting.

Tickets: <https://www.simplertix.com/e/south-orange-county-republicans-august-2026-tickets-280945>



TICKETS

www.SouthOCRepublicans.com

COMING TOGETHER | WORKING TOGETHER

President's Message

"California Dreaming"



The year 2026 could mark a turning point for California. For the first time in many years, Republicans have a strong statewide ticket led by Steve Hilton for Governor, offering voters a clear vision and the opportunity for a new direction. Joining him are well-qualified candidates including Gloria Romero for Lieutenant Governor, Michael Gates for Attorney General, Sonja Shaw for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Don Wagner for Secretary of State. Together, they represent a team prepared to provide the leadership Californians have been waiting for.

Now that the primary election is behind us, our focus must turn to November. While statewide races are important, so are elections for the State Assembly and State Senate. Electing more Republican legislators would provide greater balance in Sacramento and ensure that more voices are represented in the decisions affecting our state.

Achieving that goal will require more than enthusiasm—it will require participation. If each of us can devote just a few hours each week between now and Election Day, we can make a meaningful difference. Whether it's phone banking, writing postcards, walking precincts, or helping at campaign events, every volunteer effort strengthens our candidates and our message. Organized efforts by the Orange County Republican Party, the OC Central Committee, and our local Women's Republican Clubs will provide opportunities for everyone to get involved. Assemblymember Carl DeMaio is also working to educate voters about the issues and initiatives that will appear on the November ballot.

This election matters because California is worth fighting for.

Many of us have watched California evolve over the years. We witnessed the growth of its suburbs following World War II, the expansion of world-class colleges and universities, remarkable economic opportunity, and the rise of California as the nation's most populous state and one of the world's leading economies. For generations, California symbolized the American Dream.

Today, many Californians believe that dream has become harder to achieve. Concerns about affordability, housing, public safety, education, and the growing role of state government have led many to question the direction Sacramento has taken. In particular, many communities have expressed concern that state housing mandates have reduced local control over planning and development, changing the character of cities and neighborhoods across the state.

Regardless of where we live, we all have a responsibility to stay informed, become involved, and ask, "How can I help?" Every conversation, every volunteer hour, and every vote matters.

I cannot overstate the importance of this election. Our democracy depends on citizens who participate. By voting, encouraging others to vote, and supporting candidates who reflect our values, we can help shape California's future.



Together, we can restore the California Dream. It will take dedication, hard work, and a collective effort, but positive change is always possible when citizens become engaged. The California Dream is not dead—it is ours to rebuild.

Linda Koelling,
President, OCGSRW



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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.

OCGSRW JUNE MEETING RECAP



A panel of elected officials discussed the issues facing their communities: Nancy had many questions for: John Campbell, Mayor SJC, Councilmembers, Ray Gennawey, LN, Steve Knoblock, SC, & Keri Baert, RSM



Scholarship winner: Abbey Kimmel & her mother were also part of this very special day



Introducing our scholarship winner Abbey Kimmel addresses the membership. A real superstar!



Linda encourages members to vote



Steve Camp, Council Candidate, San Clemente



Pryce Robinson speaking for Diane Dixon



A fun Day at the June 17 luncheon meeting at Marbella Country Club



Good food, great people, & many questions for our elected officials



Serving on Club Committees

Get involved; Make a difference; Be part of the Solution

OCGSRW is looking for members to expand their interests in trying to accomplish the goals of the club. Our motto, "Coming Together/Working together", provides the platform for our club's goals to provide: information and education about the issues facing our community, state and nation as well as provide support for our Republican candidates.

Please consider taking time to engage in one or more of the following committees. A brief description of each one is provided. Once a committee is formed, a committee chair is selected by those members and the work can begin. The amount of time spent is up to the committee.



1. Activism/Americanism

Committee members will keep track of state and congressional bills of interest to be reported to the members at meetings and to be printed in the newsletter.

2. By-Laws

This committee will assist the Parliamentarian regarding the operation of the club rules/guidelines.

3. Campaign/Voter Registration

Members can work on various campaigns as needed through the OC Republican Central Committee during election years.

4. Finance/Audit

Members on this committee will assist the treasurer as needed and audit the club finances once a year.

5. Hospitality/Check in

Members of this group will be the greeters at each of the luncheon meetings and set up/ take down the table decorations.

6. Marketing/Communications

Committee members will oversee the newsletter preparation & distribution, social media updates and maintain the club website.

7. Ways & Means/Fundraising Events

Committee members will plan and organize a summer event and holiday event each year to support special club activities.

8. Youth Scholarships & Other Special Programs for Club Outreach

Members shall engage in organizing and selecting scholarship candidates in the spring each year.

We encourage all members to consider taking the time to engage in a committee of choice during some of your time as a member of OCGSRW.

PLEASE PRINT, SIGN AND MAIL THIS PETITION TO:

Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association
Attn: Director of Member Services, Dept. 252007
P.O. Box 14230
Orange, CA 92863-1230



OFFICIAL "STOP THE LIES" PETITION

PETITION NUMBER: 0225200777777777

To: **My State Senator, my State Assembly Member
And the entire California State Legislature**

WHEREAS: Proposition 13 continues to receive overwhelming support from California voters for protecting homeowners, seniors and working families from unfair property tax increases.

WHEREAS: Anti-taxpayer legislators are spreading false claims that Prop. 13 causes housing shortages, defunds schools and prevents democracy — all of which are demonstrably false.

WHEREAS: Recent media reports confirm that key leaders in the Assembly and Senate are refusing to answer public questions regarding proposals to raise your taxes and weaken Prop. 13 protections.

NOW THEREFORE: I, the undersigned California voter and HJTA Member, hereby urge my elected representatives to:

REJECT ANY LEGISLATION OR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT that weakens or eliminates any Prop. 13 protection, including the Two-Thirds Vote Rule; and,

OPPOSE EFFORTS TO MISLEAD THE PUBLIC OR STIFLE PRESS COVERAGE on matters of taxpayer rights, government transparency and property tax protections.

Print Name: _____

Signed: _____ Date Signed: _____

Please do not remove the section below. The form will be detached before petitions are released to the State Legislature.

☒ **Yes Jon,** I'm returning to you my signed Petition to my representatives in the State Senate and Assembly. To help HJTA fight ALL threats to Prop. 13, I am also enclosing a special donation in the amount of:

☐ \$25 ☐ \$15 ☐ Other \$ _____

First, Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State ZIP: _____

Contributions or gifts to the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association are not tax-deductible.

Sign up with your email address below to receive taxpayer email updates:

➔ _____ @ _____

Your email address will be used only for communications from HJTA. We will not trade or rent your email address, and you can unsubscribe at any time.

☐ My check is enclosed, payable to Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association or HJTA.

☐ Please charge \$ _____ to my:
☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard
☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Card Number:

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Exp. Date: _____ Billing ZIP Code: _____

Name on Card: _____ CVC: _____

Signature: _____

Michael Gates for President

By: Phoebe Wise



But if we can't get that, how about Michael Gates for Attorney General of California?

We have hosted him at our Club. Some of us have attended meet and greets with him. We have seen him on social media. From these encounters I have decided that Michael Gates is the most impressive candidate for public office in California that I have ever met.

He needs no microphone. His voice is a natural gift that has been honed by countless hours in the courtroom. He needs no notes. He answers questions from the audience directly and precisely, drawing on his impressive knowledge of the facts. Best of all, he is a good man—happily married with five children, no breath of scandal for detractors to use against him. And this good man wants to fight for California. *Has* fought for California. He spent ten years as City Attorney for Huntington Beach, and his **Criminal Prosecutor Program** achieved an 11.5% reduction in crime in the city's downtown area.

In 2025 the Trump administration tapped him for federal service: "Michael was appointed Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, where he oversaw approximately 100 attorneys across Employment, Voting and Elections, Housing and Civil Enforcement, and Criminal sections." Please see his [website](#) to learn about more of his accomplishments.

After serving nearly a year, Michael **resigned** his post at the Department of Justice and returned to California to fight for his state. We are so lucky to have him. The California voters appear to think so, too. In the June primary he won 48.70% of the votes as opposed to Ron Bonta's 46.67%. That is an impressive achievement in deep blue CA. Yes, there was a Green Party candidate who got 4.63%, and that plus Bonta's 46.6% would beat Michael, but we can't let that happen.



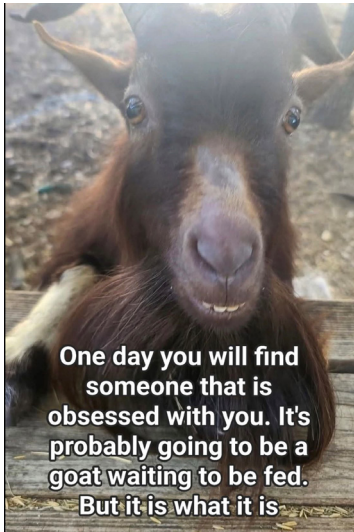
It is so rare for a candidate of this quality to stand for statewide office in CA. Our state is in crisis; our situation makes me think of the song from the 1984 movie *Footloose*, "**Holding Out For a Hero**":

*"I need a hero
I'm holding out for a hero till the end of the night
He's gotta be strong and he's gotta be fast
And he's gotta be fresh from the fight".*

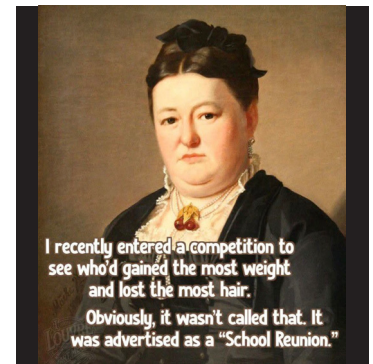
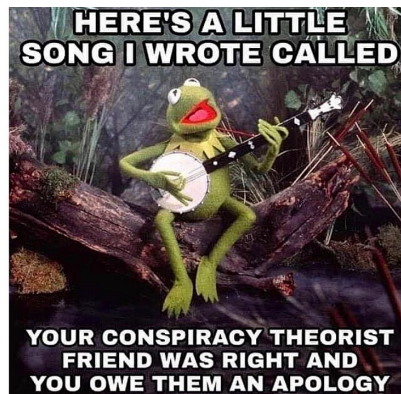
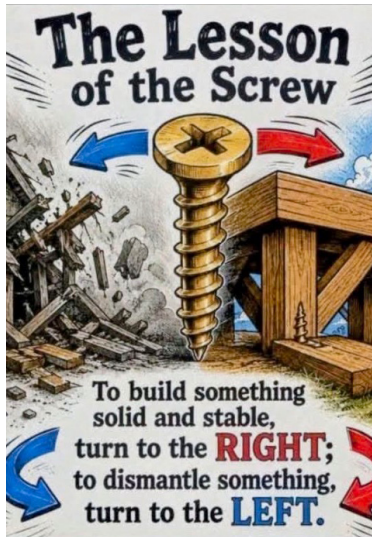
Michael Gates is fresh from the fight; let's help him come to the rescue of our beloved state.



JUST FOR LAUGHS

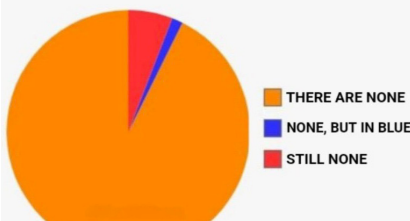


The problem with Republicans



I will never understand people's fascination with their ancestry... Isn't knowing your current family bad enough?

REASONS TO TRUST THE LEGACY MEDIA



JUST FOR LAUGHS CONTINUED



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Serves OC cities of Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, and unincorporated areas of Orange County

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