



South Bay Patriot News

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The South Bay Republican Women

Invites you to the Thursday, June 12th Scholarship Meeting

Torrance Doubletree Hotel, 21333 Hawthorne Blvd.

Social Hour & Shopping—10:30 am—Meeting starts at 11:00 a.m.

No Walk-ins — reservations required by June 9th by 12 noon

The hotel asks that all be seated when lunch is served. Also, no food boxes should be brought in, nor staff allowed to give food boxes for taking food home. SBRW signs a contract for each banquet event. According to the contract, "The Hotel does not allow any food and beverages to be taken off the premises during or after the function due to health safety laws." Los Angeles County's mandate box states: "Banquet Food May Not be Taken Out of the Room."



Guest Speaker — Sean Kelly

Sean Kelly, Senior Pastor of Peñasquitos Lutheran Church in San Diego, CA is passionate about helping people connect with God and one another, believing the local church is at its best when it builds strong community, grounded in the shared hope and language of faith. With nearly thirty years in ministry, Sean has led churches and stayed deeply involved in the community.

Pastor Sean's leadership reaches beyond the local church. He has served on boards for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC), and The Master's Institute Seminary (MI). He continues to teach as an adjunct professor of Leadership Development at MI and provides strategic leadership for The Alliance of Renewal Churches.

Sean and his wife, Jenny, have raised four sons; now enjoy the blessing of two daughters-in-law and two grandchildren. Their home is kept lively by two dogs and filled with shared laughter, meaningful conversation.

Sean will share to members, students, and their conservative families the importance of respecting leadership and what it is to be a conservative leader. True leadership isn't about having the last word. It's about living in a way that draw people together and points them to something greater with a motivational humorous blend.

Menu

Cobb Salad

OR

Grilled Vegetables

OR

Vegetable Pasta

OR

Fruit Plate

Dessert:

Chocolate Sundae

THE COST IS \$50

**RESERVATIONS
& PAYMENT
MUST BE
RECEIVED
June 9th, by
12 noon**



**Make \$50 check
payable to SBRW**

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Lomita 90717

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Torrance 90503

or

**Order on the website:
using QR code above**



Celebrate and Meet the High School Senior Scholarship Winners



**The June Donation Charity Basket —
College Republicans**

SBRW meetings— If mailing a check within 10 days before the banquet luncheon, TEXT/CALL Mary Ann—310-994-1573 or Teri—310-529-2042



President's Message



Hello Patriots!

I am so looking forward to all of the great events we have coming up between now and the end of the year.

After our **beautiful** Fashion Show, our next exciting event is one of my personal faves.

On June 12, we will recognize the scholarship winners. For those of you that are new to the club, this is a meeting you do NOT want to miss. We invite these young Republicans to read their essays to the club. The prompt is 'What the Constitution means to me.' I guarantee you will feel inspired about the future of our country knowing that there is a new generation of conservative Republican fighters coming of age and they are AWESOME! This is where your club donations go in such a beautiful grassroots way. I assure you these kids will light your spirit. This is also an opportunity for our members to meet these winners as most have never been in a room full of Republicans who encourage their beliefs. If the student has been at a public school (or private) they have been beaten down and made to hide their true political position. They are shamed, and ostracized, and often times, try as best they can to keep quiet for fear of teacher retribution and students' shaming and out casting them. They have literally endured a mental assault, and you beautiful members are the team that will recognize, adore, and encourage them forward in their faith and conservative values at this next special meeting.

Next up on the calendar, **September 13th**, we have an amazing speaker at our general meeting. Carl Higbie, a host for Newsmax, will grace the podium at the DoubleTree with his unapologetic, aggressive voice for our Republican values.



This is an event not to be missed!!

Looking forward to being with you all again soon!!! You always light up the room and make it fun!!!

Mahlone

Special Event at the President's Home: For anyone interested in running for a board position with SBRW, for the 2026 Board (elected and appointed positions).

Tuesday, May 27th at 6:00 p.m. A chance to ask questions and learn about positions and duties. RSVP: Andrea Laraneta at <standupandbecounted17@gmail.com>



South Bay Republican Women

Welcomes

Carl Higbie

Former Navy Seal and

Host of Frontline on Newsmax

Saturday, September 13th, 2025 11:00 a.m.



"Be someone worth dying for." — Carl Higbie

Reservations open June 1st

Check the website for further info:

<https://southbayrepublicanwomen.org/>

Limited Space available

\$75, Lunch included, no refunds



Trumps Wins by Executive Action



Trumps Wins by Executive Action By Twila Le Page-Hughes

President Trump has done a fantastic job since returning to the White House in January, but since the Democrats in Congress are deliberately dragging their feet, all of Trump's actions have been by Executive Order.

This means they are only temporary wins and could easily be undone. (remember Biden erased the success of Trump's first term like overnight.)

Once President Trump's second term expires so could his Executive Orders, unless we are able to keep the White House Republican again.

But here is what his orders have been as far as highlighted by the 2025 Trump Patriot Project:

- Protecting Girls Sports (by prohibiting men from competing against girls and changing in the girl's locker rooms).
- Banning chemical and surgical mutilation surgeries for minors.
- Deporting illegal immigrant killers, rapists, and drug dealers, and putting an end to Biden's illegal alien "parole" scheme.
- Resuming construction of the border wall; adding to the more than four hundred miles of border wall built during the president's first term.
- Making English the Official Language of the United States.
- Unleashing American Energy by reopening 625 million acres for offshore drilling in order to "drill, baby, drill."
- Terminating the job-killing "Green New Scam" (climate control freaks).
- Rescinding every one of Biden's jobs killing, pro CCP China, anti-America regulations.
- Preventing the radical indoctrination of children (i.e., DEI) in K-12 schools that receive federal funding.
- Ending China's chokehold over the Panama Canal as he seeks its rightful return to U.S. ownership. (President Carter gave the Canal to Panama for one dollar).
- Eliminated USAID as so much fraud and waste was found.
- Eliminating the Department of Education.

The things President Trump is working on now:

- Eliminating the IRS and going to a Fair Tax (pay taxes on what you buy).
- Restoring Social Security. They have found enough fraud in programs like this to pay for Social Security for a long time.
- There was fraud found in almost every Department, and in almost every bill.
- Also, working on Election Integrity.

The democrats are so angry about all of this because they lost power, lost control and "got their hands caught in the cookie jar." Yes, they have been skimming off many of the programs they funded for billions, including Social Security.

Congress' next act is to try the impeachment of President Trump again. They cannot seem to stop him in every illegal way they have tried.

Twila Le Page Hughes—
author of "Why Your Vote Matters"



Flag Day is a holiday celebrated on **June 14** in the United States. Flag Day commemorates the date of June 14, 1777 when the United States approved the design for its first national flag by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The first flag resolution read "Resolved, that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field representing a new constellation."

Flag Day was first proposed in 1861 to rally support for the Union side of the American Civil War. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation that designated June 14 as Flag Day. On August 3, 1949, National Flag Day was officially established by an Act of Congress. Flag Day is not an official federal holiday. Federal law leaves it to the discretion of the president to officially proclaim the observance.

The **California Republic**, or Bear Flag Republic, was an unrecognized breakaway state from Mexico, that for 25 days in 1846 militarily controlled an area north of San Francisco, in and around what is now Sonoma County in California. Coincidentally, June 14 is also the date for the annual anniversary of the Bear Flag Revolt in California. On June 14, 1846, 33 American settlers and mountain men arrested the Mexican general in command at Sonoma, and declared the "Bear Flag Republic" on the Pacific Ocean coast as an independent nation. A flag emblazoned with a bear, a red stripe, a star and the words "California Republic" was raised to symbolize independence from Mexico, the former province of Alta, CA.

The Bear Flag was adopted as California's state flag upon joining the Union as the 31st state in 1850, after being annexed by the United States following the Mexican–American War of 1846–1849. Prominently flying both the US and state flags on June 14 is a tradition for some Californians.





Membership Elizabeth Shafer Fashion Show Elizabeth Shafer

It is hard to imagine that it's June already! May gray has left, but hopefully, June gloom will be June bloom with sunshine!



Thank you to all who have renewed your membership and just a reminder for those who haven't as yet. We want everyone to keep receiving the newsletters and important information which Mahlone frequently sends out. Invite friends/family to join us during this year. Membership form is on page 7 or join through the website listed on the form.

Welcome SBRW New Members

Sandra Loden / Sabina Shaffer
Angela Sheldon

"Leadership is not about popularity, it's about results."— President Donald J. Trump
"You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great." — Zig Ziglar



In Memory of GAIL BARELA

Our deepest sympathy to Gail's family. She was a new member this year, but such a patriot and so involved in the activities of her community and family.



We had a great turn-out at the fashion show and everyone had a ball "Winning," as President Trump says. That is, ladies winning forty-four beautifully decorated opportunity prizes. (Maja Radmilovich, VP Ways and Means and Connie Steffan—R)



Anna Riggs' table (Anna brought eight people from Santa Clarita and other areas), six people won prizes and then **Anna won Mardi Gras Queen!**

{Anna in green with her sisters and niece}. **Thank you again, Fashion Show Committee, for all your hard work, it was a fun-filled day. Elizabeth**

{friend Herlinda James, Connie Steffan and her daughter-in-law, Stephanie}



{Andrea Laraneta}



Chaplain

Elizabeth Shafer

Dear Lord, draw us closer to You this summer. Teach us how we can pray no matter where we are or what we're doing. Warm our souls with the awareness of Your presence and light our path with Your **word** and **counsel**.

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful:
You, Lord God, made them all.



Each little flower that opens, each bird that sings,
You made their glowing colors, you made their tiny wings.
The changing of the seasons, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, **You made them, every one.**
You gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell,

How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things so well.

Contact Stefanie Elwood at JudiciousDictum@hotmail.com, 310-429-4115, or find her at a meeting.



Legislation

Julius Wilson

CA Voters Deserve to Be “Made Whole” After Liberal Justices on CA Supreme Court Have Repeatedly Weakened Prop 13 Taxpayer Protections and Corruptly Stripped Voters of Citizens’ Initiative Rights

CA St. Assemblyman Carl DeMaio (R) Introduces CA Taxpayer Protection Act (ACA 14) to Strengthen Prop 13 and Restore the Rights of Voters to Block Tax Hikes
by [Stephen Frank](#) April 2025 (Amended)

Since 1978 the courts and the Democrat controlled legislature have attempted to repeal, piece by piece, Prop. 13. The most important part that has been repealed is the section that said a tax increase has to be voter approved by 2/3 votes. Now, in most cases it is 55% and in some, a simple majority. “The CA Supreme Court has repeatedly abused its power and violated the constitutional rights of Californians to make it easier for the politicians who appoint them to raise taxes,” warns DeMaio. “With this corrupt court’s blessing and encouragement, California politicians have repeatedly violated the constitutional rights of voters by depriving them of a fair vote on tax hikes – and the CA Taxpayer Protection Initiative will put an end to those abuses,” DeMaio says. “We know that state politicians want to impose a costly and unfair Mileage Tax on top of our sky-high gas and car taxes,”

ACA 14 <<https://legiscan.com/CA/text/ACA14/id/3221492>> would restore the voter demanded 2/3 vote. “The CA Taxpayer Protection Initiative (ACA 14) would: Require that all tax and fee increases proposed via the initiative process include transparent titles and summaries that identify the measure as a “TAX INCREASE” or “FEE INCREASE”, and explain the amount, duration, and use of the funds and restore the two-thirds vote requirement for any special local tax increase. Require a statewide public vote on any of the following controversial tax hikes: 1) Mileage Tax 2) Gas Tax 3) Car Tax 4) Savings Tax or 5) Exit Tax” As cities, school districts and the State grow their deficits, they will find creative ways to increase taxes. The 2026 ballot will be filled with tax increases, direct and indirect.

DeMaio Introduces ‘CA Taxpayer Protection Act (ACA 14)’ to Strengthen Prop 13 and Restore the Rights of Voters to Block Tax Hikes. CA State Assemblyman DeMaio concludes, If the state legislature fails to put the CA Taxpayer Protection Initiative on the ballot, DeMaio vows to collect signatures to force a vote on the measure in the 2026 election. (Possibly to be heard in committee May 25th)

Exec Order --Lowering Drug/Pharma Costs

President Donald Trump on May 12th signed an executive order aimed at lowering prescription drug prices in the U.S. by tying costs to the lower prices often negotiated by other countries.

The Act includes improving upon the Inflation Reduction Act; reducing prices of high-cost drugs for Seniors; appropriately accounting for acquisition costs of drugs in Medicare; access to affordable life-saving medications; increasing prescription drug importation at lower prices, and reducing costly care for seniors, among other items.

The order asks for drug companies to voluntarily lower their prices within 30 days, so the U.S. is paying the same amount that other wealthy countries pay for similar medications -- the “most favored nation” policy. In return, the White House will support U.S. pharmaceutical companies in extracting higher prices from other countries. The president claimed the order will reduce prescription drugs and pharmaceutical prices between 30% and 80% “almost immediately.”

If pharmaceutical companies don't lower their prices, the administration will pursue a host of regulatory options, officials said -- though specific details remain to be seen.

AB 84—Muratsuchi (D) — School Accountability— Office of the Education Inspector General: school financial and performance audits: charter school authorization, oversight, operations, and contracting: data systems.

This bill would establish the Office of the Education Inspector General appointed by the Governor serving in the Education Department of Superintendent of Public Instruction. Also new duties for county superintendents of schools and local educational agencies, plus constitute a state-mandated local program. Establish an advisory committee on charter schools for the State Board of Education. This is only a few of the requirements of this bill put forward by CTA. The powerful public employee union once again puts its interests against those of students. Charter schools bring competition, innovation, and accountability, threatening the CTA’s monopoly on public schools.

AB 84 is a heavy-handed assault on such schools, particularly non-classroom-based charters. It’s time everyone recognized it as what it is: a power grab organized by the unions and motivated by the three things that inspire all public employee unions – increasing salaries and benefits for their members, bargaining for better working conditions for their members (in this case, it would be fighting against teacher accountability), and growing the number of union members. That’s it.

Californians must take a stand. The CTA’s millions buy influence, yet parents and taxpayers deserve schools prioritizing kids over lax working conditions for public employee union members. We must urge lawmakers to reject this bill and protect charter schools for parents otherwise trapped in failing public schools.



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South Bay Republican Women

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Torrance, CA 90503

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Questions? Call Elizabeth Shafer at (310) 880-1023 or
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VOTING INFORMATION: VISIT LAVOTE.NET

SBRW member meetings are held on the second
Thursday of most months at 11 a.m. at the
TORRANCE DOUBLETREE HOTEL
21333 Hawthorne Blvd. Torrance, CA
Please Note: We are usually dark during the
months of July and August.

*During December only the Joint Board Meeting is held
—no general member meeting.*

Congressional Elected Officials

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4929 Wilshire Blvd. #650, Los Angeles, CA 90010

(323) 965-1422, FAX (323) 965-1113 — rep.sydneykamlager/contact/email

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111 Penn Street, Suite 101, El Segundo, CA 90245

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Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

The hotel now charges for parking in their lots.

If you choose to park in the hotel parking lots, the entrance gate will issue a ticket. Present your ticket at the SBRW check-in with Mary Ann and Teri to have it **validated**, so the total amount for parking will be \$5.00 by credit card on leaving parking lot. If you don't mind walking, there is free parking in the lots to the north of the hotel.

Be sure to read all signs before you park.

**June
Reservations
& Payment
Required — June
9th by Noon**

Mark Your Calendar!

June

12 Thursday, 10:30 am Meet/Greet / 11 am SBRW Mtg.

14 **Flag Day**

14 President Donald Trump's birthday

15 Happy Father's Day

20 First Day of Summer



July

04 **Independence Day**



August

21 Thursday, SBRW Board Meeting —9:30 am

September

01 Labor Day

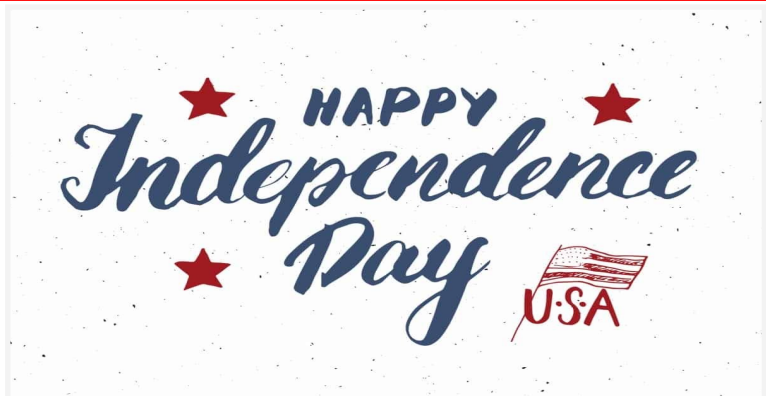
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