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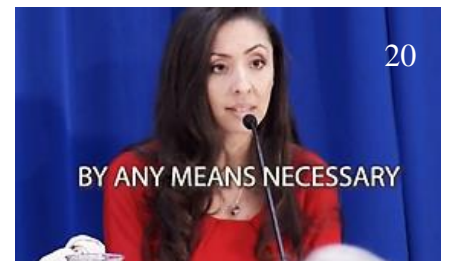
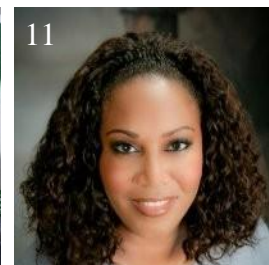
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Happy Elephant Hour

Each month, WVRWF members gather at a local water hole for whine and wine. These popular events give our members the opportunity to gather with like-minded Conservatives.

Watch for times and locations!





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ask not what your club can do to save the state of California from the jaws of socialism. Ask not what your club can do to take the House of Representatives back into the hands of responsible adults called real Republicans who vote with their brains – not with their politics. Ask not what your club can do to save our Republic from those who seek to destroy it. Ask not what your club can do to re-elect Donald Trump to the office of the Presidency. Ask yourself.

Ask yourself if you are doing everything you can this election cycle leading up to the Primary in March and the General Election in November. This is the most critical election in the history of the Republic. We lose this one and we have lost everything our forefathers fought for. Are you going to sit in front of Fox TV and bemoan what is happening or are you going to get involved so you can say, "I worked hard and we won!"

Paying \$35 to join this club is just the beginning. This is your club and you need to take ownership. You need to get in the game, not watch from the sidelines as we in California are once again cheated out of our rightful victories.

The path to victory must start now and it must start with you. We are going to need volunteers who are willing to serve on committees that will register voters, harvest ballots (yes, we need to fight fire with fire!), walk precincts, give coffees and take responsibility for your neighborhoods to get the word out. We need to start with leaders. If you have any organizational skills, please reach out. We have over 120 members who joined this club to make a difference. I have to believe you want to help. Here is what we need:

Chairman, Voter Registration Committee – Responsibilities include organizing a team of volunteers to sit at voter registration tables at malls, street fairs, farmers markets and anywhere people gather. Create a list of potential locations and dates and assign members of your committee. You can have a Co-Chair to help. If you don't want to lead, volunteer to be part of the team.

Chairman, Vote Harvesting (Gathering) Committee – Responsibilities include creating a team of volunteers to visit Colleges, Retirement Homes, Assisted Living Facilities and volunteers to collect mail-in ballots once they are mailed.

Chairman, Get Out the Vote Committee – As we approach the primary and the general, we need people willing to get on the phone to make sure that people remember to vote. We can provide lists of Republicans in your area.

The democrats are a well-oiled and organized machine. We are not! Come hear from Club member Kat Auletta who will share with us her undercover visits to Democrat meetings and what she has learned on July 18. (see details at www.wvrwf.org) Help us formulate a plan to fight them at their own game.

Please contact me at dale91377@aol.com to discuss your options. We need to start planning now if we are going to win!

God Bless Us and the USA!
Dale

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MEMBERSHIP



WE WANT YOU!



Become a Member

Our conservative agenda must be guarded and nurtured by us always. Join the WVRWF today and fight for conservative values!

You will find the 2019 Membership Form on the following page or visit www.wvrwf.com.



Renew Your Membership

Your membership enables us to be aligned with the California Federation of Republican Women.

We welcome Sisters, Mothers and Daughters as associate members. Men and Spouses still included!

Renew your membership now to help us get started on another great year!



Gift of Membership

Give the Gift of Membership to anyone! We will send them a welcome email and let them know that they are now part of our Club!

New Members

Rori Campbell

Jerrie Grove

Catherine Paskell

Birthdays

Urine Tabor	5/3	Debbie Blumenthal	5/27	Julia Bach	8/8
Elia Ellis	5/4	Judith Mancini	5/31	Stephanie Knotts	8/12
Regina Charles	5/5	Pam Moran	6/24	Terese Bisignano	8/13
Mona Hoss	5/8	Dolly Brown	6/25	Janet Moore	8/15
Joan Young	5/8	Stacy Flaig	6/28	Barbara Bellisario	8/19
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Klara Bergman	5/14	Susan Stone	7/11		
Amy Semler	5/24	Chantal Margottin	7/22		
Diane Locklear	5/25	Toni Caruso	7/30		
Julie Apfelnaum	5/27				



2019 MEMBERSHIP FORM

New Application Renewal

Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home: (____) _____ Mobile: (____) _____ Work: (____) _____

Email: _____ Birthday: _____

Spouse*: _____

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

- Active Member Annual Dues* \$35
- Gold Elephant Sponsor \$100
- Platinum Elephant Sponsor \$200

Sponsorships include dues and receive special recognition in newsletters, website, programs and directory

- Student Member \$15
- *SAVE* Couples Membership \$50

When spouses join together (spouse joins as an Associate Member)

- Associate Member Annual Dues \$25

Associate membership available for Men, Daughters, Sisters, and members of another Republican Women Federated club (please state which club _____)

- *Optional* Name Badge \$20

Name to appear on badge: _____

Total Payment \$ _____

Would you like to be included in the 2019 Membership Directory? Yes No

Directly is for members only and will not be used for commercial purposes

How do you want to receive your monthly Newsletter?: Email [cost effective for the club] Mail Only

PAYMENT METHODS

Online at www.wvrwf.org

Credit Card: CC# _____ Exp _____ Sec. Code _____ Zip _____

Check Payable to WVRWF. Mail to: WVRWF, P.O. Box 6536, Westlake Village, CA 91359-6536

Become Engaged in Our Club! Help Our Republican Party! Share Your Talents!

(Circle your interests)

Community Service/Literacy

Voter Registration

Military Support

Mailings

Fundraising at Club Events

Hospitality

Legislation

Membership Outreach

Newsletter Contributions

Photography at Events

Programs/Speakers

Technology or Media



VOLUNTEERING

The Ventura County Fair Voter Registration

Volunteers are needed to assist with voter registration at the Ventura County Fair on Sunday, August 11. 3-hour shifts are available from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm. Please contact Dale Thomas, dale91377@aol.com.



Member Testimony

I was apprehensive about my commitment to be at the Ventura County Fair, at Ventura County Women's Republican booth.

Our mission was to register new voters. I expected confrontation and rude comments and behavior, but that was not the case. There were, of course, a few smirky looks, and a couple of teenage boys pummeling our Donald cut outs, but they were easily subdued!

What I did experience was families coming by to register their soon to be 18 year olds. Imagine...young conservatives proud to be with their families. Parents, proud and hopeful that their children will not be "turned" from their family values as they are sent off to the Ivy League.

It was a joy to have Veterans saying thank you to us for being there. Many people were so happy to speak openly, away from their work environment, where they so often are stifled. They spoke of our Constitution, Trump's accomplishments, and their disgust with California policies.

It was a great day for me.

-Bonnie Baker, *VP of Membership*



SAVE THE DATE!



Cocktails & Conservatives

July 18, 2019

Hear about how guest speaker, Kat Auletta, infiltrates the Democrats' meetings and events. Find out how they plan to continue winning in California and how they plan to take ack the White House!

For more information, see event invitation on p. 7



CFRW 2019 Fall 41st Biennial Convention

CFRW 95th Anniversary

October 18-20

Bakersfield Marriott at the Convention Center

For more information, see event invitation on p. 8



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Featured Speaker:

Kat Auletta

Hear about how Kat infiltrates the Democrats meetings and events. Find out how they plan to continue winning in California and how they plan to take back the White House!

*Graciously hosted by Catherine Smith
RSVP a must as we have a 30 person limit*

- Date: Thursday, July 18th
- Time: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
- Location: Address will be emailed upon reservation
- Price: No Charge for current, 2019 members,
\$20 for non-members

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CFRW 2019 FALL BIENNIAL CONVENTION

California Federation of Republican Women

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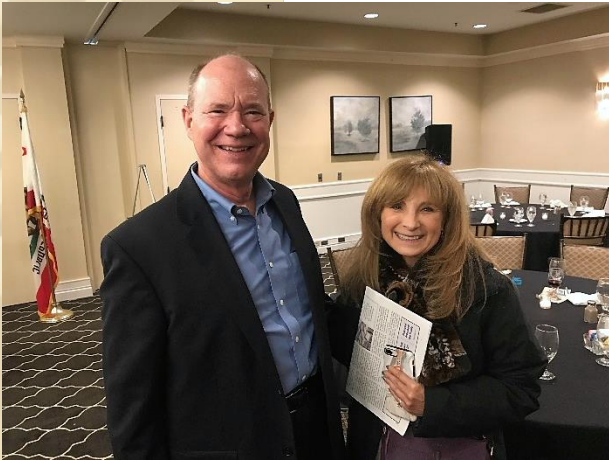
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**Nam-Yong Horn
CFRW President**



An Evening with Jon Coupal: The Future of Property Tax and the Middle Class in California

By Jeanne Llewellyn, *VP of Programs*

On May 9th, at the very lovely North Ranch Country Club, WVRWF hosted a dinner with Jon Coupal, President of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association. The event, part of the club's education and outreach series, celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the Taxpayer Association and provided guests

with a first-hand account of the on-going battles to protect California taxpayers from the onslaught of the Tax-Happy Democrat Legislature. Sadly, there wasn't a whole lot of good news, but there was a call to arms because there is always hope and there is always something we can do. Mr. Coupal's presentation was informative, lively, and left the guests with information and a road map to help preserve Californian Homeowners with the security and certainty of what their property tax liability will be in the years ahead.

Your civic participation can start at signing up as a member of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, whose membership donations begin at \$15 annually, to calling in your request to: "Leave Prop 13 alone" to your local representative. (see below for links to your legislature)

It is never too late to let your voice be heard!

Here's a brief outline of Proposition 13 and a status of the current attacks against it making their way through the California Legislature ...

PROP13 keeps your property taxes affordable and predictable by setting a cap on the amount of increase each year. Without PROP13 your property taxes could increase dramatically as your property value increases. Under PROP13, all real property has established base year values, a restricted rate of increase on assessments of no greater than 2% each year, and a limit on property taxes to 1% of the assessed value. Compare that 2% cap to the actual 7% increase in one year that California enjoyed between February 2016 and February 2017, according to the housing research team at Zillow. Even if California Legislatures showed restraint with modest increases to the existing caps, your property tax bill could easily double with unpredictable increases in the years ahead. It makes retirement planning on fixed incomes difficult at best. Additionally, it burdens the property owner disproportionately contrary to all the lip service paid to advocating home ownership in the state.

PROP13 requires that all state tax rate increases be approved by a two-thirds vote of the legislature and that local tax rates also have to be approved by a vote of the people. The people's right to vote on taxes is a key taxpayer protection. Jerry Brown's 2010 campaign's core promise of no new taxes without voter approval barely lasted through his first term. Gavin Newsom has made no qualms about implementing several new revenue increases, though he argues they're all fees and penalties, not taxes. A rose by any other name ... in this case the California unwitting taxpayer.

For almost a decade, the Democrat California Legislature has been dominated by pro-tax politicians who now have a two-thirds supermajority in Sacramento.

Thanks to Bullet Trains to Nowhere and significant unfunded pension and other post-employment benefits promised to public sector employees, California State and local government debt is around \$466 billion. So maybe try to balance the budget you say? Nah, there were over 2,000 legislative bills on the docket for 2019 alone. Because drafting bills that further bloat the bureaucracy and increase that debt is like a bad habit California Democrats have grown addicted to.

Newsom and the Democrats in the California Senate are through three bills that will both directly and indirectly undo Prop13.

1. The 'SPLIT ROLL' initiative. Prop13 treats residential and commercial properties under the guidelines. Newsom wants to 'SPLIT' off commercial properties so businesses would have their properties reassessed to market values every couple of years. So far, the tax rate would remain at 1% of that assessed value, but businesses would still be saddled with huge increases.

This isn't just the 1% uber rich we're all told to hate because they don't pay their fair share, this is EVERY California business that owns their building or owns buildings that rent to local businesses who will pass that increase onto their customers or their renters. All roads of more taxes lead to more cost of goods on the backs Californians .. all Californians. This is the Democrat version of trickledown economics; except they misread the memo and the only thing trickling down is higher costs for consumers and businesses that are trickling right out of the state.

2. Senate Constitutional Amendment 5 would make it easier to pass tax increases by cutting the vote needed to approve education parcel taxes from the current two-thirds down to just 55 percent. The two-thirds vote threshold must be protected, because while everybody gets to vote on parcel taxes, only property owners pay.

Status: SCA 5 is in the State Senate, awaiting multiple legislative hearings.

3. Assembly Constitutional Amendment 1 would make it easier to pass tax increases by cutting the vote needed to pass a new or higher special taxes which includes sales and parcel tax increases to fund "infrastructure" or "affordable housing", from the current two-thirds down to just 55 percent.

SPECIAL NOTE: Because a parcel tax is not based on the property value, it is not an allowable deduction on California State taxes. Sales taxes and Parcel taxes are a form of regressive taxation which puts a heavier burden on lower income households. So, Democrats want to make it more expensive to own a home, unfairly burden home owners for public school funding, and disproportionately burden the lower income folks with higher sales tax.

Of course, accountability and oversight of new revenue streams will be top priority as soon as the Democrats figure out where \$64 billion for the Bullet Train to Nowhere went.

Status: Assembly Constitutional Amendment 1 is currently awaiting a vote in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.



HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO:

1. Complete the petition LEAVE PROP13 ALONE!
<https://www.hjta.org/take-action/print-and-mail-petition/>
2. Contacting your State Senator at this link:
<http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/> and tell them to
LEAVE PROP13 ALONE!
3. Visit HJTA.ORG and learn about what the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association has been doing for 40 years for the California Taxpayer!

COFFEE & CONSERVATIVES

TAMIKA BRIDGWATER

Let's Save the Republic.

My name is Tamika Bridgewater and I am a Racial Diversity Strategist for *She's Outspoken*. I am also a Black Republican. That means that I have the privilege of adding "Uncle Tom" and "sell out" to the list of names I greet you with.



Since my conversion to conservatism, I have learned a few things - one of them being that the leadership of the Republican Party has literally no idea how to do outreach to urban communities, minorities, or millennials. Worse yet, is that as soon as you mention the name "Republican" to another person (or any of the other trigger words or phrases, such as "limited government") you immediately lose all credibility despite how close the relationship may be.

What qualifies me to be a racial diversity strategist is 35 years of sales and marketing experience. For 35 years I have been reaching out to specific groups of people with my message, product, or service. Also, I am a member of the group of people that the Republican Party desperately needs to reach – the Black community. I thought I was born to be a Democrat because I am Black.



However, I have heavily researched the history of and relationship between the Republican Party and Black America, and I have an effective strategy that will stop people from calling you and I terms like racist, xenophobe, deplorable, Uncle Tom, and sellout. This is a strategy that will win the hearts and minds of minorities and millennials and will save our republic from communism!

Since I learned the truth about the Democrat Party, three questions have haunted me:

1. Why do so many Black Americans religiously vote Democrat *despite* its oppressive history (it has nothing to do with free stuff)?
2. Why on God's green earth is the party that was founded with the purpose of ending slavery synonymous with racism?
3. How does a party with a platform of limited government - out of our personal business, out of our choices as parents, out of our bank account, and out of our medical decisions - become labeled as a party of hate?

I answered these questions and more when the Westlake Village Republican Women, Federated invited me to speak at their event, *Coffee & Conservatives*. While I am unable to share with you all of the information that I went over during my 30-minute presentation, I can give you a nibble.

There are many factors that contributed to Black Americans being primarily Democrat voters:

First, you should be aware that in 1956, Dwight D. Eisenhower received 39% of the Black vote. Clearly, there had already been a dropping away of Black Americans from the Republican party prior to 1956.

1. In 1960, the Republican Party nominated Barry Goldwater to run for president. Barry Goldwater although absolutely not racist, voted against the 1964 Civil Rights Act. This should have made him an unsuitable candidate to the Republican Party.

2. During the 1964 GOP National Convention, Black delegates were abused to the point of being set on fire. Black publications across the Nation spread the horrors that black delegates endured during this convention. Jet Magazine referred to it as “The Purge of Blacks from the Republican Party.”

3. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s July 16, 1964 press release notified the nation that he would not be voting Republican. You do not have to take my word for it; search for yourself.



These are just a handful of reasons as to why there was a big switch from Black Americans began voting Democrat instead of Republican.

When faced with the facts of the treachery of the Democrat Party to Black Americans, the response that we always receive is that the

parties switched. For the most part, what we believe is that all of the Dixiecrats who were the segregationists and the racist became Republicans. This is not the case. However, there were several things that transpired within the party that caused Black Americans to feel this way.

America is not perfect, but I LOVE my country and I know you do too! We must fight to save HER! It is up to us. Clearly the politicians we vote into office are not up to the task.

We have the best president we have had in a very long time and they will not even protect him! Clearly their charts and statistics on minorities have not produced enough value voters to protect the Republic.

Let's Get It!

Tamika Bridgewater,
Racial Diversity
Strategist
www.shesoutspoken.com



**“SOLD OUT”
JENNIFER HORN**

Jennifer is a Conservative
Local Radio Talk Show Host



By Klara Bergman, *WVRWF Member*

“Sold Out...” read the email I received from Co-V.P. Membership, Rose Hernandez the evening before the June 6th, Jennifer Horn event. “Oh, no,” I panicked, “just got three more RSVP’s.” This was the prelude to a smashing, full house, dinner event orchestrated and executed by Team Dale Thomas!

While Donnell Nichols, Ways & Means, was hob-knobbing in Europe, Chantal Margottin and her dynamic squad-stepped in and stepped up, implementing every detail to perfection-without a glitch!

Thank you to my team of volunteers: Rosalie Strong, Karen Wetterlind, Catherine Smith, Shari Goodman, Judy Hoover, Lorraine Mensch, Elly Seavey and Gloria Pemberton, who hosted guests and worked the room bringing in the loot by selling raffle tickets. The prizes; a big basket of Republican goodies, won by MaryLou Schwartz and a 50/50 cash drawing, won by dear friend Carolyn Beaton.

As usual, Dale did what Dale does. A born comedian, only this time, hopping on one leg in beige-gold-toed FLATS making the best of an upcoming hip surgery the following Tuesday. She took the podium and as traditional brought everyone to laughter. Not even excruciating pain stopped her. OUCH. Dale presented me the honor of introducing our guest speaker, Jennifer Horn, which I totally enjoyed! Dale continued her comments with hilarious, jabbing, remarks like “Klara,

invited this evening every person she ever met.” Ya, you had to be there!

Jennifer Horn’s 40-minute speech was intelligent, insightful, educational, factual and unfiltered.... accentuating issues important to all Americans. Jennifer talked about immigration, the Mueller Report, Trade, how we win in 2020, importance of speaking out and stop hiding in the shadows, College Campuses, strengthening the Republican Party, Courage, and a few “insider” friendly tid-bits about fellow KRLA hosts. She received a standing ovation and was deluged with photo-op requests. She was a success!

No, she did not mention climate change, decidedly leaving this topic to a higher power!

IT WAS A HIGH ENERGY AND FUN EVENING!

Here is how I first met our guest speaker Jennifer Horn, twenty-eight years ago, when she was age 13 and her father, Michael Horn interviewed me on air at his radio station, CRN Talk Radio. During the 80’s, for five-plus years, I hosted my own talk show on KIEV, A.M. 870. It’s customary for talk hosts to interview fellow talk hosts, even from competitive stations.

I was introduced to Michael by KIEV, A.M. 870 owners, the Beaton Family. The Horns, Beaton’s and Bergman’s became a fraternity of close friends and the relationships have endured to this day. In 2001, the

Beaton's sold the station to Salem Corp... they changed the call letters from KIEV A.M. 870 to KRLA A.M. 870... home to LarryElder, Dennis Prager, Mark Levine, Dr. Sebastian Gorka and our own JENNIFER HORN, who has become a national star with her own, daily, radio show "The Answer."

The Beaton's and Horns attended the dinner. Thank you, Ron, Carolyn and Missy Beaton, Michael Horn, for taking the time to drive in from Glendale to support Jennifer and the WVRF.

Imagine, if there were no KRLA, A.M. 870. We, Republicans would have no voice. We would be burdened with only progressive radio stations and progressive hosts such, as Ed Schultz & Alan Colmes, KTLK. Talk radio would be a replica of CNN & ABC, with hosts the likes of Joy Behar spewing comatose.....commentary, which is how other countries have become Socialist/Communist. Their cartoon like, unconscious-dictators and press regurgitate gobbledygook at the expense of their hard-working citizens, who don't have the time, or means,

to disprove the hopeless rhetoric. The never-ending repetition-over time indoctrinates the young to believe in Socialist/Communist fantasy.

Yes, I get passionate about the topic of Socialism/Communism. I was born in Russia, immigrated to a D.P. Camp in Bavaria, Germany, after WWII before coming to the United States of America.... LEGALLY. My childhood was a double edge sword, a glorious mess impacted by Hitler's Socialism and Stalin's Communism.

I salute and support KRLA, A.M. 870 for providing a platform to Conservative hosts who tell us the truth! If not for Conservative Talk, KRLA-870 Radio, we would have no access to realism.

Fried chicken! Who eats fried chicken? The last time I ate fried chicken was back home in Norfolk, Virginia, 39 years ago. Kudos to Los Robles Greens.... fried chicken done right. It was delicious, FIVE STARS ***** Crispy on the outside and moist on the inside, served with the best mashed potatoes ever.....all ninety of us agreed!

Homelessness: Coming to a Park Near You?

“Under a recent federal appeals court ruling, homeless people in Thousand Oaks with nowhere else to sleep will soon be able to start legally sleeping on city-owned property from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. The ruling applies to cities in a number of western U.S. states, including all ten cities in Ventura County.” So says the headline of a May 22 VC Star article by Mike Harris.

“The U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in September that it is unconstitutional for a municipality to criminalize the act of sleeping outside on public property when a homeless person has nowhere else to do so.

On Tuesday night (May 21st) the Thousand Oaks City Council is scheduled to introduce an ordinance to amend the city’s municipal code to comply with the court’s ruling. The ordinance is expected to be adopted at the council’s June 11 meeting and go into effect 30 days later.” Thousand Oaks has church run shelters from December to April, but no dedicated year-round shelter program. City Attorney Liberman and Assistant City Manager Hardy didn’t think the 9th Circuit Statute would attract more homeless and think the new T.O. municipal code “will give private property owners more leverage when handling homeless who may be sleeping on their property.” (VCReporter May 22, Michael Sullivan).

Good to know leverage is on your side when looking at condemnation and eminent domain without the fair compensation part.

So how did we get here?

The Liberal 9th Circuit Court of Appeals is at it again ... this time it’s landing in your backyard. The 9th Court is once again legislating policy from the bench by establishing use parameters of our taxpayer public spaces by indigents. This dumps the entire homeless problem at the feet of local municipalities ill equipped

to handle any of it. This may be déjà vu" all over again as the 9th Circuit was responsible for the cases which hog tied Border Patrol and ICE and caused the ‘it’s not a crisis’ crisis at our Southern Border, but I digress ...

So, let’s break this down ... our State and local elected officials, void of any foresight or actual leadership abilities, have ignored the mental health, addiction, subsidized entitlement culture that make up the majority of the homeless population and now we have

a crisis of numbers that can no longer be ignored. (I concede that any homeless situation is a crisis for that individual and their families. I’m trying to objectively look at the big picture and remove the emotion from a problem that deserves pragmatism).

So, will our little TO City Council solve

the homeless problem with our limited resources and their limited abilities?? Will our Assemblywomen Brownley and Local Congresswomen Irwin set up some photo ops and pay lip service to the overburdening of local police saddled with the now extra duties of clearing tent city at The Lakes at 6:00am every morning before the ladies show up at 7:00am for yoga??

Understand this is not a NIMBY moment, but it will turn into one. This is not a Dem vs GOP argument, but it’ll turn into one. This isn’t a have you had your typhus vaccination yet, but it’ll turn into one ...This is a for the love of Pete, let’s get some LEADERS elected who know the difference between reactive and proactive, who can fight back the 9th Circuit, who don’t kick the can, pass more taxes, pay lip service while the problem persists.

No one wants to abandon this population. I think most Californians will happily allocate tax dollars for a program that efficiently, successfully provides for US



citizens that make up this population. Efficiently, successfully and US citizens being the key words here. Right now, we have ill-managed entitlement programs that are not addressing this population at all. Cleaning up the fraud in food stamps and welfare could go a long way toward a program. Rolling up that illegal immigrant welcome mat that lives off that same resource could go a long way toward a program.

If you don't clean up the current system and start making the hard choices of allocating resources ... we will be left with the current class of politicians who only know how to create bloated inefficient bureaucracies and pass taxes and taxes and taxes to pay for their incompetence. Train to nowhere ring any bells while you sit in horrendous LA traffic running down your \$4.00 a gallon gas? Saving your money after record rainfall to pay for your water use to be limited and taxed this summer?

So what exactly are the homeless numbers?

Victoria Cabales, in a June 27, 2018 article for CALmatters.org, states, "While it's tough to say precisely how many Californians are experiencing homelessness, the federal Housing and Urban Development Department estimates the number statewide at 130,000 on a given night. That's 25 percent of the entire nation's homeless population." According to Elizabeth Marcellino, City News Service for Channel 4, May 14th article, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority will release an update of the number of homeless on May 31. Elizabeth quotes LA Supervisor Sheila Kuehl as saying, "If you look at

our neighboring counties, their growth in homelessness reported already is humongous and it will be way more than twice as much or even three times as much as what we will experience here."

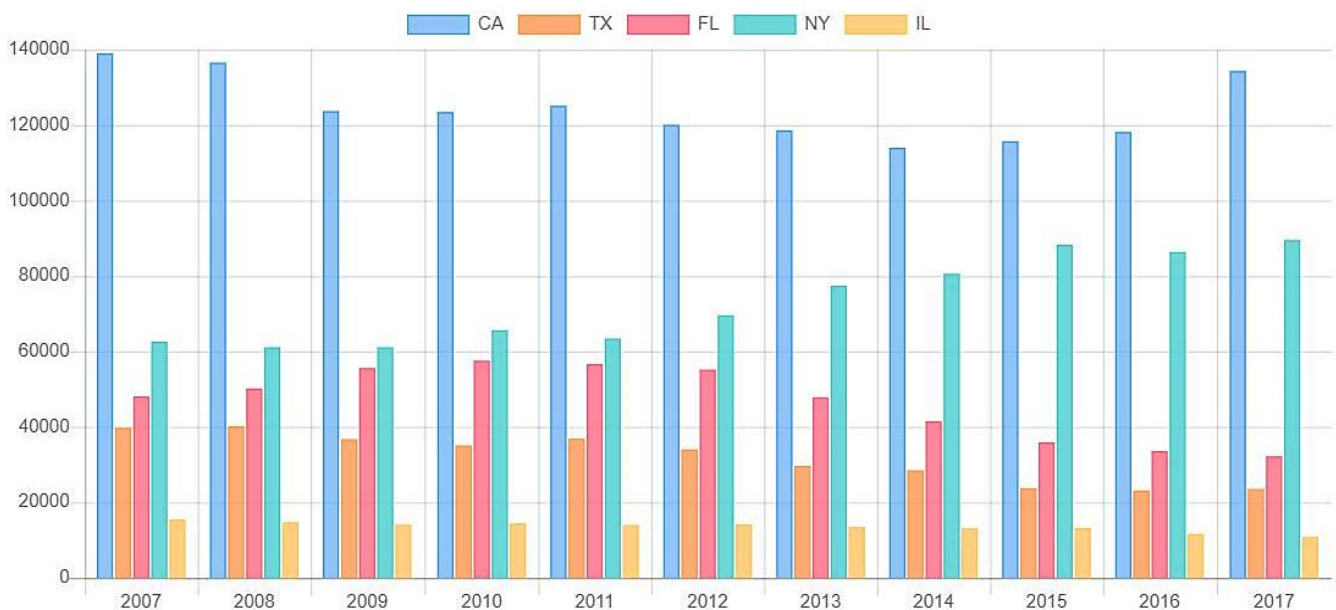
The incredible wave of illegal immigration caravans that have been released into the US for months, may yet to be included in any homeless statistic released in the May 31st report. Interesting, the HUD chart (below) up to 2017 shows a decrease from 2009 through 2016 with a return in 2017 to 2007 levels. (Interesting that correlates to certain Presidential terms and appointed HUD personnel terms ... just saying.) It is also interesting that if these numbers are consistent with 2007 levels, why is the problem so much more of a burden on these communities now? The sharp uptick in 2017 (corresponding to HUD Secretary Ben Carson's appointment) and the soon to be released number on May 31st may provide insight to why this crisis has 'snuck up' on us.

Sadly, there were 3,612 deaths of homeless people in LA County from 2014 to 2018, a 76% increase over the past five years, according to businesswire.com, "and despite government spending of over \$619 million on the homeless crisis in the region over the past year, the 2019 Los Angeles area homeless count is expected to rise."

In 2018, there were 53,195 homeless men, women and children in Los Angeles. That's almost half of the total population of the Conejo Valley.

So, where do we go from here?

Homelessness in 5 Most Populous States



Source: Department of Housing and Urban Development.

We need integrated, incentivized, transitional programs for those US Citizens who can re-enter society; mental health facilities for long term care and addiction should be reinstated; shelters that could be regional Hostels (the YMCA model comes to mind) to provide for transitional families and youth (aged out foster kids being an at risk population desperately needing assistance.)

All these could partner with the private sector and expanded charitable involvement. What if certification for Psychologists and Family Counselors, Med Student Internships and Employer Tax Incentives were established to support and facilitate the

program?? What if the pay back for successful graduates was to return and mentor others for a spell??

We need comprehensive immigration reform so limited resources can be allocated to US Citizens.

We need Leadership and we need it now.

Update: On May 21st, Gavin Newsom held a presser calling California's homeless population a 'National Disgrace'. Admitting the state lacks a strategy to curb homelessness, Newsom pays lip service and launches a task force that is already charged with pushing finding solutions onto cities and counties. Meanwhile, Oakland's homeless has risen 43 percent over the last two Democrat majority years. We'll see what the real numbers are soon enough.

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‘STONE-COLD KILLER’: Name of Potential Sarah Sanders Replacement Emerges



By Ryan Saavedra, *The Daily Wire*

Hours after President Donald Trump announced that White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders would be leaving her position at the end of the month, a name emerged from multiple sources close to the president for who should be Sanders' replacement. Stephanie Grisham, the White House Director of Communications for first lady Melania Trump, has been a loyal soldier fighting to advance Trump's agenda dating all the way back to his first month on the campaign trail in 2015 when she was a low-level press staffer.

In December, [The Washington Post](#) noted that Grisham has grown to become "one of the more powerful figures in the ever-evolving Trump White House" and referred to Grisham as "Melania Trump's enforcer." A source close to the White House told *The Daily Wire* on Thursday night Grisham "has proven herself to be a stone-cold killer" and that "no one else comes close" to being able to match Grisham in her ability to command problems that arise.

The source said that Grisham was a "risk-free move for the administration in the run-up to perhaps the most important election in American history." "Grisham is pure Trump," the source said. "She holds down the

East Wing with ease and has no loyalties to any faction within the Republican Party. Members of the first family love her and know that she is fiercely dedicated and loyal."

Another source, a Trump ally close to the President and the Trump family, told *The Daily Wire*: "Stephanie Grisham is a favorite of Trump loyalists, many in the national press corps, and most important, the Trump family. The First Lady loves Stephanie's tenacity and loyalty, and President Trump has remarked that he respects Stephanie's ability to stay cool under pressure and manage the toughest of news cycles. Stephanie might not be the first name that comes to mind for this role, but she's the one person inside or outside the building who everyone nods their head and says, 'She'd be great.'"

A third source, who is a former high-level Trump administration official, told *The Daily Wire*: "Stephanie is one of the last remaining Trump 'originals' in the White House. She's been with him since the beginning, is unquestionably loyal and has the respect of the press corps. She'd be a total home run as press secretary — both for the President and his supporters."

In *The Post's* report, Sanders spoke highly of Grisham, saying: "During the campaign she developed a good

relationship with the president, and that's carried through. She has developed a great amount of trust from both the president and the first lady, which is a pretty high commodity here. There aren't a lot of people who have a lot of regular interaction with both of them."

The Post noted that Grisham is hard-nosed and unapologetic in her defense of the president and highlighted Grisham's response to Trump mocking MSNBC co-host Mika Brzezinski over an apparent facial surgery she underwent. Speaking on Melania's behalf, Grisham said: "When her husband gets attacked, he will punch back 10 times harder."

The Post noted the following story as an example of how Grisham takes command of a situation:

White House staffers are also learning that Grisham is not someone with whom to tangle. In preparation for Melania Trump's first solo trip abroad, which she took to Africa this fall, deputy national security adviser Mira Ricardel clashed with members of the first lady's staff. Upon their return, Grisham and the first lady's chief of staff, Lindsay Reynolds, approached White House Chief of Staff John F. Kelly about the issue. When he took no apparent action, Grisham spoke directly to Melania Trump, who in turn spoke to her husband privately. Then, when still nothing happened, Grisham suggested to the first lady a different strategy: Without giving the West Wing warning, Grisham put out a statement: "It is the position of the Office of the

First Lady that she no longer deserves the honor of serving in this White House."

Within days, Ricardel was out of the White House.

...never before has the East Wing issued a statement that resulted in the dismissal of a member of the West Wing, notes Myra Gutin, a professor of communications who studies the history of first ladies at Rider University in New Jersey.

Tom Horne, the former Arizona attorney general who hired Grisham, said: "She's a very loyal type of person and when there are unfair attacks she responds strongly." One White House official told The Post that "whereas the president will tweet himself and react himself," Melania's "got Stephanie."

On Friday, Trump was asked during an interview on "FOX & Friends" about Anthony Scaramucci and Stephanie Grisham being candidates to replace Sanders. On Scaramucci, Trump said: "Well I like Anthony and he's been very nice and all but I think Anthony should stay where he is right now." On Grisham, Trump said: "Stephanie is terrific."

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New Denver City Council Member: I Will Usher in Communism 'By Any Means Necessary'

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Newly elected far-left Denver City Council member Candi CdeBaca has stated that she is "excited to usher" in communism "by any means necessary." CdeBaca, who won in an upset runoff election earlier this month, said in late March during a candidate forum for City Council District 9:

"I don't believe our current economic system actually works. Um, capitalism by design is extractive and in order to generate profit in a capitalist system, something has to be exploited, that's land, labor or resources.

And I think that we're in late phase capitalism and we know it doesn't work and we have to move into something new. And I believe in community ownership of land, labor, resources, and distribution of those resources.

And so, whatever that morphs into I think is what will serve community the best and I'm excited to usher it in by any means necessary."

Encyclopedia Britannica defines communism as a "political and economic doctrine that aims to replace private property and a profit-based economy with public ownership and communal control of at least the major means of production (e.g., mines, mills, and factories) and the natural resources of a society."

CdeBaca, who is a democratic socialist, also drew intense criticism for saying that she will "usher" in communism "by any means necessary."

While it's not exactly clear what CdeBaca meant when she said "by any means necessary," PBS notes that Malcolm X used the phrase and it meant "up to and including the use of violence."

The American Mirror added that "by any means necessary" also happens to be a radical far-left organization. Influence Watch reports on By Any Means Necessary (BAMN):

BAMN employs aggressive "militant" direct action and litigation to support its cause. BAMN protests of official government bodies have resulted in flipping tables and other disruptive outbursts. BAMN demonstrators have been arrested for inciting riots, throwing rocks at police, and destruction of property.

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