



# THE TRUMPET



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## President's Message

We are just a few short weeks into the new year and already we have managed to pack in a tidal wave of news and not much of it good. As a FOX reporter said recently "trying to sort out all that is happening is like trying to drink out of a fire hose."

Within the first few weeks of this year we have the radicals on the left in the House of Representatives presenting Articles of Impeachment to the US Senate in an effort to impeach our President - thereby undoing the will of the people who elected him. Not to mention challenging our constitution and belittling the actual standards for an impeachment. At the same time that the Speaker is handing out commemorative pens in the shape of bullets celebrating the articles of impeachment, the President of the United States is signing an historical trade deal with China and doing the work he was hired to do. This was followed by a sham of a trial in the Senate where there was further effort to remove him from office for doing nothing more than his political opponents have done twice over.

Meanwhile the Women's March in LA gathered thousands of women (where are your children?) marching through the streets wearing absurd pink hats led by Mayor Garcetti (presumably around the homeless camps on the streets). All the while, in Iran, President Trump authorized the elimination of one of the greatest threats to human rights in the world. One for our side!

Another one for our side was the thousands gathering in Virginia's Capitol of Richmond demanding state Democrats drop a push for comprehensive gun control in the commonwealth. This convergence of armed militias on Virginia's capital represented the current attack on our Second Amendment rights. Democrats in the state have declared a war on gun owners with their legislation and thousands of armed gun rights activists showed up to make their voices heard. As I can only assume was a great disappointment to Democrats - it was a peaceful rally with no incidents to report.

Another disappointment to the Democrats had to be the debacle of the Iowa caucus wherein people who want to run our country proved they can't even count! Is it me or are the Democrats starting to look like fish out of water flopping on the beach trying to find a source of oxygen!

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## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, February 27: Evening with California GOP Chair, Jessica Patterson

Meet Jessica and learn the latest statistics and her strategies for Republican success!

See pg. 5 for details.

### Tuesday, March 3: Primary Day Volunteers Needed!

WVRWF has adopted a poll on Primary Day at Red Oak Elementary School in Oak Park. We need poll workers to take a 4-hour shift. Please contact Dale at [dale91377@aol.com](mailto:dale91377@aol.com).

### Wednesday, March 18: Loren Spivak Event

Founder of Free Market Warrior, author and Trump supporter, joins us with brevity and insight on winning in the Trump economy.

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On top of all this, we were faced with a great tragedy in the loss of basketball great Kobe Bryant, his daughter and 7 others in a horrific helicopter crash. As tragic as this moment was for everyone concerned, it proved that we can still all come together. In a time of such great divisiveness in our country, we learned that we can all still cry together. We can be brought together to mourn- democrats, republicans, rich, poor, celebrities, truck drivers, children and adults all came together to feel the unimaginable loss and weighty sadness that overcame us all. We were all reminded that life is short and can change in minutes. Even if it was for a very brief time - we all recognized that no matter our differences, we are still able to come together to share our pain and try to heal.

God Bless Us All,

Dale

**New Members of the Board of Directors**

As we enter the new year we have some changes to our Board of Directors. Recording Secretary Karen Wetterlind has moved over to assist Rose Hernandez in her position as Vice President Membership. Replacing Karen as Recording Secretary is long time member Nancy Van Volkinberg. We are very grateful to Nancy for her willingness to serve in this important position. We would also like to welcome Chantal Margottin to the Board in the position of Corresponding Secretary. In this important role she will be responsible for sending out all club announcements including event invitations. Thank you both and welcome to the Board of WVRWF!



Nancy Van Volkinberg



Chantal Margottin

# The Trumpet

## Newsletter

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## New Member Reception

Each quarter the Board of Directors holds a welcome reception for members who have newly joined the club. These social events give our members the opportunity to meet their board and to learn more about what we do. On January 8th several of our new members were hosted for wine and appetizers at the beautiful home of Karen Wetterlind. Each guest offered some personal insight into why they joined our club and personal stories of their backgrounds and what they hope to gain from their membership. We encourage all new members to take advantage of this opportunity as we welcome you to the club!

### New Members

Christine Foldes

Bonne Hill

Judy Hoover

Kim Isoaason

Bliss Landon-Monroe

Rekha Ramani

Linda Tatum

Catherine Inbar

Bonnie Baker

Jennifer Chebi

Marliese Graham

Diane Manson

Rosalie Strong

### Birthdays

1/6	Judy Hoover	2/7
1/11	Susan Holt	2/8
1/17	Nancy VanVolkinburg	2/28
1/24		
1/25		
1/25		

## 2020 Membership Renewal

Members renew now and get full benefit of 2020 year. Remember, it's always fun to attend events with like-minded friends, invite your friends to join the Westlake Village Republican Women Federated.



### 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](http://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 are 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!



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDAY: Month/Day \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse\*: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Circle one:** New Member or Renewal

\_\_\_\_\_ Active Member Annual Dues\* .....\$40

\_\_\_\_\_ Gold Elephant Sponsor .....\$100

\_\_\_\_\_ Platinum Elephant Sponsor .....\$200

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Student Member.....\$15

\_\_\_\_\_ Associate Member Annual Dues ..... \$25

*Associate membership eligibility is limited to men, non-U.S. citizens and regular members of another Republican Women Federated club. In what Federated Club are you presently a member? \_\_\_\_\_*

\_\_\_\_\_ \*SAVE when Spouses join together.....\$50 (as an Associate Member)

\_\_\_\_\_ Name Badge (optional).....\$20

*Name to appear on badge: \_\_\_\_\_*

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Payment

Do you want your contact information to appear in the **Membership Directory**? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

*The directory is for members only and will not be used for commercial purposes.*

How do you want to receive your monthly **Newsletter/Event information**: \_\_\_Email \_\_\_Mail Only

Three payment methods:

Online at [www.WVRWF.org](http://www.WVRWF.org)

Credit card: CC# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_\_\_ Sec Code \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**OR... Pay by check for your dues (and optional name badge)**

Westlake Village Republican Women Federation

**MAIL TO: WVRWF, P.O. Box 6536, Westlake Village, CA 91359-6536**

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Become engaged in our Club, Help our Republican Party, and our Community. Share your talents!

Event Planning \_\_\_

Facebook/Social Network \_\_\_

Website \_\_\_

Election/Precinct Work \_\_\_

Community Svc/Literacy \_\_\_

Young Republicans \_\_\_

Mailings \_\_\_

Fundraising \_\_\_

Hospitality \_\_\_

Legislation \_\_\_

Membership Outreach \_\_\_

Newsletter \_\_\_

Photography \_\_\_

Programs/Speakers \_\_\_

Publicity \_\_\_

Military Support \_\_\_

Voter Registration \_\_\_

Scholarship \_\_\_



Join us for a very special evening with our California GOP Chair

★ **Jessica Patterson** ★



Jessica is the first female and Latina to be elected as the California Republican Chair in California state history!. Meet Jessica and learn the latest statistics as well as her effective strategies for Republican success in social media, fundraising and getting our candidates elected for 2020 and beyond!

★ Also speaking will be 3 of our Republican Candidates ★

**Denise Pedrow**  
CA State Assembly



**Houman Salem**  
CA State Senate



**Ronda Kennedy**  
U. S. Congress



Date: February 27th

Time: Social: 5:30 pm Dinner: 6:30 pm

Location: Los Robles Greens  
299 So. Moorpark Rd, Thousand Oaks

Price: \$36.50 Members by 2/20 mail check to address below or pay online at [www.wvrwf.org](http://www.wvrwf.org) (\$2 fee)  
\$45.00 Non-Members and members after 2/20

RSVP: Donnell at [Nichols.Donnell@gmail.com](mailto:Nichols.Donnell@gmail.com)



**NO HOST BAR**



Westlake Village Republican Women Federated

## Annual Holiday Luncheon

The Annual WVRWF Holiday Party was held on December 5th at the beautiful Four Seasons Hotel. There was a great turnout of members and guests ready to celebrate the holiday season. An amazing menu was accompanied by costumed Christmas Carolers serenading us while we tasted champagne and shopped for goodies from our great vendors. A wonderful time was had by all.







Remember, in the eyes of law enforcement, ignorance of California's new laws is not a defense.

However, most of these laws are indefensible to begin with.

Here is what came of the 2,576 bills introduced in the 2019 Democrat super-majority Congressional session:

## LANDLORD/TENANT LAWS & TRENDS

**AB 1482 Rent Caps and Just Cause:** The Tenant Protection Act of 2019 imposes rent caps and just cause eviction restrictions for residential rental property throughout California. It adds new Civil Code §1946.2, 1947.12 and 1947.13. AB 1482 also requires certain written disclosures.

AB 1482 is a complex piece of legislation which will require landlords with properties subject to AB 1482 to make significant changes to their current business practices, changes to their lease agreements and other forms and notices.

While AB 1482 dramatically alters the rental housing landscape by creating a statewide rent cap, AB 1482 does not negate existing local rent control or just cause ordinances which may further limit rent increases or allowable reasons to terminate a tenancy. Local rent control and just cause ordinances continue to be approved and passed with increasing frequency. It is more important than ever for landlords and management to be acutely aware of local legislation that may impact their properties.

**SB 644 Service Member Security Deposits:** This bill amends California Civil Code §1950.5. It reduces the amount that a landlord can charge active service members for a security deposit on residential rental housing. Effective January 1, 2020, landlords may not request a security deposit of more than one month's

rent for an unfurnished unit, and two month's rent for a furnished unit, if the unit is rented to an active service member.

## PRIVACY

Amidst increased reliance on the collection and use of personal digital data, and with continued reported incidents of large data breaches and misuse of personal digital data, we are seeing an increased legislative focus on consumer privacy. **AB 375**, passed in 2018, enacted the California Consumer Privacy Act, which applies to specific businesses, based on the amount of information collected by the business, the business' gross revenue, and how the personal information collected is used by the business. The Act creates specific consumer protections, including the right of a consumer to request the deletion of their personal information, with some exceptions.

The law goes into effect as of January 1, 2020.

Take note of the connection with AB 375 and Jacquie Irwin in our candidate forum in the Trumpet.

## FAIR HOUSING LAWS & TRENDS

**SB 329 Source of Income:** This bill adds federal, state or local public assistance or federal, state or local housing subsidies (such as Section 8) to the definition of source of income. The bill makes it illegal to reject a prospective tenant solely based on the applicant's use of a Section 8 federal housing choice voucher or any

other federal, state or local public assistance or housing subsidies. It will require landlords to treat voucher holders like any other applicant, except that when qualifying the applicant for income you can only use the applicant's portion of the rent to determine whether the applicant meets your rent-to-income ratio. The law also prohibits "No Section 8" and similar advertisements.

An article with more information is available at <https://www.kts-law.com/section-8-and-source-of-income-protections-sb-329-and-sb-222/>.

## **NEW FAIR EMPLOYMENT & HOUSING REGULATIONS**

The Regulations include some very significant changes that will affect how DFEH investigates and prosecutes fair housing complaints that landlords need to be aware of, including regulations about verification which landlords can request for service animals and the use of criminal background information.

An article with more information is available at [http://ClientPortal.kts-law.com/resource\\_library/docs/LegalAlerts/NewFairEmploymentandHousingRegulations.pdf](http://ClientPortal.kts-law.com/resource_library/docs/LegalAlerts/NewFairEmploymentandHousingRegulations.pdf)

## **REAL ESTATE LICENSE LAWS**

AB 38 Fire Severity Zone Disclosure: Requires a seller to provide specific written disclosures to a buyer of any real property that is located in a high or very high fire severity zone, as identified by the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection.

<https://www.kts-law.com/legislative-update-2020/>

## **GUN LAWS**

Following the September 13th, 2019 California legislative session, 16 bills from the Assembly and Senate and 2 Assembly Joint Resolutions dealing with your California gun rights were introduced, passed, and signed into law. Most of these changes will go into effect this year, in 2020. This recap should help you remain on the right side of the law and show you what regulations will take effect and how they will apply to you.

AB 339 requires law enforcement agencies to develop and adopt policies and standards regarding the use of

gun violence restraining orders and would impose a state-mandated local program by January 1, 2021.

This law takes effect on January 1, 2020.

AB 521 Firearm safety programs: Requires the University of California's Firearm Violence Research Center to develop multifaceted education and training programs for medical and mental health providers on the prevention of firearm-related injury and death. This includes how to assess individual patients for risk of firearm-related injury and death, plus "best practices" for conversations with patients about firearm ownership, access, storage, and "appropriate" tools for practitioner intervention with patients at risk, including, but not limited to:

- Education on "safer" storage practices;
- Gun violence restraining orders; and
- Mental health interventions.

This law takes effect on January 1, 2020.

AB 1297 Conceal Carry Permit Fees: removes the existing \$100 cap on fees for CCW ("concealed carry weapon") permits. A local issuing authority can charge an amount to cover the costs of not only processing and issuance of the license, but also enforcement.

This law takes effect on January 1, 2020.

Senate Bill 120 prohibits a person convicted on or after January 1, 2020 with a misdemeanor of carrying a concealed firearm, carrying a loaded firearm, or openly carrying an unloaded handgun, from possessing a firearm for a period of 10 years. Makes the violation of that prohibition punishable as a misdemeanor.

This law takes effect on January 1, 2020.

Senate Bill 172 modifies California's existing storage laws, which include a combination of local restrictions, in addition to requiring firearms be inaccessible to both minors and prohibited persons, by providing additional storage requirements, including unloaded firearms and significantly enhanced criminal penalties for failure to comply.

This law takes effect on January 1, 2020.

SB 376 50 Gun Limit: prevents individuals from selling large numbers of firearms without a license by capping the number of annual sales allowed at five



transactions or fifty firearms. Requires anybody manufacturing fifty or more firearms to be licensed. It also requires a background check for firearms to be auctioned or raffled off.

This law takes effect on January 1, 2020.

<https://www.uslawshield.com/legislative-update-california-2020/>

## EMPLOYER STATUTORY DEVELOPMENTS

AB5 Independent Contractor Limitations: This legislation codifies the Massachusetts “ABC Test” which was adopted by the California Supreme Court in the 2018 Dynamex decision for claims made under California’s wage orders. California’s adoption of the ABC Test has made it very difficult to support contractor status where the individual is not concurrently engaged in a business separate and distinct from the “hiring entity,” (i.e., the service recipient). However, there are multiple industry exemptions, exceptions and carve-outs, as well as the consequence of intense lobbying and negotiating between business and labor. Some “gig economy” companies are actively working to further amend this law.

Increasing Minimum Wage and Minimum Salary: On January 1, 2020, under existing laws, the California state minimum wage will increase to \$12 per hour for employers of 25 or fewer employees and to \$13 per hour for employers of 26 or more employees.

With the increased California state minimum wage, the minimum salary permitted in California will automatically increase to \$49,920 annually for employers of 25 or fewer employees and \$54,080 annually for employers of 26 or more employees. (The calculation of the California state minimum salary is the minimum wage times two times 2,080 hours.)

Many local ordinances also have minimum wage increases effective on January 1, 2020, which may be higher than the state minimum wage. These local ordinance increases do not affect the state minimum salary requirement.

**Practice Pointer:** Employers should review and increase as necessary any minimum wages paid to employees under local and state minimum wage laws and ensure that any employees classified as

salaried exempt employees are paid at least the applicable minimum salary required under state law.

## HARASSMENT, DISCRIMINATION, AND #METOO

AB9 3 Years for Discrimination or Harassment Filing: Effective on January 1, 2020, under AB 9, the deadline for a person alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, or retaliation in violation of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) to file a verified complaint with the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) will be extended from one year to three years from the date of the occurrence.

The change will not revive claims that have already expired under the current statute.

SB 188 Prohibiting Discrimination Based on Protected Hairstyles: Effective on January 1, 2020, SB 188 will expand the definition of race under the FEHA to prohibit racial discrimination and harassment based upon a person’s natural hairstyle. The legislature found that workplace dress codes and grooming policies that prohibit natural hair, including afros, braids, twists, and locks, have a disparate impact on Black individuals, as such policies are more likely to deter Black applicants and burden or punish Black employees than any other group. All such policies will be unlawful.

**Practice Pointer:** Employers should review and revise dress and grooming standards to ensure that none of the protected hairstyles are prohibited or discouraged.

## LEAVE, ACCOMMODATION, AND WORKPLACE SAFETY

SB 142 Expanding Lactation Accommodation Requirements: Effective on January 1, 2020, employers will be required to provide more lactation accommodations than previously required in California. Specifically, a lactation room or location must:

- Be close to the employee’s work area;
- Be shielded from view and free from intrusion; and
- Have certain features, including electricity and resources necessary to operate a breast pump.

The employer also must provide access to a sink with running water and a refrigerator nearby. As before, the room may not be a bathroom.

**Practice Pointer:** Employers should review their existing lactation accommodation policy and lactation area and update both in accordance with the new law. Employers who do not currently have a lactation policy must implement one. Employers who need to seek an exemption should consult with legal counsel and apply for one.

SB 83 Expanding Paid Family Leave: Effective on July 1, 2020, the maximum duration of Paid Family Leave (PFL) benefits an individual can receive from California's State Disability Insurance program will be increased from six to eight weeks. There is no change in the law with regard to the amount of time that an individual may take for Family and Medical Leave Act leave, California Family Rights Act leave, or California Pregnancy Disability Leave.

The new law affects only the number of weeks for which the state will pay family leave benefits to the employee.

## **FORCED UNIONIZATION**

AB 1291 Expanding Requirements for Labor Peace Agreements: Effective on January 1, 2020, under AB 1291, any company with 20 or more employees applying for a license from California's Bureau of Cannabis Control must abide by the terms of a labor peace agreement.

A "labor peace agreement" is a contract between an employer and an organized labor union in which the employer agrees to help the union organize the employer's workforce and not to disrupt union organizing efforts, in return for the union's agreement not to strike or cause other disruptions at the employer's workplace during a union-organizing campaign. The law is silent as to what union should be chosen or how to go about choosing.

## **WILD ANIMALS AND ROADKILL**

SB 395 Eat Your Road Kill: This bill would, upon appropriation by the Legislature, authorize the commission to establish, in consultation with specified public agencies and stakeholders, a pilot program no later than January 1, 2022, for the issuance of wildlife salvage permits through a user-friendly and cell-phone-friendly web-based portal developed by the Department of Fish and Wildlife to persons desiring to recover, possess, use, or transport, for purposes of salvaging wild game meat for human

consumption of, any deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, or wild pig that has been accidentally killed as a result of a vehicle collision on a roadway within California.

<https://www.legiscan.com/CA/text/SB395/2019>



# PRIMARY ELECTIONS

# CANDIDATE PROFILES



By Jeanne Llewellyn, *VP of Programs*



## **Houman Salem** **California State Senate, District 27**

[www.Salem2020.com](http://www.Salem2020.com)

Houman Salem is the son of Iranian immigrants, a local graduate of California State University, Northridge and Pepperdine University, and has been a resident of the San Fernando Valley since 1976. Salem is an entrepreneur and CEO of a leading fashion design house in the San Fernando Valley committed to advancing the American Made movement.

Key messages of his campaign:

- Resolve the homeless crisis, specifically by repealing Prop. 47, Prop 57 and AB 109
- Protect taxpayers against the threat of any new taxes, specifically by fighting any changes to Prop 13
- Fight for employees and job creators by minimizing government interference, specifically by repealing AB5

Incumbent: **Harry Stern** – Single term incumbent with no local connections to the area in which he seeks reelection. January 10, 2020 Stern Press Release praised Gavin Newsom’s plan to invest \$1 billion of taxpayer funds in Climate Emergency innovation.

## **Denis Pedrow** **California State Assembly, District 44**

[www.VoteforPedrow.com](http://www.VoteforPedrow.com)

Denis Pedrow comes from a large Hispanic family with a strong tradition of community service. She been a resident of Ventura for 20 years. Denise has worked in the commercial construction industry for 31 years. Her campaign embodies Republican values with an eye toward bringing balance and accountability back to our state government.



Key messages from her campaign:

- Enforce laws that do not allow vagrancy, drug dealing, drug use or drug paraphernalia on the streets and that enforce no loitering in front of businesses and no trespassing or “squatting” on public lands
- Strengthen welfare benefit guidelines to ensure that those receiving benefits are qualified citizens
- Fight for fair and humane mental health laws and facilities to help the mentally ill
- Fight for accountability in state prisons and in the judicial system to ensure justice is served for the victims of crime

**Incumbent: Jacqui Irwin** – 5-year incumbent with 16 years in public service. Represents herself as a bipartisan leader despite the actions she took in 2019 to pressure Ventura Police Chief Tim Hagel to cancel the Blue Bowl football charity event because Republicans were invited to participate. Bills that Irwin has sponsored in the past include: “Reparations for descendants of enslaved persons,” “Access to reproductive care and abortion services,” and “American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month.”

A September 2019 article by Politico revealed:

Assemblywoman Jacqui Irwin refused to recuse herself from negotiations over the California Consumer Privacy Act, an act which would directly impact her husband, Jon Irwin’s position as Chief Operations Officer for Ring, Inc., a home security and video doorbell startup owned by Amazon. The law would allow Californians to ask companies like Ring, Inc. for the personal information collected by them about their users, not to sell it and not to delete it. Irwin has attempted to carry out proposals that would “gut the law by exempting more kinds of data from the new requirements.” Trade groups have spent hundreds of thousands on Capitol Hill lobbying for exemptions. One such group named Irwin “Legislator of the Year” in 2017. <https://www.politico.com/story/2019/09/15/california-tech-privacy-ring-1496125>



**Ronda Baldwin-Kennedy**  
**U.S. Congress, District 26**

[www.rondakennedy.com](http://www.rondakennedy.com)

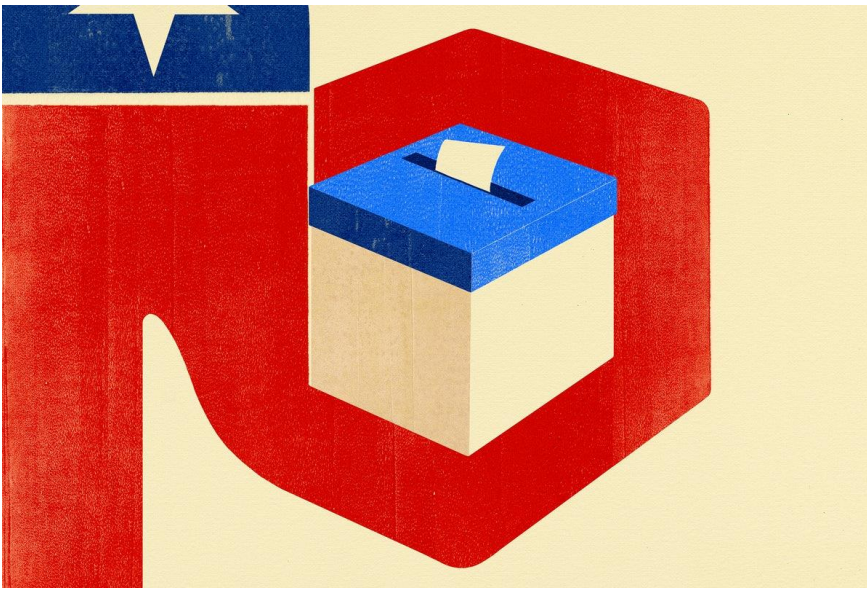
As an attorney and small business owner, Ronda has seen the firsthand effects of overregulation and high taxation. As an educator and mother, she is shocked at how the state with the greatest advances in technology and biotech continues to fail generations of children.

Key messages of her campaign:

- Write effective laws to curb the opioid crisis
- Support infrastructure policies, lower taxes and less regulation to encourage job creation and economic growth
- Fight to secure the border and pursue intelligent and humane immigration policies
- Expand education options to evolve, improve and deliver quality education to students
- Support veterans and national defense

**Incumbent: Julie Brownley** – 7-year incumbent with 14 years in public service and no local connections to the area in which she seeks reelection. Due to term limits, in 2012, Brownley moved her campaign from District 41 to Thousand Oaks. After 7 years in office, she sponsored 3 bills, voted to impeach President Trump, and was ranked as a “perfect liberal” by Capitol Weekly. Brownley has been assigned to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure since 2015 but has failed to accomplish anything.





## Voter Fraud: Fact or Fiction?

By Jeanne Llewellyn, *VP of Programs*

WVRWF Members and guests gathered at Nabu Winery on January 15<sup>th</sup> for Happy Elephant Hour and to hear from our special guest, Mark Lunn, Ventura County's Registrar of Voters. Mark and two representatives from the Poll Worker Program joined us to showcase the new voting machines and procedures to be launched at the California Primary on March 3, 2020. Guests were able to test run the new machines with the assistance of our county representatives who patiently answered questions about procedure and processing.

Mark also shared the lengths to which his office has had to go to comply with the onslaught of amendments and liberal policies enacted by the current California legislature, aka "The Looney Left." From the DMV's Motor Voter Program, to the switch of many DMV visitors' party preference to "NO party preference," and the latest "register and vote on election day" allowance, California policies are making it more expensive and more difficult to get a timely, accurate election result.

Our members voiced concern regarding voter harvesting, voter fraud, non-citizens voting, as well as frustration over the lack of political determination to implement the simple fix of requiring voter ID. Mark has made the best decisions with the budget he was given by purchasing the very easy to use voter machines that are a far cry from the old ones. This move to purchase machines goes a long way in filling the gaps of potential fraud or error by streamlining the voting process at the polls because they lower the subjective analysis of your ballot by the poll worker. He encouraged all to use these new voter machines this March and spread the word to get out the vote!

### **IMPORTANT STEPS TO ENSURE YOUR VOTE IS TALLIED WITHOUT DELAY:**

1. Go online to verify that your Party Preference is REPUBLICAN! You will not get a Republican Presidential Primary Ballot without being a REGISTERED REPUBLICAN!

To confirm your information is up to date, go to <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/>. You'll need your name, driver's license, SSN and date of birth. Your information will come up. If you don't like what you see, click on the Re-register to Vote link and reenter your info.

**NOTE:** Go back and confirm changes are made.

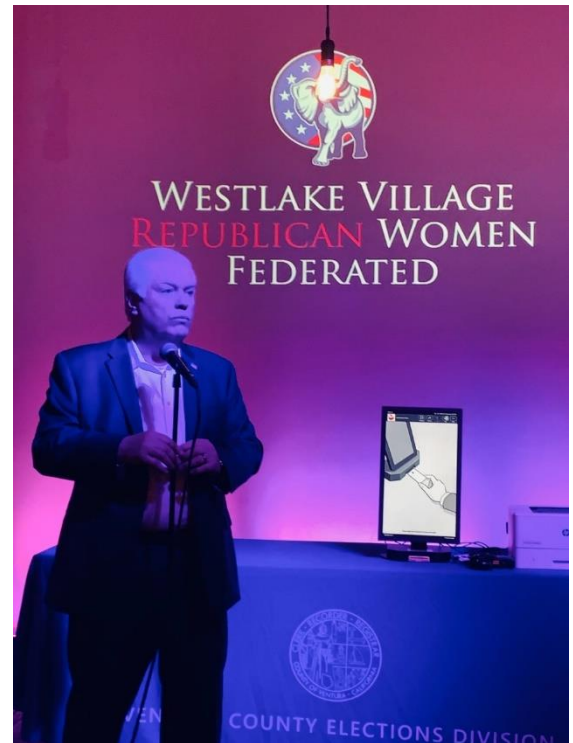
2. If you have not recently signed and returned a hard copy voter registration form, it is a good idea to fill out a new form and submit it. That way, if for any reason, your ballot comes up for confirmation, the signature on your mail-in-ballot will match what they have on file.
3. If you go to the polling site, go to the location listed on your ballot. You can confirm your polling site on the above-mentioned website. Your name will be on the rosters at the polling site location.

So, what about voter fraud? Is it fact or fiction?

Since the 2016 presidential elections, the topic of voter fraud has gained more attention. Following the elections, President Trump called for an investigation of voter fraud. His call was met with massive resistance, typified in a New York Times editorial board response headlined, “The Voter Fraud Fantasy.”

In January 2018, Trump shut down the Election Commission he had appointed to investigate fraud, citing “endless legal battles at taxpayer expense.” In reality, many states had refused to hand over data to the Election Commission. Accurate analysis could not be completed as a result. (The Epoch Times, Nov 27, 2018).

The Heritage Foundation cites 1259 Proven Voter Fraud cases and 1085 criminal convictions. Of the sited 36 convictions in California, most are duplicate ballots, an easy one to catch with the advanced and integrated computer systems in many jurisdictions. But the adage, “garbage in, garbage out” holds true also when it’s “garbage that never gets taken out.”



It’s surprisingly difficult to find good information on voter roll registration. One of the most widely cited sources is a 2012 PEW study which found the following problems with America’s voter rolls:

- Approximately 24 million—one out of every eight—voter registrations in the United States are no longer valid or are significantly inaccurate
- More than 1.8 million deceased individuals are listed as voters
- Approximately 2.75 million people have registrations in more than one state

Across the nation, hundreds of counties have more registered voters than residents. In 2019, Judicial Watch signed a settlement agreement with California and LA County to begin the process of removing a staggering 5 million inactive registrations from its rolls. The state had lost the negligence lawsuit for over 20 years of non-compliance of required voter roll maintenance. (The Heritage Foundation Aug 28, 2019).

As Judicial Watch previously noted, Los Angeles County has over 10 million residents, more than the populations of 41 of the 50 United States. California is America’s largest state, with almost 40 million residents. The county had allowed more than 20% of its registered voters to become inactive without removing them from the voter list.

Bad voter rolls don’t automatically mean fraud, but it’s like leaving the keys in the ignition and the door open. The full scope of fraud in US elections is unknown, mainly because many states don’t have the policies and procedures in place to detect and deter voter fraud. Mr. Lunn stated that his office allocates 4 staff to each forensic review required by many of the provisional ballots to confirm its eligibility to be counted. Follow the above steps and save Ventura County taxpayers dollars!

Claims that a commonsense fix such as voter ID is an attempt at voter suppression or disenfranchisement ignore the fact that voter participation rates have increased in states that have adopted voter identification laws. A recent



Rasmussen poll found that 70 percent of likely voters actually favor voter ID. (Daily Signal, Jason Snead, Nov. 1, 2018).

There are now 34 states that have laws requiring voters to show some form of identification at the polls. Not all require a photo ID or proof of citizenship. California's Democrats are decidedly heading in the exact opposite direction.

Take heart fellow patriots. It was through our volunteer efforts working with the Election Integrity Organization that helped win the lawsuit to purge California's voter rolls of bad entries. We should take pride in knowing that we do make a difference and we will make a difference again at the polls on March 3!

\*\*\*WVRWF needs volunteers! Volunteer to work the official WVRWF polling site! Arrangements are being confirmed. Please send an email to [jeannebrookslllewelyn@yahoo.com](mailto:jeannebrookslllewelyn@yahoo.com) with your contact / name info if you're interested in volunteering.\*\*\*

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