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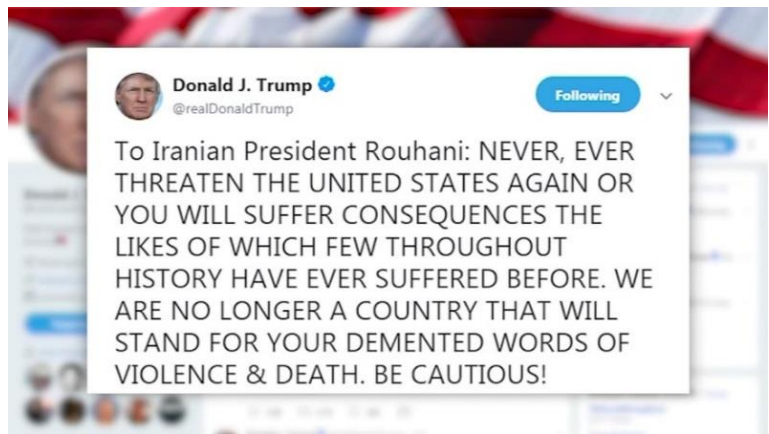
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Each month, WVRWF members gather at a local watering hole for wine and wine.

These popular events give our members the opportunity to gather with like-minded Conservatives.

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Sun., August 5: Ventura County Fair – Voter Registration

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Wed., August 8: New Members Reception

Celebrate our newest members at the home of a WVRWF member. By invitation only.

Wed., August 8: Board Meeting

Location: the home of a WVRWF member

Thursday, August 16: Happy Elephant Hour

The Latigo Kid, 5617 Kanan Road, Agoura Hills
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

To become a member or for more information, visit wvrwf.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I tend to think of myself as a sensitive, caring person. I don't torture small animals. I cry at sad movies. I always thank a vet for their service. I donate to the charities of my choice. I take in my neighbor's mail and packages when they are out of town and I tip well. Not so bad. Therefore, it has come as a great shock to me to learn that because I have conservative values, I support the Constitution of the United States and our President, I follow the laws of the land and I own a red baseball hat, I am a heartless monster. Who knew?

The fact that I am unable to shed tears over small children being separated from their families who have entered our country ILLEGALLY defines me as the worst sort of monster. Let me think. If I commit a crime and break into your house does it make it ok if I bring my children with me? Oh wait! If they arrest me for committing that or any crime, should I be allowed to keep my family together when they haul me off to jail? At the time that I made the decision to commit a crime, did I not take into consideration that there may be a negative long term effect on my children. Did I not think that perhaps by committing a crime I was endangering my family and my children?

Maybe I am confused. I was under the impression that we were a country of laws and if you broke those laws, you would need to face the consequences. As an American citizen, if I am arrested my children will most likely end up in a

foster care system that is more broken than the immigration system. We seem to have become a country of soft hearted, soft headed liberals who are using small children and a broken immigration system they refuse to fix as a weapon to try and undermine our President.



Entering our country ILLEGALLY is a crime. What part of that is unclear to the bleeding heart American people? Here's a shocker - There are LEGAL means by which you can achieve entrance to the United States and not lose your children. Is it tough and does it take a long time? Yes. Ask anyone who has done it legally and ask them if it was worth it.

OK. I'm a heartless monster for believing that just maybe there could be some gang related activities involved in these efforts to come into our country. Real monsters who could be trafficking children and using them to influence the bleeding hearts of some Americans and gain entrance to our country for nefarious purposes. Shouldn't we try to find out before welcoming them into our lives?

Imagine my surprise today when I learned that United Airlines is now offering free flights to ILLEGAL immigrants to assist with the reunification of families. Seriously? Doesn't that open the door for so much more ILLEGAL opportunity? Where is MY country??? If I am a monster so be it. I won't be using my United miles anytime soon.

God Bless! -Dale

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NEW MEMBERS & BIRTHDAYS

The WVRWF welcomes the following new members:

Deborah Kniss

WVRWF also wishes a **Happy Birthday** to the following members:

- Shelley Petrelli 7/7
- Susan Stone 7/11
- Susan Ash 7/16
- Elizabeth Priedkains 7/17
- Maryann Kenyon 7/21
- Chantal Margottin 7/22
- Angie Simpson 7/25
- Lisa Carignan 7/30
- Toni Caruso 7/30
- Cheryl Eppink 7/30



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT
Michelle Corey

Michelle Corey was a founding member, who is now back! She is a native Californian and has lived locally since grammar school. Michelle owns her own travel company and is always on the move. This past May she was in Ireland and will be in Madagascar and South Africa next month.

In between her travels, she looks forward to rejoining the WVRWF at our meetings and to renewing her friendships with us.



BECOME A MEMBER AND VOLUNTEER!

Hillary Clinton believes that women who vote republican only do so because they mindlessly follow the orders of the men in their lives. Show her who the real mindless woman is! Join the WVRWF today and fight for conservative values! You will find the 2018 Membership Form on the following page.

Please reach out to help make us the best club in Ventura County. There is a great deal of talent within the membership and there is a role for every member to play. We always have a great time working together to serve the community. Registering Republican voters is one of the most important efforts we need to make as a club and we hope to continue this effort into 2018 in various locations in our community.

Please contact Dale Thomas at dale91377@aol.com or (818) 257-2358 if you would like to serve.



2018 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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IMPORTANT: Membership is annual from January 1 to December 31. All RENEWALS must be received by March 31st. (NEW memberships received after October 1 will include full membership for the following year.)

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 _____ Gold Elephant Sponsor\$100
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Sponsorships include dues and receive special recognition in newsletters, website, programs and directory
 _____ Student Member.....\$ 15
 _____ Couples Membership*Save when Spouses join together..\$ 50 (1 regular + 1 Associate)
 _____ 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? _____
 _____ Name Badge (optional).....\$20
Name to appear on badge: _____
 _____ Total Payment

Do you want your contact information to appear in the **2017 Membership Directory**? Yes No
The directory is for members only and will not be used for commercial purposes.

How do want to receive your monthly **Newsletter**: Mail Only Email Only Mail and Email

Pay via CC# _____ Exp ___/___ Security Code _____

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Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We need your talents and time to help us grow stronger. Please check the areas in which you might like to assist us to better serve the Republican Party, our club and our community:

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| Hospitality _____ | Facebook/Social Network _____ | Website _____ |
| Election/Precinct Work _____ | Community Svc/Literacy _____ | Young Republicans _____ |
| Mailings _____ | Caring for America _____ | Phone Tree _____ |
| Legislation _____ | Membership Outreach _____ | Newsletter _____ |
| Photography _____ | Programs/Speakers _____ | Publicity _____ |
| Troop/Military Support _____ | Voter Registration _____ | Scholarship _____ |

CANDIDATE PROFILE**Ronda Baldwin-Kennedy**

“As a wife and working mother, I understand that many working families are struggling to get by. California needs new leadership to jumpstart our economy, improve our schools and focus on keeping our communities safe. It’s time to make a difference, it’s time we reinvest in California’s future. That’s why I’m running for State Assembly.”

Ronda Baldwin-Kennedy is an attorney, small business owner and Dean of American Heritage University School of Law. Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Baldwin-Kennedy is the granddaughter of the first African-American elected to the Wisconsin state legislature.

As an assemblywoman, her goals are to repeal the gas tax, revoke California’s status as a sanctuary state, grow our jobs and economy, reform the state budget, and improve California’s education system.

Baldwin-Kennedy is endorsed by the California Republican Party (CAGOP), the Los Angeles County Republican Party (LAGOP), and the Ventura County Republican Party.



LEGISLATION

Prepared by Cheryl Sullivan

November 2018 Qualified Statewide Ballot Measures Initiatives and Referenda Cleared for Circulation

The Attorney General prepares a circulating title and summary of the chief purpose and points of a proposed initiative measure. Proposed initiative measures are cleared for circulation on the day the circulating title and summary is sent to the initiative proponents.

Proposition 1. SB 3 (Chapter 365, Statutes of 2017), Beall. Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018.

Requires That Proceeds of Bonds or Taxes Approved by the Voters Be Spent on the Specific Projects or Uses Approved by the Voters. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

Prohibits state and local governments and special districts from spending proceeds of bonds or taxes approved by the voters for any purpose other than those provided in the measure authorizing those bonds or taxes. **Summary of estimate by**

Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government:

Potentially less state and local fiscal flexibility over the use of bond proceeds and tax revenue, depending upon future decisions made by elected officials, the courts, and the voters.

Proposition 2. No Place Like Home Act of 2018.

Among other provisions, this will authorize the Legislature to appropriate for transfer money's in the Mental Health Services Fund to the Supportive Housing Program Subaccount.

Proposition 3. Authorizes Bonds to Fund Projects for Water Supply and Quality, Watershed, Fish, Wildlife, Water Conveyance, and Groundwater Sustainability and Storage. Initiative Statute.

Authorizes \$8.877 billion in state general obligation bonds for various infrastructure projects: \$3.03 billion for safe drinking water and water quality, \$2.895 billion for watershed and fisheries improvements, \$940 million for habitat protection, \$855 million for improved water conveyance, \$685 million for groundwater sustainability/storage, and \$472 million for surface water storage/dam repairs. Appropriates money from General Fund to pay of

bonds. Requires certain projects to provide matching funds from non-state sources; gives priority to disadvantaged communities.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government:

State costs of \$17.3 billion to pay off principal (\$8.9 billion) and interest (\$8.4 billion) on bonds over a 40-year period. Annual payments would average \$433 million. Annual payments would be lower than this average in the initial and final few years, and somewhat higher in the intervening years. Varying fiscal effects on individual local governments depending on specific projects undertaken, amount of grants and loans received, and amount of local cost-share required.

Proposition 4. Authorizes Bonds Funding Construction at Hospitals Providing Children's Health Care. Initiative Statute.

Authorizes \$1.5 billion in bonds, to be repaid from state's General Fund, to fund grants for construction, expansion, renovation, and equipping of qualifying children's hospitals. Designates 72 percent of funds to qualifying private nonprofit hospitals providing comprehensive services to high volumes of children eligible for governmental programs and children with special health needs eligible for the California Children's Services program, 18 percent of funds to University of California general acute care children's hospitals, and 10 percent of funds to public and private nonprofit hospitals providing services to children eligible for the California Children's Services program. **Summary of**

estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local

government: State costs of \$2.9 billion to pay off principal (\$1.5 billion) and interest (\$1.4 billion) on bonds over a 35-year period. Annual payments would average \$84 million. Annual payments would be lower than this average in the initial and final few years, and somewhat higher in the intervening years.

Proposition 5. Changes Requirements for Certain Property Owners to Transfer Their Property Tax Base to Replacement Property. Initiative

Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

Removes the following current requirements for homeowners who are over 55 years old or severely disabled to transfer their property tax base to a replacement residence: that replacement property be of equal or lesser value, replacement residence be in a specific county, and the transfer occur only once. Removes similar replacement-value and location requirement on transfer for contaminated or disaster-destroyed property. Requires adjustments to the replacement property's tax base, based on the new property's value. **Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government:** Annual property tax losses for cities, counties, and special districts of around \$150 billion in the near term, growing over time to \$1 billion or more per year (in today's dollars). Annual property tax losses for schools of around \$150 million per year in the near term, growing over time to \$1 billion or more per year (in today's dollars). Increase in state costs for schools of an equivalent amount in most years.

Proposition 6. ("Gas Tax") Eliminates Recently Enacted Road Repair and Transportation Funding by Repealing Revenues Dedicated for those Purposes. Requires any Measure to Enact Certain Vehicle Fuel Taxes and Vehicle Fees be Submitted to and Approved by the Electorate, Initiative Constitutional Amendment. Repeals a 2017 transportation law's tax and fee provisions that pay for repairs and improvements to local roads, state highways, and public transportation. Requires the Legislature to submit any measure enacting specified taxes or fees on gas or diesel fuel, or on the privilege to operate a vehicle on public highways, to the electorate for approval. **Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government:** Reduced annual state transportation tax revenues of \$2.9 billion in 2018-19, increasing to \$4.9 billion annually by 2020-21. These revenues would primarily have supported state highway maintenance and rehabilitation, local streets and roads, and mass transit. In addition, potentially lower transportation tax revenues in the future from requiring voter approval of such tax increases, with the impact dependent on future actions by the Legislature and voters.

Proposition 7. Permanent Daylight Savings Time Measure. Proposition 7 would allow the California

State Legislature to establish permanent, year-round daylight savings time (DST) by a two-thirds vote if the federal Uniform Time Act is changed to allow for permanent DST. As of 2018, the Uniform Time Act allows states to adopt one of two options: (a) adopt DST between the second Sunday of March or the first Sunday of November or (b) remain on standard time all year. In 2016, the California State Legislature asked the President and Congress to pass an act that would allow California to adopt year-round DST. In March 2018, Florida also asked the federal government to allow the state to enact year-round DST. To enact Proposition 7, Proposition 12 (1949), a ballot initiative that established DST in California, would need to be repealed. In California, a ballot initiative cannot be repealed without consent of voters. Therefore, the state legislature cannot take action unless voters approved Proposition 7.

Proposition 8. Authorizes State Regulation of Kidney Dialysis Clinics. Limits Charges for Patient Care. Initiative Statute. Limits amounts outpatient kidney dialysis clinics may charge for patient care and imposes penalties for excessive charges. Requires annual reporting to the state regarding clinic costs, patient charges, and revenue. Prohibits clinics from discriminating against patient based on the source of payment for care. **Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government:** State administrative costs of around \$1 million annually to be covered by increases in license fees on chronic dialysis clinics. State and local government savings largely associated with reduced government employee and retiree health benefits spending on dialysis treatment, potentially up to tens of millions of dollars annually.

Proposition 9. Division of California into Three States. Initiative Statute. On July 18, 2018, Proposition 9 was removed from the ballot by order of the California Supreme Court.

Proposition 10. Expands Local Governments' Authority to Enact Rent Control on Residential Property. Initiative Statute. Repeals state law that currently restricts the scope of rent-control policies that cities and other local jurisdictions may impose. Allows polices that would limit the rental rates that residential-property owners may charge for new tenants, new construction, and single-family homes. In accordance with California law, provides that

rent-control policies may not violate landlords' right to a fair financial return on their rental property. **Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government:** Unknown, but potentially significant, changes in state and local government tax revenues. Net decrease more likely than net increase. Potential increase in local government costs of up to tens of millions of dollars per year in the long term, likely paid by fees on owners of rental housing.

Proposition 11. Requires Private-Section Emergency Ambulance Employees to Remain on Call During Work Breaks. Changes Other Conditions of Employment. Initiative Statute.

Makes the labor law that entitles hourly employees to take work (meal and rest) breaks without being on call inapplicable to private-section emergency ambulance employees. Regulates timing of meal breaks for these employees. Exempts employers from potential liability for violations of existing law regarding work breaks. Requires employers to pay for employees to be trained regarding certain emergency incidents, violence prevention, and mental health and wellness. Requires employers to provide employees with certain mental-health services. **Summary of estimate by Legislative**

Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Local government net savings likely in the tens of millions of dollars annually due to lower emergency ambulance contract costs.

Proposition 12. Establishes New Standards for Confinement of Certain Farm Animals; Bans Sale of Certain Non-Complying Products. Initiative Statute.

Establishes new minimum space requirements for confining veal calves, breeding pigs, and egg-laying hens; requires egg-laying hens be raised in cage-free environment after December 31, 2021. Prohibits certain commercial sales of specified meat and egg products from animals confined in non-complying manner. Defines sales violations as unfair competition. Creates good faith defense for sellers relying upon written certification by suppliers that meat or animal products comply with new confinement standards. Requires State of California to issue implementing regulations.

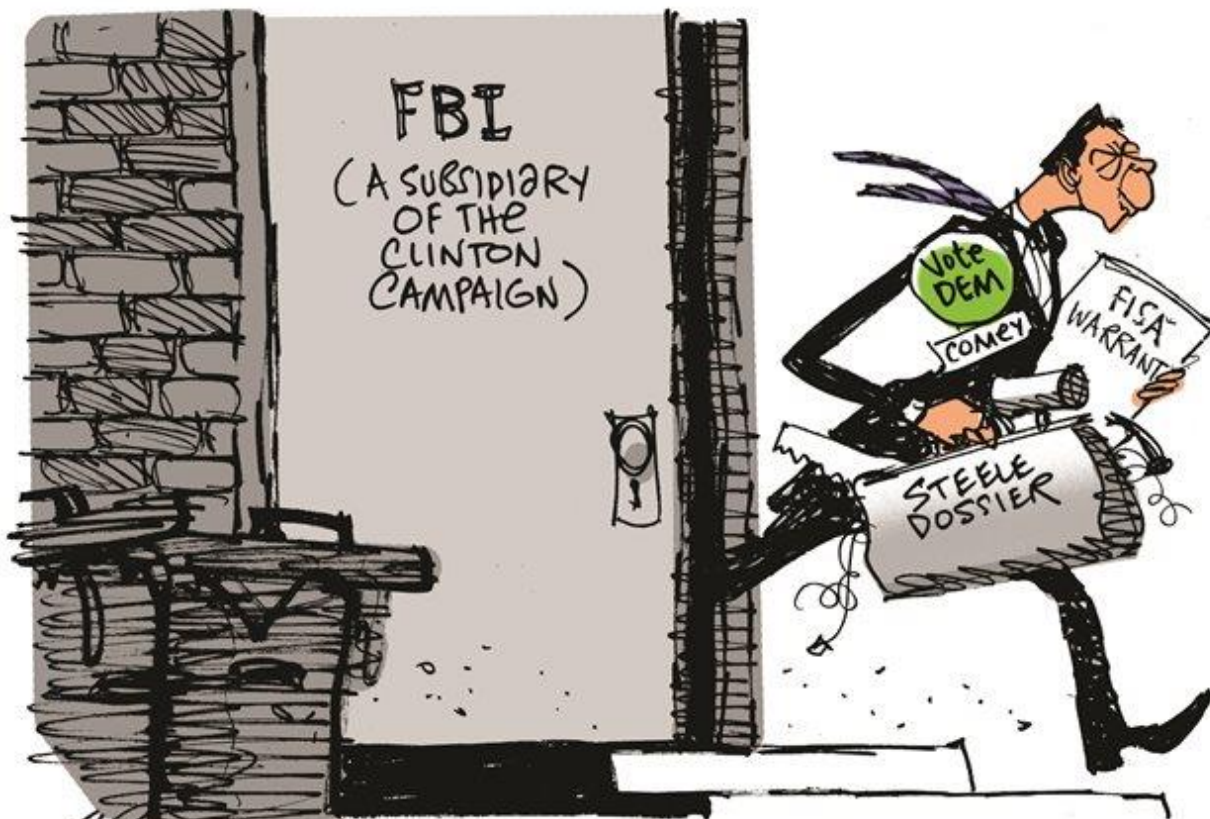
Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Potential decrease in state and local tax revenues from farm businesses, likely not to exceed the low millions of dollars annually. Potential state costs ranging up to ten million annually to enforce the measure.

IN THE NEWS**FIDELITY, BRAVERY, INTEGRITY**

By Gloria Pemberton, *Treasurer and Chaplin*

In 1924, J. Edgar Hoover was appointed Acting Director of the Bureau of Investigation as it was called then. The name of the organization was later changed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Upon his appointment as Director, J. Edgar Hoover began purging the organization of political hacks and incompetent individuals. He put in place strict rules and regulations for handling investigations and personal conduct by which all FBI personnel were expected to abide. It was J. Edgar Hoover who established the Identification Division, the Laboratory Division, and the FBI National Academy. He served 16 Attorneys General and 10 Presidents. After his death in 1972, Chief Justice Warren Burger hailed Hoover as a “man of high principle whose beliefs were based on Christian faith....a man of great courage who would not sacrifice principle to public clamor....a great American who served his country so well and earned admiration of all who believed in ordered liberty.” J. Edgar Hoover was the first civil servant honored by having his body lie in state in the Rotunda of the Capitol. J. Edgar Hoover’s life was a life well lived.

Ninety-four years later, the reputation of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover’s fine and honorable organization, has now been smeared and befouled by bad actors in the upper echelon of the FBI. I don’t need to name names....we know who they are. They are just some of the enemies within who would do anything to further their far left political agenda. Although the conduct of these individuals is reprehensible, it is important to remember that there are many hard working special agents of the FBI who honor the FBI motto, Fidelity, Bravery, and Integrity, and conduct themselves accordingly. My husband was one such honorable FBI Special Agent.



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LEGAL IMMIGRATION – THE *RIGHT* WAY

By Eric Chebi

It's interesting how polarized our country is these days. Half of the country bases all of their decisions on emotions and feelings while the other half looks at facts and laws (this is a generalization, but pretty accurate in my eyes). The most recent issue has been immigration and separating children from their parents. This has been a law since 1997, I believe. Children couldn't be kept for more than 20 days while the government was trying to identify the parents, and where the children belonged. Unfortunately, sometimes it takes longer than 20 days to find out the truth and because of that, the Obama administration decided to just let everyone go and hope they'd come back for a hearing once we figured it out. If you can't see anything wrong with that situation, you are blind. These people would just go into hiding and hope to never get caught....

Fast forward to 2018 and the Trump administration saw that huge loophole and decided we need to protect our borders and to protect ALL US citizens. If you think that everyone trying to cross our borders are these sweet & innocent people with hardships, you are incredibly naïve. I'm sure that there definitely are some of those situations, but more often, they are drug/sex/child traffickers using the children as sympathy pawns and trying to get across the border.

If you actually did some research, you'd see that the Obama administration let thousands of people go because he didn't want to keep them for more than 20 days. It has been proven and reported on that MANY children were released to sex traffickers and never seen again. For all of the left-leaning people reading this, even Snopes reported on that. The problem is that the MSM tries to build up the hype / hate against the Trump administration and causes an uproar. When they are proven to be wrong, they *may* print a retraction, but the damage has already been done and most people don't see it anyway.

I would much rather have the parents / children separated until we can be absolutely sure that they actually are their parents and that the children aren't going to be placed in harm's way. If we can even save ONE child from this life, it is worth it in my opinion. You say that it's cruel and inhumane how they're being treated...do you not think it's cruel and inhumane what the parents did to the children in the first place dragging them thousands of miles without the certainty of food, water and security? Sure they're being kept in areas that most of us wouldn't want to stay in, but it's probably better than what they just came from. They have shelter. They have food & water. They're secure. They're being kept away from these traffickers. They are behind the chain-link fences because the border agents aren't allowed to touch any of the illegal immigrants in fear of lawsuits (this isn't new...this has been going on for decades).

You say that they are trying to escape their hardships and come to the US. How are they remotely equipped to survive here instead of staying in Mexico? They're not. They don't speak our language. They can't get a legal job. They can't afford to live here...and yet they come across the border and I think the number is somewhere around \$3,500 per month they get in welfare. Why should we treat these illegal immigrants better than our own citizens?



DEATH OF A CITY'S SIDEWALKS: THE CRACK-UP

By Susan Shelley, Los Angeles Daily News



One of the first things a visitor to Los Angeles notices is the odd way the sidewalks are lifting up and running downhill. There's a simple explanation. The sidewalks are trying to escape. You can't blame them. Not only have they

been conscripted to serve as campgrounds for tent cities, they are the floors of pop-up restaurants and flea markets, and — in a crowning indignity — they have now been turned into raceways and parking racks for flocks of motorized scooters. It's enough to make anybody crack.

Cities throughout California are grappling with the same problem. Los Angeles is providing leadership on this issue with its usual motto, "If you can't be a good example, you can always be a horrible warning." The problem began to spin out of control in 2007 when the city reached a settlement with the ACLU in a lawsuit over an ordinance that banned sleeping on the sidewalk. L.A. officials agreed not to enforce the ban at night until 1,250 new units of permanent supportive housing were constructed. That set the stage for semi-permanent tent cities on the sidewalks.

This was a tremendous inconvenience for the city's estimated 50,000 illegal street vendors. But then the vendors caught a break when Donald Trump was elected president. Panicked that the Trump administration would use arrests under the city's law against street vending as an excuse to deport people, the L.A. City Council decriminalized street vending within weeks of Inauguration Day. New regulations that will fully legalize street vending are in the works.

Under the proposed regulations, vending would be banned near tourist attractions like the Hollywood Walk of Fame, which has recently become so crowded with unlicensed vendors that the tourists are being forced to walk in the street. This interferes with the progress of bicyclists, scooter-riders and city planners who want to build pocket parks in parking spaces. So to keep the tourists on the sidewalk, the city's Bureau of Street

Services is enforcing 56.11, an ordinance that prohibits the storage of bulky items on the sidewalk. Three blocks of Hollywood Boulevard have been declared a "Bulky Item Special Enforcement Zone."

Vendors who pay rent for legal kiosks, which can run \$5,000 a month in the good locations, would like to see the unlicensed vendors and their folding tables evicted from the boulevard, but unless the illegal vendors wrote something unacceptable during a late-night tweetstorm, nothing will stop them from working in Hollywood.

Nothing can shut down the illegal restaurants, either. Giant stainless steel grills shooting flames at meat on a chain are popping up around the city, surrounded by plastic chairs and tables that may have come out of a recycle bin. L.A. County has a Street Vending Compliance Program that requires the food vendors to have potable water for hand-washing, sanitary conditions for food handling and restrooms for the food handlers, but the program has only 10 inspectors for the entire county. "It may take some time to address each complaint," the county's website advises.

There are frequently restrooms on the sidewalks, especially in San Francisco, but they lack soap, water, plumbing and walls. So be careful, if you're walking on a sidewalk in California, that when you step around the invisible restroom you don't accidentally trip on the invisible motorized scooter rack.

If you haven't seen these scooters yet, they look like the old-fashioned Dennis-the-Menace kind, two wheels attached to a narrow platform and controlled with a set of handlebars on a pole. But they're also controlled by an app. If you download it to your phone you can activate the scooters wherever you find them on the sidewalk, ride them for as long as you like and leave them on the sidewalk wherever you end up.

Culver City and Santa Monica have indulged these in pilot programs, but so far San Francisco has banned them. Los Angeles is reviewing proposed regulations. A lot of people ride these scooters on the sidewalks, which may be cost-effective in the long run, because broken pavement in the bike lanes cost L.A. taxpayers \$19 million last year in legal payouts over horrible wrecks. No wonder the sidewalks are cracking up. You can't blame them for trying to make a break for it.

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