

ELEPHANT TRACKS

CONEJO VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Please note the change in our Newsletter publishing dates. The CVRW Newsletter is now BI-MONTHLY.

I am so thrilled to be the new president of Conejo Valley Republican Women! I think that we can go in a great direction in our club with exciting events and do all that we can to support our conservative candidates! Together we will make great strides in spreading our “America First” agenda in our community.

With gratitude,
Michelle Spencer

Updated Conejo Valley Republican Women contact information and social media accounts.


Our Email:
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Website: www.cvrwvc.com

Facebook (Meta): Conejo Valley Republican Women

Instagram:
[conejovalley_republicanwomen](https://www.instagram.com/conejovalley_republicanwomen)

Use Zelle with this address:
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 **BREAKING: THE SUPREME COURT JUST RULED THAT UNDER THE ALIEN ENEMIES ACT OF 1798, TRUMP HAS “MAXIMUM AUTHORITY TO REMOVE VIOLENT VENEZUELAN GANG MEMBERS”**



MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 7th CVUSD Board Meeting
- 11th **Mother's Day**
- 12th Thousand Oaks Planning Commission
- 12th CVRW Book Club
- 13th Ventura County Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 13th Thousand Oaks City Council
- 15th CVRW General Meeting
- 19th Thousand Oaks Planning Commission
- 20th Thousand Oaks City Council
- 21st CVUSD Board Meeting
- 24th CVRW Board Meeting
- 26th **Memorial Day**
- 28th Central Committee Meeting
- 29th CVRW General Meeting
- 29th **Sheriff Chad Bianco Event (see flyer)**
- 20th Ventura County Board of Supervisors Meeting

JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 3rd Ventura County Board of Supervisors
- 4th CVUSD Board Meeting
- 5th CVRW Board Meeting
- 9th Thousand Oaks Planning Commission Meeting
- 10th Thousand Oaks City Council Meeting
- 15th **Father's Day**
- 18th CVUSD Board Meeting
- 19th **Juneteenth**
- 23rd Thousand Oaks Planning Commission Meeting
- 24th Ventura County Board of Supervisors
- 25th Central Committee Meeting
- 26th CVRW General Meeting

HAPPY
Mother's
DAY



MEMBERSHIP

By: Jennifer McCarthy

Happy Springtime! Hasn't it been a great 100 days? Are you sharing CVRW with your friends? Please do, because we 've got some great times ahead!

Ruby Lifetime

Kerry Nelson
Brandee Sisting

Platinum Member

Michelle Spencer

Gold Member

Nancy Smeets

New! Welcome!

Susie Ekblad

JOIN THE FUN & GET INVOLVED!

We still have board positions that need to be filled as well as other ways that you can get involved in CVRW.

- Campaigns
- V.P. Ways and Means
- Website
- Press & Publicity
- Caring for America
- Achievements
- Ballot Harvesting

2025 Officers and Committee Members

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Open

Website

Lola Bush

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Communication and Social Media

Colleen Doran

Military

Jill Delany

Historian

Elisa Meissner

Ballot Harvesting

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Voter Registration

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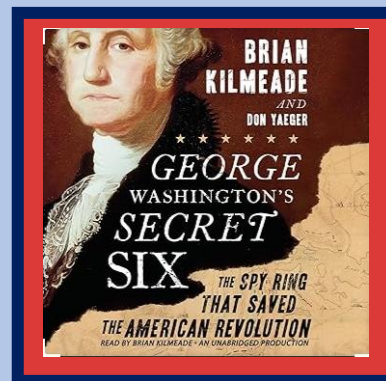
CVRW BOOK CLUB

Join us to discuss the MAY book selection!

Book: George Washington's Secret Six

by Brian Kilmeade

(Available at the Newbury Park Library)



Date: Monday, May 12, 2025

Time: 1:30 pm

Place: Patron Mexican Bar & Grill

1620 Newbury Road, Newbury Park, CA 91320

The CVRW Book Club meets monthly. All members are welcome to join.

To RSVP or get more information contact:

Jill_Delaney@live.com

APRIL BOOK CLUB MEETING & BOOK SELECTION TBD

Military Committee

CVRW is pleased to be able to partner with Americans Supporting Americans, an organization that sends cards and packages to Troops serving overseas. Monthly we collect products and personal notes, and we donate them to ASA. Common requests are trail mix and other snacks, playing cards, puzzle books, hygiene supplies...a complete list of items to donate can be found on the ASA website: ASA-USA.org. We would like to thank the very generous members who brought so many items to our February meeting! Our troops will certainly feel your kindness. Please consider bringing items to each CVRW monthly meeting for the Vets.



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Using Proposition 98 Funds (Voter Approved in 1988)

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Putting the Parent in Charge of their Child's Education

Education Savings Account (ESA)

- Parents may establish a state-controlled Education Savings Account ("ESA") for each TK-12 child in California.

Funded \$17,000 Each Year Using Prop 98 Money

- Annually, the account receives the student's share of Prop 98 funds, starting around \$17,000 in the first year and increasing yearly with California's economy. No tax increase.

Choose an Accredited School

(Public, Charter, Private, Parochial, or Homeschool)

- Parents enroll their child in a participating accredited school and direct the state to distribute ESA funds to cover tuition and educational expenses. Parents don't touch the money; the transaction occurs between the state-controlled ESA and the chosen accredited school.

Unspent ESA Funds Carry-Over and Earn Interest

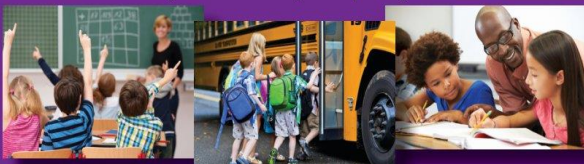
- Unused funds in the ESA carry over, earning interest for future education expenses.

ESA Funds can be used During the Student's Lifetime

- Unused funds after 12th grade can be applied to education throughout the child's life, including trade schools, colleges, and postgraduate studies.

ESA Funds can be Transferred to Another ESA

- Unused ESA funds may be transferred or gifted to another student's eligible ESA or a participating accredited school.



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CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY ACT

ATTENTION!

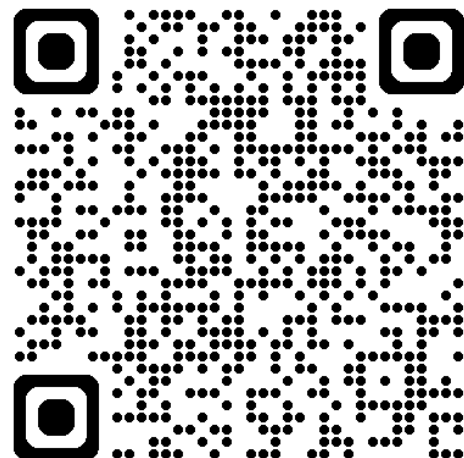
GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR PARENTS REGARDING THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION!

- **Children's Educational Opportunity Act** is a California statewide initiative set for the November 2026 ballot.
- It ensures that every TK to 12th grade student receives equal funding for all education pathways, including public, charter, private, faith-based schools, and homeschooling.
- By addressing educational disparities, the act expands opportunities for all students, regardless of race, family income, or zip code.

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WWW.EDUCATIONOPPORTUNITY.ORG

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW TO SIGN THE
PETITION AND HELP SUPPORT AND MARKET
THIS ACT TO YOUR COMMUNITY.



Legislative Report

By Gina Libby

As of April 25, 2025, President Trump has signed 214 Executive Actions in his first 90 days in office. There were only 220 signed in his first term. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/>

DOGE continues to reveal fraud and abuse: <https://doge.gov/savings>. In other news, the trans activism erupting in city halls across the nation appears organized and well-funded by the national Indivisibles organization. Ventura County Indivisibles has been very active engaging school boards to adopt transgender affirming care.

Our own City of Ventura is attempting to adopt the C.A.R.E. policy and make it a sanctuary city for transgender healthcare, abortion, and immigration protection. At their March 18th City Council meeting, over 140 public speakers shared their views. While the trans activists were given much leeway with their cursing and verbal outbursts, the mayor cut off a Christian woman mid-prayer during her public comments, stating, “we don’t pray here”. Since then, a Constitutional Attorney has taken her case, and the city has been served with a lawsuit. The matter will be heard again in June. Godspoke representatives will be there, and attendance is encouraged.

Gavin Newsom released a plan to impose a mileage tax on all California drivers! As reported by Rebuild California, this week, CA Democrats are taking up 5 additional tax hikes in the state legislature. Keep track of the upcoming 9 Property Tax Bills, Payroll Tax, Vacancy Tax (SB

789), Social Media Tax (AB 796), Mileage Tax (AB 1421) and Income Tax (AB 1428). See California’s legislative activities at: <https://legiscan.com/CA>, a dashboard of proposed legislation, datasets, rosters and trends.

Take Action: President Trump is following through on his mandate from the American people. We must follow through by staying engaged with our local, state, and federal elected officials so that California and Ventura County prosper like the rest of the nation.

1. California Action for Legislative Accountability (CALA) <https://ca4la.net/>
What they do: Provide timely information to California citizens about significant proposed bills, along with streamlined communication instructions for engaging with their representatives and following up with CALA members about their representatives’ voting record.
2. California Goes All Out: Spending for Illegal Aliens Off the Charts! No End In Sight!!
<http://www.votervoice.net/Shares/BGkLnAWDBCqOeAcvWff7FBA>
3. Follow California Congressman Kevin Kiley’s blog “Capitol Quadmire” at: <https://blog.electkevinkiley.com/> for weekly updates on his legislative endeavors, triumphs, and exposure of Newsom’s failures. There’s links to Kiley’s epic speeches on the House floor, petitions, articles, and other action steps to “Newsom-proof” our state.

4. Support America First Legal's work to end unconstitutional "sanctuary" status of cities and states at: <https://aflegal.org/>. Also see their interactive website, "[Sanctuary Strongholds](#)", that show Americans where these sanctuary jurisdictions are located across the country so people can speak up and urge government officials to stop violating federal laws.

Stay Engaged Locally: PERK and RTVV are on the front lines and have easy-to-use Action Steps to support their advocacy:

1. Restore the Vote Ventura -- Their persistence at BOS meetings over the past year, advocating for fortified election integrity measures has paid off. Supervisors Gorell and Long have proposed an Election Integrity Advisory Council be established via Resolution at the next BOS meeting 4/29/25. <https://restorethevoteventura.org>.
2. PERK -- Information and Action Steps on bills affecting children, parent's rights, medical freedom, and schools: <https://www.perkadvocacy.com/california-legislation>.
3. Ventura County Board of Supervisors -- Tune in or attend the meetings held two to three times monthly on Tuesdays. Millions of dollars pass through the Board every meeting. Observe livestream or make public comments: ventura.org/bosmeetings. Subscribe at ventura.org/subscribe to receive an E-Mail notice when new agendas are posted.

AMERICANISM by Suzie T.

Hundred Days in Office

Why are 100 days in office so important? It began with Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933 who made major changes due to a flailing economy and a frightened public. He was under pressure to fix the shaky financial system as quickly as possible. He had a special session with Congress. He asked for a hundred days where they worked on many financial issues and signed many executive orders.

Other iconic presidents who created change such as JFK and Reagan would note that the change would not be done in the first 100 days. However, the first 100 days has become a pillar used by the media to assess how a president is doing.

While most presidents would rather avoid the pressure of being assessed during the first 100 days, President Trump was very open to share his accomplishments. He has acted quickly on his Make America Great Again agenda by securing the border, countering unfair trade prices and increasing energy production in the United States.

He beat FDR's record of 99 executive orders in his first 100 days. He even beat the record for signing the most executive orders on his first day (26). It was less than a month before Panama exited China's Belt and Road Initiative. He cracked down on the border immediately. Inflation eased by March.

I can see why some presidents do not want to focus on the first 100 days. However, for President Trump, it's been an amazing 100

days, and I look forward to the next 100 days with President Trump, our fearless leader.

References

Epoch times

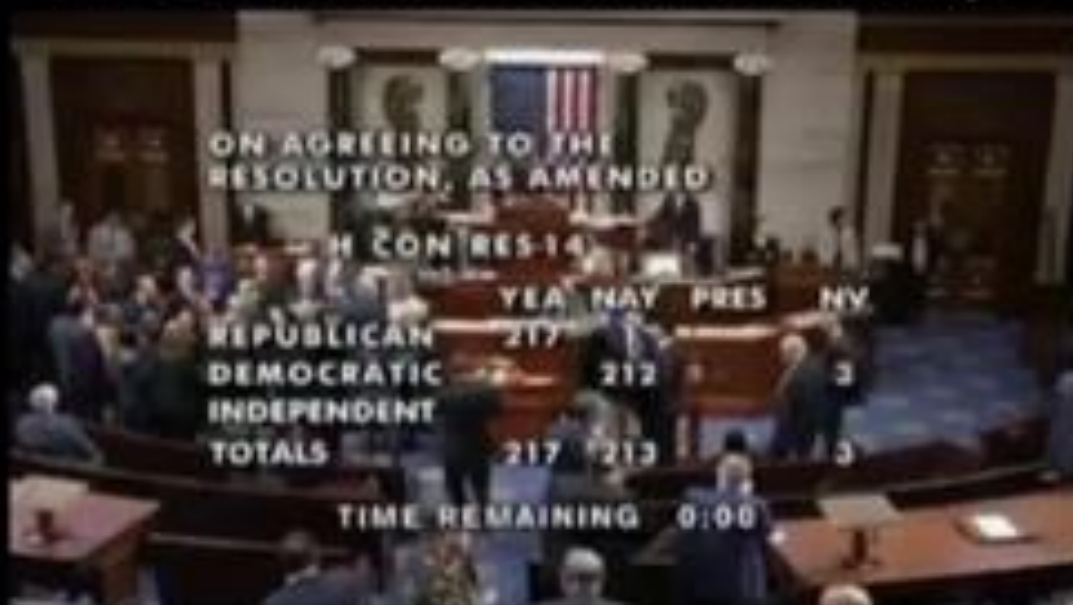
[Trump's First 100 Days: A Rapid and Consequential Start](#)

History.com

[The Hundred Days, What Does It All Mean? | HISTORY](#)



Passed!
No tax on tips
No tax on overtime
No tax on Social Security!



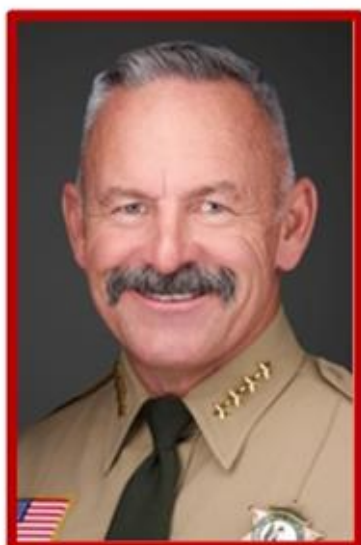
Winning -
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California Elections Event

Thursday May 29, 2025

**WESTLAKE VILLAGE REPUBLICAN WOMEN
AND CONEJO VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

are proud to host **Sheriff Chad Bianco,**
2026 California Gubernatorial Candidate



Meet Candidate Sheriff Chad Bianco, Riverside County's stand against the failed policies of the Democrat Super Majority in California! Sheriff Bianco served Riverside County, the largest of CA counties, since 2018 where he stood against Newsom's Pandemic Overreach, fought for the successful passing of Prop 36 to make Crime Criminal Again, and stabilized the budgets, staffing and partnerships in Riverside County's Sheriff Department. California needs a new Sheriff in Town

Come meet our top pick in the Race to Save California!

With Introduction by
Special Guest,
Ventura County Sheriff
James Fryhoff



Time: 5:30 -8:30 pm

Location: Westlake Yacht Club
32119 Lindero Canyon Road, Westlake Village CA

Price: \$60 Member*/\$75 non-Member*

**Artisan Buffet provided by Boccaccio's Restaurant
No-Host Bar**

Please RSVP to: wvrw2024@gmail.com by May 22, 2025



Payment options:

- Pay with Zelle, use QR code or search for payee: wvrw.treasurer@gmail.com
- Send a check to: WVRW, P.O. Box 6536, Westlake Village, CA 91359

**Must be a member of WVRW or CVRW for member pricing.*

Your Payment secures your reservation

*We owe a huge “Thank You” to all the women of **Conejo Valley and Westlake Village Republican Women’s** groups who put on a terrific event at the Hyatt Regency Westlake on April 3, 2025.*

*The well attended event was titled
“Insurrection Hoax-Patriots or Perpetrators?”*

The speakers, Air Force Lt. Colonel Larry R. Brock Jr. (Ret.) and U.S. Marine Corp Captain Chris Keuhne (Ret.) held the audience in rapt attention with their harrowing tales of Government Lawfare and Civil Rights abuses.

We will remember their brave sacrifices and keep them and their families lifted in prayer as they still struggle for justice.

This should NEVER happen to ANY American citizen!



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Links to **Republican** Sites

National Republican Party

www.gop.com

Ventura Republican Party

www.ventura.gop.org

Ventura County Republican Assembly

www.vccra.com

Los Angeles Republican Party

www.lagop.org



CONEJO VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2025

NAME _____ PHONE () _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ CELL# _____ BIRTH MO/DATE _____

SELECT desired membership level below:

FULL Member: _____ \$35 NEW _____ RENEWAL

SUSTAINING Member (Registered NPP): _____ NEW \$35 _____ RENEWAL

SILVER Member: _____ \$75 Support Level + Spouse membership

GOLD Member: _____ \$150 Support + Spouse membership + VIP Seating

(SPOUSE NAME: _____)

PLATINUM Member: _____ \$275 Support + Spouse membership + Seating at Speaker Table
+ CVRW Name Badge

(SPOUSE NAME: _____)

ASSOCIATE (Spouses): _____ \$15 Email) _____

(SPOUSE NAME: _____)

FULL STUDENT MEMBERSHIP: _____ \$20 (Emailed newsletter included)

SPONSOR a Student(s) Membership _____ \$20 per student (Emailed newsletter to student included.)

- **Make checks payable to:** CVRW (Conejo Valley Republican Women)
- Mailing address: CVRW P.O. Box 7175, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359
- Membership dues are paid annually – Due January 1, 2026.
- Membership Newsletter E-Mailed unless otherwise specified.

MEMBERS MUST BE REGISTERED REPUBLICANS OR NPP and join as a sustaining member.

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Date Paid: _____ Amount _____ Method of pmt./check# _____