



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CONEJO VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Jennifer Mc Carthy



Welcome back from our summer hiatus, Republican Ladies!

For those who may have missed the email that went out earlier this summer, our previous president, Michelle Spencer, has resigned, and I ascended into the presidency. Once again, I want to mention the debt of gratitude we owe Michelle for her time as President.

We are about 2 months from Election Day! & ballots drop in ONE month! Good golly, Miss Molly, we don't have any time to spare.

If you are a member of this group, you probably joined because you wanted to help get Republicans elected. If ever there was a time for that, the time is NOW!

What can you do?

*Sign up to help at the Republican headquarters. Our hours will be expanding, we'll have postcards to fill out, more people will come by, and we need people ready to help them.

*Come to our events at HQ ... & invite everyone you know to them as well.

*Choose one or more candidates to get involved with! Hold a meet & greet for a local candidate. Do phone banking or door knocking. Attend a fundraiser or forum. Post your support on social media. Send voter recommendations via text or email to as many people as you can.

For the first time in a long time, I feel hopeful for CA! I bet you do, too. We have a chance to fix so many of our problems, if we can just get enough people to vote. Please help us do everything possible to make that dream a reality!

CVRW September 22026

**1st CVRW Rebuilding
Liberty, 6:30 pm, HQ
Board of Supervisors
Meeting, 8 am**

2nd CVUSD Board Meeting,
6pm

7th Labor Day

**9th CVRW Movie Night,
7 pm, HQ**

14th Planning Commission
Meeting, 6 pm

**15th CVRW Candidate
Forum, 6pm, HQ**

City Council Meeting 6 pm

16th Central Committee
Meeting, 7 pm

17th Constitution Day

**19th CVRW Movie Matinee,
1pm, HQ**

20th Yom Kippur (at sunset)

22nd Board of
Supervisors Meeting, 8 am
Fall Begins

**23rd CVRW Movie Night,
7 pm, HQ**

28th Planning
Commission Meeting, 6 pm

29th City Council Meeting
6 pm

Uncle Sweetheart says Happy 250
USA. Being an American is
Pawsitively the Bestest thing ever.
Posted by: [Mike N. Los Pueblos](#)



September

2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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As of July 3, 2026, President Trump has signed 580 Executive Actions; he signed 220 in his first term. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/>

CALL TO ACTION: HELP CANDIDATES WIN!

Now is “go-time” to help our candidates’ win. So, pick one or a couple and jump in with phone calls, walking precincts, donating time and money and sharing their posts on social media. Invite friends to the HQ, attend movie nights and classes, and help get candidate’s signs into our neighbor’s yards. Join the September CVRW general meeting to hear directly from candidates.

If you’re interested in becoming a poll observer, check out Restore the Vote Ventura (RTVV), <https://restorethevoteventura.org>, or Election Integrity Project California, <https://www.eip-ca.com>, for training opportunities as election observers and auditors for the mid-terms.

California Legislative Update:

AB 2624 is law! Our representatives just voted to protect fraudsters!! Dubbed the “Stop Nick Shirley Act”, **this law makes it a crime for anyone (citizen watchdog or journalist) to post video evidence online of fraud they’ve uncovered.** Sponsored by California Attorney General Rob Bonta’s wife, Ass. Mia Bonta, and written by CHIRLA (anti-ICE, pro-open border NGO), this sinister bill hides the waste, fraud, and abuse being perpetrated on Californians while protecting the fraudsters.

Carl DeMaio’s Reform California, <https://reformcalifornia.org>, continues to call out bad bills like AB 2624, and mounts campaigns to fight them. DeMaio’s efforts helped get Voter ID and Save Prop 13 Initiative on the November ballot.

Thank you, Republican Women! DeMaio needed help and our club addressed personalized letters to Republican voters who are unlikely to vote explaining the importance of their vote this November. **The work continues with opportunities to help at HQ.**

Consequential California Bills in the Legislature:

California lawmakers are entering the final days of the 2025–26 legislative session, with adjournment scheduled for August 31. The most consequential remaining bills center on housing, climate funding, wildfire liability, business regulation, and public-sector exposure to child-sex-abuse claims, according to CalMatters which provided the following analysis:

1. **SB 677 — Housing approvals and development delays.** Sen. Scott Wiener's measure is one of the session's most important housing bills. After substantial amendments, it would limit certain third-party appeals and procedural delays affecting housing development and financing. The bill passed the Assembly 42–2 on August 25 and is now positioned for final legislative action.

Impact: potentially faster delivery of already-approved housing, particularly in jurisdictions where appeals and subdivision procedures have become significant sources of delay.

2. **AB 1776 — COMPETE Act/antitrust.** Assembly Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry's bill would substantially expand California antitrust law and create a private right of action for certain anticompetitive conduct. It narrowly passed the Assembly and has become a major business-versus-labor fight. Business groups warn of substantially greater litigation exposure, while labor and progressive advocates view the bill as a tool to challenge concentrated corporate power.

Impact: potentially significant for large companies, mergers, competitive practices and litigation risk across the California economy.

3. **Climate and cap-and-trade funding.** Although the issue is being resolved largely through budget and related legislation rather than one headline bill, it is among the session's highest-dollar decisions. California's carbon market was expected to generate roughly \$4 billion annually, but new climate rules could reduce revenues substantially. Negotiations include funding for electric vehicles, firefighting, high-speed rail, drinking water, affordable housing and transit.

Impact: determines billions of dollars in infrastructure and climate spending over the coming years.

4. **Wildfire liability reform.** Gov. Gavin Newsom is pressing for last-minute legislation addressing the financial consequences of catastrophic wildfires and utility liability. The proposal could affect how utilities, insurers, customers and fire victims share the costs of future fires. Consumer advocates and wildfire survivors are concerned that liability protections could shift costs away from utilities and onto ratepayers or victims.

Impact: potentially enormous consequences for electricity rates, utility finances, insurance markets and compensation for wildfire victims.

5. **AB 1267 — Ban on child marriage.** The Legislature has moved to prohibit marriage for anyone under 18, eliminating California's existing judicial-consent exception. The Senate approved the bill unanimously, and the Assembly has now sent it to the Governor.

Impact: a significant change to California family law and a high-profile bipartisan measure likely to become law before the August 31 deadline.

6. Public-sector child-abuse claims. Legislative leaders are again attempting to negotiate limits or financial relief for counties and school districts facing billions of dollars in claims stemming from expanded statutes of limitations enacted in 2019. The issue pits survivor advocates against local governments and public-sector unions concerned about fiscal exposure.

Impact: potentially billions of dollars for schools, counties and other public entities, while directly affecting the ability of survivors to obtain compensation.

Overall assessment: The 2026 session is less about a single sweeping legislative package than about several decisions with potentially large downstream effects. Housing and climate funding are the most important policy issues for long-term affordability and infrastructure; wildfire liability may be the most consequential issue for household costs and insurance; and AB 1776 represents the most significant potential change to California's business-regulatory environment.”



Lindee Nelson and Donna Strull working at HQ



Republican items for sale inside.

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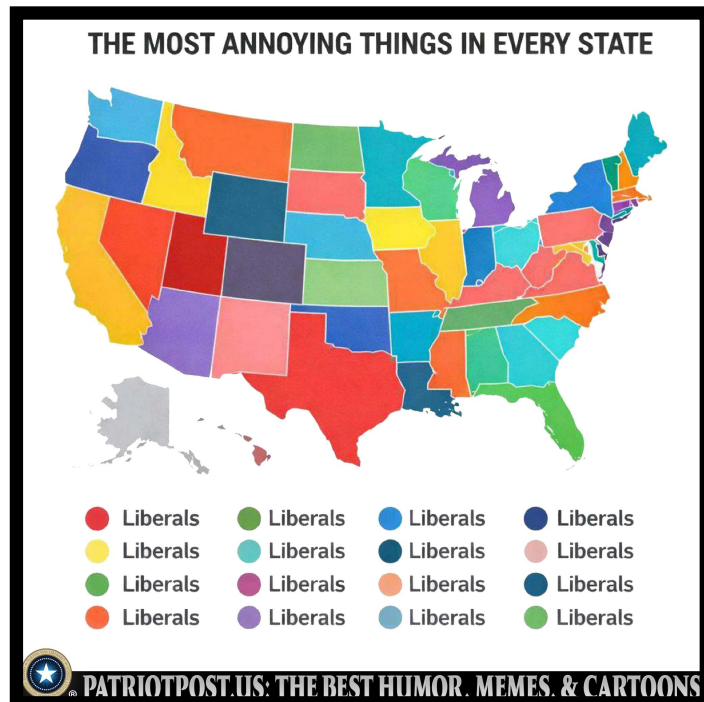
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Nicole went to the LA Hispanic Republican Club on August 2 and met Tracey Schroder, running for CA State Assembly and Corinne Rankin, CAGOP Chairwoman.

Whether you're more concerned about deaths at the hands of ICE agents, human smugglers, or criminal illegals, just remember...

All of those deaths go **UP** when Democrats stop enforcing our border laws.



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As we head into the wild and wooly Campaign Season, please remember to share CVRW with your conservative friends! This is the last month of our Summer Special: \$20 for the rest of 2026! Let's get those women involved!

A Few of Trump's Accomplishments

Click on any one of them to see full
explanation



1. [He made the border a real border again.](#)
1. [He reversed mass migration.](#)
3. [He signed the Laken Riley Act — and required detention of criminal illegal aliens.](#)
4. [He made the 2017 tax cuts permanent...and better.](#)
5. [He repealed 129 regulations for every new one.](#)
6. [He secured \\$18 trillion in announced investment commitments.](#)
7. [He made “reshoring” and “reindustrialization” real, not a slogan.](#)
8. [He replaced lopsided trade deals with balanced, reciprocal trade.](#)
9. [He shifted global energy dominance from the Persian Gulf to the Gulf of America.](#)
10. [After four decades of nuclear paralysis, Trump brought five new reactors online in a single year.](#)
11. [He broke the Deep State's power to defy the elected branches.](#)
12. [He shut down USAID as a left-wing slush fund and shadow government.](#)
13. [He broke the Deep State's power to defy the elected branches.](#)
14. [He expelled DEI from the federal government.](#)
15. [He delivered sweeping pro-life reform.](#)
16. [He got men out of women's sports, and restored biological reality to federal policy.](#)

17. He enacted America's first nationwide school-choice program — and launched Trump Accounts.

18. He targeted anti-Christian bias and discrimination.

19. He forced NATO to stop freeloading and increase defense spending by 250 percent.

20. He drove China out of the Caribbean.

21. He brokered eight peace deals in just eight months.

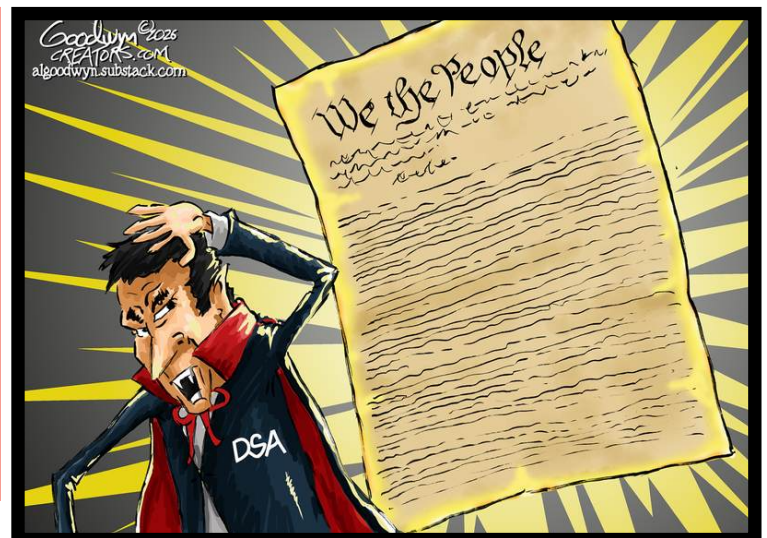
22. He launched and funded Golden Dome, the first-ever true missile defense for the U.S. population.

23. He restored the warrior ethos — and reversed the recruiting crisis.



CVRW proudly aids Americans Supporting Americans which sends cards & packages to troops overseas. Monthly, we collect products & personal notes to donate to ASA. Trail mix, other snacks, playing cards, puzzle books, hygiene supplies are greatly appreciated. See ASA's website for more ideas: ASA-USA.org.

Please bring your donations to monthly meetings. Most needed:
Beef Jerky; Beef Sticks; Playing Cards; Small Games; Energy Bars; Gum;
Ramen Soup; Wet Wipes; Chap-Sticks; Cup O' Noodles; Instant Tea/
Coffee Packets



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(Full Member includes Name Badge)

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