



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CONEJO VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Editor: Mary Genstil



PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL ENTRY:

- SINGAPORE: 6 MONTHS IN PRISON.
- RUSSIA: 2 YEARS IN LABOR CAMP.
- INDIA: 8 YEARS IN PRISON.
- PAKISTAN: 10 YEARS IN PRISON.
- NORTH KOREA: DEATH PENALTY

USA:
 FREE HOUSING, HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION, FOOD, TRANSPORTATION, PHONES, CASH...

CVRW May 2026

3rd Bd of Supervisors

7th CVRW Bd. Meeting

11th Planning Comm.

12th City Council Mtg

12th Bd of Supervisors

13th Central Committee

18th Planning Comm.

19th City Council Mtg

19th Bd of Supervisors

21st General Meeting

23rd Planning Comm.



May 2026 (United States)

June 2026

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5 <small>Cinco de Mayo</small>	6	7	8	9
10 <small>Mother's Day</small>	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 <small>Memorial Day</small>	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

• Federal Holidays • Local Holidays • Multiple Events



Conejo Valley Republican Women General Meeting

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Café Novo
30770 Russell Ranch Road
Suite G
Westlake Village

DEBBIE COHEN, Speaker

Will discuss the nonpartisan issue of voting machine vulnerabilities. Debbie is a member of the Ventura County Election Advisory Council

Doors open 5:30; Social Connections at 6 pm. Speaker follows dinner.

50/50 raffle \$1 per ticket or \$20 for 25 tickets

New—No entry fee! Choose your own dinner!

<https://www.novocafe.com/westlake>

Check out website for menu.

- 2026 Officers and Committee Members**
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Jill Delaney
- Website** - Lola Bush
- Communication & Social Media**
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- Ballot Harvesting** - Open
- Voter Registration** - Open

CANDIDATE FORUM April 16, 2026



Herb Morgan for California State Controller

Herb Morgan says he is a DEI candidate, meaning that he will **Detect Every Irregularity**. He is the first political candidate in U.S. history to publish every campaign financial transaction on a public blockchain - with daily verified updates that make each contribution and expense permanently visible to the public. He would implement this system for the state if elected. Any entity receiving state funds - including counties, cities, school districts, Caltrans, state agencies, and NGOs - would be required to install a Controller-supplied reporting API that posts their transaction-level spending daily to a public ledger. The amount of fraud in CA is earth shattering—around \$250 billion. California spends more than any state in the nation—and still can't explain where the money goes. Herb Morgan is running to restore accountability.

David Serpa for California State Treasurer

David Serpa is a Marine vet running for California State Treasurer. Known as a "fiscal conservative," his "America First" campaign format emphasizes reducing state spending, increasing audits, and investing in infrastructure. His key focus points are: 1-**defund failure**; 2-**divest from systems of death, decay & destruction**; 3-**invest in life, liberty & the pursuit of happiness**; 4- **reduce spending not tied to successful outcomes**;

5—**eliminate bureaucratic, wasteful programs & agencies**; 6 —**return the people's money to the people**

He proposes lining the California coast with desalination plants and improving infrastructure; increasing investment in nuclear energy (while opposing solar panel mandates); and wants increased border security.



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Ted Nordblum for State Assembly District 42



Ted Nordblum describes himself as a small business owner, a husband, and a neighbor who has seen our community's potential held back for too long. He wants to bring common-sense leadership back to Sacramento and fight for a better future by restoring affordability, reducing taxes and out of control spending. He would cut the gas tax, defend Prop 13, and bring fiscal sanity back to Sacramento. To ensure safe neighborhoods, he would give law enforcement needed resources, hold criminals accountable, and tackle the fentanyl crisis that has devastated too many families, including his own. He would take action to make home insurance affordable and to ensure our communities are protected from wildfires and other disasters.

Maggie Marschner for Superintendent Ventura County Schools



Maggie Marschner has been an educator for 24 years, fifteen in Clark County, Nevada, the fourth largest school district in the country. A Camarillo native, she began her career working in Title I, high need schools. In 2010 she received the Teacher Of the Year Award.

From 2019-2024, Maggie served as both assistant principal and principal across elementary and secondary settings, bringing together everything she had built over the prior fifteen years. Managing a school requires different talents than teaching — budgeting, personnel decisions, culture setting, family relations, safety, curriculum decisions, while being accountable to a board and the community. She received the Teachers of Teachers Award in 2020, recognized by peers for the impact she had on the educators around her.

Ventura County schools deserve a superintendent with the vision, experience, and commitment to meet the challenges of today's educational landscape head-on. That means making decisions based on data, investing in people over programs, and building systems that are built to serve every student from the start.

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Jeff Gorell, elected to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors in 2022 by a narrow 1% margin against Claudia Bill-de la Peña, currently serves as the Board Chair for 2026. Gorell is again running for Supervisor. A third generation Navy veteran, he was speech writer for Pete Wilson before going to law school.

Gorell is considered a key figure in managing local affairs for the Conejo Valley-based district.

He secured millions in new funding for homelessness and supported hiring the county's first Director of Homelessness. This problem has seen an 18% decrease in his first two years.

He waived \$40 million in fees for the 183 homes destroyed by fire in Somis and Las Posas. He says he focuses on potholes, policy, policing, and permitting.



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE June 2, 2026



Legislative Report

by Gina Libby

As of April 23, 2026, President Trump has signed 530 Executive Actions; there were only 220 in his first term. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/>
Election Integrity (Federal): President Trump has been highlighting the deficiencies with our “corrupt” electronic voting systems and mail-in ballots. He’s called on Congress to pass the SAVE Act which requires voters to show ID and proof of citizenship to vote in federal elections. The GOP has stated Senate Majority Leader John Thune is no longer considering the SAVE Act.

CALL TO ACTION: Contact Senators Alex Padilla, Adam Schiff, and John Thune and ask them to pass the common sense Save Act.

www.padilla.senate.gov/contact

www.schiff.senate.gov/contact

www.thune.senate.gov/contact

Federal Action:

Support Congressman Kevin Kiley as he battles against Newsom’s policy disasters, economic fraud, and rampant corruption. <https://kiley.house.gov/>

Support <https://www.NumbersUSA.com>, an organization consistently and effectively petitioning the federal government on needed immigration reform. Like the Heritage Foundation, they have easy one-click Take Action steps which notify our representatives of voter’s concerns including chain migration and birthright citizenship.

State Action:

AB 2624—the Stop Nick Shirley Act

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 intends to hide the waste, fraud, and abuse being perpetrated on Californians with protection from our legislature. See Carl DeMaio’s Reform California for action steps to defeat this bill.



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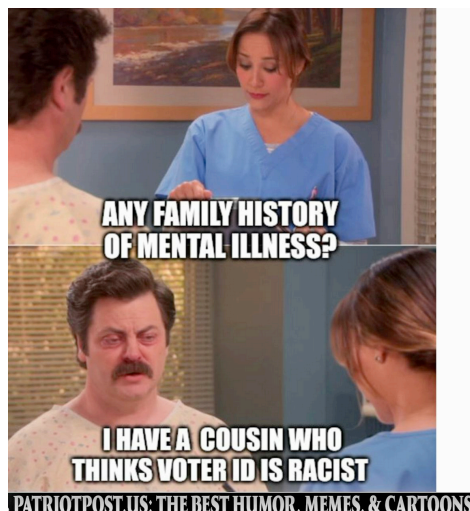
by Gina Libby

Support Carl DeMaio's Reform California, <https://reformcalifornia.org>, as he continues to call out bad bills, bad Democrat policies, bad actors in the legislature, and mounts effective campaigns to stop them in their tracks. DeMaio just reported that the CA Voter ID Initiative and Save Prop 13 have officially qualified for the November ballot!!

Local Action: Stay tuned with local action on the election integrity front by following **Restore the Vote Ventura (RTVV)** at <https://restorethevoteventura.org>. RTVV is a subgroup of Ventura County Patriot Meetups which was founded by Debbie Cohen. Cohen serves on the Ventura County Election Advisory Council which meets every two months and is open to the public. Bring the EAC your election integrity concerns so they can alert the Board of Supervisors of matters important to voters.

CALL TO ACTION: Come to BOS meetings, call your supervisor, or the EAC and urge them to void the contract with Dominion Voting Systems. Suggest they restart the bidding process for a replacement voting system that is transparent, lawful, and can be audited.

GET INVOLVED: We have so many great candidates who need our help. So, pick one or a couple and jump in with phone calls, walking precincts, donating time and money to their campaigns and sharing their messaging on social media.



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.

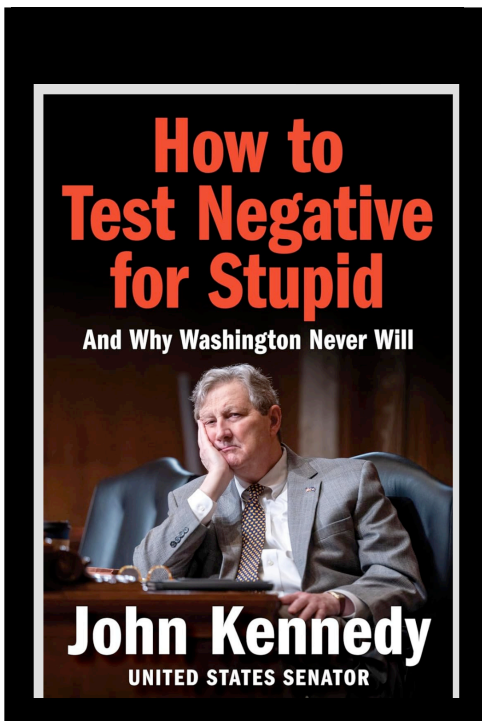
Please consider bringing items to each CVRW monthly meeting for the Vets.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY! The first 5 people to donate each month will receive a free Raffle Ticket for that evening's drawing!

Items Most Needed at This Time

Beef Jerky; Beef Sticks; Playing Cards; Small Games; Energy Bars; Gum; Ramen Soup
Wet Wipes; Chap-Sticks; Cup O' Noodles; Instant Tea/Coffee Packets

Please No Glass. Thanks! Jill



How to Test Negative for Stupid: And Why

Washington Never Will is a 2025 book by Senator John Kennedy (R-LA) offering a humorous, tongue-in-cheek guide to navigating political absurdity. Kennedy argues Washington lacks common sense because it is dominated by elite, out-of-touch bureaucrats, arguing that "the water won't clear up until you get the pigs out of the creek".

Our next Book Club meeting will be on June 14, at Olive Garden at 1:00 pm.

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Links to Republican Sites

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www.gop.com

Ventura Republican Party
www.ventura.gop.org

Ventura County Republican
Assembly
www.vccra.com

Los Angeles Republican Party
www.lagop.org



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2026

NAME _____
 PHONE() _____ EMAIL _____
 CELL# _____

ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ ZIP _____

BIRTH MO/DATE _____

SELECT desired membership level below:

FULL Member: _____ \$35 NEW _____ RENEWAL _____ \$35
SUSTAINING Member (Registered NPP): NEW \$35 _____ RENEWAL _____ \$35
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 7151, 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# _____