



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CONEJO VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Lisa Gelinas

The most important election of our lifetime has arrived! November 5th will be a true indicator of where our country is headed. I want to thank all the volunteers and members who have spent their time and energy supporting our qualified Republican candidates. Special thanks to the board members who have put time and effort into running the headquarter office, hosting movie night fundraisers, phone banking, passing out flyers, and canvassing neighborhoods. You have gone beyond the call of duty.

Please make sure you drop off your ballot at headquarters located at 2219 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd. Suite 103, or use an official ballot drop box location. We don't recommend using US Postal service mailboxes.

There will be an election party sponsored by Move The Needle on November 5th at Pizza Cookery from 6-10pm.

Thank you again for all your support during this very important election season.

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

When: Friday, November 15

Time: 11:00 AM

Place: Sunset Hills Country Club

Program: Movie screening of "The Art of The Surge" The Comeback Of Donald Trump.

Cost: Members - \$38

(cash/Zelle/checks payable to CVRW). Includes dinner*

Non-Members - \$43

(cash/Zelle/checks payable to CVRW). Includes dinner*

**Lunch includes orange chicken with rice, rolls, butter, and dessert. Beer, wine and cocktails available for purchase separately with credit card.*

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 11
CONEJOVALLEYREPUBWOMEN@GMAIL.COM

(Please note new email address)

MEMBERSHIP

By: Jennifer McCarthy

Our 2025 membership drive continues. New members who join now will receive the rest of 2024 and all of 2025 for only \$35. This is a great time to encourage your friends and family to join. With only days until Election Day, and so much more to be done even after the election, now is the time to get involved!

Our renewing member sale also starts today! Renew your membership for 2025 by Dec 31st (postmark date) for only \$30! Save \$5 by renewing NOW!

New Members:

Mary Ann Hazard
Debra Lucero
Eileen Pratt
Ivie Repich

Ruby Lifetime Members:

Kerry Nelson
Brandee Sisting

Platinum Members:

Michelle Spencer

Silver Members:

Lisa Gelinas
Ruth McGettigan
Donna Strull

2025 Silver Member:

Jody Neill

2024 Officers and Committee Members

President

Lisa Gelinas

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Michelle Spencer

VP Membership

Jennifer McCarthy

VP Ways & Means

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Donna Stull

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Website

Lola Bush

Achievements

Open

Communication and Social Media

Colleen Doran

Military

Jill Delany

Historian

Elisa Meissner

Ballot Harvesting

Open

Voter Registration

Open

GET INVOLVED!

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

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

CVRW BOOK CLUB

Book Club members felt they needed a little more time to finish the September book, so it was decided to postpone discussion until the October meeting and instead enjoyed very nice September lunch together.

All members are invited to join.

Book: **MELANIA**
By Melania Trump

Date: **Monday, November 18**
Time: 12:30 pm
Place: **Pickles Deli**
1940 Newbury Park Rd. NP

The CVRW Book Club meets monthly. All members are welcome to join. To RSVP or get more information contact:

Jill_Delaney@live.com

upcoming EVENTS



NOVEMBER

3rd	Daylight Saving Time
5th	Election Day/ Move the Needle
	Election Party-Pizza Cookery 7:00pm
6 th	CVUSD Meeting
7 th	CVRW Board Meeting
11 th	Veterans Day/Washington Admission Day
15 th	CVRW General Meeting Luncheon
19 th	TO City Council Meeting
20 th	CVUSD Meeting
28 th	Thanksgiving Day
29 th	Civil Servants Holiday



CARING FOR AMERICA

By Jill Delaney

CVRW is pleased to donate monthly to America Supporting Americans.

Thank you to all who have brought items and personal notes for our troops overseas! Please keep bringing them-- our bin will be at every meeting. I have been told how important these donations are, and that above all else, troops mostly appreciate hearing from home.

Please bring items to send to troops overseas to our monthly meetings. These items may include, snacks (no pork or alcohol), magazines, hats, bandanas, sunglasses, frisbees, hygiene supplies, etc., and especially personal notes. Troops say it's not important what you send, they just love knowing somebody is thinking about them.

Look for our bin at every meeting.

AMERICANISM

By: Suzy T.

The Voting Process

The Ventura County Board of Supervisors recently voted to extend the dominion voting machine contract. It appeared on the agenda as

a surprise to many, as the contract is not due for renewal at this time. Apparently, Kelli Long voted for this extension.

The Dominion voting machines have been a topic of concern for many years but came into question in 2020. In many counties, the votes weren't adding up as expected. People took to social media to post screen shots of Trump's votes going down.

People naturally had to question our voting procedures. Why are we using software, doesn't that pose a risk in itself? Can't it be manipulated? Does it connect to the internet?

Back in 2006 the New York Times published a piece on how the federal government was investigating how the company that makes the machines and how they were linked to the company that provided election equipment in Venezuela. The machines were linked to a subsidiary of the Smartmatic Corporation.

During 2004 the Venezuelan government implemented new election machines. They approached the Smartmatic company who had not previously been involved in this technology. Allegedly, a government financing agency provided \$200,000 to this company and was offered both a stake in the company and a seat on the board, which was taken by one of Hugo Chavez's advisors. Hugo Chavez subsequently won the contentious election.

Similarly, the associated press noted that the Clinton Foundation gave a large donation to the company that owns Dominion. While they claim this is not an issue, it does seem like it could be a conflict of interest. It is not clear why a philanthropic organization would provide a

donation to a tech firm that owns election equipment.

At the end of the day, it seems that anything electronic with the potential to connect to the internet, is not a safe and secure method of voting. In this time of a country divided, it would be wiser to count paper ballots by hand, by legal US citizens, and by a balanced representation of both political parties.



Legislative Report

by Gina Libby

The following article on bills signed and vetoed by the Governor for the 2024 Legislative Session is copied from CalMatters at: <https://calmatters.org/explainers/new-california-laws-2024/>

Each link is live and the list at the bottom of the article will take you to a more in-depth discussion about the bill. Important to note, and also reported by CalMatters, is that over the last 5 years, Democrats have voted “No” on bills less than 1% of the time. We have a “rubberstamp” supermajority which means we lack meaningful debate by their sheer numbers. This must change. Vote Republican to restore debate and sanity to the Capitol.



Posted in Capitol

Which of these 2024 California bills did Gavin Newsom sign into law?
by CalMatters August 27, 2024;
Updated September 30, 2024

Gov. Gavin Newsom, legislators and key stakeholders during a press conference at a Home Depot in San Jose, where Newsom signed retail crime legislation into law on Aug. 16, 2024. Photo by Florence Middleton, CalMatters

Welcome to CalMatters, the only nonprofit newsroom devoted solely to covering issues that affect all Californians. Sign up for WhatMatters to receive the latest news and commentary on the most important issues in the Golden State.

For California laws, the buck does really stop at Gov. Gavin Newsom’s desk.

While the Legislature approved hundreds of bills before ending its regular session on Aug. 31, Newsom decides whether they become law. He finished on Sept. 30 — and vetoed about 18% of nearly 1,000 bills passed in the final days (and nearly 16% of all 1,200 bills passed by the Legislature this year). That’s slightly higher than the 15% for all of last year when he vetoed 156 bills and signed 890, or the similar ratio in 2022,

when he blocked some very significant ones. In 2021, he vetoed less than 8%.

Typically, the governor gives a few reasons for vetoing bills: He deems them bad policy or redundant or calculates that their potential cost threatens to worsen the state's budget situation. But he also blocks bills because they're controversial or opposed by powerful special interests.

While the Legislature can override vetoes, it takes a two-thirds vote in both the Assembly and Senate and that rarely happens. Governors can also allow bills to become law without their signature, but that doesn't occur very often, either.

Here are some noteworthy bills being tracked by CalMatters reporters.

- Stop legacy admissions at private colleges
- Ban book bans in public libraries
- Test AI for critical harm to society
- Stop local voter ID requirements
- Limit empty beds in state prisons
- Require state prisons to provide menstrual products
- Make undocumented immigrants eligible for homebuyer and jobless aid
- Make it easier for farmworkers to file heat illness claims
- Allow tribes to sue cardrooms
- Restrict private equity in healthcare

- Regulate middlemen in pharma industry
- Protect maternity wards from closures
- Allow more outdoor alcohol and cannabis sales
- Add folic acid to tortillas
- Expedite gender-affirming care licenses
- Shine a light on teen treatment
- Advance reparations proposals
- Declare three more state symbols
- Give doxxing victims the right to sue
- Exclude medical debt from credit reports
- Give tenants more time to respond before eviction
- Let undocumented students work on campus
- Ban more plastic bags
- Make key changes in campaign laws
- Allow civilian officers to testify
- End single-family zoning, redux
- Speed up 'tiny homes' for homeless people
- Protect voters from AI

**WATCH EVENT AT HQ THOUSAND OAKS – 10/22/24
LINE IN THE SAND – OMG O'KEEFE MEDIA GROUP MOVIE**



TRUMP RALLY – COACHELLA - 10/12/24







CONEJO VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN Membership Application 2024

NAME _____ PHONE () _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ Cell# _____ Birth Mo./Date _____

SELECT desired membership level below:

FULL Member: _____ \$35

SUSTAINING Member (Registered NPP): _____ \$35

SILVER Member: _____ \$75 Support Level + Spouse membership
(SPOUSE NAME: _____)

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) Mentorship: _____ \$20 per student (emailed newsletter to
student included)

Make checks payable to: CVRW (Conejo Valley Republican Women)

Mailing address: CVRW PO Box 7151, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359

- Membership dues are paid annually – Due January 1 each year.
- Membership Newsletter E-mailed unless otherwise specified.
- MEMBERS MUST BE REGISTERED REPUBLICANS or NPP and join as a sustaining member.

Office Use Only

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