



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CONEJO VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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CVRW March 2026

3rd Bd of Supervisors

5th *CVRW Bd. Meeting*

8th Daylight Savings Time

9th Planning Comm.

10th City Council Mtg

17th *St. Patrick's Day*

17 Central Comm. Mtg

19th Candidate Forum/
General Meeting

20th Spring Begins

23rd Planning Comm.

24th Bd of Supervisors

24th City Council Mtg

VENTURA COUNTY

BOS MEETING
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Tuesday, Mar 3RD 8-30AM

Come Support or Speak during
Open Comment - Come Stand With
We Be People

LOCATION FREE PARKING

County Government Center - Hall of Administration
Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California 93009

OTHER WAYS TO PARTICIPATE: VENTURA.ORG/BOSMEETINGS

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<https://www.restorethevoteventura.org>

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● Federal Holidays
 ● Local Holidays
 ● Multiple Events

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT*By Michelle Spencer*

Updates, News, and Insights from
the Conejo Valley Republican Women

Welcome to the CVRW Newsletter March 2026

Dear Conejo Valley Republican Women,

As we go into campaign season, we will be hosting two candidate forums at Breakers Bar & Grill with The Westlake Village Republican Women. Please look for the Flyer soon for all the details. **The dates are 3/19/2026 and 4/16/26.** Please save these dates.

On February 7th, 2026, California **Republican Chairwoman Corrin Rankin** held a 2026 Election Kick Off Event in Woodland Hills. The special guest was **Republican National Co Chair K.C. Crosby**. Both **President Trump** and the RNC Leadership realize that we in California need National resources to win elections. Corrin has recently been to The White House to meet with leadership. I can only assume it is about the mid-term election and the passing of Prop 50.

I would like to say that it only hurts our party to have multiple Republicans running for the same office. **In California we have a system of election process called a jungle primary. In June's Primary, the two top vote getters, no matter what their party affiliation,** will continue to the General Election. Since we live in a state with predominantly Democratic districts, this system makes getting our Republican candidates to the General Election in November very difficult —for races such as Assembly Seats. Early on, the Ventura County Republican Central Committee endorsed candidates for several seats to give those candidates a boost to be able to win the nomination for their seat. So, when other candidates declare that they are running for the same seats, that puts those seats at risk for two Democrats to continue to the General Election in November. That is the way we lost the assembly to the Democrats and literally became a communist state. I hope the candidates who were not endorsed come to their senses soon and drop out for the good of their districts and support the VCGOP endorsed candidate.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the passing of **Republican Patriot Steve Frank** may you rest in peace. He was a true Warrior.

March's General Meeting is
Thursday March 19, 2026 at 5:30pm
Breakers Bar & Grill
398 Moorpark Road
Thousand Oaks CA 91360

Michelle Spencer
President CRVW



<https://www.sodoesitmatter.com/p/california-patriot-profile-steve>

Excerpts from article at above website—

Born on December 28, 1946, in the Bronx, Frank later moved to California, attended Los Angeles City College, and earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Redlands. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War with the 1st Infantry Division, an experience that shaped his lifelong interest in national defense and veterans' issues.

His conservatism was forged in an era when activists built organizations rather than personal brands. From early on, he became deeply involved in party mechanics, rules, and grassroots organizing—areas that rarely attract attention but often determine outcomes.

When Steve returned home from Vietnam, he enrolled at Los Angeles City College. At the time, communist activists had erected physical barriers on campus, preventing students from freely entering or leaving. Rather than complain or wait for permission, Steve began tearing the barriers down himself. Other students soon joined him.

In 1996, the National Federation of Republican Assemblies was created, and Steve was elected its first national chairman, giving grassroots conservatives a coordinated presence inside the Republican Party.

Steve also ran for office himself, seeking a seat in the California State Assembly in the mid-1990s. While he did not win, the campaign reflected his belief that activists should be willing to step forward personally, not just comment from the sidelines.

He later served multiple terms as the California Republican Party's parliamentarian, placing him at the center of party conventions and internal disputes.

One of the lesser-known chapters of Steve Frank's life involves his work on behalf of American prisoners of war and those missing in action. According to his published biography, he spent years working full-time on POW/MIA issues, helping organize advocacy efforts and raise national awareness.



Legislative Report

by Gina Libby

As of January 30, 2026, President Trump has signed 467 Executive Actions; there were only 220 in his first term. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/>

Election Integrity: President Trump has been highlighting the deficiencies with electronic voting systems and mail-in ballots, calling them “corrupt”. He also calls for Congress to pass the SAVE Act which requires voters to show ID and proof of citizenship to vote in federal elections.

CALL TO ACTION: Call your Senators Alex Padilla and Adam Schiff and ask them to pass the common sense Save Act.

www.padilla.senate.gov/contact

www.schiff.senate.gov/contact

Local Action: Stay tuned with local action on the election integrity front by following Restore the Vote Ventura (RTVV) at <https://restorethevoteventura.org>. Ventura County Patriot Meetup founder Debbie Cohen was chosen by Supervisor Janice Parvin to serve on the newly created Ventura County Election Advisory Council (EAC). The EAC 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.

The previous Board of Supervisors (BOS), led by Supervisor Kelly Long, signed a 9-year contract with Dominion Voting Systems. Dominion is now Liberty Vote, and Ventura County voters must insist that the 9-year contract be considered void. Voters want a replacement voting system that is transparent, lawful, and can be audited. RTVV is asking patriots to participate.

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

From Restore the Vote Ventura:

Join us Thursday for a Ventura County Election Reform Update. Come to the next Board of Supervisors Meeting with us and hear why and how you can participate. Mark your calendars.

Please register for the Zoom Meeting on the link below.

ALL HANDS STRATEGY MEETING, THURSDAY @ 7:30PM

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/YW1pIGvmRxug26HQxXxemw>

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

From Kevin Kiley: I've just published a new blog post:

A New Level of Insanity

The High-Speed Rail Authority's CEO has been arrested and placed on leave. We are now on CEO number 6 for the Rail Authority: that's six more CEOs than passengers. Our victory over Newsom in cutting off funding for this disaster looms larger than ever.

This comes as California is literally importing gasoline from the Bahamas, brought in by tankers that run on petroleum. Newsom has somehow given us the most expensive and most environmentally unfriendly energy. My bill to cap gas taxes would get us a little relief.

Newsom was actually asked on CNN why California has the nation's highest cost-of-living. He didn't answer. So I went on the network to answer for him: it's his own disastrous policies. The path to affordability in America is doing the opposite of what Newsom's done in California.

Yet a new level of insanity is on the horizon, with a proposed "Wealth Tax" that would seize a person's assets even if they've left the state. In response, individuals worth a combined \$1 trillion have left California ahead of the deadline, most recently Steven Spielberg and Mark Zuckerberg.

I've introduced the Keep Jobs in California Act to preempt this insane proposal. As I rolled out the bill, Bernie Sanders came to California to campaign for the tax, which would fully enact his socialist dreams. You can watch my response to Bernie on Fox.

And after I asked Pam Bondi to make California the focus of anti-fraud efforts, the Administration is sending a strike team to the state to get rid of all the EDD fraud. I recently discussed the \$32 billion in fraud – which is *ongoing* – in a House Floor Speech.

I also joined Benny Johnson to discuss our efforts to secure Voter ID in a state where dogs have been caught voting; and I went on Will Cain Country to sound the alarm about the Chinese bio labs found in Reedley and Vegas. On top of it all, tomorrow is the State of the Union.

[Help me keep reining in Newsom](#)

Kevin Kiley

California Congressman

About the Children's Educational Opportunity Act

The Children's Educational Opportunity Act is about providing opportunities and turning dreams into reality. Every child should have the same opportunity when it comes to accessing quality education and nurturing their potential.

Our children deserve nothing but the very best and parents have the right to decide the best education fit for their child, not the government.

Education is the great equalizer that can break the chains of poverty and pave the path to social and economic mobility. It provides individuals with the tools they need to rise above their circumstances and create a better life for themselves and their families.

We only have until March 31st to put this Act on the November ballot!! go to: <https://educationopportunity.org/> for more info.

- Empowering parents to make the best choices for their child's education and ensuring that financial barriers do not hinder their growth.
- Amends the California Constitution to provide funding to **accredited** public schools, charter schools, private schools, parochial schools and home schools.
- Parents have the option to participate by notifying the state to establish a state-controlled Education Savings Account (ESA) for their child where the voter approved Proposition 98 funds are safeguarded within this account for use.
- ESA funds are dispersed to the accredited school selected by the parent, ensuring a seamless process that focuses solely on providing the best education possible. Parents need not worry about handling the ESA funds directly.

- Initial annual funding of \$17,000 comes from voter approved Proposition 98 which provides money specific for educating the state's students. This annual contribution amount will grow with the California economy.
- Eligibility and participation are open to every child in California, Kindergarten to 12th grade.
- Unused ESA funds are carried over annually and earn interest ensuring nothing goes to waste.
- Unused ESA funds after 12th grade can be applied to accredited trade technical school, community college, university and postgraduate school.
- Parents decide the best educational fit for their child, not a government bureaucrat or central planner.
- Children can break free from underperforming schools that provide subpar education, opening doors to a brighter future.
- Every child should have the same education opportunities as those from affluent families.



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!

I also would like to include the following list of requested items for our Troops overseas that I received.

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

AMERICANISM

by Suzie T.

The State of the Union Address

It is noted in the Constitution that the President, “shall from time to time give to the Congress Information of the State of the Union, and recommend to their Consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient.” Article II, Section 3, Clause 1.

The State of the Union Address dates back to 1790 but was originally referred to as the Annual Message. Initially, it was an in-person speech, until President Thomas Jefferson wrote Annual Messages to the House and Senate, then Woodrow Wilson revived the in-person speech before Congress in 1913. It has been termed the State of the Union Address since 1947.

It began as budget requests and updates on the economy, but the content increased during the 20th century to include a report on various departments and eventually became a forum for the President to share his agenda and gain support.

It was first broadcast over the radio in 1923 with Calvin Coolidge. The first television broadcast was of Harry Truman in 1947 and the first live webcast was with George W. Bush in 2002.

<https://history.house.gov/Institution/SOTU/List/>

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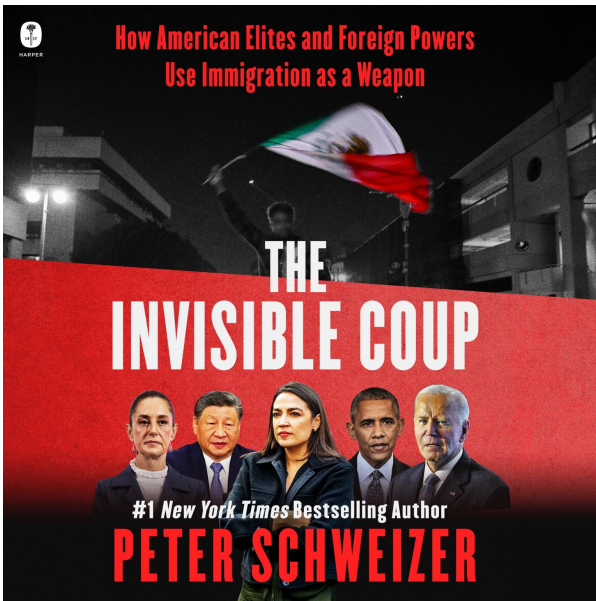
Historian - Open

FEBRUARY 23RD—BOOK CLUB MEETING

Another great meeting! Sharing ideas, talking about everything under the sun and laughing a lot! This time we discussed The Women by Kristin Hannah.

Next month's meeting will be —

Monday, March 16th at 1:00pm
Lazy Dog Restaurant, Oaks Mall,
Thousand Oaks
Book: Invisible Coup
by Peter Schweizer (available at the library)



Every day, ICE is arresting hundreds of illegal immigrants with a criminal record. They didn't just come here. They were sent here.

Our debates about immigration revolve around what happens with immigrants once they arrive. We need to start talking about who is sending them and why. For decades, establishment elites sold us the story of immigration as a compassionate renewal of the American Dream within a harmonious melting pot. But beneath that narrative lies a different reality: Mass migration has morphed into the most powerful political weapon ever aimed at the United States— one engineered by elites at home and aided by adversaries abroad.

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<http://sd27.senate.ca.gov>

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



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2026

NAME _____
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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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