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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Shannon Wagner

The fall season is here and with that I thought it might be helpful to remind our members that when you pay your annual dues as members of West Valley Republican Women Federated, a portion of your dues goes toward your simultaneous membership in the National Federation of Republican Women (“NFRW”) and the California Federation of Republican Women (“CFRW”). As a member of CFRW, you should all be receiving Capital Updates via email from our CFRW President, Susan Blair. The most recent issue dated September 23rd noted that Governor Newsom has signed the following two bills mentioned below. These are just the beginning of other bills that may be signed prior to the October 10 deadline. The two bills that the Governor recently signed were both initiated by California State Senator Scott Weiner. They are:

SB-9 (Wiener) - This bill will allow a single-family lot to subdivide and build a second home. No local approval will be required.

SB-10 (Wiener) - This bill authorizes a local agency to pass an ordinance to zone any parcel for up to 10 units of residential density per parcel, at a height specified in the ordinance, if the parcel is located in a transit-rich area, a job-rich area, or an urban infill site.

As you can see, both laws are geared toward making it easier to increase housing density without input from the local community that will be impacted. Whether your community opposes massive growth or not, the state is giving the green light on increasing housing density without local input

A perfect example of how these laws are affecting one of our local communities is described in a local newspaper for Los Gatos residents, the Los Gatan. The article discusses a recent virtual session held where public comments were shared regarding Los Gatos’ General Plan. Lack of awareness of the General Plan process under new state rules and the large increase of proposed housing it contains were the biggest themes from the comments shared during the session. Local officials described how the General Plan went through a rework after the Black Lives Matter movement kicked into high gear in 2020 following the death of George Floyd in Minnesota. The Mayor of Los Gatos said it will be important for officials to bring locals up to speed on how new affordability laws passed in Sacramento will affect what the Town is allowed to do. The plan went from 2,303 proposed new housing units over the next 20 years to the 3,738 currently under consideration. Per the article, multiple speakers referenced this in the context of recently passed SB-9 and SB-10, which they state are meant to spur the production of housing and tackle California’s housing shortages that have caused rents and real estate prices to skyrocket. *

I would assume that this is just one example of what is happening in communities all over the state. From a local perspective, it is hard to imagine how the small town of Los Gatos can withstand the growth proposed. The bureaucrats in Sacramento have no regard for the impact to or the will of communities. The issue described above is a bipartisan issue and a wake-up call to those blindly voting for representatives initiating these regulations behind our backs. It’s a wakeup call to the power that the state now holds over local communities of which they know little or nothing about. As members of the Federation, we know that WHO YOU VOTE FOR MATTERS but it’s important for us to keep talking common sense values, keep waking people up.

*Drew Penner, *Los Gatos looks to the future... Community Considers General Plan, Under New State Rules*, The Los Gatan (Sept. 23, 2021), <https://losgatan.com/los-gatos-looks-to-the-future/>.

**OUR NEXT MEETING:
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021**

11:30 a.m.

at

Holder's Country Inn
998 So. De Anza Blvd.
San Jose, CA 95129

Program Cost: \$28.00 (includes lunch)

All taxes & gratuities are also included!

**To expedite check-in, please have your check made
out before you arrive.**

**Checks must be payable to
"West Valley RWF"**

MENU CHOICES

CHINESE CHICKEN SALAD

*Iceberg lettuce, cabbage, chicken, peanuts, rice
noodles, snow peas, cilantro w/sweet & spicy dressing*

or

GRILLED B.L.T.

*Bacon, lettuce & tomato, grilled sourdough; served
w/Fries*

or

GROUND SIRLOIN STEAK

*Angus beef, bacon, mushrooms, bleu cheese crumbles,
sauteed onion, demi glaze; served w/potatoes & fresh
vegetable*

**RSVPs must be received
by Monday, October 18th!**

Call Grace at 408-499-1695, or

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**MEET OUR SPEAKER:
MIKE WASSERMAN
President
County Board of Supervisors**

Our only Republican on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, Mike Wasserman, really needs no introduction. We have all met him, spoken with him, received his newsletters or seen him out and about in our County...he is one busy man.

Mike prefers visiting us via Zoom, so zoom it is! There will be limited time for Q&A, and Robin will call on as many of us as time allows.

Reserve early, and bring your friends!

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE
AND
ELECTIONS**

The Chair of our Nominating Committee is Kathie Topham and she is joined by Robin McCarthy, Julie Eckroat, Mary Frazier and Grace Russo to round out the committee. They have been working to bring us a slate of officers for 2022.

AND THE NOMINEES ARE...

President - Shannon Wagner

1st Vice President - Robin McCarthy

2nd Vice President - JoAnn Destro

3rd Vice President - Kay Young

Treasurer - Mary Goodman

Recording Secretary - Kathie Topham

Corresponding Secretary - Doris Sloniker

Director at Large - Mayme Abbott

Elections will be held at our November meeting, followed immediately by the Installation. New Officers duties begin on January 1, 2022.





The Legislative Session ends September 10

All bills will either be cleared to go to the Governor for signature, turned into two-year bills, or dropped. The trailer bills and gut and amend bills are put through during this time, limiting the ability to track. A “Gut and Amend” bill is one that is presented and moves thru the legislature collecting support and votes as one issue but at the last minute the existing language is taken out (gutted) and replaced (amended) with completely different language, often on a totally unrelated subject, which the public and even lawmakers have no opportunity to respond to or comment on. SB 455 is one example.

AB 455 (dead for the current legislative session, as of 08/30/21)- This was a “gut and amend” bill that was written as transportation issues. However, it was to be gutted and amended at the last minute to be a mandate, among other things, for proof of Covid vaccine documentation to be shown to gain entry to certain indoor facilities, like restaurants, hotels, and entertainment venues. In addition, it would have mandated that some employers require proof of vaccination and, “to the extent allowable under state and federal law and any employment agreement entered into on or after the effective date of this act, an employee who refuses to comply with this section may be subject to weekly Covid testing or termination”. A law like this could potentially be in place for decades to come, effectively impacting the freedoms of our GRANDCHILDREN to work or just go into an entertainment venue or restaurant! We are thrilled this bill has been killed, for the time being.

VOTING

SB 503- Ballots and signature verification. Existing law requires an election official, upon receiving a vote by mail ballot, to verify the signature on the identification envelope by comparing it with the signature on specified records within the voter’s registration record and outlines various methods of verification. This bill would (1) apply a presumption, for purposes of the comparison of signatures in the voter’s registration record, that the signature on an identification envelope, signature verification statement, unsigned ballot statement, or provisional ballot envelope, is the voter’s signature; (2) specify that an exact signature is not required for an election official to determine that the signature is valid and the fact that signatures share similar characteristics is sufficient to determine the signature is valid; (3) permit an elections official to reject a ballot only if the official determines beyond a reasonable doubt that a voter’s signature does not compare to a signature in the voter’s registration record. This bill would delete verifying addresses on the vote by mail ballot return envelopes from the procedures that the observers may observe and challenge. In essence, this bill reduces the requirements to verify signatures on ballots.

Status: Passed the Senate, passed the Assembly committee, read 2nd time, and ordered to 3rd reading.

FRAUDULENT CLAIMS

AB 110 (similar to **SB 39**)- *Claims for unemployment compensation benefits: inmates. This bill would require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to provide the names and social security numbers of current inmates’ name, known aliases, birth date, social security number, and booking date and expected release date, if known, of a current inmate to the Employment Development Department for the purposes of preventing payments on fraudulent claims for unemployment compensation benefits.*

Status: Passed the Assembly and passed the Senate committee, read 2nd time, and ordered to 3rd reading.

MEDICINE

AB 1064- Pharmacy practice: vaccines; independent initiation and administration. This bill would authorize a pharmacist to independently initiate and administer any vaccine that has been approved or authorized by the FDA and received an ACIP individual vaccine recommendation published by the CDC for persons 3 years or age and older. *From a pharmacist’s perspective, this bill would eliminate the current Prescriber protocol and allows the Pharmacist to independently initiate and administer all vaccines 3 years and older. This includes the Covid-19 vaccine. This will make ALL vaccines more accessible and reduce waiting times at medical offices by reducing their workload. Pharmacists are well trained and perfect for the job.*

Status: Pending Senate Appropriations Committee; Hearing: Aug 23rd at 9:00 am

INSURRECTION HYPE. Saturday's "Justice for J6" demonstration in Washington turned out to be a nothing-burger. Organizers asked people to come to the Mall to support the release of minor offenders awaiting trial but still jailed for their role in the Jan. 6 Capitol riot. Very few protesters, maybe 100-150, tops, showed up.

They were outnumbered by police in heavy riot gear, with the National Guard on standby. They were also outnumbered by journalists, who ran around in a vain attempt to find anything that might qualify as news. The event took place within sight of fencing erected by Capitol Police to keep a massive, violent crowd from overrunning the Capitol. That crowd, of course, never materialized.

Saturday's nonevent was the result of a massive overreaction on the part of the authorities and the press. How did that happen? Just look at the relentless insurrection hype that filled news coverage in the days and weeks leading up to Sept. 18. Look in particular at MSNBC and CNN, which spent hours telling viewers that something really big was up **"We're talking insurrection 2.0,"** MSNBC host Ari Melber said on Sept. 9. Guest Chai Komanduri, who is a Democratic strategist, responded, "The Sept. 18 rally, quite frankly, feels to me like coming attractions for what we're going to see probably with future Trump rallies and maybe a future Trump campaign."

Others on MSNBC saw ominous signs. "Since Jan. 6, there hasn't been a rally that has generated this much noise in the social media space," said the network's national security analyst, Clint Watts, on Sept. 3. "You're starting to see things like them making T-shirts, starting to do some of the paraphernalia around this given day. And you're having media personalities and politicians both talking about that date and a potential rally. So that's tipping and cueing just like we saw around Jan. 6."

MSNBC host Joy Reid urged viewers to ignore those who suggested the protest would not amount to much. "The rally is being organized by a former Trump campaign official," Reid said on Sept. 9. "And while the permit for the event claims that only 700 participants are expected to attend, nobody really knows how many might turn up, nor how deranged they might be." Reid pointed to media reports of possible widespread violence. "Law enforcement is now planning to reinstall fencing around the Capitol," she said. "And *Roll Call* reports that, according to police intelligence, there's been an uptick in violent talk about the rally. Extremists have discussed committing violent acts against local Jewish centers and liberal churches while law enforcement is distracted."

In all, MSNBC's on-air hosts and guests spent hours and hours hyping the rally as the next step in insurrectionist violence. And they weren't alone. **"We have this pro-insurrectionist rally** coming on Sept. 18, congresswoman," CNN's Don Lemon said to Democratic Rep. Ayanna Pressley on Sept. 15. "You were there on Jan. 6 when mobs attacked. Do you feel secure now? Are you nervous about potential domestic terrorists attacking?" **"The nation's capital prepares for potential violence** this weekend at a rally protesting the arrest of rioters who took part in the Jan. 6 insurrection," CNN's John Berman said on Sept. 13. "We'll take a look at the fury behind the country's deep divide." **"Capitol police are warning** about the potential for violent clashes and unrest in an upcoming rally in support of those charged in the U.S. Capitol insurrection," reported CNN's Jessica Schneider on Sept. 8. "That's according to an internal memo reviewed by CNN. The intelligence report references amped-up online chatter after the officer who fatally shot rioter Ashli Babbitt on Jan. 6 went public, defending his actions. ...The document warns many might view Sept. 18 as a 'Justice for Ashli Babbitt' rally."

On and on it went. On the one hand, the "Justice for J6" media mania was the product of scaremongering by law enforcement, which had been embarrassed by how poorly prepared it was on Jan. 6, despite plentiful intelligence that real trouble could take place. Law enforcement hyped Sept. 18, in part, as an effort to show how well prepared they were this time. On the other hand were the credulous media outlets who have prospered selling their viewers a dark vision of "insurrection" threatening to overwhelm the U.S. government. They took the self-serving law enforcement tips and ran with them, creating a scary picture of another Jan. 6 — "Insurrection 2.0" — headed for Washington on Sept. 18.

In the end, it turned out to be nothing, or next to nothing. Now, the question is, will that experience chasten those media voices the next time there's a chance to hype a new "insurrection".



**CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN
42nd BIENNIAL CONVENTION**

FRIDAY OCTOBER 22nd, 10am - SUNDAY OCTOBER 24th, 12pm

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**West Valley RWF will reimburse our Regular Members \$65 for their Convention Registration!
That's a 20% discount on the Early Bird Level - don't delay.**

Included: Two Workshops on Friday, Plated Breakfast, plated Lunch and President's Dinner on Saturday, Continental Breakfast on Sunday, an unprecedented number of Speakers that includes Kevin McCarthy, Katie Pavlich, Harmeet Dhillon, Dinesh D'Souza, Katy Hopkins, Alex Marlow and others. Optional events include a Friday Night Homecoming Party at the East Valley RWF HQ and a Private Reception with Katie Pavlich On Saturday evening.

It's going to be FUN - FUN - FUN!

WE ARE INVITED

A cordial invitation has been extended to our Members by our sister-club, the Palo Alto Republican Women Federated, to attend their upcoming meetings. They begin with check-in at 11:30. The dates, locations, speakers and their topics are noted below. Please RSVP one week ahead of the event date to Gini Kimsey, 650-856-6107.

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Location: Baylands Golf Links Restaurant, 1875 Embarcadero Rd, Palo Alto
Lanhee Chen, Candidate for CA State Controller
Topic "State Finances and Why People Should Care Who the State Controller Is!"

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Marriott Courtyard Hotel, 4320 El Camino Real, Los Altos, CA
Mark Meuser, Candidate for US Senate
Topic "What Happened To My Constitutional Rights?"

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Marriott Courtyard Hotel, 4320 El Camino Real, Los Altos
Palo Alto RWF Holiday Party

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Location: Baylands Golf Links Restaurant, 1875 Embarcadero Rd, Palo Alto
Zachary Perron, Captain Palo Alto Police Department
Topic "What It Is Like To Be a Police Officer in Palo Alto and California These Days."

An Economic History Lesson

By: Cal Thomas - [The Patriot Post](#) - September 23, 2021

Following the death of Mao Zedong, former president and founding father of the People's Republic of China, more than 40 years ago, his successor, Deng Xiaoping, instituted economic reforms that looked less like classic communism and more like capitalism. It didn't happen all at once, but gradually. The result was that millions of Chinese were lifted out of poverty.

As [The Washington Post](#) noted, *“Under Deng's leadership, China abandoned the ideological structures of the past and embraced policies founded on practicality and experience. ... These policies unleashed the creative and entrepreneurial potential of the Chinese people and allowed China to break out of its self-imposed isolation.”*

Now comes current President Xi Jinping, who is conducting a war on private enterprise by reversing the economic successes China has enjoyed since reforms were instituted.

A [Wall Street Journal](#) examination of Xi's speeches and writings concludes the Chinese president believes *“private capital now has been allowed to run amok, menacing the party's legitimacy. ... He is trying forcefully to get China back to the vision of Mao Zedong, who saw capitalism as a transitory phase on the road to socialism.”*

This has the whiff of Mao's Cultural Revolution. As [history.com](#) remembers: *“Believing that current communist leaders were taking the party, and China itself, in the wrong direction, Mao called on the nation's youth to purge the ‘impure’ elements of Chinese society and revive the revolutionary spirit that led to victory in the civil war 20 years earlier...”*

Following the revolution, a reporter for a Hong Kong political journal discovered classified statistics that said nearly 2 million Chinese were killed and another 125 million were either persecuted (including intellectuals and even people seen wearing glasses) or subjected to what were euphemistically called “struggle sessions.”

President Xi has been working quietly to undermine China's economy. The Journal says he has generated *“more than 100 regulatory actions, government directives and policy changes since last year.”* His aim, it says, is to break the market dominance of companies, including e-commerce behemoth Alibaba Group Holding Lt., among others.

During a meeting last month, Xi signaled plans to go even further, emphasizing a goal of “common prosperity.”

Does this not sound like former President Barack Obama's pledge to “spread the wealth around” and attempts by President Biden and a Congress led by Democrats to increase taxes on the wealthy, including corporations which, when prospering, hire people who pay taxes, increasing government revenue?

In the cases of China and the U.S. — when our government is run by Democrats — ideology and party control trumps policy success. Some people prefer power to positive outcomes. It's all about control.

The policies of communists like Lenin, Stalin and Mao have caused millions of deaths, widespread poverty, and loss of individual freedom. The policies of John F. Kennedy (who cut taxes and was anti-communist), Ronald Reagan and, yes, Donald Trump, lifted many “boats,” encouraging initiative and hard work and thus spreading prosperity around.

In the U.S., the prosperity unleashed by lower taxes and fewer regulations has proven to increase employment, raise wages and boost individual prosperity for those willing to work and take minimal risks, such as moving to states that provide better opportunities. Now Democrats are trying to sink the country in more debt, raise taxes, re-impose regulations, all in the name of “equity,” “fairness” and taxing the rich so they will pay their “fair share,” whatever that is.

Why do people never seem to learn these economic and political lessons? Perhaps it is because history is rarely studied, or if it is, it is re-written to reflect the ideology of the teachers, politicians, and dictators.

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We are collecting renewals throughout October!

New Members only: your dues paid now will include your 2022 membership.

Benefits include Action Alerts and Legislative updates from CFRW and NFRW (by email), monthly West Valley newsletter, invitations to monthly meetings with informative Guest Speakers, invitations to CA and National training presentations, events and conferences, networking & volunteer opportunities.

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Email: _____

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Birthday (month/day): _____
(We'd like to acknowledge you on your special day!)

I AM A REGISTERED REPUBLICAN:

Signature

\$40 Primary Member

\$20 Associate Member*
(primary membership is with RWF Club name _____)

**Associate membership is also open to Republican gentlemen.*

\$60 Sustaining Member (provides extra funds in support of club activities)

Please make your check payable to **West Valley RWF** and note "annual dues" on the memo line.

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WEST VALLEY RWF

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

“If you’re not in a seat at the table, you’re on the menu!”
-Senator Shannon Grove speaking on the importance of getting involved.

- October 7 Board Meeting at home of Kay Young, 11:00am
- October 21 West Valley RWF lunch meeting w/*Mike Wasserman*, President SCC Board of Supervisors; 11:30am - 1:30pm
- November 4 Board Meeting at home of Kay Young, 11:00am
- November 18 West Valley RWF lunch meeting w/*Assemblyman Heath Flora* 11:30am - 1:30pm
- December 9 **Members Christmas Luncheon** - stay tuned!

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CFRW is officially chartered by the California Republican Party (CRP)!



CFRW has the largest membership in the National Federation!