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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE



Time flies and here we are in the month of August...that was fast! Guess what happens this month? That's right, the recall ballots get sent out! Ballots are due to be mailed out mid-August and you will need to be sure your ballot gets mailed back by the September 14th election date. I don't need to remind you of the reasons we need to recall Governor Newsom but if you need a list to remind your friends and neighbors, you can find a list of "Whys" right here at <https://recallgavin2020.com/reasons>.

Another important date to remember in August is August 23. This is the date registration opens for the CFRW Biennial Convention in Rancho Mirage at the Agua Caliente Casino & Resort to be held October 22-24th. Rooms are already selling out fast, so be sure to read page 3 in this newsletter for more details.

We hope you are as encouraged as we are by the common-sense awareness that is happening in our country. A few examples include:

- 1) Parents and states are rebelling against the divisive CRT in our schools.
- 2) Citizens are beginning to realize and rebel against Biden's immigration policies that favor illegal (or should we say "undocumented") immigrants over U.S. citizens...including letting Covid-positive immigrants into the country when U.S. citizens must test negative for Covid before they can re-enter the U.S.
- 3) Citizens are seeing the double-standard as Biden applies stricter standards to Cubans fleeing political persecution, which qualifies them for amnesty, as he lays out the red carpet for illegal immigrants at the southern border seeking better job opportunities, which does not qualify for amnesty.
- 4) Biden's favorability ratings are declining.

Keep talking and standing up for our Republican, common sense values. It's working...people are waking up.

*Lorene Milligan & Shannon Wagner
Co-Presidents*

**OUR NEXT MEETING:
THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 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

Cobb Salad

Chicken breast, mixed greens, bacon, avocado, tomato, cucumber, hard-boiled egg, bleu cheese crumbles

or

Cheeseburger Special w/Milkshake

Char-broiled chuck patty, sharp American cheese and served w/French Fries & a Milkshake

or

Garlic Chicken Alfredo

Tender chicken, creamy homemade Alfredo sauce, penne pasta, served w/ Garlic Bread

RSVPs must be received by Monday, August 17th!

Call Grace at 408-499-1695, or

Mail to: Grace Russo

2393 Karen Dr. #3 - Santa Clara CA 95050

A reservation made is a reservation paid!

MEET OUR SPEAKERS:

GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES

Appearing at Holder's via Zoom



AND



Dinner when that grocery price inflation hits:



**When they discover the center of the Universe,
Democrats will be disappointed they're not it!**

-patriotpost.us

**CFRW CALL-TO-CONVENTION GOING OUT AUGUST 23rd WITH
REGISTRATION, TENTATIVE AGENDA and OTHER DETAILS!**

Book your hotel TODAY to reserve space - resort area books up fast!



**SAVE THE DATE
CFRW 42ND BIENNIAL
CONVENTION**



October 21-24

[Agua Caliente
Resort & Casino](#)
(888) 999-1995
Rancho Mirage, CA

Rooms at Agua Caliente Resort are limited, so please reserve your room now. The Coachella Valley is a busy Resort area and ALL hotel rooms sell out quickly. Please make a room reservation NOW.

You can cancel later if your plans change.

There are many options in the area, here are a few to choose from.



Best Western Plus
Hotel Desert View
Inn & Suites
31450 Bob Hope Dr.
760-537-1510



Hampton Inn & Suites
Palm Desert
74900 Gerald Ford Dr.
760-340-1001



The Westin Mission
Hills
Golf Resort & Spa
71333 Dinah Shore Dr.
760-487-2400



Omni Rancho Las
Palmas Resort & Spa
41000 Bob Hope Dr.
760-568-2727

Convention Fee Includes So Much

(Convention Registration; Friday Workshops; BOD Meeting; Dynamic Speakers;
Plated Breakfast, Lunch, and Gourmet Dinner & Banquet Saturday; Breakfast Sunday)

Early Bird (Aug. 24- Sep. 14): \$328

Regular (Sep. 15-27): \$378

Late (Sep. 28 - Oct. 9): \$428

[More Information
Coming Soon!](#)

Class - The Word We Dare Not Speak

The left does not wish to admit it has become the party of wealth...

By Victor Davis Hanson - July 14, 2021 - amgreatness.com

How often during the past year of wokeness have middle- and lower-class Americans listened to multimillionaires of all races and genders lecture them on their various pathologies and oppressions?

University presidents with million-dollar salaries virtue-signal on the cheap their own sort of “unearned white privilege.”

Meghan Markle and the Obamas, from their plush estates, indict Americans for their biases.

Black Lives Matter co-founder Patrisse Khan-Cullors Brignac decries the oppressive victimization she and others have suffered — from one of her four recently acquired homes.

Do we need another performance-art sermon on America’s innate unfairness from billionaire entertainers such as Beyoncé, Jay-Z or Oprah Winfrey, or from multimillionaire Delta or Coca-Cola CEOs?

During the 1980s cultural war, the left’s mantra was “race, class and gender.” Occasionally we still hear of that trifecta, but the class part has increasingly disappeared. The neglect of class is ironic given that a number of recent studies conclude class differences are widening as never before.

Middle-class incomes among all races have stagnated, and family net worth has declined. Far greater percentages of rising incomes go to the already rich. Student debt, mostly a phenomenon of the middle and lower classes, has hit \$1.7 trillion.

States such as California have bifurcated into medieval-style societies. California’s progressive coastal elites boast some of the highest incomes in the nation. But in the more conservative north and central interior, nearly a third of the population lives below the poverty line — explaining why one of every three American welfare recipients lives in California.

California’s heating, cooling, gasoline and housing costs are the highest in the continental United States. Most of these spiraling costs are attributable to policies embraced by an upper-class elite — in Silicon Valley, Hollywood and marquee universities — whose incomes shield them from the deleterious consequences of their utopian bromides. The poor and middle classes have no such insulation.

So why are we not talking about class?

First, we are watching historic changes in political alignment.

The two parties are switching class constituents. Some 65 percent of the Americans making more than \$500,000 a year are Democrats, and 74 percent of those who earn less than \$100,000 a year are Republicans, according to IRS statistics. Gone are the days of working people automatically voting Democratic or Republicans being caricatured as a party of stockbrokers on golf courses.

By 2018, Democratic representatives were in control of all 20 of the wealthiest congressional districts. In the recent presidential primaries and general election, 17 of the 20 wealthiest ZIP codes gave more money to Democratic candidates than to Republicans.

Increasingly, the Democrats are a bicoastal party of elites from corporate America, Wall Street, Silicon Valley, the media, universities, entertainment and professional sports. All have made out like bandits from globalization. Democrats have lost much of their support from working-class whites, especially in the interior of the country. But they are also fast forfeiting the Hispanic middle class and beginning to lose solidarity among middle-class African Americans.

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The Democratic Party does not wish to admit it has become the party of wealth. All too often its stale revolutionary speechifying sounds more like penance arising from guilt than genuine advocacy for middle-class citizens of all races.

The wealthy leftist elite has mastered the rhetoric of ridicule for the lower-middle classes, especially struggling whites. Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and Joe Biden wrote off their political opponents as supposedly crude, superstitious and racist, smearing them as “clingers,” “deplorables,” irredeemables” and “chumps.”

Class is fluid; race is immutable. So by fixating on race, the left believes that it can divide America into permanent victimizers and victims — at a time when race and class are increasingly disconnecting.

The wealthy of all races are the loudest voices of the woke movement. Their frequent assumptions of “victimhood” are absurd. Americans who struggle to pay soaring gas, food, energy and housing prices are berated for their “white privilege” by an array of well-paid academics, media elite and CEOs.

Note that the woke military is the brand of admirals, generals and retired top brass on corporate boards, not of the enlisted. It’s multimillionaire CEOs who bark at the nation for their prejudices, not saleswomen or company truck drivers.

America is a plutocracy, not a genocracy. Wealth, not race, is the factor most likely to ensure someone power, influence and the good life.

In the pre-civil rights past, race was often fused to class, and the two terms were logically used interchangeably to cite oppression and inequality. But such a canard is fossilized. And so are those who desperately cling to it. The more the elites scream their woke banalities, the more they seem to fear that they, not most Americans, are really the privileged, coddled and pampered ones — and sometimes the victimizers.

Victor Davis Hanson is a distinguished fellow of the Center for American Greatness.



*Oprah Winfrey was reported in 2018 to have a net worth of **3.2 BILLION** dollars!*



*Jay-Z was reported in 2018 to have a net worth of **900 MILLION** dollars!*



RETAIL

AB 1084 – Gender-neutral retail departments – Existing law, the Unruh Civil Rights Act, specifies that all persons within the jurisdiction of the state are free and equal, and no matter their sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sexual orientation, citizenship, primary language, or immigration status, are entitled to the full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, privileges, or services in all business establishments of every kind.

This bill would require a retail department store that is physically located in California that has a total of 500 or more employees across all California retail department store locations that sells childcare items or toys to maintain a gender-neutral section or area, to be labeled at the discretion of the retailer, in which a reasonable selection of the items and toys for children that it sells shall be displayed, regardless of whether they have been traditionally marketed for either girls or for boys.

Beginning on January 1, 2024, the bill would make a retail department store that fails to comply with these provisions liable for a civil penalty not to exceed \$250 for a first violation or \$500 for a subsequent violation, as provided. *Status: Passed the Assembly and in the Senate with a hearing scheduled for July 13th.*

TRANSPORTATION

AB-950 – This bill deals with excess property held by the Department of Transportation. This would authorize the department to sell its excess real property to the city, county or city and county where the real property is located for the sole purpose of implementing affordable housing, emergency shelters, or feeding programs as specified. This bill would exempt these sales from the California Environmental Quality Act.

2021/2022 CALIFORNIA BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

312 million to speed up vaccines across the state; 14 billion investment for Californians who need relief as a result of COVID; 90 billion for school funding for K-14 (Prop. 98 requires 85.8 billion); 2 billion for safe return to in-person learning; 4.6 billion to help students “bounce back” from impacts of COVID and 400 million for school based mental health services.

UPDATE-SENTENCING

AB 333-Participation in Criminal Street Gang: Enhanced Sentences– This bill would require that the crimes committed to form a pattern of criminal gang activity have commonly benefited a criminal street gang and that the common benefit from the offenses is more than reputational.

The bill would remove burglary, looting, felony vandalism, and specified personal identity fraud violations from the crimes that define a pattern of criminal gang activity. The bill would prohibit the use of the currently charged crime to prove the pattern of criminal gang activity. This bill would require if requested by the defense in a case where a sentencing enhancement for participation in a criminal street gang is charged, that the defendant's guilt of the underlying offense first is proved and that a further proceeding on the sentencing enhancement occurs after a finding of guilt.

The bill would require that a charge for active participation in a criminal street gang be tried separately from all other counts that do not otherwise require gang evidence as an element of the crime. This bill would change the definition of “criminal street gang” to be an ongoing, organized organization or group of 3 or more persons, whether formal or informal, having as one of its primary activities the commission of one or more of the enumerated criminal acts, having a common name or common identifying sign or symbol, and whose members collectively engage in, or have engaged in, a pattern of criminal gang activity. *Status: Passed in the Assembly, now in the Senate.* Gosh, why should those poor gang members be hassled by laws?

Questions? Please e-mail legislativeanalysts@cfrw.org

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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.

- August 5 Board Meeting at home of co-President Lorene Milligan, 11:00am
- August 19 West Valley RWF lunch meeting w/**Gubernatorial Candidates**,
11:30am - 1:30pm
- September 2 Board Meeting at home of co-President Lorene Milligan, 11:00am
- September 16 West Valley RWF lunch meeting w/**TBD** 11:30am - 1:30pm

→ YES, we are meeting throughout the summer! Stay tuned!

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Click here to send us an email: westvalleyrwf@gmail.com

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