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NEXT MEETING:

JUNE 16, 2022

SPECIAL MEETING FEATURING:

“2000 MULES”

A documentary film by Dinesh D’Souza that exposes widespread, coordinated voter fraud in the 2020 election, sufficient to change the overall outcome.

Holder’s Country Inn

998 So. De Anza Blvd.

San Jose CA

11:30am - Check In

12:00am - Call to Order

Cost of Program: \$28

*Includes a delicious lunch, soft drink, coffee or tea,
w/taxes & gratuities included.*

MENU OPTIONS:

STRAWBERRY SALAD

*Chicken breast, fresh strawberries, blueberries, pineapple,
tangerines, walnuts w/poppy seed dressing*

CALIFORNIA BURGER

*Charbroiled Angus patty, lettuce, tomato, pickle w/avocado &
special sauce on brioche bun; served w/fries*

SWORDFISH

*Pan-seared swordfish w/lemon butter sauce; served
w/fresh vegetables & mashed potatoes*

RSVP a.s.a.p. & before June 14th!

Call Grace, 408-499-1695

**A check can be mailed to: Grace Russo,
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Legislation: we need 1-2 members to follow and report at meetings on the legislative items that are posted as CFRW Capitol Updates on <https://cfrw.org>

Call now - volunteer!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



SHANNON WAGNER
West Valley RWF President

The subject of election integrity has exploded since the 2020 presidential election and we had a wonderful presentation by Ruth Weiss of the *Election Integrity Project* during our May general meeting. Ms. Weiss explained to us numerous ways in which our state of California has eroded the integrity of our elections. The Election Integrity Projects website, <https://www.eip-ca.com/>, provides a link to download "The Golden State Agenda, California's Legislative Blueprint for the Destruction of Election Integrity" which delineates the well thought out progression of California laws that work synergistically to erode election integrity in our state. Our speaker encouraged us to vote no matter what, but voting in person is preferred as it's the best way to ensure the integrity of your vote. She also encouraged us to volunteer as poll observers.

To continue our topic of election integrity in June, we are excited to present a showing of the latest **Dinesh D'Souza movie, 2000 Mules**, at our June 16th meeting. *2000 Mules* is a documentary film which exposes voter fraud in the 2020 election. You won't want to miss this month's "watch party" meeting! RSVP now and bring your friends.

Remember to mark your calendars and be sure to save the date of July 21st for our 70th Anniversary Celebration! The celebration date is set for the evening of July 21, 2022. More exciting details are provided in this newsletter. Bring your spouses and friends and be sure to submit the RSVP form early!

I am looking forward to seeing each of you at our June meeting!

Warmest regards,
-Shannon Wagner



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Capitol Update



Submitted by the CFRW Legislative Analyst Committee
Gretchen Cox, Elaine Freeman, Theresa Speake and Karen Contreras

Comments/Questions on any legislation you've heard about? E-mail: legislativeanalysts@cfrw.org

Governor Newsom released his May revised budget on Friday the 13th. Hope that isn't a bad omen. The budget is over \$300 billion, with a surplus of about \$98 billion. The proposed budget is complex but here are some of the items that may be of interest.

There is an \$18.1 billion relief package to put money back into the pockets of Californians. It is not clear how this will occur. The Governor is proposing returning \$400 per car owned to help with the high cost of fuel. This idea has not been accepted by the Legislature who believe the monies should go to those who do not have cars but are suffering as a result of inflation (isn't that all of us?). The idea is to help address inflation by helping people pay their utility bills and rent and reduce costs for health care and childcare.

Climate change is a big item. There is \$47.1 billion for a "climate commitment". This is an increase of \$32 billion over last year and is to tackle pollution, build climate-resilient water supplies, reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires, ensure grid reliability and accelerate clean energy solutions and protect communities from extreme heat. Within this budget item, there is \$24.5 million for the Department of Industrial Relations to protect vulnerable populations through targeted outreach and education in multiple languages for employers and employees, and increased strategic enforcement before and during heat events to protect workers from heat-related illness and wildfire smoke hazards. There is \$17 million to be spent over two years by the California Workforce Development Board to expand training partnerships in industry sectors that support the state's response to extreme heat, such as heating, ventilation and cooling, cool roofs, urban forestry, climate-smart natural resource management, as well as other industries identified through collaboration with other state partners. All perfectly vague ideas.

Public safety would receive \$660 million to ensure public safety with funding for new officers and mental health support for law enforcement, support for victims of sex trafficking, cracking down on internet crimes against children, and tackling the opioid crisis.

Homelessness would be allocated \$14.7 million to include mental health services with investments to help move people off the streets and into the services and care they need, focusing particularly on Californians who suffer from mental health and substance use disorders. Between 2018 and 2021 alone, California already spent \$13.1 billion on homelessness, according to the State Auditor, and the problem is only worsening.

Infrastructure funding of \$37 billion, including money for broadband and new housing, as well as a historic investment of \$128.3 billion to transform public education. This will be one to watch since it isn't clear what "transforming" means to the education system.

When COVID-19 hit, the State financial analyst predicted a grave impact in terms of the State's financial situation. The exact opposite has happened with the state receiving record-high tax revenue. As a result, there is a \$97.5 billion surplus. Of this amount, the Governor is adding \$23.3 billion for the State's Rainy-Day Fund and of the amounts allocated, 97% would be spent on one-time expenditures, thereby not burdening future budgets with ongoing programs.

The Legislature will have bills known as Trailer bills that deal with implementing the budget. The Governor's proposal will need to be put into legislation in order for the spending to occur.

More to come in the future on the budget...

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Capitol Update continued....

AB-35 – Civil Damages: Medical Malpractice

Existing law, referred to as the Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act of 1975 (MICRA), prohibits an attorney from contracting for or collecting a contingency fee for representing any person seeking damages in connection with an action for injury or damage against a health care provider based upon alleged professional negligence in excess of specified limits.

This bill would recast those provisions, allowing for contingency fees based on several factors. Existing law provides that in any action against a health care provider based upon professional negligence, the injured plaintiff is entitled to recover noneconomic losses up to \$250,000 to compensate for pain, suffering, inconvenience, physical impairment, disfigurement, and other nonpecuniary damage. This bill removes the \$250,000 limit on noneconomic damages and expands the recast provisions to include an action for injury against a health care institution, as defined. The bill would increase the applicable limitation based upon whether the action for injury involved wrongful death. This bill specifies that these limitations would increase by \$40,000 each January 1st for 10 years and beginning on January 1, 2034, the applicable limitations on noneconomic damages for personal injury and for wrongful death would be adjusted for inflation on January 1st of each year by 2%.

This bill would also revise how awarded payments could be made to the plaintiff. This bill would specify that statements, writings, or benevolent gestures expressing sympathy shall be confidential, privileged, protected, not subject to subpoena, discovery, or disclosure, and shall not be used or admitted into evidence in any civil, administrative, regulatory, licensing, or disciplinary board, agency, or body action or proceeding, and shall not be used or admitted in relation to any sanction, penalty, or other liability, or evidence of an admission of liability or for any other purpose. THIS BILL WAS SENT TO THE GOVERNOR'S DESK ON 5/19.

SB 1484 – Income Taxes: Credits: Qualified First-Year Wages: Homeless Youth: Foster or Former Foster Youth

This bill would allow private-sector employers to obtain a tax credit for hiring foster youth or former foster youth. The bill takes a preventative approach that invests in youth before they become chronically homeless, giving them a better chance to improve their life. It also helps provide businesses and the state with a well-trained workforce and provides a tax credit for employers. The credit would be applied against a business's taxable liability in the amount of 40% of a qualified worker's wages for the first year of employment up to \$2,400. California youth make up a significant portion of the state's total homeless population. One way to end the homelessness cycle is by having a stable job.

The pathway to employment for foster youth is a step in the right direction.

UPDATE – AB 243 – Personal Income tax: Deduction: Medical Expenses

This bill died. Just when you thought our legislature was going to pass a bill that would benefit workers, especially given the massive tax surplus on hand, they didn't. The bill would have allowed an individual to deduct from state tax filings medical/dental expenses exceeding 4% of their adjusted gross income. Currently, only amounts exceeding 7.5% of adjusted gross income are deductible. (This had the potential to reduce the amount of revenue received by the State, reducing their income. Can't have that, right?)

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Find/contact your local Legislators, click [HERE](#) to inquire, or let them know your opinion about bills or issues. To contact your U.S. Representatives, call the Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

Listen to hearings on bills that interest you

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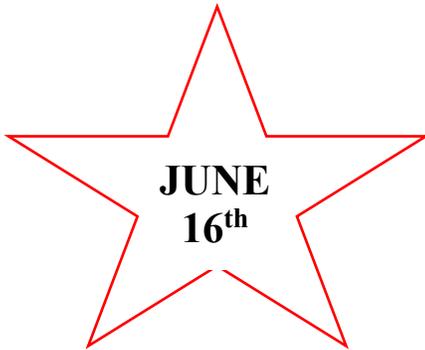
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To contact your U.S. Representatives, call the Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

“2000 MULES”

On June 16, 2022, at our General Meeting we will be showing 2000 Mules! D’Souza Media LLC presents this film produced by Dinesh D’Souza. The film features Catherine Engelbrecht, Gregg Phillips, Dennis Prager, Charlie Kirk, Dr. Sebastian Gorka, Eric Metaxas & Larry Elder. The film was written & directed by Dinesh & Debbie D’Souza w/Bruce Schooley. Executive Producers were True The Vote and Salem Media Group, Inc.

2000 Mules is a documentary film that exposes widespread, coordinated voter fraud in the 2020 election, sufficient to change the overall outcome.



Save The Date!
July 16-17, 2022
CFRW Board of Directors Meeting

In-person meeting at the historic Harris Ranch...
All members are invited and encouraged to attend!
Watch your email for more details & speaker information.

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS!

Founded in 1952, **West Valley Republican Women Federated** will be celebrating our 70th Anniversary on July 21st!

SPECIAL GUEST

Lt. Scott Bennett, Ph.D.,

U.S. Army Special Operations Officer and Psychological Warfare analyst!

See a brief bio on next page.

A beautiful event is being planned to include dinner, music, prizes, and more!



JOIN US!



Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Ave., San Jose

Check-in: 4:30 - No-Host Cocktails - Dinner served: 5:30

All entrée options include House Salad, Bread & Butter, Water, Coffee or Soft Drink:

- ***Thick Cut Filet Mignon w/Mashed Potato and Seasonal Vegetables***
- ***Stuffed Chicken Breast w/wild & white rice and mushroom filling, topped with Demi-glaze & served with Seasonal Vegetables***
- ***Grilled Salmon topped with Lemon-Dill sauce served w/Rice & Seasonal Vegetables***
~ ***Special Dessert provided by West Valley RWF*** ~

Name: _____ Guest Name: _____

Entrée choice: _____ Guest Entrée choice: _____

(Please note "Beef", "Chicken" or "Fish" as entrée choice.)

Please enclose this form with a check for \$60 per person, **payable to West Valley RWF**,

And mail to: Grace Russo - 2393 Karen Dr #3 - Santa Clara, CA 95050

All Primary Members, Associate Members, Guests & Prospective Members are welcome!

Please RSVP before July 17, 2022. No reservations can be accepted after July 17th.



Special Guest Speaker at our 70th Anniversary Event!

**JULY
21st**



**RSVP
TODAY**

Lt. Scott Bennett, Ph.D.

UKRAINE v RUSSIA – WHO’S WEARING THE WHITE HAT?

The news has been full of stories about pipelines sending natural gas from Russia to Europe. Who pays for their own defense and who doesn’t, who’s in and who’s out of NATO. And buzzing in the background is Klaus Schwab and his merry band of globalists trying to amass more countries under Davos control. What is really happening in Ukraine?

Is Putin really just an imperialist thug who wants to reconstruct the former USSR? Is Zelensky truly an innocent national savior whose country was attacked without provocation by the Big Bear?

With a compromised and incompetent President, a.k.a. the Big Guy, whose son made \$50K/month on the board of Ukrainian natural gas company Burisma and dutifully secured 10% of their profits for said Big Guy, as he withheld \$1B in loans to Ukraine until they fired the prosecutor investigating Burisma corruption, can we hope that he’ll steer us through this mess without starting WWII? And wouldn’t it be interesting to hear from someone who truly knows what corruption looks like from the inside?

In 2011, Lt. Scott Bennett, Ph.D., U.S. Army Special Operations Officer and Psychological Warfare analyst, was unlawfully imprisoned on trumped up charges by the Obama Administration for filing intelligence reports exposing terrorist finance corruption involving the Clinton Foundation, the Muslim Brotherhood, US Central Command, and Booz Allen Hamilton.

He was imprisoned, and fought his way out. But not before continuing his research and filing additional reports to Congress, from inside jail. Using intelligence materials provided to him by Wikileaks, Edward Snowden (fellow Booz Allen Hamilton colleague), and Swiss Bank Whistleblower Brad Birkenfeld, Lt. Bennett reported one of the greatest examples of betrayal and government corruption against the military in the history of Western Civilization. Let’s see what he has to say about today’s events in the regime.

RSVP TODAY USING FORM ON BOTTOM OF PAGE 6!

Act today! Reservations cannot be accepted after June 17th!

WEST VALLEY RWF

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



JUNE 19, 2022

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- June 7 **CA PRIMARY ELECTION – VOTE!** If you need a ride to drop your ballot, call a sister-member to help you out or send an email to westvalleyrwf@gmail.com!
- June 8 Board Meeting at home of Kay Young, 10:00am
- June 14 **Flag Day!**
- June 16 West Valley RWF general meeting: **2000 Mules movie watch party!** 11:30-1:30
- June 19 **Father’s Day**
- July 16-17 **CFRW Board of Directors Meeting – All Members Invited!** Harris Ranch, Coalinga
- July 21 **70th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER w/Special Guest LT. SCOTT BENNETT, PhD – “Ukraine v Russia – Who’s Wearing The White Hat”, 5:00 - 8:00pm at The Three Flames, San Jose**
- August 18 West Valley RWF **lunch meeting** w/Speaker TBD
- September 15 West Valley RWF **lunch meeting w/DR. GLORIA HOM** on “Ballot Measures - What You Need to Know!” 11:30-1:30

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