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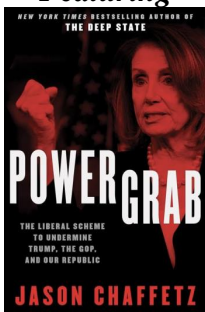
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## NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024

### Featuring



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### \*\*\* BLUE PHEASANT \*\*\*

22100 Stevens Creek Blvd.  
Cupertino CA

11:30am - Check In

12:00pm - Call to Order

### \*\*\* Cost of Program: \$32 \*\*\*

Includes a delicious lunch, coffee or iced tea  
(tax & gratuity also included)

## MENU OPTIONS:

### CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD

Traditional Caesar salad, topped w/grilled chicken

### CHEESEBURGER

Angus ground beef burger on bun w/lettuce, tomato & pickle, served w/Fries

### BROILED SALMON

Fresh king almon filet served with dill sauce

**Must RSVP by Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>!**

**Lunches must be pre-ordered.**

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**No one can do everything, but everyone can do something!**

Please contact President Robin McCarthy if you would like more information on serving on any of our committees!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**ROBIN McCARTHY**  
*West Valley RWF President*



### *The Emancipation Proclamation*

Greetings Fellow Feminine Patriots!

Here we are approaching June and just five short months away from one of the most, if not THE most, important election of our lifetime. As I consider the upcoming election and what I believe the outcome will be, my thoughts drift to “what happens *after* this election?” Is it possible that we will see another civil war in this great country? I certainly hope not, and I pray for peace in our nation.

A milestone this month brings is Juneteenth, the commemoration of General Order No. 3, issued by Major General Gordon Granger upon his arrival in Galveston, TX, on June 19, 1865. This order and the arrival of Federal troops in Galveston effectively ended the Civil War and emancipated those confined to a life of slavery.

As I started down yet another rabbit hole of history (I know I know, you are probably thinking “why on earth didn’t this girl pay more attention in history class?” - I ask myself that same question over and over), I can’t help but be amazed at the number of wars the United States has been involved in. But before the American Civil War began, there were pre-Civil war conflicts. Decades of political controversy over slavery came to a head in 1860 with the election of President Abraham Lincoln.

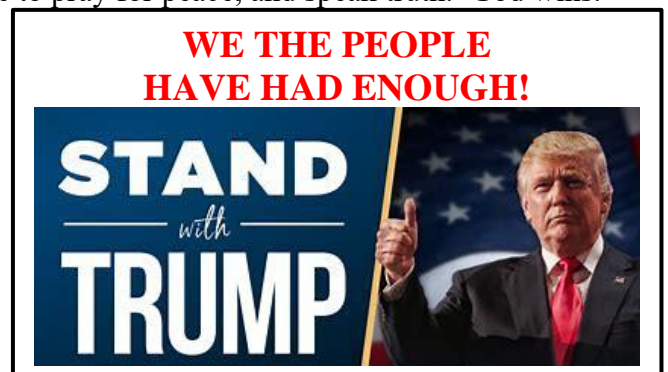
Lincoln issued The Emancipation Proclamation, and it is possibly one of the top ten most important documents in the history of the United States. (“10 Facts: The Emancipation Proclamation - American Battlefield Trust”) Interestingly, he issued the Emancipation Proclamation twice, first on September 22, 1862, and then the final document on January 1st, 1863. The first document stipulated that if the Southern states did not cease their rebellion by January 1st, then Proclamation would go into effect. The Confederacy did not yield, resulting in the final document. The Emancipation Proclamation changed the focus of the war from preserving the Union to freedom for slaves.

By today’s standards, the American Civil War was rather short in duration, lasting from 1861 to 1865. But the surprise is the amount of territory it covered including Southern United States, Indian Territory, Northeastern United States, Western United States, and the Atlantic Ocean. And sadly, the number of lives lost was an astounding 620,000. By comparison, 405,229 American Soldiers lost their lives in World War II. Today, the American Civil War still holds the unfortunate record of most lives lost (I have not included the Vietnam War here because I could not find agreement on the total number of lives lost).

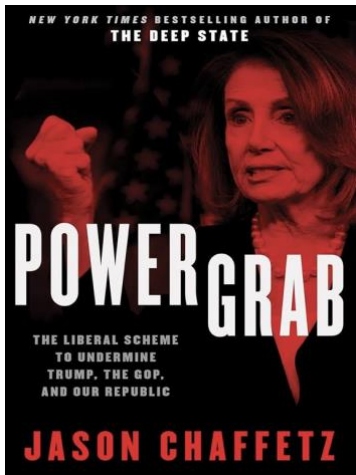
These are sobering thoughts for sure. While our circumstances are different today in that we do not fight to abolish slavery, we can see that we are fighting for our freedom. Freedoms we took for granted just 10 years ago now seem to be up for debate. We do not want another Civil War in our great Country. I don’t know about you, but I am tired of wars. I’m tired. So, we shall continue to pray for peace, and speak truth. God wins.

-Robin

For more information refer to:  
Battlefields.org; 10 Facts: The Emancipation Proclamation  
Battlefields.org; Juneteenth  
Battlefields.org; Civil War Casualties  
En.wikipedia.org; List of wars involving the United States



## OUR JUNE MEETING!



Don't forget! At our June 20th meeting, we'll be reviewing the book "Power Grab" by Jason Chaffetz, who served as Chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform in 2017. He has some amazing insights into the inner workings of Washington, D.C. that will really open your eyes!

For a preview, you can read the first chapter, "Monetizing Anger", by clicking [Read Sample](#) on Amazon's web page. All are welcome!

Who should attend this meeting?

- **Those who have read** the book and can contribute to the lively discussion we're sure to have and share their take-aways!
- **Those who have not read** the book! Listen and learn about the corruption that Congressman Chaffetz witnessed first-hand. Hear what surprised those who read the book and what suspicions they had confirmed. Learn about the hypocrisy, political intrigue, and procedural malfeasance that is Washington D.C.
- **Supporters** of West Valley Republican Women Federated! We benefit from the energy and camaraderie you bring to the meetings!



## A HISTORIC DEBACLE

*Congressman Kevin Kiley*

Earlier this year Newsom "postponed" the State of the State address. We're nearing June and it hasn't been rescheduled.

The most publicity-seeking Governor in the country is turning down a major platform – not to mention ignoring a constitutional requirement – because he can't defend his disastrous record. That's the true State of our State. But we are making headway against two Newsom disasters...

First, Congress is opening [an investigation](#) into California's "high speed" rail project. The Transportation Committee, which I've just joined, is demanding documents on Biden's decision to award Newsom "substantial federal taxpayer dollars on this highly questionable endeavor."

The project has been a debacle of historic proportions, tripling to \$128 billion with almost nothing built after 15 years. A New York Times exposé found it isn't on track to be completed this *century*. A key contractor left for North Africa where it is "less politically dysfunctional."

Second, we should soon get word that the End Prop. 47 initiative has qualified for the ballot. Yet there is a last-ditch attempt by Newsom to head it off; after years of catering to criminals, the State Senate just approved a so-called "Working Together for a Safer California" bill package.

This is a gambit: none of the bills fixes Prop. 47. Indeed, because Prop. 47 was a voter initiative – falsely labeled the "Safe Neighborhood and Schools Act" – it can only be undone by initiative. Fortunately, we will have that opportunity in November.

Next week is a huge one in DC. Anthony Fauci will appear before Congress, just as the House has uncovered [new evidence](#) of a cover-up by Fauci and his associates regarding the origins of COVID.

And at a Judiciary hearing, I'll have the chance to question a man who's done enormous damage to our country: Attorney General Merrick Garland. I'll only get five minutes, but I plan to make the most of them.

**\*Sign up at <https://blog.electkevinkiley.com> and I'll let you know what's happening.**



## MINIMUM WAGE FOLLY

*Interfering with market prices always creates nasty unintended consequences*  
by John Stossel



California now leads the nation in imposing dumb wage laws.

The state just raised the hourly minimum wage for fast food workers to \$20.

Gov. Gavin Newsom said, "We saw the inequities. ... we had a responsibility to do more."

Unions pushed for the higher minimum, and in Democrat-run states, unions usually get what they want.

CNN announced, "Half a million California fast food workers will now earn \$20 per hour!"

Gullible leftists at the Center for American Progress claim, "A higher minimum wage would boost millions of families out of poverty and further stimulate the economy." Yippee! It's a happy cycle! Win-win.

But wait, if it's win-win, why just make the minimum \$20? Why not \$30? Or \$100?

Because government requiring higher wages is not a win-win.

Interfering with market prices always creates nasty unintended consequences.

Frederic Bastiat, in his work "That Which Is Seen, and That Which Is Not Seen," points out that there are always seen and unseen consequences when government force impacts economic decisions. "Almost always," he wrote, "the immediate consequence is favorable, the ultimate consequences are fatal."

In this case, the immediate consequence is that existing workers get a raise. Great. That's the seen. That's what the media, unions and Center for American Progress see. But the unseen effect is bigger, and worse:

No. 1: Thousands of Californians have already lost jobs because some restaurants closed. Others lost income because their employer cut worker hours. The chain El Pollo Loco cut employees' hours by 10%.

Pizza Hut announced that they will lay off more than a thousand delivery drivers. One, Michael Ojeda, understandably asked, "What's the point of a raise if you don't have a job?"

No. 2: Workers who still have jobs will lose them because now their employers have more incentive to automate. Chipotle just created a robot that makes burrito bowls. Even CNN acknowledged, "Some restaurants are replacing (fast food workers) with kiosks."

No. 3: Prices go up.

The day Newsom signed the bill, he was asked, "Can Californians expect the prices of their McDonald's and Starbucks to go up?"

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Newsom deceitfully replied, “I’ve heard that rhetoric before. And it didn’t happen!”

Nonsense. It did happen. It always happens when government forces wage increases. In this case, Starbucks prices have increased as much as 15%. Customers will pay about \$200/year more for their coffee. A chicken burrito at Chipotle will cost up to 8% more.

No. 4: Perhaps the worst unseen harm from minimum wage laws is that young and unskilled people won’t even be hired. They won’t gain valuable experience from a first job at a fast food restaurant.

In 2014, when Seattle politicians raised the minimum wage to \$15 — I asked some teenagers what a higher minimum wage could do for them.

“Minimum wage actually hurts my chances of getting employed,” said one, Rigel Noble-Koza. “If I cost more, why would a company take a risk on hiring me? They’ll hire the worker with more experience instead.”

Another, Dillon Hodes, talked about his friend who had fast work but got her hours cut because “she was young and inexperienced.”

Of course, these students were unusual. They were finalists in a Stossel in the Classroom contest. They are not economically ignorant. They knew to look for the unseen.

If only politicians were that smart.

Government price fixing like minimum wage laws hurt the young and the poor, the very people these laws are supposed to help.

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*to join us August 15, 2024  
for a special presentation by*

**BRAD DACUS**



*President & Founder,  
Pacific Justice Institute*

### **ABOUT THE SPEAKER**

In 1997, six years after earning his JD from the University of Texas at Austin, Brad Dacus founded the Pacific Justice Institute (PJI). This non-profit 501(c)(3) legal organization has a network of over 1,000 volunteer affiliate attorneys defending parental rights, religious freedom and other civil liberties, all without charge.

Brad Dacus has testified before the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C., and before the California State Legislature. Today, he visits and speaks at many conferences, conventions, graduations and churches across the United States.

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### **TO RSVP**

To sign up for this special event, check for details in our August 2024 newsletter. We encourage you to invite your family and friends to hear this popular speaker!

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**PLAN AHEAD - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

*All lunch meetings: Check-in 11:30am and Adjourn 1:30pm*

- June 5 West Valley RWF BOD Meeting, 10:00am, Holder’s Cupertino
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- June 6-7 CFRW Summer BOD & Tour of the Capitol in Sacramento, lunch on Thursday w/multiple legislators; Congressman **Tom McClintock** and keynote speaker, **Jason Chaffetz** on Friday!
- June 16 Father’s Day
- June 20 West Valley RWF General Meeting w/review of **“Power Grab”** by Jason Chaffetz!
- July 3 West Valley RWF BOD Meeting, 10:00am, Holder’s Cupertino
- July 18 West Valley RWF General Meeting w/presentation of the **movie** “What Is A Woman”, **or** Special Guest Speaker...TBD
- August 7 West Valley RWF BOD Meeting, 10:00am, Holder’s Cupertino
- August 15 West Valley RWF Special Meeting w/**Brad Dacus**, Founder, Pacific Justice Institute
- September 4 West Valley RWF BOD Meeting, 10:00am, Holder’s Cupertino
- September 19 West Valley RWF General Meeting w/**Gloria Hom** and **Lauren Spivak**

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