

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



ROBIN McCARTHY
West Valley RWF President

The Triumphant Tusker

Greetings Fellow Feminine Patriots!

Indeed, April showers do bring May flowers, and isn't it lovely? The seeds sown in the late winter bring so much joy in the spring, everything is fresh and new and alive with bursts of color.

But what seeds are we sowing in this current political season? Are we sowing seeds of encouragement and hope, or seeds of defeat and despair?

It's easy to fall into a habit of complaining - while we see the ramifications of the current destruction both in this state and in our nation. It appears there is doom and gloom everywhere.

But isn't it also a season for change? The good thing about the apparent destruction is the awakening of the people all around us. You can feel the change coming, people want their country back! No longer are people willing to settle in the belief that change is not possible. Change IS possible, and it is happening.

As fellow republicans anxious for this change, let's prepare for the harvest of awakening. Be the beacon of light in the political darkness.

How do we do this?

- Speak up - now more than ever, it is time to speak the truth about what is really going on.
- Kindness - be on the lookout to show kindness to everyone you have contact with. Remember, we are all feeling the pressure, it's nice to see a smile.
- Open doors of opportunity - invite your friends and neighbors to join you for a CFRW meeting!
- Lighten the load - Share your burdens with each other - and then share your feelings of hope and encouragement.

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Just as Trump is Triumphant in victory after victory, we too shall be Triumphant in November. We're taking this country back.

-Robin

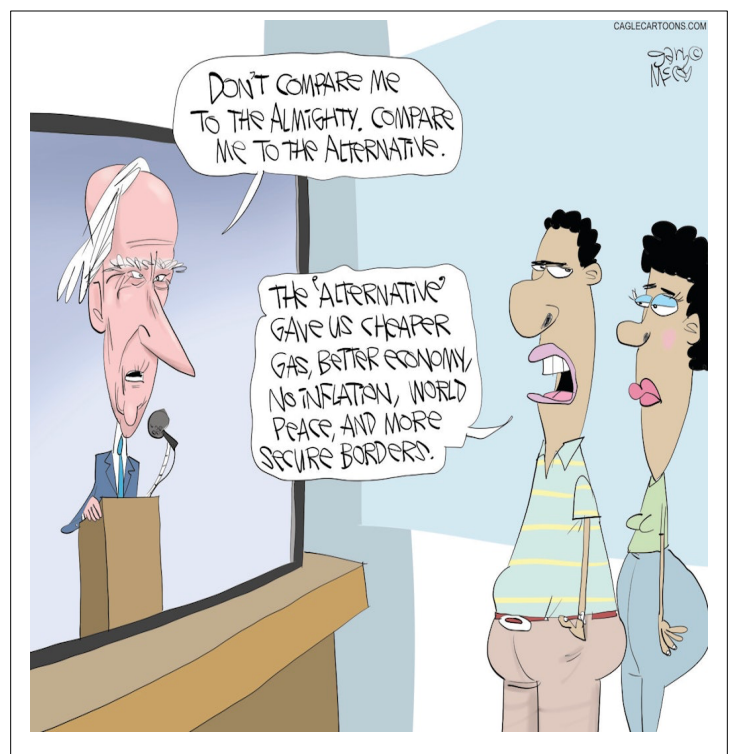
MEET OUR SPEAKER!

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DAY AT THE CAPITOL!

Join with Federated Republican Women from all over the State when we meet in Sacramento for our Summer Board of Directors meeting and Tour of the Capitol! **All members are welcome!** Did you know that our Club sponsors a portion of the Registration Fee to be reimbursed for the first 3 Primary members in good standing (dues are paid) who register? Please review the Call to Conference, Tentative Agenda and Hotel information here: https://mcusercontent.com/5747bc70d125d1ceb4bbc7094/files/5b52e1a6-9b71-c5a6-51d7-f76e07395b6f/2024_Summer_Call_to_BOD_amp_Day_at_the_Capitol.pdf. Follow the links to reserve your Hotel room and to register for the Conference **BEFORE Early Bird expires on May 1st!** Rooms are rapidly filling up, so reserve while you can still get our CFRW rate.

CFRW SUMMER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AND DAY AT THE CAPITOL SACRAMENTO JUNE 6-7, 2024

**Featuring Friday Night Keynote Speaker
JASON CHAFFETZ**



Contributor on Fox News channel and author of 3 New York Times best-sellers, Chaffetz was elected to Congress in 2008 and served until 2017.

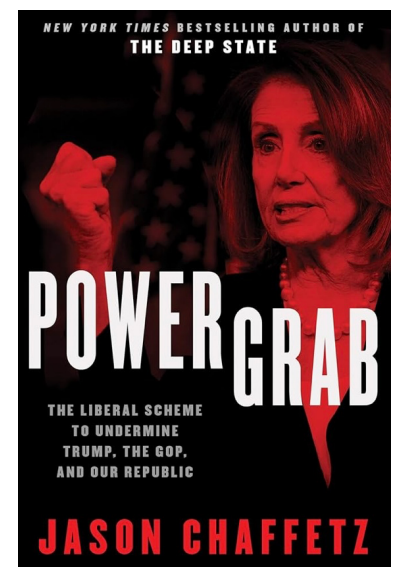
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DON'T MISS OUR JUNE 20th GENERAL MEETING – BOOK REVIEW & DISCUSSION

Get ready for our book review in June, where we'll be discussing former Congressman and FOX News contributor Jason Chaffetz's book "Power Grab". Jason is a Republican who lived in Los Gatos when he was a young boy and represented the 3rd Congressional District of Utah from 2008 until 2017. This book promises to be an eye-opener and will give us a lot to talk about!

In the years he served on and eventually chaired the United States House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Jason Chaffetz gained crucial insight into the inner workings of D.C. Things were bad then, but during the Trump administration, liberals have reached a new level of hysteria and misconduct.

In "Power Grab", Chaffetz pulls back the curtain on the world of hypocrisy, political intrigue, and procedural malfeasance that is Washington D.C. The book is available on Amazon.com in four formats – hardcover, kindle, audio book and audio CD. Get your copy soon by using this convenient link - <https://www.amazon.com/Power-Grab> - and join us in a fun and informative discussion over lunch on June 20th!



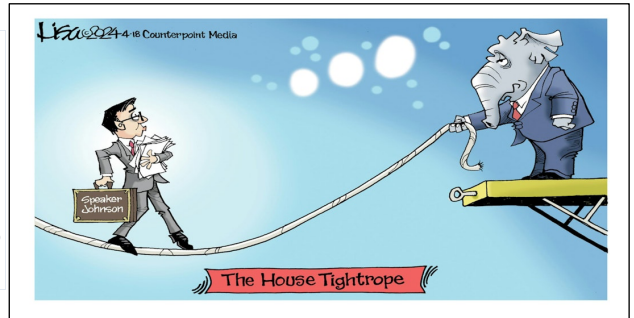
Johnson and the GOP's Herd of Cats

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The House speaker walked the tightrope and passed foreign aid bills. How high will the price be?

The House passed a \$95 billion aid package for Ukraine, Israel, and Taiwan over the weekend, and that has Speaker Mike Johnson in the hot seat. Who's up for another round of Oust the Speaker?

Before getting to the merits of the legislation, I'll make two overarching observations.



First, Republicans generally behave like a herd of cats. Bless Mike Johnson's heart, but he has to get 218 Republicans to work together on the same priorities in one chamber of Congress in which 218 votes mark a bare majority. Democrats control the Senate and the White House, making GOP unity a precious commodity. It's all the more frustrating that many House members seem hell-bent on ensuring GOP unity never happens.

By contrast, history has rarely seen goose-stepping unity like that displayed by congressional Democrats. Even when the 213 Democrat House members vote differently on legislation, they don't devolve into nasty infighting the way Republicans do.

Second, Congress long ago abandoned the practice of voting for laws on a case-by-case basis, instead bundling everything together into omnibus monstrosities just to coax reluctant members to sign on. Johnson finally changed that this time, albeit by voting on four separate measures in quick succession.

"The Ukrainian aid supplemental passed in a 311-112 vote, with the support of 101 Republicans and 210 Democrats," [reports](#) National Review. "Meanwhile, the Israel aid supplemental passed 366-58, with support from 193 Republicans and 173 Democrats. The Republican national-security bill passed 360-58. The Indo-Pacific bill passed 385-34, with Representative Rashida Tlaib (D., Mich.) voting present." The fourth bill includes a year deadline for Chinese ByteDance to sell TikTok or face a ban, and the whole bill is important given the [growing ChiCom threat](#).

The biggest frustration among Republicans is that Johnson did not stick to his promise to prioritize border funding. That's true, but it's more complicated than that. Again, Democrats control the Senate and the White House, and they want an open border and [intentional invasion](#). Republicans rightly rejected the Democrats' [bad border bargain](#) earlier this year. It's not Johnson's fault that Democrats won't help secure the border, and back-bench Republicans haven't helped much by stoking GOP disunity.

The other big objection from the Right is sending billions more to [Ukraine](#) while America is clearly a wreck and when we [can't aid Ukraine enough](#) to secure its victory in any case. Some argue that Asia should be more of a priority, but some Republicans simply don't agree that it's in U.S. national security interests to back Ukraine against Russia at all, especially when doing so is depleting American weaponry and resources. The Ukraine bill does include about \$23 billion for replenishing U.S. weapons stocks, and, at least in theory, it makes the rest of the aid to Ukraine a loan — albeit one that gets wiped out after a few more months pass.

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Notably, Andy Biggs (Arizona), Lauren Boebert (Colorado), Andrew Clyde (Georgia), Elijah Crane (Arizona), Matt Gaetz (Florida), Bob Good (Virginia), Paul Gosar (Arizona), Marjorie Taylor Greene (Georgia), Andy Harris (Maryland), Thomas Massie (Kentucky), Troy Nehls (Texas), Ralph Norman (South Carolina), Matt Rosendale (Montana), and Chip Roy (Texas) voted against all four bills. Only Republicans opposed Ukraine aid, whereas a few Democrats obnoxiously waved Ukrainian flags on the House floor.

The foreign policy hawkishness of the George W. Bush years is a distant and bad memory for some Republicans, though not for Johnson, who echoed Ronald Reagan by saying, “We have to stand for freedom, and we have to be the beacon of light.”

Instead of looking at Johnson and seeing Reagan, Greene sees Nancy Pelosi. She’s spent most of recent weeks threatening another motion to vacate against the speaker, though it seems the person who’d benefit most from that spectacle would be Pelosi’s successor, Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries. It would be amusing to see Greene walk a mile in Johnson’s shoes. She wouldn’t, of course. For one thing, no one views her as a leader, and she’d far prefer to keep playing the role of the GOP’s AOC.

For what it’s worth, Donald Trump threw his support behind Johnson and the Ukraine package, which Senator Lindsey Graham [credited for its passage](#).

As for [Israel](#), that’s the one area where Democrats are having problems. The anti-Semitic and pro-Hamas caucus on the radical Left is seemingly growing, and that could crack the Democrats’ facade of unity.

What Johnson gets right is the strategic view. “I believe Xi [Jinping] and Vladimir Putin and Iran really are an axis of evil,” he said last week. “I think they’re in coordination on this.” That’s what ties the four bills together in terms of their importance. Hagglng over the price, timing, or priority is one thing. Asserting that America has no interest in Ukraine, Israel, or Taiwan is willful blindness.

Domestically, Republicans aren’t going to win majorities in Congress this November if they don’t train their sights on Democrats instead of each other.

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GET THE SCOOP!

The CFRW’s Get the Scoop Challenge is designed to get our members to host at least one neighborhood event prior to the November 5th election. We are asking our West Valley RWF club members to invite your neighbors, family and friends. The group size is not as important as getting the word out to vote for Republican candidates. You can really have fun!



Invite a Republican candidate – whether for City Council race, School Board race, Judges race, Assembly & Senate races, Congressional races – to your home to meet your neighbors for a casual conversation about the issues. Your neighbors, despite their party affiliation, may appreciate meeting the candidate in person and who knows...may be persuaded to vote Republican!

Your theme can be Coffee & Cookies, Wine & Cheese, Ice Cream Social, Aperitifs & Appetizers – whatever your heart desires.

Each month, we will report the date of your event and number of attendees. Following the November election, clubs with the highest number of events will be recognized by CFRW.

These events are to be done individually by members, not in the name of the Club nor in the name of CFRW and their logos cannot be used on any invitations or flyers. The purpose of the challenge is to get everyone together, despite political affiliation, and get Republican candidates elected!

Need an invitation list of Republican and NPP voters in your precinct? Contact Bunny Hacker.

MAY IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH!

Help West Valley RWF break the record for growth in May! All renewals and new memberships that are reported May 1 thru May 31st will count as long as our Membership Chair Kristina Jansons can get them reported by May 31st. We are asking our members to volunteer to sign, address, stamp and mail introductory letters to prospective new members throughout May. **Please contact Bunny Hacker if you are willing to help with this simple task! Bunny328@reagan.com – 408-483-2311.**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS
PLAN AHEAD - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

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

- May 5 Cinco de Mayo
- May 8 West Valley RWF BOD Meeting, 10:00am, Holder's Cupertino
- May 12 Mother's Day
- May 16 West Valley RWF General Meeting w/**Douglas Barnes & Libby Casperson**, Estate & Elder Law
- June 5 West Valley RWF BOD Meeting, 10:00am, Holder's Cupertino
- June 6-7 SAVE THE DATE – CFRW in SACRAMENTO –
Visit <https://cafrw.org/events/cfrw-2024-winter-conference-115/>
- 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**"
- August 7 West Valley RWF BOD Meeting, 10:00am, Holder's Cupertino
- August 15 West Valley RWF General Meeting w/**Brad Dacus**, Founder, Pacific Justice Institute

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