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OUR NEXT MEETING:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

11:30 a.m.

at

Holder's Country Inn
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San Jose, CA 95129

Featuring

JULIE DEMARIA
"OPERATION CARE AND COMFORT"

Cost: \$24.00 (includes lunch)

Checks must be payable to "West Valley RWF"

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Cobb Salad

*Chicken breast, mixed greens, bacon bits, avocado, tomato, cucumber,
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or

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Checks must be received by Monday, Sept. 18th!

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JULIE DeMARIA
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Julie DeMaria is President and Co-Founder of the military support organization, Operation: Care and Comfort. The OCC came to life in April of 2003 when three co-founders decided to combine their efforts to support the military troops in the Bay Area that were stationed in combat zones overseas. In those early stages, they became a part of the Silicon Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross and grew from there, thanks to the hard work and dedication of its volunteers. We look forward to hearing from Julie and want to support her efforts to help us support our Troops and their families!

Please see the bottom of **page 7** of this newsletter for a list of most-needed items that **you can donate** – and **BRING SOME TO OUR MEETING on September 21st!** Our Troops can NEVER have too much – let's help them at least have the basics!

Reserve early – and bring a friend!



**OPERATION:
CARE AND
COMFORT**

We need a **volunteer to bring a couple of boxes** for collecting items from our members at our September 21st meeting, please **call our Club President, Kathie Topham** at 408-257-6261 to let her know. We need you!



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Welcome back to all of you. It will be wonderful to see everyone again at our September 21st meeting.

I have been wondering what to put in this month's message. The summer has been filled with many things happening on our nation's stage and around the world. Sometimes it feels like everything is moving too quickly, and other times not quickly enough. However, I think September is a good time to take some lessons from the past.

On September 17th, it will be 230 years since the signing of our Constitution by those remarkable men who, through debate and disagreements, brought forth our Constitution. These men held differing views and had strong personalities. But for the good of the country they came together and gave us and the world a most remarkable document – a document that has endured and blessed us as a nation and as a people. I like to remember those enduring blessings when I feel frustrated when everyone in Congress doesn't vote the way I want them to vote.

As I have read about those remarkable and – dare I use the term - diverse men who came together to bring about our Constitution, I have pondered over how they overcame their differences. And I believe they were able to overcome such differing views because they held common principles. These were principles they had learned through years of living under British tyranny, years of war, and years of participating in assemblies throughout the colonies. As I look at the issues and problems surrounding us as a nation and around the world, I realize that sound principles must govern all we do.

As we meet together, I hope that our meetings continue to inform and present sound principles to all of us. And then, that we will take that knowledge and those principles and use them to strengthen our nation whether it be in our homes, our schools, our communities, our state and/or our country!

Please bring a friend to our meeting on September 21st, and join us as we gather together again to learn, and to support good policies, principled government, and principled & patriotic citizenship and leadership!

- Kathie Topham

“Any time women come together with a collective intention, it's a powerful thing ... magic happens.”

-Phylcia Rashad

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Important Announcement



Please boycott and do NOT use the \$1, \$20, \$50 & \$100 bills, as they depict slave owners on them. Please send them to me and I will see to it that they are disposed of properly. Thank you very much!



-submitted by member Julie Eckroat
Thanks for the laugh, Julie!

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CLUB OBJECTIVES

- *To promote an informed public through political education and activity.*
- *To increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government.*
- *To promote a wider knowledge of the principles and policies of the Republican Party.*
- *To encourage active citizenship.*
- *To cooperate with the Republican State and County Central Committees for the election of Republican nominees.*
- *To facilitate cooperation among Republican Women's Clubs.*
- *To foster loyalty to the Republican Party and to promote it's principles and candidates in all elections including nonpartisan elections.*

He Fights

Evan Sayet, 7-13-17, www.townhall.com

My Leftist friends (as well as many ardent #NeverTrumpers) constantly ask me if I'm not bothered by Donald Trump's lack of decorum. They ask if I don't think his tweets are "beneath the dignity of the office." Here's my answer:

We Right-thinking people have tried dignity. There could not have been a man of more quiet dignity than George W. Bush as he suffered the outrageous lies and politically motivated hatreds that undermined his presidency. We tried statesmanship. Could there be another human being on this earth who so desperately prized "collegiality" as John McCain? We tried propriety – has there been a nicer human being ever than Mitt Romney? And the results were always the same.

This is because, while we were playing by the rules of dignity, collegiality and propriety, the Left has been, for the past 60 years, engaged in a knife fight where the only rules are those of Saul Alinsky and the Chicago mob. I don't find anything "dignified," "collegial" or "proper" about Barack Obama's lying about what went down on the streets of Ferguson in order to ramp up racial hatreds because racial hatreds serve the Democratic Party. I don't see anything "dignified" in lying about the deaths of four Americans in Benghazi and imprisoning an innocent filmmaker to cover your tracks. I don't see anything "statesman-like" in weaponizing the IRS to be used to destroy your political opponents and any dissent. Yes, Obama was "articulate" and "polished" but in no way was he in the least bit "dignified," "collegial" or "proper."

The Left has been engaged in a war against America since the rise of the Children of the '60s. To them, it has been an all-out war where nothing is held sacred and nothing is seen as beyond the pale. It has been a war they've fought with violence, the threat of violence, demagoguery and lies from day one – the violent take-over of the universities – still today.

The problem is that, through these years, the Left has been the only side fighting this war. While the Left has been taking a knife to anyone who stands in their way, the Right has continued to act with dignity, collegiality and propriety.

With Donald Trump, this all has come to an end. Donald Trump is America's first wartime president in the Culture War.

During wartime, things like "dignity" and "collegiality" simply aren't the most essential qualities one looks for in their warriors. Ulysses Grant was a drunk whose behavior in peacetime might well have seen him drummed out of the Army for conduct unbecoming. Had Abraham Lincoln applied the peacetime rules of propriety and booted Grant, the Democrats might well still be holding their slaves today. Lincoln rightly recognized that, "I cannot spare this man. He fights."

General George Patton was a vulgar-talking, son-of-a-bitch. In peacetime, this might have seen him stripped of rank. But, had Franklin Roosevelt applied the normal rules of decorum, then Hitler and the Socialists would barely be five decades into their thousand-year Reich.

Trump is fighting. And what's particularly delicious is that, like Patton standing over the battlefield as his tanks obliterated Rommel's, he's shouting, "You magnificent bastards, I read your book!" That is just the icing on the cake, but it's wonderful to see that not only is Trump fighting, he's defeating the Left using their own tactics.

That book is Saul Alinsky's *Rules for Radicals* – a book so essential to the Liberals' war against America that it is and was the playbook for the entire Obama administration and the subject of Hillary Clinton's senior thesis. It is a book of such pure evil, that, just as the rest of us would dedicate our book to those we most love or those to whom we are most indebted, Alinsky dedicated *his* book to Lucifer.

Trump's tweets may seem rash and unconsidered but, in reality, he is doing exactly what Alinsky suggested his followers do. First, instead of going after "the fake *media*" – and they are so fake that they have literally gotten every single significant story of the past 60 years not just wrong, but diametrically opposed to the truth, from the Tet

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Offensive to Benghazi, to what *really* happened on the streets of Ferguson, Missouri – Trump isolated *CNN*. He made it *personal*. Then, just as Alinsky suggests, he employs *ridicule* which Alinsky described as “the most powerful weapon of all.”

Everyone gets that it’s not just *CNN* – in fact, in a world where Al Sharpton and Rachel Maddow, Paul Krugman and Nicholas Kristof are people of influence and whose “reporting” is in no way significantly different than *CNN*’s – *CNN* is just a piker.

Most importantly, Trump’s tweets have put *CNN* in an untenable and unwinnable position. With Trump’s ability to go around them, they cannot simply stand pat. They need to respond. This leaves them with only two choices. They can either “go high” (as Hillary would disingenuously declare of herself and the fake news would disingenuously report as the truth) and begin to honestly and accurately report the news or they can double-down on their usual tactics and hope to defeat Trump with twice their usual hysteria and demagoguery.

The problem for *CNN* (et al.) with the former is that, if they were to start honestly reporting the news, that would be the end of the Democratic Party they serve. It is *nothing* but the incessant use of fake news (read: propaganda) that keeps the Left alive. Imagine, for example, if *CNN* had honestly and accurately reported then-candidate Barack Obama’s close ties to foreign terrorists (Rashid Khalidi), domestic terrorists (William Ayers), the mafia (Tony Rezko) or the true evils of his spiritual mentor, Jeremiah Wright’s, church.

Imagine if they had honestly and accurately conveyed the evils of the Obama administration’s weaponizing of the IRS to be used against their political opponents or his running of guns to the Mexican cartels or the truth about the murder of Ambassador Christopher Stevens and the Obama administration’s cover-up.

This makes “going high” a non-starter for *CNN*. This leaves them no other option but to ratchet up the fake news, conjuring up the next “nothing burger” and devoting 24 hours a day to hysterical rants about how it’s “worse than Nixon.”

This, obviously, is what *CNN* has chosen to do. The problem is that, as they become more and more hysterical, they become more and more *obvious*. Each new effort at even faker news than before and faker “outrage” only makes that much more clear to any objective observer that Trump is and always has been right about the fake news media.

And, by causing their hysteria, Trump has forced them into numerous, highly embarrassing and discrediting mistakes. Thus, in their desperation, they have lowered their standards even further and run with articles so clearly fake that, even with the liberal (lower case “l”) libel laws protecting the media, they’ve had to wholly retract and erase their stories repeatedly.

Their flailing at Trump has even seen them cross the line into criminality, with *CNN* using their vast corporate fortune to hunt down a private citizen for having made fun of them in an Internet meme. This threat to “dox” – release of personal information to encourage co-ideologists to visit violence upon him and his family - a political satirist was chilling in that it clearly wasn’t meant just for him. If it were, there would have been no reason for *CNN* to have made their “deal” with him public. Instead, *CNN* – playing by “Chicago Rules” – was sending a message to any and all: dissent will not be tolerated. This heavy-handed and hysterical response to a joke on the Internet has backfired on *CNN*, giving rise to only more righteous ridicule.

So, to my friends on the Left – and the #NeverTrumpers as well -- do I wish we lived in a time when our president could be “collegial” and “dignified” and “proper”? Of course I do. These aren’t those times. This is war. And it’s a war that the Left has been fighting without opposition for the past 50 years.

So, say anything you want about this president – I get it, he can be vulgar, he can be crude, he can be undignified at times. I don’t care. I can’t spare this man. He fights.

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Wrong Way Chad

by Tom Tanton

Much has been said already about the betrayal by **Assembly Republican leader Chad Mayes**, pushing for enough republican members to pass Jerry Brown's cap and trade extension. He's been trying to justify the vote and coercion of fellow republicans ever since, mostly with a 'it could have been worse; it's insurance; California needs to lead' theme. Mayes claims he's just doing the right thing, but fails with doing the thing right. Most of the recent debate is centered on the existential threat to the Republican brand in California. Calls are increasing for Mayes to resign his Assembly leadership slot or face removal, up to calls for him to resign his Assembly seat. In deciding which side is right, I looked to see what Mayes did and why. Was there any logic to renegeing on his campaign promises and Republican principles?

First is Mayes lie that "things would be worse", under an inevitable command and control substitute. The claim: without the "market-like" program (NOT market based) cap and trade, the state would just directly regulate, more onerously, every emission source. Dean Florez, a CARB member, put the lie to this, perhaps inadvertently, when he urged liberal Cap & Trade opponents to support the extension and then come back to CARB to get what they really want – full "Command and Control" authority. Can you say "two-fer?" Too bad Mayes didn't notice Florez, ironically, was quoted in "**The Noonner**" disclosing this deception. We also know it's a lie because it has happened before. Not long after AB32 was passed, and with it the original cap and trade program, along came the onerous low carbon fuel standard.

Second is the lie that California needs to maintain its leadership. Another lie, because California is NOT the leader when it comes to climate change. California is only the leader in intrusive government programs, most of which end up collecting revenues from taxpayers and do little for carbon emissions. You know who the leaders are? Those that rely on freer markets. According to the Federal **Energy Information Administration**, California is tied for 34th among states when it comes to reducing carbon dioxide emissions. We've reduced emissions by a paltry 6.4% from 2000-2014 while freer market states like Georgia, Tennessee, and Nevada all have triple that reduction. It is not the level of government intervention but actual performance that defines leadership, Chad, or did you forget the principles of being "Republican?"

The third lie is the idea that restricting productive activity in California will somehow help the planet. Just the opposite is true. We should be encouraging productive activity in California, not regulating and taxing it to death, driving manufacturing and agriculture to other states and countries. As I wrote in FlashReport as far back as 2011 California is better on average than the rest of the country when it comes to emissions intensity, measured as tons of emissions **divided by dollars of GDP**. TOTAL emissions for California ranked second highest (worst) nationally but fourth **LOWEST** (best) in intensity. We are more efficient in our use of carbon, but losing ground as noted above. We also compare favorably with other countries on intensity. California's emissions intensity should be a beacon to other states and countries; let's truly lead. But extending Cap and Trade, will increase global emissions, by forcing more businesses, manufacturing, and even agriculture out of state, where emissions intensities are much worse, leading to emissions "leakage." California will simply import even more goods that we used to make and grow—cement from Arizona, food from South America, high tech devices from Asia— with a net increase in global emissions. True leadership would work to encourage in state production to limit economic and emissions leakage; extending cap and trade won't do that.

Long time advocate and champion of the program Arnold Schwarzenegger joined Governor Brown at the signing ceremony for AB398 at the same location used by the former Governor in 2006 when he signed Assembly Bill 32. AB 32 started California's climate quest and provided the foundation for cap and trade. Schwarzenegger, a Republican, joined Brown to provide a 'bipartisan' display of continuity. The site was Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay, but also, appropriately, the name of a famous tale about pirates.

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The fourth lie, and one also spread by George Schultz, is that climate policy in general and cap and trade in particular is somehow an insurance policy. “*Yea, we may not be certain the climate is changing, but why not take out some insurance just in case.*” This is featured prominently in Mayes attempts to explain his action, but in so doing sullies the legacy of Ronald Reagan.

Insurance is a poor analogy for cap and trade, and even if it were would need proper pricing, a technical impossibility. Remember, insuring against risk means knowing the risk’s two components: probability and consequences. For example, suppose your house has a total value of \$500,000. Each year, there is a 1 in 1,000 probability that it will burn down. The “expected” loss from fire is \$500 per house per year. This is the proper insurance premium, not counting profit and such for the insurance company, but note the need to understand the probability (1:1000) and the consequence (\$500,000) for a total loss of the house. But the forecasts of future global temperature are constantly evolving and tenuous, the likely consequences even more so. Neither the probability of catastrophic loss nor the consequences of that loss are quantifiable: hence no insurance premium can be set. Without the ability to compare costs with avoided consequences, no amount of insurance makes any sense.

Overall, the excuses and lies and coverups used by Mayes to reconcile his position on the cap and trade extension would be laughable were it not for his convincing others in his caucus to go along, and in so doing fractured a party that needs all the cohesiveness they can muster. That cohesiveness needs to be built on honesty to colleagues and to citizen, neither of which Mayes brings. He should step down for doing the wrong thing in the wrong way.

Source: Blog post, August 19, 2017, from www.flashreport.org; link to original article via: <http://www.flashreport.org/blog/2017/08/19/wrong-way-chad/>



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ITEMS MAY ALSO BE BROUGHT TO OUR SEPTEMBER 21ST MEETING!

HATE v HATE IN THE WAR TO WHITEWASH HISTORY

By Louis DeBroux – 8/16/17

The despicable [violence in Charlottesville](#) is one predictable and inevitable outcome of the [Leftist objective](#) to eradicate opposing viewpoints. [Whitewashing history](#) (pardon the pun) and engaging in political violence are tools to that end.

As the [Dallas Morning News](#) observantly noted, “History is not easily compartmentalized. It isn’t simply right versus wrong, black versus white, or blue versus gray. But there’s an entire crowd of folks who want to do just that because they believe it is all those things, and most egregiously, they believe there is an individual right for all to go through life unoffended.”

Dr. Lee Cheek, senior fellow of the [Alexander Hamilton Institute](#), concurred, noting, “The events in Charlottesville have no connection to understanding the political traditions of the American South, and everything to do with battles among professional ideologues without any attachment or knowledge of the historical situation.”

Millions of Southerners are proud of their heritage for reasons that have nothing to do with slavery. They revere Confederate General Robert E. Lee, who stated in 1856, five years before the commencement of the War Between the States, “In this enlightened age, there are few I believe, but what will acknowledge, that slavery as an institution, is a moral & political evil in any Country. It is useless to expatiate on its disadvantages. I think it however a greater evil to the white man than to the black race, & while my feelings are strongly enlisted in behalf of the latter, my sympathies are more strong for the former.”

For the record, Lee was not a slave owner but was in charge of the estate of his wife’s father in 1857, who decreed that his plantation slaves should be freed in five years. In 1862, Lee did just that, and part of that former plantation is now Arlington National Cemetery. Similarly, but rarely mentioned, Union commander Ulysses Grant managed the 850-acre White Haven plantation of his wife’s father near St. Louis, and actually worked and had purchased slaves, whom he also later freed.

Lee is heralded as a brilliant military strategist who [served America faithfully](#) in the Mexican War and as Superintendent of West Point. However, when called upon by President Abraham Lincoln to lead Union forces against the seceding South, he declined, incapable of bearing arms against his family, friends and home state. He accepted the commission as commander of Confederate forces in order to defend his beloved state of Virginia. Following the war, Lee worked tirelessly to convince his fellow Southerners to seek peace and reconciliation.

None of this matters to the Left, though. There is no understanding of the complexities of history, no appreciation for context. Slavery has existed throughout human history, regardless of color or nationality. In fact, there are more people enslaved worldwide today than ever before, including [slavery practiced by Muslims](#) Mohammad owned slaves. One wonders if American progressives will now call for banning all things Islamic.

Indeed, how far will this go? Historical monuments of the Confederacy are being removed in Memphis, Lexington, Baltimore, New Orleans and elsewhere to appease angry leftists. These fascists even [desecrated an Atlanta monument dedicated to unity and reconciliation](#).

Violent leftists have rioted in recent years in Brooklyn, Baltimore, Chicago, Ferguson, Charlotte, Berkeley, DC, Oakland and other cities, destroying businesses, setting cars on fire, and [dragging people from their cars and beating them](#), declaring their right to do so because of past and current “injustices” — such as hearing words they don’t like.

As detestable as the KKK and white supremacists are, they have a right to speak and to peaceably assemble. Our First Amendment was written specifically to protect unpopular speech, and we show our own intolerance by silencing those with whom we disagree. The violence in Charlottesville would not likely have occurred had not the leftist agitators shown up looking to pick a fight, though the murderous Nazi thug is obviously responsible for his own actions.

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So again we ask, [how far](#) does this go? Do we eliminate all monuments to Democrat/progressive hero Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who opposed anti-lynching legislation, turned a blind eye to the Nazi eradication of Jews, and imprisoned 100,000 Japanese-Americans? What about progressive icon and racist Woodrow Wilson, who re-segregated the federal workforce?

Progressives have already declared war on Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, who owned slaves but sought to prohibit slavery in the newly formed nation. They now call for [taking down the Jefferson Memorial](#).

Even Lincoln, author of the Emancipation Proclamation, is not immune to leftist hatred. The Lincoln Memorial was [desecrated](#) Tuesday. Is that because Lincoln, a staunch opponent of slavery, was willing to save it in order to preserve the Union, or because he also [believed in the superiority of the white race](#)?

If we truly want to rid our nation of its shameful history regarding racism, let's start by [abolishing the racist Democrat Party](#). After all, it was the Democrats who waged war to preserve slavery, founded the KKK, enacted Jim Crow laws, and fought against Republican efforts to pass the Civil Rights Act.

Democrat President Andrew Jackson owned slaves and signed the Indian Removal Act of 1830.

It was Harry Truman who wrote to his wife, "I think one man is just as good as another so long as he's not a n---er or a Chinaman."

It was the Democrat Party that praised Senator and former KKK Exalted Cyclops Robert Byrd until his death a few years ago, a man who filibustered the Civil Rights Act for 14 hours. It was [Lyndon Johnson, a virulent racist](#) but a [political pragmatist](#) who told two Southern Democrat governors his signing of the Civil Rights Act would "have those n---ers voting Democrat for 200 years." And it's Johnson's "[Great Society](#)" that has yielded today's [urban poverty plantations](#), where blacks slaughter other blacks without too much notice from the Leftmedia.

What about Bill Clinton, whining of the upstart Obama, "A few years ago, this guy would have been carrying our bags"? Or the absolute devotion of Democrats to [Planned Parenthood](#), founded by eugenicist Margaret Sanger for the express purpose of exterminating blacks through abortion and sterilization? According to Tuskegee University, the KKK lynched 3,446 blacks in 86 years. Planned Parenthood is a white supremacist's dream, killing more blacks in two weeks than the KKK killed in a century. And the Democrat Party fights to ensure that \$500 million a year in taxpayer funds is funneled to Planned Parenthood to kill all of those black babies.

Surely we could at least agree to remove the Seattle monument to Vladimir Lenin? Anyone? Anyone?

As 20th century philosopher George Santayana concluded in his treatise, "The Life of Reason": "Progress, far from consisting in change, depends on retentiveness. When experience is not retained, as among savages, infancy is perpetual. Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." English writer Aldous Huxley put it more succinctly: "That men do not learn very much from the lessons of history is the most important of all the lessons of history."

How far do we go to whitewash history? Are we willing to engage in violence and oppression of opposing viewpoints? If so, then Charlottesville will only be the beginning.

Footnote: The latest Leftist to jump on the race-bait freight train is New York governor Andrew Cuomo, who has found some Lee and Jackson statues to remove in his state. Perhaps he should pick up a history book – New York is named for one of the most [notorious slave traders in history](#), the Duke of York. And on the subject of historical revision, longtime friend of The Patriot Post, distinguished George Mason University professor Walter Williams, has issued erudite warnings about the consequences of historical ignorance [[links here](#) and [here](#)], including the removal of historic markers to [Confederate generals](#) and the [rewriting American history](#).

Source: <https://patriotpost.us/articles/50806> [Click on any blue, underlined link in article find more info online.]

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Sanctuary State Update

The LA Times and Governor Brown, yes, you read that right, the LA Times and Governor Brown believes that the Sanctuary State bill (SB 54, de Leon) goes too far in protecting illegal immigrants. On Meet The Press last Sunday, Governor Brown finally spoke out about SB 54, saying, " Because you do have people who are not here legally. They've committed crimes. They have no business in the United States in the manner in which they've come and conducted themselves subsequently." This may mean that Governor Brown is positioning himself for a veto if SB 54 makes it to his desk, which it likely will. Governor Brown has alluded to not being able to sign the bill in its current form. Is there an amendment on the horizon for SB 54? The legislature returns from their summer recess on August 21st, so please keep up with the Capitol Update for the latest information. To read the LA Times article, [CLICK HERE](http://www.latimes.com/politics/la-pol-sac-skeltonjerry-brown-sanctuary-state-20170810-story.html). (links to <http://www.latimes.com/politics/la-pol-sac-skeltonjerry-brown-sanctuary-state-20170810-story.html>)

Unintended Consequences- Prop 57

When Prop 57 passed last November, the list of crimes that were considered violent felonies that are now "non-violent" thanks to it's passage was almost too much to be believed. Unfortunately it was all true- the most violent of crimes are now protected as nonviolent- crimes such as rape, elder abuse, kidnapping, and human trafficking. Governor Brown, to his credit, has seen the effects the unintended consequences of Prop 57 and has opened a "public comment period" through the California State Department of Corrections. The public needs to be heard on this and we need your help! Every attempt to fix Prop 57 at the legislative level has been blocked by Democrats. Now is our time to act. From now until September 1st, you can let the CDC know how you feel about Prop 57 through email, fax, and phone.

Here is what you should include in your comment to the CDC:

Under Prop 57, many felonies, which the general public may view as violent, have been classified as nonviolent and would allow these felons to be eligible for early parole. We believe that these crimes, among others, should be considered as violent and disqualify early parole for those convicted: Human trafficking involving a minor, rape of unconscious person and/or use of date rape drug, battery with serious bodily harm, assault with deadly weapon on peace officer, solicitation to commit murder, arson causing physical harm, exploding a bomb with intent to harm.

Here is how you contact the CDC:

Email: CDCR-Prop57-Comments@cdcr.ca.gov

Fax: (916) 324-6075, Attention: Chief, Regulation and Policy Management Branch

Mail:

CDCR

Regulation and Policy Management Branch

P.O. Box 942883

Sacramento, CA 94283-0001

They're Back!

The legislature is back from their summer recess, and they have until September 15th to pass or fail over 800 bills. Right now the upcoming deadline that bills need to hurdle is the appropriations committee and suspense file bills. They have until September 1st to pass out of the fiscal committees or else the bill fails the deadline and is effectively dead. After fiscal committees comes the floor sessions for both houses. This is when we will need our members in action, ready to call their Assembly members and Senators and ask them to vote YES or NO on the bills important to us.

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Here are the bills we are currently watching:

SB 10 (Hertzberg, D): This bill wants to do away with bail as we know it and assesses bail according to pre-trial flight risk or danger to public safety. I'm pretty sure that's basically how money bail works now, but proponents of the bill claim that money bail disproportionately affects poor people committing crimes.

SB 29 (Lara, D): Another bill making it more difficult for law enforcement, SB 29 prohibits local law enforcement from entering into private contracts with agencies to detain illegal immigrants while they are waiting for civil immigration proceedings.

SB 54 (DeLeon, D): The "Sanctuary State" bill was once on the fast track in the legislature. It has lost a lot of steam, and in its final weeks, Governor Brown publicly said he could not sign the bill in its current form because it protects felons. If it passes out of the Assembly, which it could very easily do along party lines, we must put pressure on Governor Brown!

These three bills are holed up in the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File. This generally means they will be decided on at the very last, possible moment. Please be on the lookout for future Action Alerts when we will need you to make your voice heard with your Assembly member on these very bad bills!

Recall Newman!

The signatures and the results are in, Senator Newman will be forced into a recall election thanks to your hard work, especially in Southern California! Despite the Democrats best efforts to stop the recall, Republicans from across the state rallied to force a recall in the 29th Senate District. Senator Newsom won the seat by just 2,498 votes last year. The Democrats tried to protect Senator Newman by changing recall election laws with SB 96, but the 3rd District Court of Appeals put the measure on hold because it violated the single-subject rule for election laws, thus thwarting the legislative Democrat's plan. Not to be deterred, legislative Democrats are at it again with a duo of identical bills in both houses, SB 117 and AB 132, thanks to the gut and amend process. According to the Sac Bee, the bills are intended to "allow voters who sign recall petitions up to 30 days to withdraw their signatures. If there were still enough signatures to qualify the measure, the Department of Finance would have to issue a cost estimate for the election. Then the the Joint Legislative Budget Committee would have 30 days to review and comment on the department's cost estimate. The measure also would require all signatures to be counted, one-by-one, instead of a sampling of signatures allowed for other signature-gathering efforts. That would add additional weeks to the certification process. In addition, Monday's legislation includes a new requirement that Padilla's office increase 'voter education and community outreach...including but not limited to, direct contact with voters' for elections in 2018." This is extremely disingenuous and deceptive to the voters of Senate District 29, as well as across the state. There were 66,289 signatures filed, of 63,593 needed, and over 90,000 collected, to qualify for the certification of the recall. Secretary of State Alex Padilla has less than 10 days now to certify the election, but his is dragging his feet. We aren't surprised.

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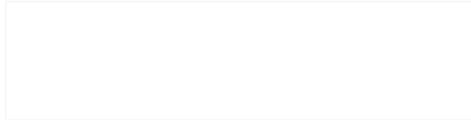
Our biennial CFRW Convention is quickly approaching! **Click here** to download Call To Convention registration and information documents! (<http://www.cfrw.org> has link on front page.)

Click here to read about the Proposed Restructuring of CFRW that will be explained and voted on at convention on October 7th! (http://www.cfrw.org/proposed_cfrw_restructure.htm)

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Don't sit on the sidelines...get involved!

- Sept. 4 **Labor Day**
- Sept. 11 **Board Meeting, 10:00am** at the home of Kathie Topham
- Sept. 21 **West Valley RWF General Meeting, w/Julie DeMaria, Operation: Care & Comfort**
- Oct. 6-8 **CFRW 40th Biennial Convention**, Hyatt Regency, Monterey – Rooms at special rates are sold out! Nextdoor = **Hilton Garden Inn Monterey**, Phone 831-373-6141; Booking site: <http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/>. Group Name: California Federation of Republican Women; Group Code: CFR
- Oct. 9 **Board Meeting, 10:00am** at the home of Kathie Topham
- Oct. 19 **West Valley RWF General Meeting, w/Mike Wasserman**, Santa Clara County Supervisor
- Nov. 13 **Board Meeting, 10:00am** at the home of Kathie Topham
- Nov. 16 **West Valley RWF General Meeting, w/Speaker to be confirmed**
- Dec. 14 **West Valley RWF Member Appreciation Christmas Luncheon!**