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## NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

### DR. GLORIA HOM!



Long-time friend of West Valley RWF, Gloria has taught poli-sci & economics to college students for 35 years, and has served several political appointments! She is our go-to authority on making sure the ballot propositions are clear to you before you vote! **Don't miss her!**

### \*\*\* Three Flames \*\*\*

1547 Meridian Ave.  
San Jose CA 95125

11:30am - Check In  
12:00am - Call to Order

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

*Includes program, a delicious lunch, soft drink, coffee or tea and dessert! (taxes & gratuities also included)*

**You must RSVP by September 8<sup>th</sup>!**

### MENU OPTIONS:

#### CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD

*grilled chicken breast on top of crisp romaine, tossed with Caesar dressing, croutons & parmesan cheese*

#### HOUSE SPECIAL BURGER

*beef burger topped w/grilled onions & jack cheese, served on grilled sourdough w/salad & fries*

#### FRIED PRAWNS

*served with salad & fries, fresh lemon, cocktail & tartar sauce*

\*\*\* RSVP a.s.a.p. , by September 8<sup>th</sup>! \*\*\*  
**Call Grace, 408-499-1695**

**A check can be mailed to: Grace Russo,  
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**Make Check payable to West Valley RWF.**

\*\*\* **Lunches must be pre-ordered 1 week in advance** \*\*\*  
**A reservation made is a reservation paid!**

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#### Membership Growth:

Members will serve with our 2nd VP JoAnn Destro to help with engagement, mailings, etc.

**Legislation:** we need 1-2 members to follow and report at our meetings on the legislative items that are posted as CFRW Capitol Updates on <https://cfrw.org>, and many of which are printed in our newsletters.

**Call now - volunteer!**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**SHANNON WAGNER**  
West Valley RWF President

For those of you that have never attended a CFRW conference due to the long travel distance involved, you are in luck. The fall CFRW conference is right in our backyard, at the Doubletree by Hilton in Burlingame! Mark your calendar for October 14 & 15 and remember, our club reimburses a portion of the "Early Bird" registration fee for the first 5 members that sign up. So hurry and register today, early bird pricing **expires on Sept. 3rd!** You'll be able to register at CFRW.org and you'll find more info in this newsletter.

As the conference is being held in our region (Region 3), we are being asked to assist in a few areas, such as the need for Pages, signing people in at registration, etc. Let's show CFRW and our Region 3 Director, Bunny Hacker, that we came to play! Let me know if you can help us out.

Don't miss our September 15 club meeting where we will get the scoop on the fine print details on the upcoming propositions that will appear on our mid-term ballots in November. Dr. Gloria Hom, never disappoints...her insight is invaluable!

Happy Labor Day Weekend!  
-Shannon Wagner

## NOVEMBER 8, 2022 BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

The following Propositions will appear on our November 8 ballots. You can learn more about each of these measures by visiting the Ballotpedia site at: [https://ballotpedia.org/Sample\\_Ballot\\_Lookup](https://ballotpedia.org/Sample_Ballot_Lookup); once there, click on the Proposition to "read all about it".

**Proposition 1**, Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment (2022)

**Proposition 26**, Legalize Sports Betting on American Indian Lands Initiative (2022)

**Proposition 27**, Legalize Sports Betting and Revenue for Homelessness Prevention Fund Initiative (2022)

**Proposition 28**, Art and Music K-12 Education Funding Initiative (2022)

**Proposition 29**, Dialysis Clinic Requirements Initiative (2022)

**Proposition 30**, Tax on Income Above \$2 Million for Zero-Emissions Vehicles and Wildfire Prevention Initiative (2022)

**Proposition 31**, Flavored Tobacco Products Ban Referendum (2022)



***CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN  
Fall Conference & Board of Directors Meeting***

**October 14 & 15, 2022**

**Register Early to Save**

**Member Registration Costs**

Registration includes meetings, workshops speakers, one lunch, one dinner

***\$325 Early Bird Registration***

*August 14 - September 3, 2022*

***\$350 Regular Registration***

*September 4 - September 17*

***\$400 Late Registration***

*September 18 - October 1*

2 Meals Included - Lunch & Dinner On Saturday

\*\*\* \$50 Discount For Platinum & Regent Ambassadors \*\*\*

***Non-Member Guest Conference Attendance - \$400***

***Non-Member Guest Dinner Only - \$150***

No refunds will be given after October 1, 2022

**>> Deadline to Register <<**

**October 1, 2022**

**REGISTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE ONLINE ONLY**

*Contact Registration Chair, Sylva Martayan at  
RegistrationChair@cfrw.org for Further Assistance*

**REGISTER NOW AT:**

**<https://cfrw.org/2022-fall-conference/>**

## California's Ill-Conceived EV 'Leadership'

*The state just announced its plans for an all-electric vehicle future, but its electrical grid can't even handle the present.*



There they go again, those crazy self-important Californians — making an outlandish environmental move that the rest of us in the Other 49 will be expected to follow.

Yesterday, the California Air Resources Board (CARB for short — get it?) voted to phase out sales of gas-powered cars in the state by 2035. Knock yourselves out, we say, but good luck getting the state's already notoriously overburdened electrical grid to accommodate that pipe dream. Indeed, [experts say](#) significant investments in grid infrastructure will need to happen to make this a reality.

Here's one of those experts, Jack Brouwer, a professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering at the University of California Irvine: "The grid does not currently have the capability to add millions of battery electric or even fuel-cell electric vehicles today. So, we have some time to make reasonable investments in the grid to enable this to actually happen and to happen well."

We're not sure what "reasonable" means, but as SoCal Edison spokesperson Paul Griffo notes, his company "is investing over \$5 billion in modernizing the grid, so that we can handle the additional needs of our customers in the future, including electric cars."

The new rule will require all new cars sold in the [Brownout State](#) Golden State by 2035 to be free of greenhouse gas emissions — you know, like the carbon dioxide humans and animals expire with every breath. It also sets interim targets, requiring that 35% of new passenger vehicles sold by 2026 produce zero emissions, a number that jumps to 68% by 2030.

As if on cue, there was California Governor and [French Laundry aficionado](#) Gavin Newsom, [crowing about](#) his state's (ahem) leadership: "CA continues to lead the way," he tweeted atop the following [quote](#) from The New York Times: "Experts said the new California rule, in both its stringency and reach, could stand alongside the Washington law as one of the world's most important climate change policies."

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Whoa, *Washington*? As it turns out, that state had in 2020 passed a law requiring it to adopt California's rules for zero-emission vehicles, which of course have long been the most stringent (read: onerous and idiotic) in the nation. As Washington Governor Jay Inslee tweeted, "This is a critical milestone in our climate fight. Washington set in law a goal for all new car sales to be zero emissions by 2030 and we're ready to adopt California's regs by end of this year."

Will other states follow where California goes? That's been the case traditionally, and it appears to be the case here, too: More than one-third of the 50 states may soon lemming-up and ban the sale of new gas-powered cars. Last year, our Thomas Gallatin noted that Joe Biden signed an order "setting 2030 as the target date for 50% of all new vehicles sold to be electric or carbon free."

As for California's "leadership," we wonder what sort of leadership Newsom is talking about. "Roughly a quarter of the nation's homeless live in California," laments historian and Central Valley farmer Victor Davis Hanson. "So do about one-third of all Americans on public assistance. Approximately one-fifth of the state's population lives below the poverty line. About one-third of Californians are enrolled in Medi-Cal, the state's health care program for low-income residents."

Here we could also mention the state's "leadership" in education, where it ranks dead last. Or its "leadership" in high-speed rail, which has long been a bad joke and whose cost estimates run into the *hundreds of billions*. Or its "leadership" in crime and tent cities and poop patrols and the like. But then it'd look like we were piling on.

There is one other area of "leadership" left for California: The first state to adopt the Cuba model of a burgeoning auto market for old, broken-down gas-powered cars. There will be a grossly distorted market for these vehicles once new ones are outlawed.

This announcement didn't come out of thin air, and California wasn't alone in its vision of an all-electrical vehicle future. As The Wall Street Journal reports: Since Mr. Newsom first floated the plan in 2020, many major car makers have said they are working toward an eventual phaseout of gas-powered vehicles, with varying timelines and regional differences. GM, the largest auto maker by U.S. sales, in late 2020 pegged the same 2035 target for ending sales of nearly all of its internal-combustion vehicles. GM on Thursday reiterated that plan and said it shares California's vision of an all-electric future.

EV's are an encroachment on our freedom, of course, and not just because of the maddening range limitations. Think about how much easier it would be for a government to control a populace driving only electrics. The state can shut off the electricity a lot more easily than it can close down privately run gas stations.

So here we are, with the nation's largest and weirdest and most far-left state pointing the way to an EV future. But, as our Nate Jackson recently pointed out, this future comes with its own set of serious problems: "In order for Americans and our economy to thrive, we need fossil fuels for the foreseeable future. ... There's no problem with an 'all of the above' choice for energy and cars. There *is* a huge problem with picking winners and losers because, ultimately, that just means government wins and you lose."

*Source: Douglas Andrews - [patriotpost.us](http://patriotpost.us) – August 26, 2022*

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



- September 5 LABOR DAY
- September 7 Board Meeting at the home of Kathie Topham, 10:00am
- September 15 West Valley RWF lunch meeting w/**DR. GLORIA HOM** on “Ballot Measures - What You Need to Know!” 11:30-1:30 at Three Flames.
- October 10 COLUMBUS DAY
- October 14-15 **CFRW Fall Conference in Burlingame – REGISTER BY 9/3 FOR EARLY BIRD PRICING – PRICE GOES UP ON 9/4! Go to: <https://cfrw.org/2022-fall-conference/> and register now! Deadline for refund is October 1<sup>st</sup>.**
- October 20 West Valley RWF lunch meeting w/**Assemblyman Heath Flora**, 11:30-1:30 at Three Flames
- October 31 HALLOWEEN
- November 6 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
- November 8 ELECTION DAY – VOTE REPUBLICAN!

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