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Please Join Us For Our Meeting

**OUR SPEAKER WILL BE
MIMI STEEL**



“PROPERTY RIGHTS & YOUR LIBERTY: THE THREAT OF YOUR WEALTH & FREEDOM IN MODERN DAY AMERICA”

DATE: Tuesday, May 15, 2012
PLACE: Ming's
TIME: 11:30 Social
12:00 Lunch
COST: \$20.00

RESERVATION DEADLINE: Wednesday May 9th, 2012

Sorry, No Refunds – We are charged for lunches ordered
**Reservations made after the deadline, may not receive the main course requested.

Please make your check payable to PARWF

Send to: Jo'Anne Zschokke
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Questions: Call Donna-494-0205 or Jo'Anne 650-857-9395

Please RSVP for the PARWF Meeting:

Your Name(#1): _____

Guest Name(#2): _____

Your Phone #: _____

Ming's menu is pre selected

President's Message

Just a short note... We are so pleased with the attendance of our meetings. We have had wonderful speakers & lunches and we really hope that you have enjoyed them! Our Program Chair, Carol Greenleaf & Facilitator Chair, Gini Kimsey, have done a wonderful job. THANK YOU BOTH!

New CA Taxes Pay for Pensions, Not Schools

by Stephen Frank on 04/25/2012

Do you really believe the Munger and union ads that say give \$160 billion to the State and government education gets the money?

“After retirement, teachers are unconditionally guaranteed lifetime pensions by their school districts. Everything works out fine if Calstrs, as the retirement system is known, earns the investment returns it forecasts and from which upfront contributions are derived.

But if they fall short, school districts must make up the difference. Because of compounding, the failure to earn forecasted earnings translates into huge deficiencies down the road.

Unfortunately, “down the road” is where school districts are now. Because Calstrs has earned only 60 percent of its forecasted investment return since 1999, it needs school districts to boost contributions by more than \$100 billion. Worse, Calstrs waited so long to seek more contributions that its request is now for an extra \$4.5 billion a year, almost double the \$5 billion a year it already receives in contributions.”

Munger and Brown are trying to protect the union bribe payers pensions. That is why the unions are spending millions to lie to you about where the money goes.

Why would anybody believe an ad from these folks representing special interests?

Our Speaker, Mimi Steel's, Bio...

Mimi Steel started researching private property rights in 2010. Her efforts led her to the realization that the Bay Area is ground zero in the assault on property rights in the form of One Bay Area or Plan Bay Area, a 25 year plan that combines housing, transportation, and land use. The plan requires public input and Mimi has been traveling the Bay Area educating citizens on the true implications of the plan and how they can get involved and start to do something about it. On July 4, 2011, the 235 anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, Mimi started Bay Area Citizens for Sustainable Liberty. She now has Property Rights Task Forces in 8 of the 9 Bay Area countries. Those teams effectively participated in the public visioning sessions conducted by MTC and ABAG and let their opposition to the plan be known. The Plan was rejected by participants by a wide margin. The next challenge will be whether the bureaucrats will listen or proceed despite opposition. In order to take the efforts to the next level, she merged Bay Area Liberty (bayarealiberty.org) with Citizens Alliance for Property Rights (CAPR) and started the SF Bay Area Chapter (propights.org/sfbay).

Mimi has an MBA in Marketing, an MS in Math Education, and a BA in Math and Psychology. She is a private pilot and a serious competitor in dog agility with MECO, the Australian Shepherd. As a team they hold 12 titles in AKC. She has lived in the Bay Area since 1981.

Mimi served in the US Air Force for 8 years as a Captain in Telecommunications. As an Air Force officer, she took an oath to “support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic”. That oath does not have an expiration date. What better way to honor the oath as a civilian, than to defend the right to property guaranteed in the Constitution against the illegal encroachment of government and NGO's under the deceptive guise of “Smart Growth” and “Sustainability”.

bayarealiberty.org
propights.org/sfbay

INFORMATION ABOUT THE OPEN PRIMARY - PRIMARY ELECTION IS JUNE 5, 2012

Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act and Voter-Nominated Offices On June 8, 2010, California voters approved Proposition 14, which created a “top two” or “open primary” election system. Except for the office of U.S. President and county central committee offices, offices that used to be known as “partisan offices” (e.g., state constitutional offices, U.S. Congress, and state legislative offices) are now known as “voter-nominated” offices. What used to be known as a “political party affiliation” is now known as a “political party preference.” Prior to the Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act, all candidates running in a primary election, with the same political party affiliation, were placed on a partisan ballot to be voted on by voters of the same political party. The top vote-getter from each qualified political party would move on to the general election. At the general election, candidates could gain access to the ballot using the independent nomination process and other could run as write-in candidates. Under the Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act, all candidates running in a primary election, regardless of their party preference, will appear on a single primary election ballot and voters can vote for any candidate. The top two overall vote-getters – not the top vote-getter from each qualified political party – will move on to the general election. Additionally, candidates are no longer allowed to run as “independents” or “write-ins” at the general election.

Prior to the Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act, a candidate for a partisan office would have the political party they were registered with listed next to or below their name on the primary and general election ballots. A candidate who won at the primary election was then considered to be the official nominee of their political party. Now, under the Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act, candidates for voter-nominated office must indicate their party preference or lack of party preference on the primary and general election ballots. Political parties can no longer formally nominate candidates for voter-nominated offices, so a candidate who finishes in the top two at the primary election and advances to the general election is not the official nominee of any party for the office.



If you love the tenements of New York, you will love the Arnold/Jerry vision of California.

by Stephen Frank on 04/20/2012

“My April 9 Cross Country column commentary in The Wall Street Journal (California Declares War on Suburbia) outlined California’s determination to virtually outlaw new detached housing. The goal is clear: force most new residents into multi-family buildings at 20 and 30 or more to the acre.

California’s overly harsh land use regulations had already driven housing affordability from fairly typical levels to twice and even three times higher than that of much of the nation. California’s more recent tightening of the land use restrictions (under Assembly Bill 32 and Senate Bill 375) has been justified as necessary for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.”

In a generation only the rich will be able to afford a single family, detached, home. California will look like New York and China..dense, stressed out and dirty. Go to an area that is totally apartments and see if you like it. Want a backyard—government says no. Your children will be forced to play in government parks, not at your home.

The good news is that illegal aliens will get subsidized housing (already do in Los Angeles) and the rich will have their homes—the rest of rest will struggle.

Comment: Just look around at the building going on in Palo Alto, Los Altos, and Mountain View - this article is reality!! (Nat)

A recent email...

The media has been very concerned about all the money Mitt Romney makes and the taxes he has to pay. This email is going around and it's worth repeating:

APPARENTLY, I'M SUPPOSED TO BE MORE ANGRY ABOUT WHAT MITT ROMNEY DOES WITH HIS MONEY THAT WHAT BARAK OBAMA DOES WITH MINE!!!

**THESE ARE THE ONLY TWO BALLOT MEASURES WE WILL BE VOTING ON IN JUNE.
CFRW URGES A "NO" VOTE ON BOTH MEASURES.**

The March Newsletter had our Advocates review.

Ballotpedia is another resource for non-partisan information on the ballot measures.

June 2012 Statewide Ballot Measures

PROPOSITION 28

Initiative Constitutional Amendment

1394. (09-0048, Amdt. #1S) - Final Full Check Update - 07/28/10

Limits on Legislators' Terms in Office.

Qualified: 07/28/10

Proponent: Lance H. Olson (916) 442-2952

Reduces the total amount of time a person may serve in the state legislature from 14 years to 12 years. Allows a person to serve a total of 12 years either in the Assembly, the Senate, or a combination of both. Applies only to legislators first elected after the measure is passed. Provides that legislators elected before the measure is passed continue to be subject to existing term limits. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: No direct fiscal effect on state or local governments.

(09-0048) http://ag.ca.gov/cms_attachments/initiatives/pdfs/i845_initiative_09-0048_%28a1s%29.pdf

PROPOSITION 29

Initiative Statute

1444. (09-0097) - Final Random Sample Update - 08/24/10

Imposes Additional Tax on Cigarettes for Cancer Research.

Qualified: 08/24/10

Proponent: N. Eugene Hill (916) 442-2952

Imposes additional five cent tax on each cigarette distributed (\$1.00 per pack), and an equivalent tax increase on other tobacco products, to fund cancer research and other specified purposes. Requires tax revenues be deposited into a special fund to finance research and research facilities focused on detecting, preventing, treating, and curing cancer, heart disease, emphysema, and other tobacco-related diseases, and to finance prevention programs. Creates nine-member committee charged with administering the fund. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Increase in new cigarette tax revenues of about \$855 million annually by 2011- 12, declining slightly annually thereafter, for various health research and tobacco-related programs. Increase of about \$45 million annually to existing health, natural resources, and research programs funded by existing tobacco taxes. Increase in state and local sales taxes of about \$32 million annually. (09-0097.)



HR347 makes protesting a felony when Secret Service Agents are present. President Obama signed this bill without fanfare in March 2012. It passed both houses of Congress.

Amendment I of the Constitution says: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, OR THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO PEACEABLY ASSEMBLE, AND TO PETITION THE GOVERNMENT FOR A REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES.

Comment: Remember this November 6th!!!!

A Special Message from the RNC Co-Chairman Sharon Day

This November Republicans will face one of the most critically important elections for our Party and our country. We began the job of taking back our country during the 2010 elections, but we must be even better prepared and organized to defeat Barack Obama, his Congressional allies, his special interests and his "billion dollar campaign".

That's why I am announcing a special "hands-on" program specifically designed to train Republican women around the country to be leaders in our Victory offices. This initiative by the RNC Co-Chairman's office is called "Blackboard 2 Blacktop" because the training starts in the classroom and follows each woman as she engages grassroots in their precincts, districts and parishes around the country. The day and a half workshop will provide Republican women the tools they need to staff, lead, and run offices around the country. These Victory offices serve as a vital component to Republican successes in 2012.

This is not your typical workshop where people come in and make speeches. This is a hands-on training program designed for Republican women who want to lead and run Victory Headquarters, who want to have the tools to serve as campaign managers and who want to run as candidates for political office.

Our first Blackboard 2 Blacktop training will be held April 30 and May 1, 2012 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, DC. Space will be limited so that we can make this program as effective as possible.

Participants will be responsible for travel, accommodations and a small registration fee. Please use the attached form and send your list of nominees as soon as possible via e-mail to b2b@gop.com. Our office will immediately contact your recommendations with all the information including an agenda, hotel information, etc.

RNC Co-Chairman Sharon Day

CalSTRS: on the road to ruin or recovery?

by Stephen Frank on 04/25/2012

CalSTRS is in deep trouble and the laws of physics and finances says it will only get worse.

“Actuaries estimate that the total annual contribution to the pension system, 19.4 percent of payroll, would have to be increased by an additional 12.9 percent of pay (about \$3.25 billion) to fully fund pensions promised over the next three decades.

Each year that a contribution increase is delayed, the additional amount needed for full funding is expected to grow roughly half of one percent of pay, Milliman actuaries Nick Collier and Mark Olleman told the CalSTRS board earlier this month”

The biggest problem is that the money to solve this, if possible, will come from money meant for the classroom, equipment, textbooks and quality education. Billions will be taken from education and given to pensions, just to save the pension system.

The Board passed the following new Standing Rule to be added to the Standing Rules in our Directory:

STANDING RULE #18: The club will memorialize deceased members by sending a \$50 donation for each one in December to CFRW Advocacy in Sacramento. A card will be sent to the family at the time of death indicating a donation will be made in her memory

Please cut this Standing Rule out and add it to your Directory.

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Mother's Day

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| MAY 1 | BOARD MEETING |
| MAY 5TH & 6TH | LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER |
| MAY 15TH | NORTHERN DIVISION CONFERENCE |
| JUNE 5TH | SAN JOSE, CA |
| | LUNCH MEETING |
| | MING'S |
| | BOARD MEETING |
| | LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER |

