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Virginia (Ginny) Ball is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
 Anyone new to zooming, you can call me at 562 665-6963 and we will set up a day and time to practice.

Topic: Republican Women
 Time: Dec 3, 2020 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Judy Van Horn, President

EVERY VOICE AND EVERY VOTE MATTERS

The 2020 election has been like no other. In the midst of a surging pandemic, a record number of Americans cast their ballots, many at the polls and many by mail. The races remain tight and it may take days or even weeks before we know who our next President and other elected officials will be. **We urge patience, professionalism and civility while the rule of law is protected during this process.**

This wait was expected and signals that democracy is working. It takes more time to count and verify these votes, with an unprecedented number of votes to be counted. The pandemic also is slowing the counting process itself, as election officials must follow public health guidelines with reduced staffing or fewer resources. **No political party or media company selects the winner of an election-THE VOTERS DO! This is democracy in action.**

There are still tens of millions of uncounted votes, so we all need to be patient and to insist that every vote is counted and every voice is heard before we move forward. **This election had the highest voter turnout in California history! Our California Republican Party is fighting for what is right and making sure conservative voices are heard and Republican votes are counted.**

Republicans defied the Fake News pundits and the Far Left prognosticators and ran stronger than anyone thought we could.

Our California Republican Party is fighting for every vote we received, every victory we earned and to defend the sanctity of our elections.

MESSAGE FROM CFRW President Susan Blair

Submitted by Judy Van Horn

Hello Members, Friends and Students,

The Presidential election last week has left many of our members shocked and exhausted, to say the least. We understand how hard our members are working on so many different levels, whether observing the ballot process, trying to fix problems with ballot signatures, working to recall Governor Newsom, recruiting new members and encouraging members to renew their memberships.

One lesson that we have learned this year is flexibility. This has helped us not only to survive but to thrive. With this in mind, the CFRW virtual meeting on December 5th will be a Board Meeting only. The Board Meeting and Conference was rescheduled to Saturday, February 20, 2021.

Despite the outcome of the Presidential election, CFRW had a very successful year. We all will be able to celebrate our success together in February at the Conference.

Congratulations to Young Kim and Michelle Steel for defeating their Democratic opponents! They are

among the 15 Republican women to join the U.S. House of Representatives. The Congressional elections for Mike Garcia, David Valadao are still too close to call and they really need our help.

As you know, it is imperative that Republicans keep control of the Senate. All eyes are on Georgia as two Republicans have runoff elections on Jan 5th, 2021.

If the Democrats gain control of the White House, the Senate and the House, the effects on our Country will be catastrophic.

It is critical that the Republican Senate Majority stands at the gate to protect us from harm that would otherwise be done. We as Californians need to help the two Georgia Senate races. NFRW has put together The Strike Force to travel to Georgia or for those of us at home to make phone calls to support these candidates. Full information for the Strike Force is on the CFRW and NFRW websites.

Thank you for understanding and for all you do and have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

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November 10, 2020

Dear Friends,

It has been a week since the November 3rd election took place. Of course, in California, we count late ballots that are received through November 20th, thanks to AB860.

As of 4:01 pm today (Tuesday) the LA County Registrar reports that the count is:

Lisa Calderon 111,099

Jessica Martinez 72,228

While the difference is significant, I prefer to wait for more ballots to be counted.

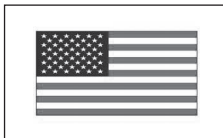
During this period the County Registrar is also reviewing damaged ballots and resolving whether or not to count provisional ballots. At some point after the November 20th cut-off, the County Board of Supervisors receives the final ballot count and by December 3rd approves the tally. The Secretary of State will then certify State-wide results on December 11.

I again thank all of my supporters for your faith in me and my candidacy.

Tomorrow is Veterans' Day. I do hope you will take some time to reflect upon their sacrifices for us, andfor the US.

God bless America.

Sincerely,



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OUR CANDIDATES

A Message from Agnes Gibboney,
Congressional Candidate for District 31
Sent To Liz Papazian

Good Morning everyone. I want to THANK everyone who helped, supported me, donated and gave me encouragement during my campaign. I am very proud of the campaign we ran. I say "we" because I couldn't have done it alone. I learned a lot, met some wonderful people and made many new friends. I am proud to have had the courage to run for Congress and to be the first Angel Mom to ever be in a General Election and most proud of running an honest campaign. My work is not done, I will never stop fighting and will always remember the Oath I took to become a Naturalized Citizen, to defend the Constitution that so many abuse, neglect and forget.

Again, Thank You,
Agnes Gibboney



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

THE GOLDEN STATE IS STILL AS PREDICTABLY BLUE AS EVER

Submitted by Brenda Jahn

John Phillips, *Whittier Daily News* 11-5-20

The last time a Republican won California's 55 electoral votes in a presidential election Kirk Gibson had hair, & he could still get around on a Dennis Eckersley backdoor slider, like he did in the 1988 World Series. The Los Angeles Lakers also won the NBA Championship that same year.

Since then, Republicans have mostly struck out in the Golden State. Sometimes trilogies happen only once.

In every presidential cycle after that, California has given its vote to the Democratic candidate. The 2000 election was the last time any meaningful campaigning has been done in the state by any major party presidential nominee.

As of the time of this column goes to print, former Vice President Joe Biden is leading President Donald Trump by a margin of 65% to 33% here in California.

Not exactly a nail-biter.

Being reliably non-competitive puts California at all kinds of strategic disadvantages.

I asked Barbara Stone, Professor of Political Science emeritus at California State University, Fullerton about it, & she told me that it makes us far less relevant than other parts of the country.

"Being rich & large but non-competitive, we are a donor state whose donated dollars are not spent here. We don't even get to see the presidential ads unless they are part of a national buy. And once the primaries are over, no one pays any attention to our political leaders, since they are not needed for the general election. Candidates don't even have to promise them plump appointments since, again, their state is guaranteed," she said.

She's right. How big of an ATM is California for the Democratic Party? We're thinking about changing the state motto from "Eureka!" to simply "Ka-Ching!"

Here's how it works: ordinary, working-class Californians like Rob Reiner & David Geffen throw dinner parties for Democratic candidates at their modest beachfront shacks. The candidates make a short speech, eat some kale, collect the cash & then go spend it on television ads in the rest of the country.

Let's face it, California is like a rich, crazy aunt you have to go visit once every four years. She smells kind of funny, and all of her stories are long and boring. But you always leave with a big, fat check in hand.

I guess that's what happens when you're the only state with its own PIN code.

Being non-competitive at the presidential level has implications on the down-ballot races, as well.

California Republicans will lose more seats in the state Legislature when all the votes are counted; we just don't know how many quite yet.

And we have seen this dynamic at work in cycle after cycle.

How rare are Republicans in the Golden State now? I'll put it this way: GOP meetings in California have been complying with COVID-19 size-of-public-gathering restrictions for years now.

Ironically, Republicans have been on the Endangered Species list in California for at least a decade. Plus, they rarely breed in captivity.

Professor Stone says this brings on negative results, too.

"One-party states produce thoughtless legislation. In trying to force Uber & Lyft to unionize, they passed a law that has destroyed small enterprises down to local symphonies. A favored constituency wants something, and there is no viable force to point out the problems," she correctly pointed out.

It's not just the ride-share companies that have to fight for their lives; major California industries that employ thousands of people are on the outs with the state's ruling Democrats too. Imagine being in a theme park or movie theater industry.

You better have a Plan B.

If there is no other side to make your case to, you and your employees are stuck with whatever decision the Democrats make. That's not good for California.

When I was a kid, California was known as the place where crazy people ended up. Now California is becoming known as the place where crazy people come from.

We're going the wrong way, folks.

LEGISLATIVE CORNER

Submitted by Brenda Jahn
California's Progressive Thumping
Wall Street Journal Editorial 11/20/2020

Democrats and unions in California are shell-shocked. Voters rejected a referendum that would have allowed racial preferences in state hiring and college admissions, defeated a massive business property tax hike, and rescued tens of thousands of gig economy jobs. What is this Texas?

Unions and their Democratic allies, including Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, shelled out nearly \$60 million for a referendum (Prop. 15) that would have eliminated a key restraint on state spending. California's 1978 Prop. 13 caps taxes on commercial and residential property at 1% of their assessed value (i.e., purchase price) and limits annual increases to 2%.

Prop. 13 is the only emollient in California's oppressive business climate and public unions have long wanted to abolish it. They hoped to chip away at it this year with Prop. 15, which would have required that commercial property be assessed at market value at least every three years. The initiative was forecast to raise property taxes by \$8 billion to \$12.5 billion a year by 2025.

Unions declared the tax hike was needed to support education and public safety (even as progressives pushed cuts to law enforcement) and to make big corporations pay their "fair share." Yet farmers, manufacturers and small businesses warned they'd be wacked too. Voters believed businesses, not the unions. The Associated Press finally announced that Prop. 15 failed, 51.8% to 48.2%. Most non-coastal counties rejected the referendum by 20 or more points.

Voters also approved Prop. 22 (58.5% to 41.5%) which was strongly opposed by unions and plaintiff attorneys. Prop. 22 exempted gig workers like Uber drivers, Instacart shoppers and Grub-hub takeout food deliverers from the state's union-backed AB5 law, which reclassified hundreds of thousands of independent contractors as employees. Unions claimed Prop. 22 would let businesses like Uber skirt workplace protections and pay workers starvation wages.

Yet the referendum also required companies to provide workers health-insurance subsidies as well as occupational accident coverage and to pay 120% of the local minimum wage. Gig companies warned AB5 would lead to fewer jobs and rides as well as higher prices. These concerns were echoed by Mothers Against Drunk Driving which endorsed Prop. 22.

In other good ballot news, voters rejected an initiative that would have allowed local governments to expand rent control (59.7% to 40.3%). San Francisco was the only county to support the measure, though rents there have plummeted as tech workers have fled amid the pandemic. Homelessness, crime and open-air drug use, rampant in the city, aren't incentives for them to return.

San Francisco also approved a slew of tax hikes, including a doubling of the real-estate transfer tax on high-end homes and a surtax on CEO "excess compensation," which will drive out more people and businesses. California's one-party political rule will be hard to break, but at least voters outside of San Francisco issued important checks on union and progressive governance.

MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by
Donell Schneider,
2nd VP Membership

Hello to all and Happy Thanksgiving.

It has been quite a year. We are all adjusting to the new (temporary, I hope) normal. With that in mind, we have been having our board meetings and offering our general meetings via Zoom thanks to Ginny Ball, who is our Zoom hostess.

We have been able to present interesting speakers for our October and November general meetings, namely Dr. Barbra Stone, Professor Emeritus in Political Science from Cal State Fullerton, and attorney Craig Missakian who is well known as a former state and federal prosecutor.

We are also holding our successful Autumn Calendar fundraiser, featuring a winner every day for the month of November, and we are going to continue with the December Gala fundraiser via Zoom.

It is now membership renewal time, and/or new membership enrollment time. If you renew or join now, your membership will continue through December 2021. There is a membership form attached to this Newsletter.

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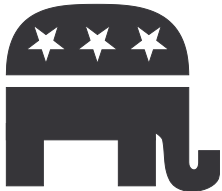
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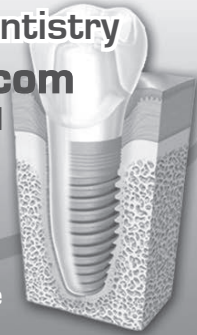
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