



***THE HEMET-SAN JACINTO CHAPTER
OF THE
CALIFORNIA CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS***

***Invites you and your friends to the
OCTOBER 27, 2025 MEETING***

***Representatives from
TURNING POINT USA
Will give a Presentation***



Vote Early and Vote “NO” on Prop 50!!!

***THE ELKS LODGE
1305 WEST FLORIDA
HEMET***

Dinner Reservations Are a Must!

*Social at 6 P.M.
Dinner at 6:30
Members: \$20
Non-Members: \$22
Program Only: \$5*

*Please RSVP
By Thursday, October 16, 2025
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TURNING POINT USA

The thrust of the October 27 meeting will be Turning Point USA. We were all touched by the horrific assassination of **Turning Point USA** founder, **Charlie Kirk**. His life may have stopped; however, his legacy will live on. Our meeting in October will be a step to help carry on his legacy. Prior to Charlie's assassination, efforts were being made to bring a **Turning Point USA** Chapter to the San Jacinto Valley. Representatives of Turning Point USA will be giving us information on what has been done and what needs to be done to bring a chapter to the Valley.

Come to the October meeting to see how you, as a **HSJCR** member, can help bring the message of this organization to the Valley.

If you have young friends and relatives, please encourage them to attend the **HSJCR** meeting.

Turning Point USA is an American nonprofit organization that advocates for conservative politics on high school, college, and university campuses. It was founded in 2012 by Charlie Kirk and Bill Montgomery. TPUSA's affiliate groups include Turning Point Endowment, Turning Point Action and TPUSA Faith. Currently, Erika Kirck is the CEO.

VOTE NO ON PROP 50!!!

You have all received your mail-in ballots! Mark them with a 'No on Prop 50' as soon as possible! Drop off ballot sites have been designate (see information on page 2).

This initiative would END FAIR ELECTIONS in California! Prop 50 would nullify a citizens' initiative that requires an independent redistricting commission to draw election districts in a strictly non-partisan manner.

Prop 50 takes the redistricting power away from citizens and **gives that power back to the politicians who will manipulate the lines of election districts** for their own personal political benefit.

California Republicans currently hold nine seats in Congress. A 'yes' vote on Prop 50 reduces the number to four.

VOTER ID PETITIONS

Voter ID Information should be in your mailboxes at this time. Please mail the petition to CA VOTER ID in the enclosed envelope along with your signature and 19 others. Note that signatures must be the same as the signature used for voting. Also, the signature person must complete their own residence, City, and Zip. Carefully sign within the block.

Let's help Carl DeMaio get CA VOTER ID on the ballot! Let's bring fairness back to our elections!

Meeting Information

The Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republican's October 27 meeting is at **The Elks at 1305 West Florida, Hemet**. Check-in is 6 p.m. with the program at 6:30.

To reserve, contact **Joanne at quiltersite2@yahoo.com or 951-663-7870**. Please reserve by October 16, 2025. If you reserve and are unable to attend, cancel with **Joanne**.

The **HSJCR** is charged for all reservations which causes an unnecessary financial burden for the organization when members reserve and are 'no-shows'.

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HEMET SAN JACINTO CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to all of you who have renewed and to all new members. We now have 99 members! Welcome aboard to **Sharon Neill** and **Sharon Schneider**. Both are members for 2025 and 2026!

At the September Board of Directors meeting, the Board voted to carry the membership of those who join in September, October, November and December into 2026. What a deal for new members!

If you have questions regarding your dues and membership, contact Membership Vice President Robin Lowe.



HEMET SAN JACINTO VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB FEDERATED

The **Hemet San Jacinto Valley Republican Women's Club Federated** will be meeting prior to the October 27 **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans** meeting.



Please text or email President Crystal Ruiz for verification of time: 714-476-5469 or rulison_crystal@yahoo.com

BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

DATES AND HOURS

*October 6-November 3, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.—3 p.m.

**October 5-November 3, during regular city business hours.

***Registrar of Voters office drop boxes available 24/7, October 6-November 3 and election day.

All sites open Election Day, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

SITES

Hemet

*Center for Spiritual Living, 40450 Stetson

**Hemet City Hall, 445 E. Florida Ave.

*Hemet Public Library, 300 E. Latham Ave.

*Seven hills members Club, 30350 Jacaranda Way

*Valle Vista library, 25757 Fairview Avenue
San Jacinto

**San Jacinto City Hall, 575 S. San Jacinto Ave

*San Jacinto Valley Animal Campus, 581 South Grand



REPUBLICAN PARTY OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY

The September meeting of the **Republican Party of Riverside County** was held Thursday, September 23 at the Hemet Elks Lodge. The October 23 meeting is at the East Valley Republican Women Patriots on El Paseo in Palm Desert.

Committee reports were given. Endorsement Policy and Procedures was discussed with a vote in October. Funding for 'No Vote on Prop 50' campaign was approved.

It was approved to change the name of the Reagan Dinner to the Freedom Dinner in Honor of Charlie Kirk. This year's dinner is December 5, 2025 at Monteleone Meadows in Murrieta.

ELECTION DATES

10/7-11/4: Drop off ballots at drop off locations listed on page 2, column 1

10/20: Voter Registration closes

10/20-11/4: Same day registration with Provisional Ballot

11/4: **ELECTION DAY**

11/11: Last day Vote By Mail ballots to be received by ROV for counting.

11/26: Notice to cure ballots

11/30: Deadline for cured ballots

12/12: Certification of Election by California Secretary of State.

Ballots can be turned in 10/7-11/4 at the Registrar of Voters Office.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Tom Wilson

Hi All,

It is that time of the year for a change in the weather and a change in scenery. Halloween is around the corner and time for the Trick- or- Treat costumes to come out! I love this time of year with the Holiday times fast approaching.

The number one activity is already upon us! 'NO on Prop 50' has our collective concentration !!!

Thank you to Dale and Charlene for sourcing 'NO ON 50' Yard Signs and I understand they are out and up! The Inland Empire is being targeted and with our help the 'No' will carry the County.

Please invite friends and neighbors to our upcoming October 27 meeting. I am looking forward to seeing everyone.

President Tom

SEPTEMBER MEETING RECAP

The dinner meeting was called to order on September 22 by President Tom Wilson.

Reports were given on 'No on Prop 50' and the need to defeat Prop 50. City Council representatives also updated the membership on City Council activities.

The main thrust of the evening was the excellent presentation by Greg Langworthy, Veronica Langworthy, Shari Franklin and members of Riverside Election Integrity Team. They recapped the excellent job they are doing to help make the Registrar of Voters office accountable.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING NOTES

The Board of Directors met on Monday, October 1, 2025 at the office of the Greater San Jacinto Valley Chamber of Commerce. The meeting was called to order by **President Tom Wilson**. The following were in attendance: **VP Programs Dale Dieleman, VP Liaison with RWF Joanne Dieleman, Secretary Sharon Durbin and Treasurer Keith Meissner** **Board Members: Taryn Cagliero, Joe Cagliero, Marcie Martinez, and Charlene Stover.**

- The financial report was given by Treasurer **Keith Meissner**.
- **HSJVRWCF** will meet 45 minutes prior to the **HSJCR** October 27 meeting.
- Program VP **Dale Dieleman** is contacting speakers from Turning Point USA as October speakers.
- December 8 will be **Nomination, Election, and Installation of Officers**.
- **HSJCR** will be dark in November. Executive Board will meet in December.
- **MSC** \$300 to become a bronze sponsor for **Candy Corner** on October 23.
- List of non-partisan seats to be voted on in November, 2026, was distributed and discussed.
- Two of our 90 plus members passed away: **Agnes Kennedy and Senator David Kelley**.



**HEMET-SAN JACINTO CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS
CALIFORNIA CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS
2025 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

NAME(S) _____
ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____
E-MAIL _____ PHONE _____

I AM A REGISTERED REPUBLICAN (SIGNATURE) _____

**DUES: \$20 PER PERSON/\$35 PER COUPLE
AMOUNT ENCLOSED**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans

PLEASE CHECK COMMITTEE SELECTION:

**WAYS AND MEANS
SPECIAL EVENTS
DINNER /HOUSE**

**PUBLICITY
MEMBERSHIP
VOTER REGISTRATION**

**PHONE TREE
BY-LAWS**

SEND MEMBERSHIP TO:

**ROBIN LOWE
P.O. BOX 304
SAN JACINTO, CA 92581**

Please e-mail my newsletter.

Please send my newsletter via U.S. Postal Service.

A Safety Net Unravels

(Jon Fleishman excerpts from Does It Really Matter.)

California's unemployment insurance system, once a sturdy safety net for workers, now faces collapse under massive debt. It started over two decades ago when lawmakers and then-Gov. Gray Davis boosted benefits without strengthening reserves, wiping out a healthy surplus. By the Great Recession, the fund was bone-dry, forcing a \$10 billion federal loan to keep benefits flowing. Employers faced higher payroll taxes to repay it, but even during economic booms, the surplus wasn't rebuilt—benefits outpaced contributions due to a standoff between business groups and unions. This wasn't just a missed opportunity but a deliberate choice to kick the can down the road, leaving the system fragile.

COVID's Crushing Blow

The COVID-19 pandemic hit hard. State shutdowns threw over two million Californians out of work, swamping the system. California borrowed \$20 billion in federal loans—more than any other state—to cover claims. Today, that debt stands at \$23.2 billion, with the Employment Development Department projecting \$7.4 billion in payouts this year against just \$5 billion in collections. Interest alone costs \$600 million annually, draining the general fund. Fraud hit a separate federal program hard, costing billions, but this debt comes from deeper problems, not only fraud.

Squandering Federal Relief

In 2021, Congress sent \$350 billion in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) relief to states, a chance to fix depleted funds like unemployment insurance. States like New York and Connecticut spent their money to pay off UI debts, saving businesses from tax increases. California, however, allocated only a small fraction of its \$27 billion ARPA share to the UI loan, pouring the rest into things like healthcare subsidies, climate initiatives, and social programs. Federal rules are clear: unpaid debts trigger automatic tax hikes on employers. Governor Newsom and legislative Democrats knew this, but stuck businesses with the bill regardless.

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regardless. As CalMatters columnist Dan Walters put it, this is a massive mess from short-sighted politics and lack of concern for impacted businesses.

Mismanagement Under the Microscope

The state auditor's latest report laid bare the mess, pointing out \$46.2 billion in unchecked COVID payouts and weak controls at the EDD. Rachel Greszler from the Heritage Foundation was blunt: "They have called them out for serious mismanagement... a systemic inability to verify benefit eligibility, that's absolutely a detrimental action because you are failing to properly steward taxpayers' money." With California's unemployment at 5.5 percent, the highest in the country and hitting over a million workers, the fund's fragility isn't theoretical.

Employers Pay the Price

Now, businesses face a hidden tax hike: a 5.2 percent federal payroll levy on the first \$7,000 of every worker's wages, a 247 percent increase from the 0.6 percent rate in states without debt.

Agnes Kennedy Continued

She is survived by her son **Ralph Natividad**.

Memorial Services for **Agnes** will be at Miller Jones Mortuary, 1501 West Florida on November 3 from 1-2.

SENATOR DAVID KELLEY

Senator David Kelley passed away at the age of 95. He was one of **HSJCR's** 90 plus members. He was a lifelong resident of Riverside County. In 1978 he was elected to represent Hemet in the Assembly and served in the Assembly and Senate for over two decades.

He married Brigitte in 1953, and together they raised four children in Hemet. He is survived by Sharon Haupt, Bridget Kelley, Margaret Valine (Rod), and Kenneth Kelley (Suzy).

A Memorial Service is planned for Saturday, October 25 at 11a.m. at the Western Science Center in Hemet.

AGNES KENNEDY

Long-time HSJCR member Agnes Kennedy passed away at the age of 97. Aggie came to the Valley around 2000 and joined **HSJCR in 2003**. She was a faithful member and volunteer until declining health prevented her participation. Aggie was one of our 90 plus members. She was a hard working, dependable volunteer tackling each job with a smile.

For several years she served on the Board of Directors as Liaison with the Hemet San Jacinto Valley Republican Women Club Federated. (go to col. 2)

DATES TO CALENDAR

- October 23:** *Republican Party of Riverside County October General Membership Meeting at the East Valley Republican Women's Patriots on El Paseo in Palm Desert at 6:30 p.m.*
- October 23:** *Candy Corner at Valley Wide Parks & Rec sponsored by the Greater San Jacinto Valley Chamber of Commerce.*
- October 27:** *Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans Meeting at the Elks Lodge with Social at 6.*
- October 31:** *Halloween*
- November:** *HSJCR will be dark.*
- November 4:** *Election Day*
- November 11:** *Veteran's Day (check for events)*
- November 27:** *Thanksgiving*
- December 5:** *RPRC Freedom Fundraiser honoring Charlie Kirk.*



OCTOBER TIDBITS

October's name stems from the Latin *octo*, "eight," because this was the eighth month of the early Roman calendar. When the Romans converted to a 12-month calendar, the name October stuck despite the fact that it's now the 10th month!

The early Roman calendar, thought to have been introduced by Rome's first king, Romulus (around 753 b.c), was a **lunar** calendar. This ancient timekeeping system contained these 10 months: Martius, Aprilis, Maius, Iunius, Quintilis, Sextilis, September, October (the eighth month), November, and December. Martius, Maius, Quintilis, and October contained 31 days, while the other months had 30, for a total of 304 days. In winter, the days were not counted for two lunar cycles.

October 12, 1492 - After a 33-day voyage, Christopher Columbus made his first landfall in the New World in the Bahamas. He named the first land sighted as El Salvador, claiming it in the name of the Spanish Crown. Columbus was seeking a western sea route from Europe to Asia and believed he had found an island of the Indies. He thus called the first island natives he met, 'Indians.'

October 31, 1941 - Mount Rushmore National Memorial was completed after 14 years of work. The memorial contains 60-foot-tall sculptures of the heads of Presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt - representing America's founding, political philosophy, preservation, and expansion and conservation.

ORIGINS OF HALLOWEEN

Halloween's origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced sow-in). The Celts, who lived 2,000 years ago, mostly in the area that is now Ireland, the United Kingdom and northern France, celebrated their new year on November 1.

This day marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter, a time of year that was often associated with human death. Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. On the night of October 31 they celebrated Samhain, when it was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth.

In addition to causing trouble and damaging crops, Celts thought that the presence of the otherworldly spirits made it easier for the Druids, or Celtic priests, to make predictions about the future. For a people entirely dependent on the volatile natural world, these prophecies were an important source of comfort during the long, dark winter.

To commemorate the event, Druids built huge sacred bonfires, where the people gathered to burn crops and animals as sacrifices to the Celtic deities. During the celebration, the Celts wore costumes, typically consisting of animal heads and skins, and attempted to tell each other's fortunes.

When the celebration was over, they re-lit their hearth fires, which they had extinguished earlier that evening, from the sacred bonfire to help protect them during the coming winter.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"What I'd really like is to go down in history as the president who made Americans believe in themselves again."

President Ronald Reagan

"An America that is militarily and economically strong is not enough. The world must see an America that is morally strong with a creed and a vision. This is what has led us to dare and achieve. For us, values count."

President Ronald Reagan

"Finishing second in the Olympics gets you silver. Finishing second in politics gets you oblivion."

President Richard Nixon

"There are two kinds of people in the world: those who walk into a room and say, 'There you are' and those who say 'Here I am.'"

Abigail Van Buren

"At his best, man is the noblest of animals. Separated from law and justice, he is the worst."

Aristotle

"A government big enough to give you everything you want is strong enough to take everything you have."

President Thomas Jefferson

CATCH THE SPELLING

They gave William IV a lavish funeral. It took ten men to carry the beer.

When she moved north from Georgia, she suffered with drawl symptoms.

Vestal virgins were pure and chaste.

U.N. Peacekeepers land in Liberia to reign in violence.

Women seek births on U.S. track team.

Senate panel agrees to much sex on TV.

Escapee captured after ten days on the lamb.

TRIVIA

"I've been to almost as many places as my luggage."

Bob Hope

Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.

A man rushed into a busy doctor's office and shouted, "Doctor! I think I'm shrinking." The doctor calmly responded, "Now, settle down. You'll just have to be a little patient."

Two peanuts walk into a bar and one was a salted.

Headlines:

Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half.

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges.

Miners Refuse to Work After Death.