



**THE HEMET-SAN JACINTO CHAPTER  
OF THE  
CALIFORNIA CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS**  
*Invites you and your friends*

*to hear*

**GREGG HOLYOAK**  
*City of Hemet Public Works Department*



*May 18, 2026  
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, May 14, 2026  
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**And**  
**JOIN FELLOW PATRIOTS FOR A**  
***TRIBUTE TO OUR VETERANS***  
**AT THE**  
**SAN JACINTO VALLEY CEMETERY**  
**MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 25 AT 9 A.M.**



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## GREGG HOLYOAK TO SPEAK ON CITY OF HEMET PUBLIC WORKS

Gregg Holyoak, who is the current Hemet Public Works Operation Manager, will be the guest speaker at the May 18, 2026 HSJCR General Membership Meeting.

As Public Works Operations Manager, Gregg plans, directs, and oversees Hemet's municipal maintenance activities, including streets, water/sewer utilities, storm drains, and facilities. His role involves supervising staff, managing budgets, ensuring regulatory compliance and coordinating emergency repairs.

Gregg will have information regarding the proposed hike in water rates over the next four years part of which is earmarked toward financing upgrades in current water infrastructure. What percentage and what areas of Hemet will be affected?

Public Works provides direction and support for over 75 employees that make up the divisions of Water, Waste Water, Streets, Parks, Lighting and Landscaping Maintenance Districts, Storm Drain Maintenance, Fleet Maintenance, Facilities Maintenance and Administration.

Public Works Administration coordinates department budget and accounting issues with the city's Finance Department and manages the ongoing federal and state mandated programs. Public Works Administration conducts analysis on projects for both the operations and engineering functions and performs writing and administration of grants

**ATTEND THE MAY 18 MEETING AND LEARN MORE ABOUT HEMET'S PUBLIC WORKS**

## REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES SAN JACINTO VALLEY

Primary Election Ballots have been mailed!! It is time for you to vote. **Republican are encouraged to vote early!**

The **HSJCR** area has three Assembly Districts with incumbents **Jeff Gonzalez, 36AD** and **Greg Wallis, 47AD** running in two of the districts. **The 60AD has two Republicans on the Primary Ballot** vying for the seat occupied by **Corey Jackson**. They are **Ron Edwards** and **Ed Delgado**.

On the **State Senate** side, **Senator Kelly Seyarto, 32SD** is the **Republican** candidate on the June ballot.

The **HSJCR** area includes two **Congressional Districts, 25 and 48**. **Republicans Joe Males** and **Ceci Truman** are on the Primary Ballot for CD25. **Joe is a member of the HSJCR** and the first one of our members to run for a Congressional Seat!! **Jim Desmond, 48CD candidate** from San Diego County, spoke to the **HSJCR** on April 26.

**Michelle Paradise** is a candidate for a seat on Superior Court #10. She also spoke to the **HSJCR** at the Forum Meeting.

## Meeting Information

The **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republican's** May 18 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 **May 14, 2026**. If you reserve and are unable to attend, cancel with **Joanne**.

**Please note the meeting is the THIRD MONDAY MAY 18, 2026**

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## BALLOTS ARE OUT!!

Ballots have been 'dropped' statewide. **Republicans** are strongly encouraged to mail them in early.

California is in dire need of a change in leadership—get your vote in early. Show the Dems we are united and ready to fight. Encourage your friends, relatives, and acquaintances to get their ballots in. Drop off places, dates, and time are listed on your voter information pamphlet.

### HEMET SAN JACINTO CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS MEMBERSHIP

At this time, the **HSJCR** has approximately 90 paid up 2026 members. Thanks to Pam and Alan Chaney and Patsy Delducco for their renewals.

Please encourage your friends and relatives to join the **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans** during this important election year.



#### ADVICE FOR VOTING

In the Primary Election, the first rule is **Vote Republican and support Republican incumbents.**

In contested races, research candidates. Who has the financial backing? Who has credible endorsements? Who has an active campaign? And, **most importantly, who can win the seat?**

#### CaGOP SPRING CONVENTION

The Spring Convention was held in San Diego at the Sheraton Resort on Harbor Island. The main thrust of the convention was the endorsement of statewide candidates. The major contested race was for the Governorship. With two viable Republicans vying for the top seat, it takes 2/3 of the voting delegates to endorse. Neither **Sheriff Chad Bianco** nor **Steve Hilton** reached the criteria. **Sheriff Bianco** received the majority of votes. Statewide candidates endorsed were:

- Lt. Governor: **Gloria Romero**
- Secretary of State: **Don Wagner**
- Controller: **Herb Morgan**
- Treasurer: **Jennifer Hawkes**
- Attorney General: **Michael Gates**
- State Insurance Commissioner: **Stacey Korsgaden**
- State Superintendent of Public Instruction: **Sonja Shaw**

**San Jacinto Valley partisan office endorsements recommended to and under consideration by the CaGOP are: CD25 Joe Males; AD60 Ed Delgado; CD48 Jim Desmond.**



### REPUBLICAN PARTY OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY

The April 23 2026 meeting of the **Republican Party of Riverside County** was held at **Congressman Ken Calvert's** Corona Office and was called to order by **Vice Chair Michael Curry.**

The following candidates asked the Committee for its endorsement: **Kevin O'Neil, 48CD; Norma Berreliez, Riverside City Council Ward 6; Michael Gates, Attorney General; and Chuck Conder, Riverside City Council Incumbent.**

**Michael Gates and Chuck Conder** received endorsements.

Reports were given by the Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. **Regional Vice Chair David Marko** spoke on the process of becoming a delegate to the **CaGOP.**

Members were strongly encouraged to support **RPRC** endorsed candidates: **Sheriff Chad Bianco, Governor Michelle Paradise, Superior Court #10; Joe Males, 25CD; Kelly Seyarto, SD32; Kate Sanchez, 71AD; Leticia Castillo, AD58; Jeff Gonzalez, 36AD.**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**President Tom Wilson**

Hi All,

May is here which means primary voting is beginning. By now you will have your ballot; please complete and mail it back promptly! **VOTE EARLY!!!** June 2 is the last day to vote in person so we must encourage all of our friends to vote and be counted.

We are blessed to have a great group of candidates that include two strong Republican Governor prospects.

We are planning to have a headquarter's location for The November General Election. The November ballot will include Propositions and local candidates as well as statewide candidates.

We have an interesting program for May that will give insight into the City of Hemet Operation and infrastructure.

The Meeting is May 18, the third Monday. Memorial Day Observance falls on the fourth Monday which is our regular meeting day.

Please invite family, friends, neighbors, and those members who need a gentle reminder. Please RSVP; join your friends on May 18  
See you on May 18  
President Tom

#### BALLOT DROP OFF/HEMET

The **Hemet Library** is a drop off center from May 23 to June 1 from 9 to 5 and on June 2 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Other sites are listed in the State Primary Election pamphlet.

#### BALLOT DROP OFF/SJ

**San Jacinto Community Center lobby** from May 30 to June 1 from 9 to 5 and on June 2 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Other sites are listed in the State Primary Election pamphlet.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING RECAP

On May 6, the **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans Board** met at the Greater San Jacinto Valley Chamber offices. Those in attendance were **President Tom Wilson, Sharon Durbin, Dale Dieleman, Joanne Dieleman, Keith Meissner, Robin Lowe, Ken and Renee Campbell, Marcie Martinez, Todd Stamps, Charlene Stover.**

The following items were covered:

- Treasurer's Report by **Keith Meissner.**
- **Program Chair Dale Dieleman** reported that the speaker for May 18 is Gregg Holyoak, Hemet Public Works. Noah Rau became interim City Manager upon the retirement of Mark Prescott.
- The **RPRC America 250 Celebration** is July 11, 2026 at March Field Air Museum. The **Liberty Dinner** has been cancelled.
- Opening a Campaign Headquarters for the General Election was discussed.
- Open local seats in the San Jacinto Valley was discussed.



**HEMET-SAN JACINTO CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS  
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2026 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
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I AM A REGISTERED REPUBLICAN (SIGNATURE) \_\_\_\_\_

DUES: **\$20 PER PERSON/\$35 PER COUPLE** MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans**  
AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CHECK COMMITTEE SELECTION:      WAYS AND MEANS      PUBLICITY      PHONE TREE  
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**WINNERS AND LOSERS**

*Every week Jon Fleishman runs a column of the ten winners and losers of the week. Following are three for this week.*

**LOSERS: PROTESTERS "CELEBRATING" MAY DAY**

May Day is not some harmless spring festival. Politically, it traces back to late 19th-century labor agitation and later became one of the most important symbolic dates for socialist and communist movements worldwide. So when activists in Los Angeles call for "no school, no work, no shopping." they are not just holding a rally — they are deliberately invoking a radical political tradition built around mass economic disruption. That may excite the union left, but for working Californians trying to earn a paycheck, keep businesses open, and get kids educated, it is another reminder that the radical left's idea of "solidarity" usually means everyone else pays the price. At its core, America is about individual liberty tied to individual responsibility. Those who seek to advance collectivism are rejecting the birthright of all Americans.

**WINNERS: OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PRINCIPALS**

It is not every day you see school principals step forward and call for closures when their own jobs could be on the line. That makes this notable. Oakland Unified has too many schools for its declining enrollment, and pretending otherwise only guarantees deeper fiscal problems down the road. These principals are saying the hard part out loud: keeping every campus open may feel compassionate, but it can drain resources from the students who remain.

**LOSER: KAREN BASS, MAYOR OF LA**

When your name is on the door, you are responsible for what happens inside. While California tourism rebounded, Los Angeles had its worst tourism year since the pandemic. That matters because tourism is not some side issue for Los Angeles — it is jobs, tax revenue, hotels, restaurants, small businesses, and civic reputation. A city already struggling with homelessness, crime, high costs, and disorder cannot afford to become less attractive to visitors, too.

**BRAD DACUS IN HEMET IN JUNE**

**Brad Dacus**, the driving force behind **Pacific Justice Institute** is the guest speaker for the **HSJCR** in June.

Pacific Justice Institute is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) legal defense organization specializing in the defense of religious freedom, parental rights, and other civil liberties. **Pacific Justice Institute** works diligently, without charge, to provide its clients with all the legal support they need.

**What Makes PJI Unique?**

- We handle *more case* matters defending faith and family coast to coast than *any other* organization of our kind!
- We have tremendous leverage in our litigation budget with 36 offices in 26 states strategically positioned coast to coast!
- Our goal is to make sure *everyone* gets help!
- We get involved in areas of law *not* typically handled by *others!*

**MARK JUNE 22 ON YOUR CALENDARS**



**AB 2017**

California Assembly Bill 2017, introduced in early 2026 by Assemblymember Matt Haney, proposes designating the Islamic holidays Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha as official state holidays. The bill aims to allow public schools and community colleges to close and ensures state employees can use paid leave to observe these, according to [AB 2017 Fact Sheet \(CAIR-CA\)](#). [1, 2, 3]

**Key Details of AB 2017 (As of May 2026):**

- **Purpose:** Formally recognize Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha to promote inclusion for California's Muslim population.
- **School/Workplace Impact:** Authorizes schools and community colleges to close and guarantees excused absences for students.
- **Employee Leave:** Permits state employees to use vacation, annual leave, or compensation time to observe the holidays. **(Call your Assemblyperson and urge him to vote 'no'.)**

**DATES TO CALENDAR**

- May 18: **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans** May Dinner Meeting at the Elks Lodge in Hemet
- May 28: **Republican Party of Riverside County** May General Membership Meeting
- May 10: Mothers' Day
- May 25: **Memorial Day. The San Jacinto Valley Cemetery tribute to fallen heroes begins at 9 a.m. Join the American legion Post 53 for BBQ afterward.**
- June 1: **HSJCR Board of Directors Meeting at 5:30.**
- June 22: **HSJCR June Meeting with Brad Dacus, Pacific Justice Institute.**



## MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings; however, it is likely due to the many planned or spontaneous gatherings of people in many towns to honor the war dead in the 1860's. The patriotic people tapped into the general human need to honor our dead which contributed to the growing movement that culminated in General Logan giving his official proclamation in 1868. It is not important which town was the very first to decorate the graves of fallen heroes, but what is important is that Memorial Day was established.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war.

Traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years and many Americans have forgotten the meaning of Memorial Day. Sadly, at many cemeteries, the graves of the fallen heroes are increasingly ignored, neglected.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees; the change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.



## BRIEF HISTORY OF MOTHERS' DAY

**President Woodrow Wilson** signed a bill in 1914 designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. The creation of Mother's Day is primarily attributed to three women: Ann Reeves Jarvis, Julia Ward Howe, and Ann's daughter, Anna M. Jarvis.

In the late 1850s, Ann Jarvis, widely considered the 'mother' of Mother's Day, established Mother's Work Day, a day dedicated to teaching mothers how to better prepare food so as to prevent disease. Seven of her eleven children died before adulthood. Her home was in close proximity to a major battlefield during the Civil War and she organized groups of mothers to visit the wounded of both Union and Confederate loyalty. The carnage of the war spurred women, like Jarvis, around the country to find ways to help where they could. As a volunteer for the (continued in col 2)

## QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Our nation's history is defined by individuals who had the courage to stand up for their beliefs, just as our Founding Fathers did when they signed the Declaration of Independence."

President Ronald Reagan

"We preach no manifest destiny. But like the Americans who brought a new nation into the world 200 years ago, history has asked much of us in our time. Much we've already given. Much more we must be prepared to give."

President Ronald Reagan

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving."

Albert Einstein

"A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul."

George Bernard Shaw

"You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity, by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity."

Anonymous

## TRIVIA

Every morning is the dawn of a new error.

My wife and I had words, but I didn't get to use mine.

A blond guy shouts frantically into the phone, "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!"

"Is this her first child?" asks the Doctor.

"No!" he shouts, "this is her husband!"

"America is a country which produces citizens who will cross the ocean to fight for democracy but won't cross the street to vote.

"Money can buy you a fine dog, but only love can make him wag his tail."

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United States Sanitary Commission during the Civil War, she helped alleviate the effects of disease and injury.

After the war, Julia Ward Howe, helped to reshape what Mother's Day could mean. After the Civil War, Julia wrote her "Appeal to womanhood throughout the world", later the "Mother's Day Proclamation", which attempted to unite women around the world together to bring about a lasting peace. Julia Ward Howe was the author of "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

In 1908, Anna Jarvis, daughter of the aforementioned Ann Jarvis, began to campaign to make Mother's Day a federally recognized day in honor of her mother who had died in 1905. The first nationally celebrated Mother's Day was in May of 1914. But what had been a day dedicated first to cleanliness and later to peace was again repurposed, this time to celebrate mothers themselves.