



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

***To a
Republican Candidates Forum on
Monday, September 28, 2026***

***All San Jacinto Valley Republican Candidates are Welcome
Republican Candidates will all be given an opportunity to speak
Review of Ballot Initiatives
Meet Candidates in a relaxed atmosphere***



***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
Young Adults 20 and under: \$10
Program Only: \$5*

*Please RSVP
By Thursday, September 24, 2026
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MEET THE CANDIDATES

The **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans** is hosting a Republican Candidate Forum on Monday, September 28. Members will have an opportunity to meet the candidates. Republican candidates whose races touch the San Jacinto Valley are invited to participate. Each candidate will be given time to speak on their candidacy.

Federal Republican candidates are Joe Males, CD25 and Jim Desmond, CD 48. State Republican candidates are Kelly Seyarto, SD32; Jeff Gonzales, AD36; Greg Wallace, AD47; and Ed Delgado, AD60. Hemet City Council Republican candidates are Norm Kyriss, D1; Constance Clark, D1; Dalila Salcido, D2; James DePasse, D5. San Jacinto Republican City Council candidates are Valerie Vandever and Alonso Ledesma. Hemet Board of Trustees Republican candidates are Kenn Prado, TA5 and Robert Cardenas, TA7.

Information will be available on the 14 Ballot Measures.

For any of you considering a write-in candidacy, you can pull your papers beginning September 7.

Mail-in ballots will be dropped beginning October 5.

This is an excellent opportunity to become informed about your local candidates.

Become informed and vote early.

**Candidates who are members of the
Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans**

Joe Males, 25 Congressional District
Norm Kyriss, Hemet City Council, District 1
Valerie Vandever, San Jacinto City Council
VOTE REPUBLICAN!!!

JULY MEETING RECAP

The meeting was called to order on July 27 by President **Tom Wilson**. The guest speaker was **Joe Grindstaff, Director for Eastern Municipal Water District**.

Mr. Grindstaff represents Hemet on the **EMWD Board**; he made an excellent presentation regarding water issues affecting the San Jacinto Valley.

Eric Young spoke on the candidacy of **Steve Hilton for Governor**.

If you need yard signs or any information regarding the **Hilton Campaign**, please feel free to contact **Eric Young**. Information has been forwarded from Denise Payne to Hsjcr members regarding the campaign and **Hilton's** appearances in Riverside County. (Eric's contact information is in the Directory)

Meeting Information

The **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republican's** September 28 meeting is at **The Elks at 1305 West Florida, Hemet**. Check-in is 6 p.m. with the program at 6:30.

The cost of the dinner is \$20 per member, \$22 for non-members, and \$10 for those 20 years of age or less. For those who attend only for the program, the cost is \$5. First time guests are complimentary.

To reserve, contact **Joanne at quiltersite2@yahoo.com or 951-663-7870**. Please reserve by **September 24, 2026**. If you reserve and are unable to attend, cancel with **Joanne**.

**Please note the meeting is the
FOURTH MONDAY
September 28, 2026**

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Robin Lowe has been under the weather—thoughts, prayers, and cards would be appreciated.

HEMET SAN JACINTO CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS MEMBERSHIP

At this time, the **HSJCR** has 96 paid up 2026 members. At the August meeting, **Kristy Livingston** joined the **HSJCR**. **Welcome aboard, Kristy.**

Unfortunately, in August the **HSJCR** lost a 5-year member. **Mike Naumowich** joined our ranks in 2021. He passed away in August.

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

The **HSJCR Board of Directors** voted at their June meeting to reduce membership dues for those 20 or under to \$10.

The **HSJCR** already has in place complimentary membership for those Republicans over 90.



CALIFORNIA CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS

Breaking Down the November Ballot Measures takes center stage at the **SPARC-CCR Speaker Series on September 16 at 6:30 p.m.**

With the mid-term elections rapidly approaching, now is the time to understand what will be on the ballot. **Tino Rossi, President of Swing Strategies**, will enlighten us on the key ballot measures. **You are invited to join SPARC-CCR via zoom.**

California voters will face 14 statewide ballot propositions in the November 2026 election, covering issues ranging from housing and taxes to fiscal priorities and election reform. Tino will share his insights on these measures, what they mean for us as Republicans and residents of the Golden State, and what we should know before we vote.

SPARC is pleased to co-host this event with the **California Congress of Republicans (CCR)**. This is a **virtual event via Zoom** and can be accessed through your computer, tablet, or smartphone.

(The flyer with the 'register here' button was sent to all HSJCR members. It will be attached to this newsletter)



REPUBLICAN PARTY OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY

The July and August meetings of the **Republican Party of Riverside County** were held at the **Hemet Elks Lodge** and were called to order by **Chair Lori Stone**.

Both meetings involved endorsements for local races: City Council, Board of Trustees, Water Districts, and Parks and Recreation. Additional endorsements will be made at the September 24 meeting.

Saturday, September 19 is the date for **Guns, Faith, and Freedom Rally** from 4 to 8 at Monteleone Meadows in Temecula Wine Country.

Sunday, September 13 marks the day for an additional **Guns, Faith, and Freedom Rally** from 4 to 8 at Teen Challenge at Benedict Castle in Riverside.

Flyers for both of these events have been forwarded to the **HSJCR membership**. This is an opportunity to meet candidates and participate in an old fashioned political rally.

Both of these events are free—they are rallies! However, if you are so inclined, donations will be gratefully accepted!!!

CONDOLENCES

Condolences go to the family of **Mike Naumowich** on his passing. **Mike** joined the **HSJCR** in 2021. He and his wife **Bonnie** were faithful attendees until ill health dictated otherwise.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Tom Wilson

Hi All,

Welcome back from summer break. The sun has certainly been shining bringing us some very warm days.

September brings one of our most exciting meetings of the year! At our mid-term Candidate Forum Meeting, we will hear from our Republican candidates who are running for office in the November General Election.

Please attend this informative gathering of candidates and be prepared to support them in their campaigns in a variety of ways: hosting a coffee, walking precincts, addressing post cards.

Please invite a guest and be sure to RSVP to Joanne. We don't want to run out of food!

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

President Tom



COURTESY

Members: If you know of any **HSJCR** member who is ill or who has lost a loved one, please notify **Renee Campbell** at renee@harkwy.com OR 951-442-6559. She will send the appropriate card. Also notify **Renee** when happy occasions need a card such as weddings.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING RECAP

On August 31 the **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans Board** met at the Greater San Jacinto Valley Chamber offices. Those in attendance were **President Tom Wilson, Dale Dieleman, Joanne Dieleman, Keith Meissner, Ken Campbell, Todd Stamps, Sharon Durbin, Marcie Martinez, and Charlene Stover**.

The following items were covered:

- Treasurer's Report by **Keith Meissner**.
- **Program Chair Dale Dieleman** reported that September meeting will be a meet and greet forum for candidates representing the San Jacinto Valley. Voter registration will be available at the meeting. Ballot Measures recommendations will be available.
- **Sharon Durbin** reviewed the "No Party Tea Party" fund raiser which she conducted in August.
- **Charlene Stover** gave a report on activities of the **Republican Party of Riverside County** (see above article).
- **HSJCR Board** agreed on a policy that flyers could be sent out by the **HSJCR** for Veteran's organizations and The Elks.
- **Marcie Martinez and Stella Johnson** will handle The Republican Booth at Candy Corner on October 29. Republican information will be disbursed.



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CALIFORNIA CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS
2026 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.

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MADE IN CALIFORNIA

Jon Fleishman, Flashreport, September 2, 2026

Congratulations, Here's Your Sticker

California manufacturers have finally received the help they have been waiting for. Not cheaper electricity or lower taxes on manufacturing equipment. Not faster permits. Not relief from the rising cost of moving goods around the state.

They are getting a logo.

Gov. Gavin Newsom announced Friday that manufacturers may now apply to display California's new "Made in California" label. A company qualifies by showing that at least 51 percent of a product's wholesale value was added through manufacturing, assembly, fabrication, or production in California. Then comes the application, state approval, a licensing agreement, branding rules, and certification renewal every two years.

The fee is waived through the end of 2026. After that, manufacturers will pay between \$75 and \$500 for the privilege of announcing that they managed to make something here.

It is an almost perfect Sacramento program. California builds the obstacle course. A manufacturer somehow reaches the finish line with an actual product. The state shows up with a commemorative sticker and, eventually, a bill for the sticker.

Perhaps the more informative label would be "Taxed in California."

The New Program Is Old

One more problem: This supposedly new program is not new.

California enacted the original Made in California program in 2013. By 2019–20, the state's own annual report showed no active certifications and no applications or inquiries in progress. Three businesses created accounts during the year. None finished applying. The GO-Biz website recorded exactly zero outbound clicks to the program website.

Participation was so low that the program's only third-party certifier withdrew.

REFORM CALIFORNIA HELP NEEDED!

From Reform California "Last weekend we took delivery of 3 million Reform California Voter Guides, but we only managed to stuff 325k mailers so far this week. Unless we get more volunteers and pick up the pace ASAP, we won't get the guides to voters by October 1 when mail ballots arrive - *putting Prop 39 for Voter ID in grave jeopardy! Can you please step up and help?*

We are organizing massive mailing parties every weekend this month at our campaign headquarters statewide.

This weekend *Steve Hilton and I will be dropping by* several of the parties! If you can give even two or three hours this Saturday or Sunday, please sign up and get in the fight! (RSVP needed)"

Saturday/Sunday September 5/6, 2026

8:00 am to 7:00 pm

Calvert for Congress Campaign HQ - 629 N. Main St #C-4 Corona, CA, 92878 (Riverside County)

Reform California: 619-786-8019

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There's also \$12 billion in taxpayer-funded healthcare for illegal immigrants while raising the cost of insurance on citizens by imposing a \$426-per family insurance premium tax.

**Here are 3 of Reform California's
10 Worst Bills Passed by the
California Legislature in 2026:**

**AB 2484 and AB 1408 — Bills to
Spike the Local Sales Tax to 11%**
Allows local politicians to raise the sales tax – in some cases above 10-11%!

Instead of lowering California's crushing tax burden, Sacramento politicians keep inventing new loopholes to raise taxes even higher.

**AB 1896 — The Police "No Hire"
Blacklist**

Bars certain former federal immigration enforcement officers from getting future jobs with California cities, counties, special districts, and other public agencies.

**AB 103 — The Bloated Budget –
With Tax Hikes**

The 2026-2027 state budget spends a record amount fueled by massive tax hikes but delivers dismal results. \$1 billion more will be wasted on the High Speed Train boondoggle, hundreds of millions for funding political activities of far-Left NGOs, and irresponsible salary hikes and pension spikes for government workers.

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DATES TO CALENDAR

- September 7: **Labor Day**
- September 11: **Patriot Day — 25 year anniversary**
- September 17: **Constitution Day**
- September 24: **Republican Party of Riverside County September General Membership Meeting at the Elks Lodge in Hemet.**
- September 28: **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans September Candidate Meet and Greet and Forum at the Elks Lodge in Hemet.**



9/11 DO NOT FORGET

Where were you and what were you doing at 8:45 a.m. on September 11, 2001? A quarter century after the September 11, 2001 attacks, 100 million Americans are too young to remember the day that changed the nation forever. It is a shared promise — made 25 years ago — to never forget so those born after 9/11 learn its significance and enduring legacy. As the 25-year anniversary is commemorated, a new generation will learn about the unimaginable loss experienced and the inspiring stories of bravery, compassion, unity, and service witnessed, and have rippled through the decades.

On September 11, 2001, 19 militants associated with the Islamic extremist group al-Qaeda hijacked four airplanes and carried out suicide attacks against targets in the United States. A total of 2,996 people were killed in the 9/11 attacks, including the 19 terrorist hijackers aboard the four airplanes. Citizens of 78 countries died in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania. At the World Trade Center, 2,763 died after the two planes slammed into the twin towers. At the Pentagon, 189 people were killed, including 64 on American Airlines Flight 77. On Flight 93, 44 people died when the plane crash-landed in an open field in Pennsylvania.

At 8:45 a.m. on a clear Tuesday morning, an American Airlines Boeing 767 loaded with 20,000 gallons of jet fuel crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center.

As the evacuation of the tower got underway, television cameras broadcasted live images of what initially appeared to be a freak accident. Then, 18 minutes after the first plane hit, a second appeared out of the sky and sliced into the south tower.

As millions watched the events unfolding in New York, American Airlines Flight 77 circled over downtown Washington, DC before crashing into the west side of the Pentagon military headquarters at 9:45 a.m. Jet fuel from the Boeing 757 caused a devastating inferno that led to the structural collapse of a portion of the giant concrete building, headquarters of the Department of Defense.

A fourth California-bound plane was hijacked about 40 minutes after leaving an airport in New Jersey. Because the plane had been delayed, passengers on board learned of events in New York and Washington via cell phone and airfone calls to the ground. Knowing that the aircraft was not returning to an airport as the hijackers claimed, a group of passengers and flight attendants planned an insurrection.

They fought the four hijackers and are suspected to have attacked the cockpit with a fire extinguisher. The plane then flipped and sped toward the ground at upwards of 500 miles per hour crashing in a rural field killing 44 passengers.

The 19 terrorists smuggled box-cutters and knives through security at three East Coast airports—Logan International Airport in Boston, Dulles International Airport in Washington, D.C. and Newark International Airport in New Jersey—and boarded four early-morning flights bound for California, chosen because the planes were loaded with fuel for the long transcontinental journey. Soon after takeoff, the terrorists commandeered the four planes and took the controls, transforming ordinary passenger jets into guided missiles.

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Some of the terrorists had lived in the U.S. for more than a year and had taken flying lessons at American commercial flight schools. Others slipped into the country in the months prior to September 11.

The shocking events of September 11 were televised globally and left much of the world reeling in horror. On September 11 at 9 p.m., President George W. Bush delivered a televised address from the Oval Office, declaring, “Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America. These acts shatter steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve.”

The administration of President George W. Bush responded by declaring a “war on terrorism,” including the creation of the Department of Homeland Security and the invasion of Afghanistan.

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

TRIVIA

Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses.

Every morning is the dawn of a new error.

Venison for dinner again. Oh, deer!

I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.

A friend told a blond guy:

“Christmas is on a Friday this year.”

The blond guy then said, “Let’s hope it’s not the 13th.”

A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.

A bank is a place that will lend you money if you can prove that you don’t need it.

Why is it that when archeologists find human remains, they always determine that they are either male or female and none of the other hundreds of genders.

Be kind to your dentist. He has fillings, too.