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California Congress of Republicans
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To Meet and Hear
Invited Guests***

SUPERIOR COURT CANDIDATES

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Jason Stone, Office #26

Jay Kiel, Office #11

Kristi Kirk, Office #28



***Monday, May 23, 2022
The Elks
1305 West Florida Avenue***

***Social at 6 p.m.
Dinner at 6:30
\$20 Member
\$22 Non-member
\$5 Program only***

***PLEASE RSVP
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RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CANDIDATES

In June Riverside County residents will be asked to cast their ballot for Superior Court Judges. These are 'non-partisan' races; however, the Republican candidates in the June Primary follow the Republican philosophy with emphasis on public safety, and well-being of Riverside County citizens.

At the May 23 General Membership Meeting, the **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans** will have an opportunity to meet and greet and hear the four candidates who have been endorsed by District Attorney Mike Hestrin and Sheriff Chad Bianco.

Deputy DA Jason Stone, Office #26: Deputy DA Stone has been at the Riverside County District Attorney's Office, first as a law clerk, and then as Deputy District Attorney since 2007. More than half of his career has been in the DA's Special Victims Unit, prosecuting cases involving Sexual Assault, Child Abuse, Human Trafficking, and Domestic Violence. He is known for being a firm but fair prosecutor.

Deputy DA Kristi Kirk, Office #28: Deputy DA Kirk has been with the Riverside County District Attorney's Office since graduation of law school in 2005. She has worked in all units in the Eastern Division, including juvenile, filings, misdemeanor and felony domestic violence prosecution. She has specialized in gang and homicide prosecution and has prosecuted complex civil and criminal gang prosecutions.

Deputy DA Natalie Lough, Office #4: Deputing District Attorney Natalie Lough is an experienced Deputy District Attorney in the Riverside County District Attorney's Office, a military spouse, and mother to two young boys. Her philosophy is to treat everyone who enters the courtroom with fairness, compassion, and respect.

Deputy DA Jay Kiel, Office #11. Deputy District Attorney Jay Kiel currently serves in Riverside County.

SUMMARY OF APRIL MEETING

The General Membership meeting was called to order on March 28 at 6:30 p.m. by President **Tom Wilson**.

The federal, state, and county candidates representing the San Jacinto Valley were given five minutes each to give an outline of their candidacy. On the federal level, the attendees heard from Brian Hawkins, Dr. Brian Tyson, and Jonathan Reiss all running for the new 25 Congressional District. For Assembly, members heard from Hector Diaz candidate for the 60AD and Ian Weeks, 36AD. On the state level, Ron Jones, candidate for Governor also spoke. Lloyd White, running for the 5th District Supervisor spot gave his qualifications.

Meeting Information

The **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans** General Membership Meeting is Monday, May 23, 2022, at **The Elks at 1305 West Florida, Hemet**. Social time is 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30. The cost is \$20 per member, **\$22 for non members, \$5** for program only.

To reserve, contact Joanne at 663-787- or quiltersite2@yahoo.com. Please reserve by May 18, 2022.

If you reserve and are unable to attend, cancel with **Joanne**.



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Candidates were all given time to answer questions.

Charlene Stover gave information on the candidates for the California Constitutional Offices.

There were over 60 members and guests in attendance.

HSJCR MEMBERSHIP

Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans membership is at 77 as we had one new member and two renewals who renewed or joined at the February meeting. Welcome to new member Hugh Malone. Renewal are Valerie Vandever and Sue Leuschen

Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans membership runs from January to December. For their dues members receive a monthly newsletter, a directory, and notification of any political events in the Valley.

Checks can be sent to the Post Office Box in San Jacinto. The form is on page 3. Dues are \$20 per person and \$35 per couple. The HSJCR gives complimentary renewals to those reaching the magic number of 90 years.



HEMET SAN JACINTO VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB FEDERATED

The HSJRWCF will meet on May 18, 2022, at the Elks Club, 1305 West Florida, Hemet. Assembly candidates Ian Weeks, 36AD and Hector Diaz, 60AD are the scheduled speakers. This is an excellent opportunity for you to meet your candidates.

Check-in is at 11 a.m. **President Joanne** will call the meeting to order at 11:30.

Please reserve with **Donna Landino** at 926-7445 or ddino68@roadrunner.com.

CALIFORNIA CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS

The **California Congress of Republicans** endorsed by zoom on April 19 candidates for Constitutional Offices.

Each chapter was represented by votes determined by membership. **HSJCR** had 8 votes—two for officers and 6 for membership.

The zoom meeting was called to order by **President Mark Harshey**. He had a capable team conducting the endorsement process. Those endorsed are: **U.S. Senate, Mark Meuser; Superintendent of Public Instruction, Lance Christianson; Insurance Commissioner, No Endorsement; Attorney General, Nathan Hochman; Treasurer, Andrew Do; Controller, Lanhee Chen; Secretary of State, No Endorsement; Lt. Governor, Angela Underwood Jacobs; Governor, Brian Dahle.**

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY

The **Republican Party of Riverside County** met on April 21 in Calimesa. The thrust of the meeting was the election of a Chair. The meeting was conducted by Secretary Desare Farraro.

The business section of the meeting was open; however, the nomination, candidate statements, and voting were in closed session. Candidates nominated were **Past Chair Jonathan Ingram and Doug Shepherd**. Both candidates were given five minutes to speak and time to answer questions. Voting was by secret ballot. **Chair Jonathan Ingram** was elected as the new leader for the **RPRC**.

Nominations were then in order for Vice Chair. **Valarie Skovron** was nominated and nominations were closed. She was elected by acclamation.

Chair Ingram gave a brief acceptance speech and asked **Pastor Brian Park** to offer a prayer.

Other business included the endorsement by the body of Ian Weeks for the 36AD and Lloyd White for the Fifth Supervisor District seat.

CENTRAL SOUTHWEST CAUCUS

The **Central/Southwest Caucus** met on April 18 at the Mexico Café in Temecula. U.S. Senate Candidate **mrk Meuser** was the guest speaker. He gave statistics supporting the fact that California had enough registered Republicans to turn the tide; however, they must vote!!! The May meeting is May 9 at the Mexico Café.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tom Wilson

The April meeting where we heard from Republican Candidates in the June primary race was well attended. The May meeting will focus on Conservative Judicial candidates. We have invited four Judicial Candidates to speak in May so we may learn more about them and their philosophy. If you are like me, I know little about the Judicial Candidates and their political affiliation until I get my sample ballot and then I scramble for information.

Please come to the May 23rd meeting at the Elks Club. I look forward to seeing everyone there. Guests are always welcome and don't forget to RSVP it is so important in our planning. Tom

CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN PARTY (CaGOP)

The California Republican Party Spring Convention was held the weekend of April 22-24. Banquet speakers were **Senator Tim Scott and Congressman Kevin McCarthy**.

Saturday morning was filled with workshops and meetings.

Saturday afternoon was devoted to campaign speeches by Constitutional Office candidates. Candidate Endorsement took place on Sunday morning after the business session. Those endorsed are: **U.S. Senate, Mark Meuser; Superintendent of Public Instruction, Lance Christianson; Insurance Commissioner, No Endorsement; Attorney General, Nathan Hochman; Treasurer, Andrew Do; Controller, Lanhee Chen; Secretary of State, No Endorsement; Lt. Governor, Angela Underwood Jacobs; Governor, Brian Dahle.**

The list was sent to all HSJCR members last week.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING NOTES

The Board of Directors met on the first Monday of May. Present were **President Tom Wilson, VP Programs Dale Dieleman; VP Membership Robin Lowe, Secretary Sharon Durbin, Treasurer Charlene Stover, Bill Frayer, Norm Kyriss, and Vinay Rao.**

- ⇒ Treasurer's Report was given.
- ⇒ Sharon Durbin gave a report on the Republican Women Federated. Candidates Ian Weeks, 36AD and Hector Diaz, 60AD are the speakers.
- ⇒ The May program will feature the four Republican candidates for Superior Court Judgeships.
- ⇒ Vinay Rao reported that John Norman has been appointed to fill the term of Jeremy Fontes on the San Jacinto USD Board of Trustees.
- ⇒ Membership is currently at 77. Dues will be sent to the state this month.



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2022 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

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CALIFORNIA PRIMARY INFORMATION.

Here are points regarding the June Primary election:

- All California active registered voters will receive a vote-by-mail ballot.
- Last day to register is May 23, 2022.
- Your ballot will include candidates for U.S. Senate and all Constitutional offices as well as Assembly, Congress, and State Senate.
- Two contests for U.S. Senate: One for a 6-year term ending January 3, 2029 and one for the remainder of the current term ending January 3, 2023.
- Return your ballot—must be postmarked on or before election day and received by June 14, 2022 or in-person to a secure ballot drop box, to a voting location or your county elections office by 8 p.m. on June 7, 2022.
- In-person voting locations will offer voter registration, replacement ballots, accessible voting machines, and language assistance to those who need it.
- Vote centers open in all Voter's Choice Act counties on May 28, 2022.

Ballot drop off places in the San Jacinto Valley are: City of Hemet, Hemet Public Library, Valle Vista Community Center, City of San Jacinto, Valley Wide Parks and Recreation on May 9 through June 6. The hours are 10 to 3 except for Valley Wide which is 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. **Double check hours before taking your ballot in.**

In-person voting in Hemet is at Bautista Creek Elementary School, Hemet DPSS, Hemet Public Library, Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church. In San Jacinto, it is at Mountain View Alternative High School, San Jacinto Library, Valley Wide Recreation and Park District. Voting is from May 28 to June 6, 9 to 5 and 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on June 4 through election day.

JEFFRIES JOURNAL

First District Supervisor Kevin Jeffries

A Growing Rage – We have a beautiful County that offers diverse settings (mountains, desert, Wine Country, lakes, historic downtown areas, etc.) And while our communities keep growing, unfortunately so does the level of frustration. It really boils down to a quality of life question: *How much is enough?!*

Quality of life concerns include crime, homelessness, the cost of living (to name just a few) and of course the other big one, our endless gridlock! Gridlock on our state-owned highways (91, 15 & 215 & Ortega Hwy) is never ending, and Caltrans has mostly been converted away from building freeway capacity and instead into a highway maintenance agency. The gridlock is not confined to our freeways, but also overwhelms many local roads such as Cajalco, Temescal Canyon Rd, Van Buren, Alessandro, Bundy Canyon, and Washington, etc. To make things even more challenging, the State mandates that counties and cities MUST provide for more affordable housing to be construction. Across our County, we must add 167,351 more water use)? Will our infrastructure needs ever catch up?

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During my community meetings the same question is always asked of me. That being: *How much is enough?* How many more homes (affordable or not) must we add? How many more warehouses, how many more vehicles, how much more water (the biggest water district in Southern California just announced dramatic restrictions on water use)? Will our infrastructure needs ever catch up?

I recently had a respected friend suggest that our county (and cities) need to implement a "pause" in issuing permits until we can get on a path towards resolving our quality of life challenges. He's not wrong, but the paths (solutions) won't be easy. I doubt that a "pause" will happen (mainly because of our private property rights), but clearly, we are in trouble and need to rethink – *How much is enough?*

SENIOR SAVINGS

Newsmax May, 2022.

Most states offer seniors a discount on their home property taxes. Several, including Connecticut and Tennessee, freeze property tax for seniors. Others increase homestead exemptions. In Florida, there's an additional \$50,000 exemption for people over 65. In some states people with disabilities, low annual income, and veterans may also qualify for additional discounts. (ed. Note: no mention of California)

DATES TO CALENDAR

- May 9: Central Southwest Caucus Meeting —contact for firm date/place
- May 18: Hemet Jacinto Valley Republican Women's Club Federated meeting at 11 a.m. at The Elks, 1305 West Florida Avenue.
- May 18: Republican Party of Riverside County Monthly General Membership Meeting. at 7 p.m.
- May 25: Hemet San Jacinto Valley Chamber of Commerce Mixer. Call for details.
- May 23: Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans meeting at The Elks 1305 West Florida with Candidates for Superior Court as guest speakers.
- May 30: Memorial Day.
- June 6: HSJCR Board of Directors Meeting.

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 each of the towns and every planned or spontaneous gathering of people to honor the war dead in the 1860's tapped into the general human need to honor our dead, each contributed honorably 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 way.

It is now celebrated in almost every state on the last Monday in May passed by Congress with the National Holiday Act of 1971 to ensure a three-day weekend for Federal holidays.

Traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years. Many Americans have forgotten the meaning of Memorial Day. At many cemeteries, the graves of the fallen are increasingly ignored, neglected. What may be needed to return the solemn, and even sacred, spirit back to Memorial Day is for a return to its traditional day of observance. As the VJW stated, "changing the date merely to create three-day weekends has undermined the very meaning of the day. No doubt, this has contributed greatly to the general public's nonchalant observance of Memorial Day.



TRUMP SELLS D.C. HOTEL

Donald Trump's luxury hotel near the White House, which drew diplomats, lobbyists, and plenty of controversy while he was president, has been sold to a Miami investment group for \$375 million.

The Associated Press reported that investors include former New York Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez and former boxing champion Floyd Mayweather Jr.

The sale price would more than make up for the \$200 million Trump's company put into renovating the historic, federally owned Old Post Office into a hotel.

CANDIDATES STATEMENTS PRIMARY ELECTION, JUNE 7, 2022

Have you taken time to review candidates' statements? Some are rather enlightening?

Mariana B. Dawson (NPP) "F all politicians."

Laura Wells (Green) "Tax the super-rich; stop billionaires from buying the media and politicians. Implement public banking to invest in California not Wall Street. Use water wisely, never for fracking. Spend money on necessary, meaningful jobs that don't destroy the planet, and less money imprisoning people in an unjust system."

Meghann Adams (Peace and Freedom) End Poverty in California! Fund schools, housing and healthcare. Vote Left Unity Slate.

Veronika Fimbres (Green) "Nurse. Black Trans Woman. Single payer universal healthcare."

Nathalie Hrizi (Peace and Freedom) "Healthcare for all! Abolish the Insurance Companies. Vote Left Unity Slate. (she is a candidate for Insurance Commissioner)"

Do your research before casting your ballot!

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"We have found, in our country, that when people have the right to make decisions as close to home as possible, they usually make the right decisions."

President Ronald Reagan

"All of us need to be reminded that the Federal Government did not create the states, the States created the Federal Government."

President Ronald Reagan

TRIVIA/QUOTABLE QUOTES

"If common sense were lard, most people wouldn't be able to grease a pan."

"'Payday' candy bar is changing its name because it's offensive to those who don't work."

"My five-year-old hasn't said a word in the car after I convinced him that the volume control on our stereo ejects his car seat."

"To applaud a politician because he has built a hospital, a school, road, etc. with public money is the same as applauding an ATM because it gives you your money."

"The scientific theory I like best is that the rings of Saturn are composed entirely of lost airline baggage." Mark Russell

Think about this:

"How to stop drunk drivers from illing sober drivers? Ban sober drivers from driving. That's exactly how gun control works."

"Can we still order black coffee? Are brownies being taken off the shelf? Is White Castle changing its name? Can we still play Chinese checkers?"