



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

*Invites you and your friends to
Join together for the annual*

**TRADITIONAL
CHRISTMAS DINNER**

and

**NOMINATION, ELECTION AND INSTALLATION
OF 2026 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**



**INSTALLING OFFICER:
HSJCR MEMBER AND
SAN JACINTO CITY
COUNCIL MEMBER
VALERIE VANDEVER**

**Information:
Monday, December 8, 2025
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, December 4, 2025
Joanne Dieleman: 951-663-7870
quiltersite2@yahoo.com*



HEMET-SAN JACINTO CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS

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DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVENT



The December 8, 2025 Christmas event promises to be a relaxed, friendly get together. The **HSJCR** will be nominating, electing, and installing the 2026 Officers and Board of Directors.

The Honorable Valerie Vandever, Mayor of San Jacinto, is the Installing Officer for the 2026 Officers and Board of Directors. **Valerie** grew up in **San Jacinto** and, as an adult chose to remain in the Valley with her husband **Dean**. **Mayor Vandever** has been involved in multiple organizations in the Valley. She was elected to the San Jacinto City Council in 2020.

Valerie joined the **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans** in 2021. It is most fitting that she serve as our 2026 Installing Officer.

See Page 2 for additional details on the dinner event.

HSJCR CHRISTMAS TRADITIONAL DONATION TO THE COMMUNITY PANTRY

As in past years, the Board is asking the membership to donate items to the Community Pantry. Non-perishable food items such as tuna, mac and cheese, any canned fruits and vegetables are welcome.

*Bring your donation to the Christmas Event and the **HSJCR** Board will do the rest. Thanks in advance to the **HSJCR** members!*



VOTER ID PETITIONS

The **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans** has been collecting signatures to get the Voter ID Initiative on the November, 2026 Ballot.

Prior to signature gathering, several members worked with the campaign to mail out petitions. They did the exciting work of stuffing envelopes and stamping them.

More recently, teams have been gathering signatures in front of Hobby Lobby. The two Saturdays in which they worked, 160 signatures were gathered and turned in.

Other members have gathered signatures at Churches. Let's keep up the good work.

We will be gathering signatures every Saturday—**contact Charlene if interested.**

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

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Meeting Information

The **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republican's** December 8 Christmas Event 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 December 3, 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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Thanks to those who braved the heat in front of Hobby Lobby: **Ken and Renee Campbell, Carol and Bob Johnston, Eileen Guarino, Dawn Ennes, Stella Johnson, Marcie Martinez, Sharon Durbin, and AJ Ruiz.**



*The Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans Board of Directors
wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*

HEMET SAN JACINTO CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS MEMBERSHIP

TIME TO RENEW!! You can renew your **HSJCR** membership for 2026 at the December 8 event! **Membership VP Robin Lowe** will be accepting your renewal then. You may also mail your dues with the form on page 3.

The **HSJCR** operates on a calendar year so dues are officially due in January. Dues remain at \$20 per person and \$35 per couple.

The **HSJCR** also awards membership to any previous member who has reached the age of 90. Please let **Robin** know if you have reached that magic age.



HSJVRWCF

The Hemet San Jacinto Valley Republican Women's Club Federated will be dark until 2026. Please check your emails and post service for forthcoming information.



NOMINATIONS FOR 2026 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following is a tentative list of Officers and Board of Directors for 2026 for the **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans**.

President: Tom Wilson
Vice President Programs: Dale Dieleman
Vice President Membership: Robin Lowe
Vice President Liaison: Joanne Dieleman
Secretary: Sharon Durbin
Treasurer: Keith Meissner

Board of Directors:

Ken Campbell
Eileen Guarino
Dick English
Marcie Martinez
Charlene Stover

(Awaiting confirmation on two additional board members)

The Officers and Board will be officially elected at the December 8 Christmas Event. Immediately after their election, they will be installed by **San Jacinto Mayor Valerie Vandever**.



REPUBLICAN PARTY OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY

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

It was a closed meeting. There is no General Membership Meeting in November.

The Freedom Dinner Honoring Charlie Kirk is December 5 at Monteleone Meadows. The information has been emailed to you; however, since yours may have gotten lost in the outer technical space—will resend!

Three awards will be given: Volunteer of the Year, Elected Representative of the Year, and Lifetime Achievement Award.

RECAP OF OCTOBER MEETING

The main speaker at the October 27 General Membership Meeting was **Brian Saucedo**, who is starting a **Turning Point USA Chapter at West Valley High School**.

Reports were give by both Hemet and San Jacinto City Council Members.

Petition signatures were gathered.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Tom Wilson

Hi All, We had a great turnout for October's meeting.

Thank you to Brian Saucedo for sharing his work establishing a Turning Point USA Chapter at West Valley High School.

Traditionally, there is no November meeting; take the time to celebrate Thanksgiving with family and friends.

I would like to thank all of those who make our meetings run smoothly: our host, The Elks Lodge, the members who take the reservations, plan the menu, decorate the tables, and check in the folks as they arrive. Special thanks to those who sell opportunity tickets and greet potential new members. These folks are all volunteers and work hard to make our meetings successful.

In closing a tip of the #47 cap to Agnes Kennedy. She is a fine example of someone who worked to make this Valley a better place in which to live.

Please RSVP for our December meeting and bring a friend.

President Tom



.VOTER ID

TWO OF THE
FOUR TEAMS



BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING NOTES

The Board of Directors met on Monday, November 10, 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 Membership Robin Lowe**, **VP Liaison with RWF Joanne Dieleman**, **Secretary Sharon Durbin** and **Treasurer Keith Meissner** **Board Members:** Taryn Cagliero, Joe Cagliero, Dick English, and Charlene Stover.

- The financial report was given by Treasurer **Keith Meissner**.
- Program VP **Dale Dieleman** reported that **San Jacinto Mayor Valerie Vandever** will install 2026 Officers and Board Members.
- December 8 will be **Nomination, Election, and Installation of Officers**.
- Board members were encouraged to attend the Freedom Dinner honoring **Charlie Kirk at Monteleone Meadows**.
- A report was given on signature gathering for **Voter ID**. A team of **HSJCR members** gathered 160 signatures in front of Hobby Lobby on the past two Saturdays.



**HEMET-SAN JACINTO CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS
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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**CALIFORNIA TAXPAYERS: AT THE
BOTTOM OF THE NATIONAL BARREL**

Jon Fleishman "So Does It Really Matter?" 11/1/25

California ranks 48th in the [Tax Foundation's 2025 State Tax Competitiveness Index](#). The study assesses the effectiveness of state tax systems across five key components: individual income tax, corporate income tax, sales and excise taxes, property and wealth taxes, and unemployment insurance taxes. It does not measure the amount of revenue the state collects. It asks whether the tax code supports or discourages work, investment, hiring, and planning. On those questions, we are near the bottom.

The 10 best states in this year's index are:

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| 1. Wyoming | 6. Montana |
| 2. South Dakota | 7. Texas |
| 3. New Hampshire | 8. Tennessee |
| 4. Alaska | 9. Idaho |
| 5. Florida | 10. Indiana |

The 10 lowest-ranked, or worst, states in this year's index are:

- | | |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1. Hawaii | 6. Maryland |
| 2. Vermont | 7. Connecticut |
| 3. Massachusetts | 8. California |
| 4. Minnesota | 9. New Jersey |
| 5. Washington | 10. New York |

Tax structure influences where people live, work, hire, and invest. A simpler, broader, and more predictable system supports growth. A narrow, intricate one discourages it. California's 48th-place ranking is not a law of nature. It is the result of political choices over decades.

This is what happens when nearly monolithic one-party rule sets tax policy for generations to come. And after almost seven years in office, Governor Gavin Newsom has had every opportunity to guide the legislature toward a more coherent system. Instead, he has chosen to affirm and extend it. The cost is not abstract. It is measured in families who leave and employers who never arrive. Other states would be wise to learn from this: unchecked political

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dominance does not stay hidden. It eventually appears on the scoreboard.



**NEWSOM'S LATEST
OVERREACH:
REGULATING CIGARS**

Jon Fleishman, November 19, 2025

"This mess began with SB 793, the flavored-tobacco ban upheld by voters, but it metastasized in 2024 when Newsom signed AB 3218 and SB 1230. Those bills ordered the Attorney General to create an Unflavored Tobacco List — a roster of products deemed "unflavored" enough to sell, with anything not listed presumed flavored and banned.

"Cigar companies have to register each size, or SKU, that they wish to sell. Some have hundreds of SKUs. In addition to a \$300 fee for each application, applicants must submit a box of each cigar they wish to register. Certain elements confuse the process, and not enough questions are

being answered. This is a burden on an industry that has had far too much regulation."

How Newsom's New List Actually Works

Newsom's law flips the burden of proof entirely onto manufacturers. A cigar that has long been sold legally in California must now be individually reviewed again, SKU by SKU, with every size, wrapper, and box configuration treated as its own separate application. Each requires a \$300 fee, a \$150 annual renewal, a boxed sample, technical specs, packaging photos, supporting documentation, and a certification under penalty of perjury that it has no characterizing flavor. The paperwork is dense, and the burden remains huge.

Under emergency regulations adopted August 25, the Attorney General gave manufacturers just 45 days — until October 9 — to get products onto the initial list.

(Editor's note: Another freedom of choice being taken away)

DATES TO CALENDAR

- November 20:** *Greater San Jacinto Valley Chamber of Commerce Mixer. American Legion Post 53, 124 north Ramona from 5:30-7 p.m. RSVP 951-590-0771.*
- November 27:** Thanksgiving
- December 1:** *HSJCR Board of Directors Meeting at 5:30.*
- December 5:** **Freedom Dinner Honoring Charlie Kirk** sponsored by the Republican Party of Riverside County
- December 7:** *Pearl Harbor*
- December 8:** **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans Installation of Officers/Board Christmas Event** at the Hemet Elks Lodge.
- December 18:** *Soboba Casino and Soboba Foundation Mixer at the Soboba Casino Events Center, 5:30-8:30.*
- December 24:** Hemet San Jacinto Valley Chamber of Commerce Mixer. Call 951-658-3211 for information.
- December 25:** *Christmas*



PEARL HARBOR
Sunday, December 7, 1941
DAY OF INFAMY

December 7, 1941— a day that will live in History — the day that marked the United States' decision to enter WWII. There are fewer and fewer of Pearl Harbor survivors left to share their memories. Let's not forget what they endured.

The surprise attack took place on a peaceful Sunday morning of December 7, 1941 on the "paradise" island of Oahu. The time of the attack was a short or long two hours. The surprise military strike conducted by the Imperial Japanese Navy against the United States naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii was a preventive action in order to keep the U.S. Pacific Fleet from interfering with military actions the Empire of Japan was planning in Southeast Asia.

The destruction in two hours was phenomenal. The base was attacked by 353 Japanese fighters, bombers and torpedo planes in two waves, launched from six aircraft carriers. All eight U.S. Navy battleships were damaged, with four being sunk. Of these eight damaged, two were raised, and with four repaired, six battleships returned to service later in the war. The Japanese also sank or damaged three cruisers, three destroyers, an anti-aircraft training ship, and one minelayer. There were 188 U.S. aircraft destroyed; 2,402 Americans were killed and 1,282 wounded.

Important base installations such as the power station, shipyard, maintenance, and fuel and torpedo storage facilities, as well as the submarine piers and headquarters building (also home of the intelligence section) were not attacked! The Pacific Fleet aircraft carriers remained intact.

Japanese losses were light: 29 aircraft and five midget submarines lost, and 65 servicemen killed or wounded. One Japanese sailor was captured.

The attack came as a profound shock to the American people and led directly to the American entry into World War II in both the Pacific and European theaters.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

Christmas can be celebrated in the school room with pine trees, tinsel, and reindeers, but there must be no mention of the man whose birthday is being celebrated. One wonders how a teacher would answer if a student asked why it was called Christmas."

President Ronald Reagan

"Christmas is a season not only of rejoicing but of reflection.

Sir Winston Churchill

"Maill your packages early so the post office can lose them in time for Christmas."

Johnny Carson

"I stopped believing in Santa Clause when I was six. Mother took me to see him in a department store and he asked for my autograph.

Shirley Temple

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

In Ireland, an old tradition says to leave a tall candle on the sill of the largest window of the house. The candle is lit after sunset on Christmas Eve and is supposed to burn all night long—it represents a welcoming light for Mary and Joseph.

According to Norwegian folklore, Christmas Eve is the day when mischievous spirits and witches take to the skies for mischief and general tomfoolery. As witches often use brooms as their preferred mode of transportation, it's tradition for Norwegian families to hide away any sweeping sticks where the witches won't be able to find them.

Listen to the song "Twelve Days of Christmas" and count the number of gifts in the song. You will realize that gifts were exchanged 364 times. Thus the gifts are exchanged every day of the year.

Noel is the word which is used in place of Christmas in France. The word was derived from the French phrase "les bonnes nouvelles" which means "the good news" and it refers to the gospel.

In the Netherlands, every year in the days leading up to December 25th, Dutch children eagerly place their shoes by the fire in hopes that Sinterklaas will fill them with small gifts and treats in the night. Traditionally, carrots are left in the shoes for Sinterklaas' faithful steed, a white horse named Amerigo. In the olden days, naughty children would receive a potato in lieu of gifts.

In Great Britain, an age-old tradition dictates that each member of the family must stir the Christmas pudding mix in a clockwise direction before it's cooked, making a wish as they do so.

In England Santa Clause traditionally leaves presents in a child's stocking on Christmas Eve. However, naughty children may wake up on Christmas morning to find a lump of coal in their stockings.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

The problem with political jokes is they get elected.

Henry Cate, VII

Why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and your opponents will do it for you.

Author Unknown

A printer consists of three main parts: The case, the jammed paper tray and the blinking red light.

Dave Berry

Before driving to the pharmacy, I called to ask, "Could you tell me what your hours are?" The young woman who answered was very obliging. "Well," she said, "today I work nine to one, but tomorrow I work three to six."

Senator John Kennedy, R-LA: "You can only be young once, but you can always be immature." "This has been going on since Moby Dick was a minnow."