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Monthly Luncheon:

Thursday, August 16, 2018

11:30 AM

The Inn at Morro Bay

Speaker:

Stephen Frank

Long Time Political Activist

Human Rights Activist

August Luncheon Speaker

Stephen Frank has a long history of political and human rights activism. He is currently the publisher of "California Political News and Views" (capoliticalreview.com) and a frequent guest on talk radio. He has been active in numerous campaigns and causes for over 50 years, including Nixon in 1960, Goldwater in 1964, and Reagan for Governor in 1966 and for President in 1976 and 1980. He has been a California Delegate to a Republican National Convention, an advisor to the California Republican Party for Special Election, and a member of the California Electoral College. He has extensive experience in leadership roles in numerous other political organizations.

Mr. Frank is married and has two daughters and three granddaughters. He served in the Vietnam war in the First Infantry Division, and later worked seven years full time on behalf of prisoners and those missing in action. In fact, together with Bob Dorman he developed the POW/MIA bracelet.

This should be a fascinating and informative presentation! We hope you will be able to attend.

July Speakers



Lilli Miller

Lilli and Richard

Richard Zierer

Richard Zierer from UCSB and Lilli Miller from SLO High School are members and founders of conservative clubs at their respective schools. They imparted the challenges and difficulties associated with being conservative students, both at the high school level and in college. Unfortunately, their schools do not encourage, and sometimes discourage and impede, formation of and membership in conservative clubs. Just as we saw in our June speaker, Justin Smith, these young people are determined and courageous in their beliefs and have endured a lot of opposition and sometimes hostility. We need to encourage and support them in any way we can! They are the future hope for our country.



Sandi Tannler, President Joan Smith

This month we sadly say good-bye to our long-time member and friend, Joan Smith, who is moving to Arizona. Joan moved to Los Osos 12 years ago after teaching school for 27 years in the Lancaster/Palmdale schools (part of the LA Unified School District). She was a member of the Palmdale Republican Women Federated, serving as 1st Vice President. Arriving in Los Osos, she became involved with the Central Coast Newcomers Club and EBRWF, where she was chairperson for the Christmas Boutique and the scholarship foundation. In the community, Joan was a volunteer docent at the Morro Bay Museum of Natural History. Joan will be missed for her intelligence, generosity, kindness and extreme knitting skills. We wish her good luck and much happiness in her new home.



Melinda Kendall Lorie Noble

Melinda and Lorie are pictured with their “friends” at the Mid-State Fair as part of the volunteer contingent from our club to register Republican voters. Thank you and Great Job Everyone!

Something New!

To foster political discussion and allow members to get to know one another more personally, what is being called “Political Fest” has been initiated. Several members have graciously volunteered to host small gatherings in their homes consisting of 6-8 members at a time, lasting about 2 hours, to “talk politics”.

Members who have volunteered are: Elsie Casida, Shirley Lyon, Gigi Ashlock, Melinda Kendall, Anne Bennett, and Mary Cook. Elsie recently hosted the initial get-together. The others will be arranging their own dates/times. If anyone is interested in attending and participating, please give one of the hostesses a call and let them know of your interest. When her date/time is set, she can be in touch with you. We hope you find this enjoyable.

Reminder for the RPSLO County Family Picnic on Sunday August 19th at Cuesta Park in SLO

Special Guest - **JOHN COX** - REPUBLICAN - Candidate for Governor

Mark Meuser Bike Tour

Mark Meuser, Republican candidate for Secretary of State is currently in the middle of a 5000-mile bike tour of all 58 counties of the state to raise awareness and money for the upcoming election.

He is asking for contributions in any amount, which can be sent to: Meuser for Secretary of State, 2 Civic Center Drive #4338, San Rafael, CA 94913. He will be going through our area on Aug. 16th (Atascadero) and Aug. 17th (Pismo Beach).

Statement on “Keep California Safe” initiative Qualification Effort

Article submitted by Andrea Seastrand

Crime Initiative Thwarted by Registrars’ Bureaucracy

By Michele Hanisee

It is rather disturbing that the statewide ballot initiative called the “Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018” will not appear on the November ballot, **not** because it lacked valid signatures, but because a number of County Registrar of Voters **failed** to validate signatures by the deadline. That failure has prevented this common-sense initiative, which makes widely supported changes to Prop 47 and Prop 57, from appearing on the November 2018 ballot.

To qualify for the November 2018 ballot, 365,880 valid signatures were required. Supporters of the Keeping California Safe Act submitted over 570,000 signatures to Registrars of Voters in counties across the state for verification. To date, six counties have not reported the number of signatures turned in. The remaining counties reported a total number 565,398 signatures. The next step for each county is to conduct a random sample check to determine what percentage of signatures are valid. The random sample checks which were done revealed that over 75% of the signatures turned in were valid. Yet when the deadline for random sample verification arrived, the initiative fell about 19,000 short of the required number of signatures.

What happened? **More than 100,000 submitted signatures were not counted** because a total of thirteen Registrars did not conduct the random sample validation process in time. These counties include San Diego, Ventura, Contra Costa, and San Joaquin. These four counties alone accounted for more than 95,000 signatures received but not verified by the deadline for the 2018 election.

There is no excuse for that failure, especially when one learns that Registrars in other counties that received large numbers of signatures were able to complete that process in time. These counties include Los Angeles County (more than 176,000 signatures); San Bernardino County (over 36,000 signatures); Riverside County (more than 34,000 signatures); and Fresno County (over 29,000 signatures).

Signature turn-in date cannot be faulted for the failure, as several counties that did validate signatures, received those signatures than some of the counties that failed to complete the verification process.

With a verification rate **above 75%**, there is no question that had the thirteen Registrars done their job, the Keeping California Safe Act would have qualified for the 2018 ballot.

The initiative process is a vital tool for voters in California to propose and enact laws that the legislature refuses to consider. If the gatekeepers of the initiative process are county Registrar of Voters, who are tasked with verifying signatures by a deadline, then they must perform that job. It is not a complex job, as demonstrated by the Los Angeles County Registrar’s ability to validate over 176,000 signatures in a matter of days.

It’s not all bad news. The initiative should still qualify for the 2020 election once these thirteen counties eventually turn in their validation numbers. But this should be a wake-up call for the Board of Supervisors in the counties where the failure to timely perform the signature verification process occurred. With many of the largest counties in the state able to accomplish the verification task, the explanation by these other Registrars of why they did not validate signatures in time to qualify the initiative for the 2018 election will prove, at the very least, to be interesting.

Michele Hanisee is President of the Association of Deputy District Attorneys, the collective bargaining agent representing nearly 1000 Deputy District Attorneys who work for the County of Los Angeles.

RPSLO Recommendations regarding the November 2018 Ballot Initiatives

STATE 2018 BALLOT MEASURES:

Proposition 5-Property Tax Fairness

RPSLO SUPPORT

Changes Requirements for Certain Property Owners to Transfer Their Property Tax Base to Replacement Property. Initiative: Constitutional Amendment and Statute

Removes the following current requirements for homeowners who are over 55 years old or severely disabled to transfer their property tax base to a replacement residence: that replacement property be of equal or lesser value, replacement residence be in specific county, and the transfer occur only once. Removed similar replacement-value and location requirements on transfers for contaminated or disaster-destroyed property. Requires adjustment to the replacement property's tax base, based on the new property's value. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Annual property tax losses for cities, counties, and special districts of around \$150 million in the near term, growing over time to \$1 billion or more per year (in today's dollars). Annual property tax losses for schools of around \$150 million per year in the near term, growing over time to \$1 billion or more per year (in today's dollars). Increase in state costs for schools of an equivalent amount in most years.

Website in support of this proposition: California Association of Realtors (CAR) – <https://www.car.org/-/media/CAR/Documents/Industry-360/PDF/Political-Advocacy/Portability-detailed-talking:points.pdf?la=en&hash=2888A5DA9519EOABD63C199A92A621034C2E7062>

Proposition 6 – Repeal the Gas Tax

RPSLO SUPPORT

Eliminates Recently Enacted Road Repair and Transportation Funding by Repealing Revenues Dedicated for those Purposes. Requires any Measure to Enact Certain Vehicle Fuel Taxes and Vehicle Fees be Submitted to and Approved by the Electorate. Initiative: Constitutional Amendment.

Repeals a 2017 transportation law's tax and fee provisions that pay for repairs and improvements to local roads, state highways, and public transportation. Requires the Legislature to submit any measure enacting specified taxes or fees on gas or diesel fuel, or on the privilege to operate a vehicle on public highways, to the electorate for approval. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government, reduced annual state transportation tax revenues of \$2.9 billion in 2018-19, increasing to \$4.0 billion annually by 2020-21. These revenues would primarily have supported state highway maintenance and rehabilitation, local streets and roads, and mass transit. In addition, potentially lower transportation tax revenues in the future from requiring voter approval of such tax increases, with the impact dependent on future action by the Legislature and votes. Website in support of this proposition: Reform California is Leading the Gas and Car Tax Repeal Initiative Campaign www.GasTaxRepeal.org

Proposition 10 – Rent Control

RPSLO OPPOSE

Expands Local Governments' Authority to Enact Rent Control on Residential Property. Initiative: Statute.

Repeals State Law that currently restricts the scope of rent-control policies that cities and other local jurisdictions may impose. Allows policies that would limit the rental rates that residential-property owners may charge on new tenants, new construction, and single-family homes. In accordance with California Law, provides that rent-control policies may not violate landlords' right to a fair financial return on their rental property. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local

government; Unknown, but potentially significant, changes in state and local government tax revenues. Net decrease more likely than net increase. Potential increase in local government costs of up to tens of millions of dollars per year in the long term, likely paid by fees on owners of rental housing.

Website in opposition of this proposition: Californians for Responsible Housing <http://savecostahawkins.org/>

LOCAL SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY MEASURE G

Protect Our Water, Air, and Land: Ban Fracking and Oil Expansion in SLO County Initiative

RPSLO OPPOSE

ESTERO BAY RWF OPPOSE

Measure G-18 Full Text for November 6, 2018 General Election

Stop SLO Shutdown (OPPOSE Measure-G Group) – www.StopSLOShutdown.com

Protect Our Water Yes on Measure G (Support Measure G Group – www.YesonMeasureG.org

Information submitted by Andrea Seastrand

For more information: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures/initiative-and-referendum-status/>

Finally, a few reminders:

CFRW 2018 Fall Board of Directors Meeting/Conference, Sept. 28th, 29, 30th, Bakersfield Marriott at the Convention Center. Complete information and on-line registration at www.cfrw.org.

As part of Caring for America, we are still collecting small hotel toiletries to donate to the SLO Women's Shelter and Prado Day Center. Look for the donation bag on our "Action Table" at the luncheon.

As a "head's up", we will be organizing a "Walk for John Cox" in mid-September. Look for more information in the September Newsletter.

The Janus Decision

You have probably heard of this landmark Supreme Court decision by now, but this article explains it concisely.

".....you've probably heard by now that the Supreme Court ruled in Janus vs AFSCME case. The court sided with Janus in a 5-4 decision, barring public sector unions from demanding "fair-share" fees from non-union members and freeing union members from paying mandatory dues. This is a huge win for conservatives, but it will have even more significance in our state of California. Public unions control most of the political capital here, outspending even corporations in legislative races. Our unions in California will have to prove their worth to members, instead of getting politically involved in issues that have nothing to do with union representation. The California public employees' unions have been bracing for this decision and have worked with the legislature to pass laws bolstering their power this past session. Some of these laws include guaranteeing public unions access to new employees and requiring public agencies to follow union rules even if employees refuse to pay union dues. Some unions anticipate losing one-third to potentially half of their membership, which would severely weaken their positions and empty their coffers. President Obama said it best – "Elections have consequences," and California legislative Democrats are scrambling."

Source: CFRW Website

Your Representatives

SLO County Board of Supervisors:

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Mailing address for all supervisors is: 1055 Monterey St, Suite D430, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408_

President – Donald J. Trump (R) <http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact> - Comments: (202)456-1111 – Switchboard: (202)456-1414 – Letters: The White House, Office of the President, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave, Washington, DC 20500-0004.

Governor – Jerry Brown (D) – governor@governor.ca.gov (916) 445-4633 State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

U.S Senator-Dianne Feinstein (D)- <https://www.feinstein.senate.gov> (202) 224-3535 or (559) 7430112 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20510-0504 or 2500 Tulare St #5290, Fresno, CA 93721

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U.S. Representative – Salud Carbajal (D) 24th District – (202) 225-3601 – Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 or 1411 Marsh St., #205, SLO 93401 (805)546-8348

State Senator – Bill Monning (D) – Senator.monning@senate.ca.gov – State Capitol, Room 4066, Sacramento, CA 95817 – (916) 651-4017 or 1026 Palm St. #201 SLO 93401 (805) 549-3784

Assemblyman – Jordan Cunningham (R) – Assemblymember.cunningham@assembly.ca.gov – (916) 319-2035 State Capitol, Room 4098, P.O. Box 942849, Sacramento, CA 95814 or 444 Higuera St. #100, SLO 93401 – (805) 549-3381

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National: 310 First St., Washington, DC 20003 – (202) 863-8500 – www.gop.com

State: 1903 W. Magnolia Blvd, Burbank, CA 91506 – (818) 841-5210 – www.cagop.org

Local: RPSLO County, 7357 El Camino Real, Atascadero, CA 93422 (805) 391-0209

Randall Jordan, Chair, randall@palomarhomes.com

Voters Registration – <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration>

Local Republican Women Federated Meetings:

Atascadero RWF – 4th Tuesday at Spring Hill Suites Marriott

Estero Bay RWF – 3rd Thursday at the Inn at Morro Bay

San Luis Obispo RWF – 3rd Wednesday at Madonna Inn

Santa Lucia RWF – 4th Monday at Hilton Garden Inn





