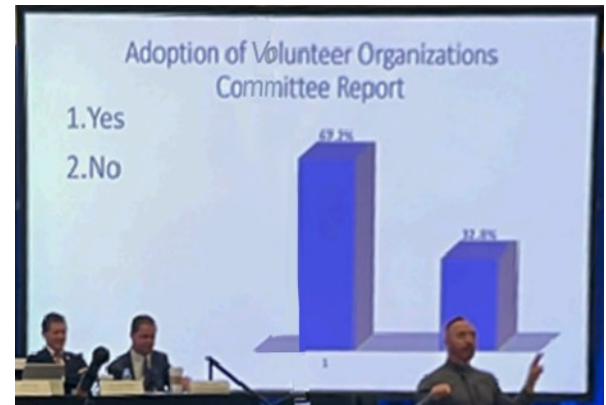






A Momentous Milestone in California Republican History... “As we approach Thanksgiving and the holiday season, I am filled with awe, humility and deep gratitude to think about everything we’ve accomplished in the past few months – all thanks to the tireless efforts and dogged determination of a group of amazing Republican women, and encouragement from many other ardent supporters,” Golden State Republican Women (GSRW) President Janet Price said recently as she announced that on Oct. 1, 2023 the alliance was officially chartered by the California Republican Party (CAGOP).

“This momentous occasion is nothing short of a miracle that represents a huge victory for all California Republican women,” she added.

A Grand Victory for All... “We did it!” exclaimed Golden State Republican Women (GSRW) President Janet Price as she announced that the alliance’s charter had been approved by the California Republican party during the recent CAGOP Fall 2023 Convention in Anaheim California.



The “AYEs” have it!... A floor vote on Oct. 1 at the CAGOP Fall 2023 Convention resulted in adoption of GSRW’s charter by a resounding 67.2% “in favor” vote.

With A Lot of Help from Our Friends... California State Senator Shannon Grove and U.S. senatorial candidate Eric Early, who enthusiastically endorsed GSRW’s charter petition, are among countless staunch supporters of GSRW since its inception.



GSRW’s founding planning team’s first in-person meeting – Fresno, California, August 2-3 2023.

- For Such a Time as This (a Brief Timeline)...**
- Early 2023, 47 like-minded women from across California decide it’s time for a change for the better and begin formulating plans for a new, vibrant, statewide Republican women’s alliance that not only reflects our common conservative views and values, but also embraces our diversity.
 - Spring 2023, the founding planning team meets often via Zoom; they name the alliance “Golden State Republican Women” (GSRW).
 - Summer 2023, GSRW convenes its first in-person planning meeting to begin laying the alliance’s foundational tracks.
 - Oct. 1, at the CAGOP Fall 2023 Convention, GSRW’s charter is overwhelmingly approved.

GSRW's Golden Girls: The Leadership Team

GSRW Executive Committee 2024-2025

- Janet Price, President
- Gretchen Cox, 1st Vice President
- Karen Contreras, 2nd Vice President
- Nancy Wofford, 3rd Vice President
- Tammy Galt, 4th Vice President
- Valerie Evans, Parliamentarian Pro Tem
- Christina Raughton, Recording Secretary
- Alesa Krull, Treasurer
- Kaleigh Komatsu,
Corresponding Secretary
- Sherry Gillis, Webmaster

GSRW District Directors and their current clubs

- District 1 – Tief Gibbs
-Novato RW
- District 2* – Tabitha Gomez
-Chico Evening RW
-Sacramento RW
- District 4* – Barbara Hallmeyer
-Clovis Fresno Evening RW
-Kings County RW
-Merced County RW
- District 5* – Nancy Wofford
(District Director Pro Tem)
-Conejo Valley RW
-Monterey Peninsula RW
-Simi Valley /Moorpark RW
-Thousand Oaks RW
-Westlake Village RW
- District 6* – Valerie Evans
-East San Gabriel Valley RW
-Valley Unity RW
- District 7* – Val Emick and Gale Hunt
(District Co-Directors)
-San Bernardino RW
-San Geronio Pass RW
- District 8*-Capistrano Valley RW
-Fullerton RW
-La Habra RW

* Founding Clubs

Janet Price, GSRW President Encino Oaks RW District 6

As GSRW launches into uncharted waters, I am constantly reminded of what a profound privilege it has been to work alongside such a talented team this past year, and how fortunate I am to have the loyalty and friendship of so many faithful supporters. THANK YOU!!!

And what better time to launch than now?

Every day, Californians are seeing their freedoms and cherished way of life being stripped away. Under the Democrats' one-party rule, our state has descended into something unrecognizable: wide open borders; rampant crime and unchecked, encroaching homelessness; sky-high gas prices coupled with crushing taxes; schools now places of social experiments; parents labeled as domestic terrorists; and a culture of anger exploding on campuses and in our streets.

GSRW is committed to fighting against destructive Leftist ideology and restoring the Republican tenets of Faith, Family and Freedom to our beloved state.

True to those values, we will respect the individuality of our alliance clubs and offer "bottom up" servant leadership. We will be here to meet the needs of the clubs while offering a variety of educational opportunities and leadership training. Moreover, we will warmly welcome all ages, ethnicities and every stripe of Republican women.

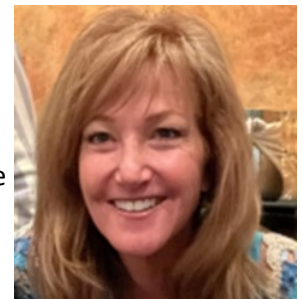
Unity will be our strength as we rally around a common cause – returning California to all that once made it truly Golden. It will be "One nation, Under God"... which is the best and most blessed place to be!



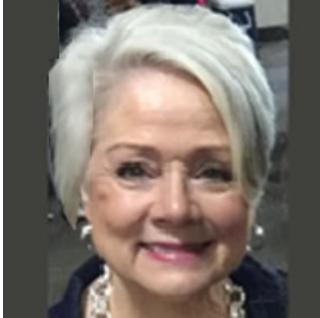
Gretchen Cox, GSRW First Vice President, Programs - Fullerton RWF District 8

Thank you to everyone who has been attending our "GSRW Presents" Zoom speaker series. To date, we have learned about Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) investing, challenges facing our state's natural resources, the California political landscape, the latest in medical news, systemic efforts to encourage gender transitioning in school districts, and various other compelling topics. Our next speaker is Trevor Loudon, a well-known activist and author from New Zealand, who will speak on "The Enemy Within." He has written extensively about Communism's rise and efforts to infiltrate everything from governments to churches.

This presentation is set for Nov. 21, so please use [this link](#) and register (required) now. As always, it is free and open to your family and friends. This will be our final speaker of 2023.



GSRW's Golden Girls: The Leadership Team (continued)



**Karen Contreras, 2nd Vice President,
Membership
San Bernardino RW
District 7**

Looking to get in on the ground floor of a new, dynamic, statewide Republican women's organization? Then, Golden State Republican Women (GSRW) is for you! Here are a few reasons why:

GSRW offers the security of an alliance to independent Republican women's clubs, along with relevant and informative speakers and active support for California Republican candidates.

Soon, we will be offering leadership and officer training to alliance clubs and individual at-large members.

A quality lineup of Zoom speakers, live and recorded, will be available to use as fill-in programming – so our alliance clubs won't need to worry about last-minute speaker cancellations.

As a newly chartered California GOP volunteer organization, GSRW is working with the CAGOP to support your efforts to get Republicans elected to office. Be on the lookout for coming announcements about some new voter outreach initiatives we're developing.

GSRW is resolved to lay an organizational foundation strong enough to last the next 100 years. To that end, our leaders are committed to visiting every alliance club so you can speak with us directly, put faces with our names and know you have a voice.

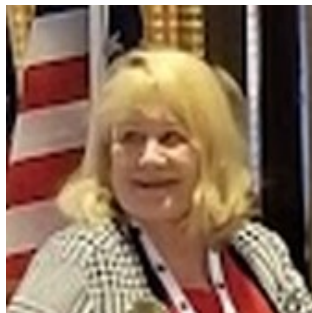
Because GSRW so values the contributions of longtime Federation (CFRW) members, we have created a special membership category, The Legacy Circle, to recognize their sustained efforts in championing Republican causes and candidates.

Stay tuned for updates on other member benefits in development. Meantime, we look forward to serving you and hope you'll join us as we take California to a golden future.

Visit <https://gsrw.org/> for information about how to join a GSRW alliance club in your area, join as an at-large individual member, or start an alliance club.

GSRW's Golden Girls: The Leadership Team (continued)

**Nancy Wofford,
3rd Vice President
Political Activities
Simi Valley/
Moorpark RW
District 5**



California's 2024 Primary Election is five months away, and we must do everything we can to get the right candidates elected to office – and protect our votes.

Every four years, laws quietly change to favor the left. It hasn't been accidental, nor has it been fair. Changing OUR way of thinking may be our only defense against a total Democrat monopolized legislature.

Whether it's ballot harvesting, voting by mail or extended voting, Republicans must start thinking differently to counter each attack on fair elections that diminishes our vote. Early voting has been problematic for Republicans. Democrats know Republicans are resistant to changing from the better, safer system of one-day voting, showing ID and hearing the results on election night – which long has fostered a sense of comfort and pride in fair American elections.

Just as we learned to collect our friends' and neighbors' ballots, we can re-think early voting. Here are a few reasons to vote early:

1. You will be the first and only person who can use your ballot. If you have provided a current email address, a few days after dropping off or mailing your ballot, you should be notified that your vote has been *received and counted*. Now, no one else can vote with your name.
2. Early voting allows time for you to correct your ballot (e.g., you forget to sign it) so that voter registration offices can qualify it.
3. You avoid potential hassles, last-minute issues, obstacles and problems that could keep your vote from being counted (long lines, power outages or machine issues at your polling place, or illness, to name a few).

Plus it's a great feeling to know you've voted.

Lastly, remember... (1) using well-lit, well-protected drop boxes is a must, or if necessary, the U.S. Postal Service is better than not voting. Hand-delivering your ballot to your county's Registrar's office works like a charm. (2) As soon as your ballot is received, voting has begun. Happy Voting!



**Tammy Galt, 4th Vice President
Ways & Means
Clovis/Fresno RWF
District 4**

All of us at Golden State Republican Women (GSRW) love to have fun.

We also love raising funds for conservative causes. And we especially love doing both at the same time!

Plans currently are in the works for a full slate of fun, creative and profitable fundraisers in 2024 that we know our members will enjoy. Details will be announced soon.

Golden Nuggets...

GSRW Website and Social Media Platforms are Golden



“Golden State Republican Women now has an operational website at <https://gsrw.org/>,” announced GSRW Webmaster Sherry Gillis. “We’ve been posting new events as they are scheduled, providing legislative updates, and poring over our Member Center to ensure it is working smoothly,” she added. “And we’re available to help members log in and navigate the website.”

A key benefit of GSRW.org is that alliance club special events can be posted on the site. “So if you have an event that you're excited to promote, email the information to info@gsrw.org. Be sure to include any graphic elements you may have for your announcement,” Sherry said.

She further stressed the importance of using and sharing our website with others so that GSRW can quickly establish itself among our political allies as a busy place where politicians and political viewpoints are displayed and seen by many.

“We’re also already featured on four social media platforms, with more coming up soon,” Sherry continued, noting that several GSRW videos are up on both Rumble and YouTube. We also have an account on MeWe.com and TikTok.

To easily find all four social media accounts, visit <https://gsrw.org/> and look for the platform icons in the upper left corner on each page of the website. Click on the icon of your choice and it will take you directly to our account. “We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would ‘Like,’ ‘Subscribe’ and ‘Follow’ us to help GSRW’s social media presence grow in popularity and impact.”



[Find](#) your District using the map in the GSRW website.

GSRW District 5 Kudos

Golden State Republican Women (GSRW) District 5 Director Pro Tem Nancy Wofford sends a huge shout out to all five GSRW District 5 alliance clubs – Conejo Valley RW, Monterey Peninsula RW, Simi Valley/Moorpark RW, Thousand Oaks RW and Westlake Village RW – that supported and helped GSRW collect the letters needed to get our CAGOP volunteer organization charter approved.

“We couldn’t have done it without your help,” she said, adding that the CAGOP Fall 2023 Convention was filled with support for our new alliance, “and it started here in District 5.”

“As we move toward the end of 2023, many clubs are voting whether or not to stay with their current situation or move forward to something new,” she continued. “We hope with so many clubs disappointed in the 2022-2023 divide and wanting change, that ultimately clubs and members will find their way to GSRW. We want to grow with you.”

Golden Nuggets....



Catching up at the second Valley Unity Event (VUE 2.0) held October 23 at the Valley Relic Museum in Lake Balboa, California are (left to right): Fern Somoza, President of Valley Unity Republican Women (VURW); Golden State Republican Women (GSRW) President Janet Price; U.S. senatorial candidate Denice Gary-Pandora; Lindsey Stetson, California GOP Volunteer Committee Chairwoman; and Robin LeDuc, VURW Recording Secretary.



Congressman Mike Garcia is flanked by VURW President Fern Somoza and CAGOP Volunteer Committee Chairwoman Lindsey Stetson.

GSRW Alliance Clubs Co-Host “Solid Gold” Valley Unity Event (VUE 2.0)

By all accounts, the second Valley Unity Event (VUE 2.0), where several key Republican candidates were introduced to a jam-packed room of enthusiastic supporters, was “solid gold.” Held October 23 at the Valley Relic Museum in Lake Balboa, California, the lively event was planned and created by Canoga Park/West Hills Republican Women, Encino Oaks Republican Women Federated, the Los Angeles Hispanic Republican Club, the San Fernando Valley Republican Assembly and Valley Unity Republican Women.

GSRW member Judy Lamppu, reported: “Congressman Mike Garcia spoke eloquently of the challenges we face in Congress and of his important work representing our conservative values. As he said, ‘As California goes, so goes the nation.’

“We also heard from no less than 18 local candidates, all of whom need our dedicated support,” she continued.

David Hernandez, newly elected California GOP Regional Vice Chair for Los Angeles County, L.A. Hispanic Republican Club Chair and host of a weekly radio show, emceed the event. Judy noted that David, one of GSRW’s staunchest supporters, is responsible for encouraging numerous candidates to run.

Plans for the next Valley Unity Event (VUE 3.0) are already in the works.

California Republican Party Fall 2023 Convention Rewind...



David Hernandez and his wife Debi



Left to right are Debi Hernandez, wife of CAGOP Regional Vice Chair for Los Angeles County David Hernandez; Steve Frank, California political activist, publisher/editor of *California Political News and Views* and great friend to GSRW; GSRW members Eileen Berkowitz and Vicki White; and Lucie Votzky, GSRW member and State Assembly candidate.

As historic as the California Republican Party (CAGOP) Fall 2023 Convention was for Golden State Republican Women (GSRW), by no means was it “all work and no play” for our alliance members attending the event. In addition to reveling in the huge victory of our CAGOP volunteer organization charter approval, our members found plenty of time to have fun and enjoy the speakers, meetings, receptions, banquets and other activities that gave everyone an opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make lots of new ones.

Congratulations to David Hernandez, Newly Elected CAGOP Regional Vice Chair for Los Angeles County

“We’re delighted that David Hernandez – a faithful supporter of GSRW since our inception – was elected CAGOP Regional Vice Chair for Los Angeles County,” GSRW President Janet Price said. “We’re so proud of David and know he’ll be outstanding in this role.”



Victory celebration...

GSRW members joined family and friends of David Hernandez at a victory celebration dinner. To the right of David (background, head of table) are (left to right): his wife Debi and GSRW members Eileen Berkowitz, Judy Lamppu and Vicki White.

“Having a front row seat to see David Hernandez elected CAGOP Regional Vice Chair for Los Angeles County, then celebrating with him and his wife Debi and a large group of faithful supporters, was a highlight of the convention,” said GSRW member Judy Lamppu. “This was a great acknowledgement for all David has done to promote conservative values in our community – including his efforts in retaining the conservative platform – and is a step toward positive changes for the Republican Party in our area.

“Thank you to David for his invaluable advice and counsel in our efforts to create GSRW,” she added.

California Republican Party Fall 2023 Convention Rewind...(continued)



Left to right: Valley Unity Republican Women President Fern Somoza, GSRW 2nd Vice President Karen Contreras, GSRW Recording Secretary Christine Raughton, convention speaker Harmeet Dhillon and GSRW President Janet Price.



Left to right: GSRW District 7 Director Val Emick with CAGOP Delegate Candice Centrone.



Left to right: CAGOP Delegate Karen Powers with GSRW 2nd Vice President Karen Contreras.

To see more pictures from the convention, visit <https://gsrw.org/>.

A Time to Mourn...

Mourner's Kaddish* in English Translation

Glorified and sanctified be God's great name throughout the world which He has created according to His will.

May He establish His kingdom in your lifetime and during your days, and within the life of the entire House of Israel, speedily and soon; and say, Amen.

May His great name be blessed forever and to all eternity.

Blessed and praised, glorified and exalted, extolled and honored, adored and lauded be the name of the Holy One, blessed be He, beyond all the blessings and hymns, praises and consolations that are ever spoken in the world; and say, Amen.

May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life, for us and for all Israel; and say, Amen.

He who creates peace in His celestial heights, may He create peace for us and for all Israel; And let us say, Amen.

Yit-ga-dal v'yit-ka-dash sh'mei ra-ba, b'al-ma di-v'ra chiru-tei, v'yam-lich mal-chu-tei b'chai-yei-chon uv'yo-meichon uv'chai-yei d'chol-beit Yis-ra-eil, ba-a-ga-la u-viz-man ka-riv, v'im'ru: Amen.

Y'hei sh'mei ra-ba m'va-rach l'a-lam ul'al-mei al-ma-ya.

Yit-ba-rach v'yish-ta-bach, v'yit-pa-ar v'yit-ro-mam v'yit-na-sei,

v'yit-ha-dar v'yit-a-leh v'yit-ha-lal, sh'mei d'ku-d'sha, b'rich hu,

l'ei-la min kol bir-cha-ta v'shi-ra-ta, tush-b'cha-ta v'neche-ma-ta, da-a-mi-ran b'al-ma, v'im'ru: Amen.

Y'hei sh'la-ma ra-ba min sh'ma-ya, v'cha-yim, a-lei-nu v'al kol-Yis-ra-eil, v'im'ru: Amen.

O-seh sha-lom bim-ro-mav, hu ya-a-seh sha-lom a-lei-nu v'al kol-Yis-ra-eil, v'im'ru: Amen.

**Kaddish* is a liturgical Jewish prayer recited in the daily ritual of the synagogue and by mourners at public services after the death of a close relative. Thank you to Fern Somoza, President of Valley Unified Republican Women, for submitting this beautifully poignant prayer.

GSRW Stands with Israel...

- Golden State Republican Women (GSRW) members steadfastly support the State of Israel and unequivocally condemn Hamas and its atrocious acts of terrorism.
- GSRW maintains that these detestable terrorist actions of Hamas are unjustified, illegitimate – and must be condemned without exception.
- GSRW, therefore, stands with Israel as it defends itself against the barbaric war launched by Hamas and other terrorists; reaffirms Israel's right to self-defense; and condemns Hamas' brutal war against Israel.
- GSRW mourns the Israeli and American deaths, and thousands of others wounded, in Hamas' unprovoked attack on Israel and emphatically affirms the United States' commitment to Israel's security.
- GSRW urges full enforcement of United States law to prevent United States foreign assistance from benefiting terrorists, directly or indirectly.
- GSRW further condemns Iran's support for terrorist groups and proxies, including Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and we urge full enforcement of United States sanctions against Iran to prevent Iran's funding of terrorist groups, including Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad.
- GSRW members fervently pray for the safety of Israel's people; healing for the injured and comfort for those mourning the loss of loved ones due to these unprovoked attacks; and a swift end to this unjust war.

Golden Opportunities....

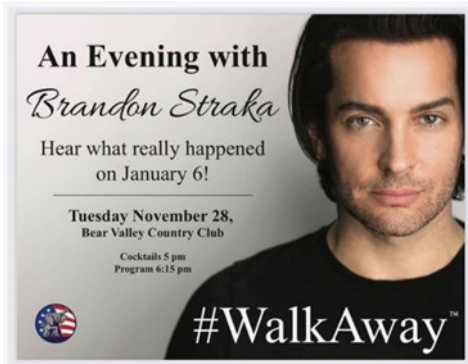


Tuesday, November 21, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Zoom

“GSRW Presents” Distinguished Speaker Series

[GSRW Presents Author & Filmmaker Trevor Loudon](#)

Trevor Loudon, a well-known activist and author from New Zealand who has written extensively about Communism’s rise and efforts to infiltrate everything from governments to churches, will speak on “The Enemy Within.” This Zoom presentation is free and open to your family and friends, but pre-registration is required. Click [here](#) to register.



Tuesday, November 28, Cocktails – 5 p.m., Program – 6:15 p.m., Bear Valley Country Club, Victorville, California

“[An Evening with Brandon Straka](#)” hosted by Hi-Desert Republican Women

A January 6th survivor and former Democratic Party supporter, Straka publicly walked away from the political left and created the #WalkAway Campaign, a social movement encouraging others to do the same. Click [here](#) for more information.

