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MEETING LOCATION



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**Monday,
May 6th**

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Thursday, May 9, 2019

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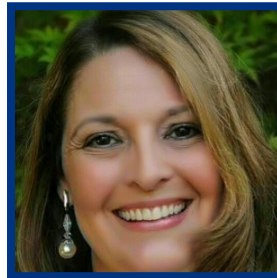
2840 Soscol Avenue, Napa

Registration and Social hour: 11:00 am

Meeting begins promptly at 11:30 am **Lunch:** 12 noon



PROGRAM — Lil Witten, 1st VP & Program Chairman



SPEAKER: LESLIE WITTEN-ROOD

**Statewide Program Director ~ California
Emergency Medical Services Authority**

Leslie Witten-Rood currently serves as California Emergency Medical Services Authority Statewide Program Director and is the subject matter expert on Health Information Exchange in Emergency Services. She provides technical assistance to subcontractors and a 26-member Advisory Committee to meet the milestones for a cooperation agreement between the State of California and the Federal Government. Recently, she worked on a 40 million dollar project to advance all of California Health and Emergency Services and Disaster Responses by developing connections between health information organizations, local emergency agencies and providers, local hospitals, and medical professionals. This program will advance the care of the above mentioned through improved health information exchange for EMS, community paramedics, end of life decisions, and disaster medical responses.

Before joining EMSA in 2016, Leslie served as the Assistant Director for the California Office of Traffic Safety for 12 years administrating over \$100 million annually for traffic safety grant projects that reduced traffic deaths, injuries, and economic losses. Early in her career, she worked as an appointee to Governor Pete Wilson for six years. Leslie has an extensive background in grant administration, project management, legislation, and health informatics.

She has a Masters in Political Science from San Diego State University and is currently working on her second Masters from UC Davis in Health Informatics. She is married and the mother of two.

President's Message ~ Nancy Smernes (nsmernes@sbcglobal.net)

What a great April we had! We had our luncheon meeting at Silverado Country Club and with a great attendance. Arik Housley was our speaker and he spoke about his daughter, Alaina, and the Alaina's Voice Foundation. It was inspiring, and there is a lot of support from the Napa community and Republican Women! Cathy Enfield donated wine for the luncheon. Thank you Cathy! CC Kelly sold purses and scarves, and Betty Tietsort sold the beautiful flowers she makes. I think everyone enjoyed the venue.

We are beginning our phone outreach in May. Our phone committee will be calling our members to remind them of the luncheon meeting. I'm hoping we will be able to encourage more of our members to become involved. We do need 3 more people to help with phone calls. If you have an hour or so a month to donate, please let me know. I am so grateful to everyone who makes everything go so smoothly at our meetings. Thank you!!!

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SAVE THE DATE!

Put on your fascinator or hat and join us for a glass of bubbly on **THURSDAY, JUNE 13th** for our fundraiser and fashion show. It will be held at the Napa Elks Lodge - check-in begins at 11:00 a.m. We will have 10 lovely Republican Women modeling the latest spring and summer collection from **Chico's**.

We will also have fabulous baskets to raffle made by Linda Thompson & Judy Garcia, Crystal Gularte, Cathy Holmes, Chris Mahoney & Karen Powers, Pam Johnston, Joyce Loehner, Gina Brady, Gaylon Kastner, and Bernie's Hair Salon. Also contributing are Lil Witten, Joanie Webster, Maxine Jacobs, Ginger Purio, and Bev Thompson. We can still use a couple more baskets or gift cards.

Lunch is **\$45** and includes a glass of sparkling wine or a non-alcoholic drink. Why not sponsor a whole table with your friends? Men are always welcome. We are planning for a sell-out, so make your reservations early! Bev Thompson, Ways & Means Chair 707-257-3069 beverlyat@aol.com

May 2019 Membership

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Growing!**

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“Napa Republicans Greet County Elections Chief with Security, Oversight Questions”

March 19, 2019 By Stephen Frank

This is what an active GOP Central Committee does. It goes to the Registrar of Voters, openly, and asks questions. Glad to see the Napa County Republican Party is not waiting for things to happen—they make them happen.

Howard Yune Napa Valley Register 3/14/19

The gathering, in which [John] Tuteur took inquiries from about 40 local Republicans, played out amid various election-related controversies in recent years – from revelations of Russian-led leaks and social media meddling [in] the 2016 presidential race, to North Carolina's voiding of a Republican Congressional candidate's apparent razor-thin victory in November amid revelations of illegal vote-turnout tactics by his adviser.

Tuteur declared actual ballot-box misbehavior to be virtually nonexistent in the Napa Valley, despite claims by some audience members of shaky ballot oversight or lax registration standards.

“In 21 years, we've counted about 1 million ballots. There's been one case of voter fraud,” he said – involving a woman who received a fine and probation for submitting two ballots in a 2009 St. Helena school board race. (County election workers counted only one of the ballots, which were addressed to different variants of the woman's name, Tuteur told the Napa Valley Register at the time.)

I hope other committees and clubs meet with their ROV and ask the tough questions. Let government know we care and we are watching. Congrats to Larry Green, Chair of Napa, and his whole committee.

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Capitol Update California Federation of Republican Women Allison Olson, CFRW Advocate

April 12, 2019

Legislation Update

There were several bills heard in Assembly committees this week that we have been tracking. Here are their updates:

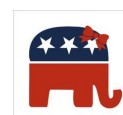
AB 1571 (Kiley, R): Although this bill would have strengthened our First Amendment rights on our California college campuses, AB 1571 failed passage after its first hearing. With 5 "YES" votes and 7 "ABSTAIN", a political statement was made by those abstaining. Assemblywoman Gonzalez claimed that she could not vote for this until illegal immigrants are afforded the same rights. Her logic here makes no sense, but since she and Assemblyman Kiley got into a verbal tussle last week over Assemblywoman Gonzalez's bill on charter school regulations, landing Assemblyman Kiley in the legislative "dog house" (an office on the 5th floor of the Capitol not much larger than a broom closet), Assemblywoman Gonzalez and her cronies quietly killed AB 1571 by abstaining. We hope that Assemblyman Kiley takes this up again; our California College Republicans and conservative voices on campuses depend on it!

AB 392 (Weber, D): The Law Enforcement Use of Force bill passed down party lines, with six Democrats voting for it and two Republicans voting against it. It was re-referred to the Assembly Rules Committee to include new language and see where it needs to be sent to next. This

does have an urgency clause, which means the Assembly wants it passed to the Senate faster than normal legislation. This is a dangerous bill that would force our police officers to second guess their choices in keeping our communities safe. We will remain tracking this bill.

AB 138 (Bloom, D): The soda tax passed, unsurprisingly, but not on party lines. Several moderate Democrats joined the Republicans and voted against the soda tax, which is a small bit of good news in this tax and spend legislative session. Unfortunately, it still passed on a 8-6-1 vote, enough to move it to the Assembly Tax and Revenue Committee. It is on the calendar for April 22nd at 2:30. Next week we will list those committee members and ask you to call and urge your Assembly member to vote NO on AB 138.

AB 755 (Holden, D): The Tire Change Tax was passed down party lines, with 6 Democrats "YES" and 3 Republicans "NO". It is now on its way to the Assembly Appropriation Committee, but the appropriations calendar has not been set yet. This is another regressive tax, that hurts those Californians most who the Democrats claim to champion. The poor and working class have to change their tires most often, either because they have to drive long distances to work, they cannot afford longer lasting tires, or because they don't have the luxury to Uber to work. Democrats are going to tax the working class into oblivion. This comes the same week gas prices jump 50 cents ahead of the summer months. Californians soon won't be able to afford to drive to and from work.



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May 9	Member Meeting Napa Elks Lodge
May 12	Mother's Day
May 23	Board Meeting
June 13	Member Meeting Napa Elks Lodge
June	NO Board Meeting