

# Solano Republican Women Federated—August 2022

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### August Featured Speaker: **Krishna A. Abrams** District Attorney, County of Solano



Krishna has been a prosecutor for 26 years. She worked in Tulare County prior to coming to Solano County. She places emphasis on giving victims a voice in community crime issues and holding defendants accountable for crimes committed. She values ethical treatment by law enforcement toward all.

Krishna is proud of the program started in Solano County called Neighborhood Court, which matches community volunteers with low-level, first-time misdemeanor offenders who together examine root causes of the offense, how it affects the community and what can be done to avoid reoffending. So far, in this program there have been no reoffenders. This program serves as one example of restorative justice in Solano County.

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There will be no meeting in  
September because of  
Labor Day

Our next SRWF Meeting  
will be on  
**October 3, 2022**  
To be held in Rio Vista

Speaker and  
Additional Details  
to be announced

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## News from our August Meeting (continued from page 1)

District Attorney Abrams' office launched the Solano County Major Crimes Task Force. It helps instill trust in all police agencies and avoid the perception of a conflict of interest which could be caused by a police department investigating itself for potential wrongdoing. This task force is composed of representatives from all police agencies in Solano County, including the Sheriff's Office. There is a good rapport among task force members and trust between all agencies represented. One example of a positive result since the Task Force formation: in Vallejo, there had been 20 officer-involved fatalities in the last 10 years up to 2020. Since 2021, there have been no officer involved fatalities in Vallejo.

District Attorney Abrams acknowledges receipt of an honorary letter from Attorney General William Barr for Solano County District Attorney's Office having been 1 of only 2 offices to have received an award for the Project Safe Neighborhoods Program, a program designed to get illegal firearms and felons in possession of illegal firearms off the street.

During her third term, District Attorney Abrams hopes to initiate efforts to make the law enforcement community and Solano County citizens fully aware of legislation and bills at both State and Federal levels that could impact or change our community in a negative way.

She encourages citizens to speak up publicly about their concerns regarding crime through contacting her office and/or their elected representatives. "My office door is always open", she said.

Krishna closed her speech by answering questions and by giving credit to her supportive family and the hard-work ethic that was instilled in her at an early age. Mostly she finds continued strength through her faith in God, and her desire to incorporate by ethical values in her law enforcement career.

We were very impressed by this capable and intelligent attorney and county law enforcement officer. We appreciate her visit with SRWF.

### We also had cameo presentations by



**Rudy Recile  
Congressional Candidate  
for District 8**



**David Verza Candidate for Fairfield City Council District 3**

## President's Message — Karen Powers

### As SRWF celebrates Independence Day in August, then again Labor Day in September, a few free moments might come your way.

As November midterms soon arrive in CA, please consider volunteering for one or more local and/or state campaigns. Also, if volunteerism is not appealing to you, you might want to consider donating to a local or state GOP candidate. Local campaigns:

- **Rudy Recile** is running against incumbent Democrat Congressman John Garamendi for representation of District 8 <https://rudyforuscongress.com>
- **David Verza** is running for Fairfield City Council's open seat in District 3. He's running to fill Cat Moy's seat, who is campaigning for City of Fairfield Mayor. [VoteForVerza](#)
- **Fairfield Mayor Harry Price**, is running for re-election to maintain his seat as city mayor. His GOP opponent is Councilmember Cat Moy. Email: [hprice@fairfield.ca.gov](mailto:hprice@fairfield.ca.gov)
- **Cat Moy**, a long-term Fairfield City Councilwoman is running for City of Fairfield Mayor. She is running against another Republican and incumbent mayor for City of Fairfield, Mayor Harry Price. [catmoy@ymail.com](mailto:catmoy@ymail.com)
- **Katrina Garcia**, is running for Suisun City Council. <https://katrina4suisun.com>
- **Matt Brock** is running for Congressional District 4 (running against incumbent Democrat Mike Thompson) <https://www.brock4congress.com/>
- **Mark Meuser** for United States Senate, is running against incumbent Democrat Senator Alex Padilla, 7th US Senate District. Meuser is also concurrently running for a special election. <https://markmeuser.com>
- **Tamika Hamilton** for Congressional District 6, is running against incumbent Democrat Congressman Ami Bera. <https://votetamika.org/>

Other Conservative candidates include:

- **Chuck Timm** running for Supervisor. <https://chucktimm.com/>
- **Jenny Callison** running for State Assembly District 11.

Wishing all candidates well in their respective races.

For elections info and updates, reach out to the Elections Integrity Project, CA <https://www.eip-ca.com/>

The CA-GOP in Sacramento recruits and trains online volunteers and candidates...<https://www.cagop.org/s/>

The California Federation of Republican Women offers online campaign volunteer training [CFRW.org](http://CFRW.org)

And Solano County Republican Central Committee (SCRCC) at <https://solanorepublicanparty.com>

I hope all SRWF members and friends find a way to get involved with helping GOP candidates run their best race. Getting involved in ways you are comfortable doing, whether it be volunteering, donating or both, could contribute toward winning results for some or all GOP candidates in our near future, November 2022.

Stay positive and stay active. Be relevant and be republican.



Karen Powers, President, Solano Republican Women Federated



## Capitol Update



**Proposition 28, Art and Music K-12 Education Funding Initiative** – This measure would require a minimum source of annual funding for K-12 public schools, including charter schools, to fund arts education programs. The annual minimum amount established by the law would be equal to at minimum, 1% of the total state and local revenues that local education agencies received under Propositions 98 (1988) during the prior fiscal year.

**The minimum under the proposed law would be in addition to the funding required by Proposition 98. According to the Legislative Analyst's Office, the ballot initiative would likely result in increased spending of \$800 million to \$1 billion each fiscal year.**

**This funding would come from the general fund which means some other program or project would not be funded.** In 1988, Californians approved Proposition 98 by a margin of 50.7% to 49.3%.

Proposition 98 amended the state constitution to require a minimum percentage of the state budget to be spent on K-14 education (kindergarten through two-year community college), which is referred to as the minimum guarantee.

Proposition 98 established two formulas or tests to determine the minimum guarantee, which is the highest funding level produced by **Test 1 or Test 2**. **Test 1** links the minimum guarantee to about 40% of the State General Fund, which is equal to California's 1986/87 funding level of public education. **Test 2** calculates the minimum guarantee by adjusting the prior year's minimum guarantee by student attendance and changes in the cost of living.

Support is coming from Californians for Arts and Music Education in Public Schools. Endorsements have come from former Superintendent of Los Angeles Unified School District Austin Beutner, former US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, California Teachers Assoc and several celebrities and musicians. To date there is no organized opposition.

**Proposition 31, Flavored Tobacco Products Ban Referendum** – Opponents of Proposition 31 seek to overturn Senate Bill 793 which was signed into law on 8/28/20, SB 793 banned the sale of flavored tobacco products and tobacco product flavor enhancers, with exceptions for hookah tobacco, loose leaf tobacco and premium cigars. Retailers would be fined \$250 for each sale violating the law.

SB 793 received support from most legislative Democrats and a quarter of Republicans. The bill's sponsor State Senator Jerry Hill (D) said "Using candy, fruit and other alluring flavors, the tobacco industry weaponized its tactics to beguile a new generation into nicotine addiction while keeping longtime users hooked." SB 793 breaks big tobacco's "death grip".

The California Fuels & Convenience Alliance which opposed SB 793, described the flavored tobacco ban as "misguided policy that will do more harm than good" and "hurt small business, eliminate necessary tax revenue, and perpetuate dangerous and avoidable police interactions in our communities."

The California Coalition for Fairness is campaigning for the veto referendum to repeal SB 793. Through December the campaign had received \$21.16 million including \$10.22 million from R. J. Reynolds Tobacco and \$9.82 million from Philip Morris, USA.

For further information on any of the bills mentioned here, click on the bill # highlighted in the body of the above articles.

Find/contact your local Legislators, click [HERE](#) (Assembly) or [HERE](#) (Senate) to inquire about or let them know your opinion about bills or issues.

To contact your U.S. Representatives, call the Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

Listen to hearings on bills that interest you click [HERE](#) (Assembly) or [HERE](#) (Senate).

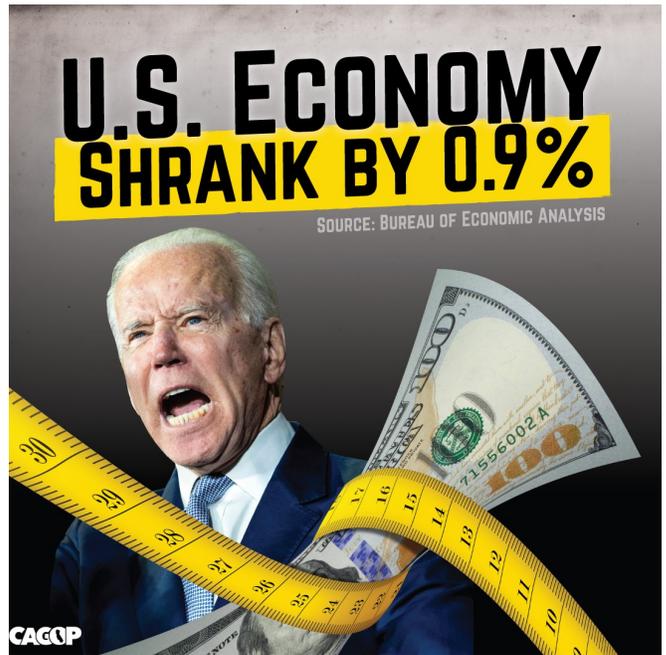
California Legislative Portal links - Express your support or opposition to a bill directly to the Legislative committee currently reviewing it (as an individual, not as a member of RWF or CFRW) - [click here](#), or the bill's author- [click here](#), enter your bill # and look for the tab at top of the bill page labeled "Comments to Author".



Gas prices are set to hit \$6 nationwide by August.

Bidenflation cost the average American household **\$635** last month alone, and will cost **\$7,620** over the next year even if prices stop increasing altogether.

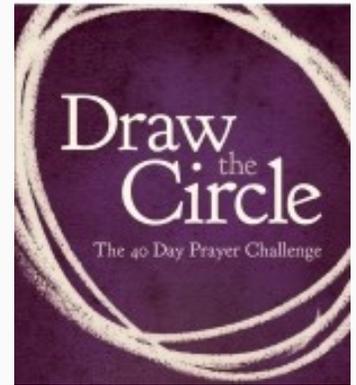
At the same time, Americans are facing falling real wages – Americans’ real wages are falling at their fastest pace in 40 years.



## National Federation Republican Women Poll

August 22

**Draw the Circle Prayer Challenge**, 4 PM Eastern, via Zoom. Join the NFRW Faith Coalition Committee for a prayer and study Zoom that covers Day 12 and Day 13. Click [here](#) to register.



## The Border Doesn't Have to Be in Crisis

Send a message to your elected officials to share your concerns about the abject border crisis that is impacting us all. **Here is the message that you can send--or personalize it.**

Even though the border crisis has not been recently and regularly featured on the nightly news, the problem has definitely not gone away. Deterring human trafficking and drug cartel operations should be a bipartisan goal. A porous border emboldens human traffickers and drug cartels, using unwitting migrants as pawns for their illegal activities.

It doesn't have to be this way. I am praying for you as you formulate policies to alleviate this crisis and stem the tide of drugs and human smuggling into our nation.

<https://www.votervoice.net/mobile/IFAPRAY/Campaigns/83565/Respond>

# Solano Republican Women Federated Support and Donate to:



## The 100 Club of Solano & Yolo Counties

This club has been formed to support the families of the fallen heroes of Solano and Yolo Counties.

We also provide crisis intervention and peer support services through our affiliation with local police agencies and community groups.

<https://www.100clubsync.org/>



COMPASSION  
+ CARE

## Alpha Clinics of Vacaville

We extend compassion to those facing the challenges of an unplanned pregnancy. We offer 100 % free care to those who have nowhere else to turn.

We minister to those who are hurt by abortion. The effects of abortion are deep and wide. Every life lost leaves a wake of unfulfilled potential.

By saving lives we are transforming families, building communities and shaping the future.

<https://www.supportalphaclinics.org/>



## Leaven Kids

Leaven Kids is defined as “a pervasive influence that modifies something or transforms it for the better.” We believe that when children are successful in school, and have a positive adult influence in their lives, they are significantly less likely to drop out, commit a crime, or join a gang.

Leaven Kids learning centers are situated in the apartment complexes where our students and their families live. We work to eliminate crime in neighborhoods by providing year-round tutoring and mentoring, as well as a safe place where parents know their children are protected and well cared for.



## Constitution Literacy Advocates CLA

### CLA Constitution Literacy Advocates

Celebrate Our U.S. Constitution

Our purpose is to promote a greater appreciation and understanding of our country's Founding Documents and especially our United States Constitution. We hope to provide opportunities and resources for Constitution education in homes, schools, our local communities, and throughout our country.

<https://celebratetheusconstitution.webs.com/>



**Gary Sinise Foundation** offers all of us, who benefit from what freedom affords, the opportunity to support those who provide it – our brave military defenders and their families.

“We can never do enough, but we can always do more.” Gary Sinise

## Cookies for Cops

**Cookies for Cops** is a community service project suggested by the Northern Division at our last conference. It is a way to tell our law enforcement officers, firefighters and first responders that we appreciate them, value them, and want to lift their spirits. It is a way to extend our thanks to first responders for being there for us and to let them know we think about them and want them to know it.

Contact Carolyn Cotton for more information 707-422-2750



## *Solano Republican Women Federated*

### Membership Application/Renewal January to December 2022

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (Month/Day) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

**Newsletter by  mail or  e-mail (Circle or mark one please)**

I would like a phone reminder for meetings and events.

I would like to become more involved in Republican Women.

I would like to become an SRWF Committee Member.

I would like to do Voter Registration.

I would like to attend Regional Meetings.

I would like to help with fundraising.

### **Membership Levels**

**Active Member - \$50**

**Associate Member - \$15** *an active member of another Republican Women Federated Club, someone who is not old enough to vote, a woman who is not a U.S. citizen or a man who is interested in supporting the goals and objectives of the Republican Women Federated.*

**Student Membership - No Fee High School/College**

**Make checks payable to SRWF & mail to:**

**SRWF –Membership Secretary**

**c/o Carolyn Cotton**

**3317 Spyglass Court**

**Fairfield, CA 94534**

*Membership renewals due January 1, 2022*