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## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***



**Julie Carroll, Modesto RWF President**

Dear members, associates, and friends,

When Charlie Kirk was assassinated, we lost a real, true American patriot. He was bold about his faith. He believed heavily in God, family, and country. Charlie would calmly and logically debate anyone on a college campus - regardless of how deranged they were in their opinions. We pray for his wife, Erika, her two very young children, and the family. Erika, so poised and strong, will pick up the reins of Turning Point USA - and run with it!

Our November program meeting date is November 11th, Veteran's Day. Let's honor and show our gratitude for our veterans! We thank all veterans for their patriotism, service, sacrifice, and love for America - for our freedom.

Finally, please tell everyone you know to **Vote NO on Prop 50!** **Vote EARLY!**

As we continue to enjoy this beautiful fall season, let's remember to pray for our members, pray for our country, pray for our President, Donald J. Trump, and pray for world peace.

~ Julie Carroll

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## SAVE THESE DATES

### PLAN AHEAD - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

*All General Meetings: Check-in 11:30am Adjourn 1:30pm*

October 7 10:00 a.m.	Modesto RWF Board of Director's Zoom Meeting
October 13	Columbus Day
October 14 11:30 a.m.	Modesto RWF General Meeting with Chairwoman of the California Republican Party, <b>Corrin Rankin!</b> <b>Wear Red for Charlie Kirk's Birthday</b>
October 14	National Day of Remembrance for Charlie Kirk. <b>Wear Red!</b>
October 17—19	CFRW CENTENNIAL CONVENTION & CELEBRATION You're invited! <b>Visit <a href="http://cafrw.org">cafrw.org</a> for information and registration.</b>
October 31	Halloween.
November 4 10:00 a.m.	Modesto RWF Board of Director's Zoom Meeting
November 11	Veteran's Day ~ Fly your flag!
November 11 11:30 a.m.	Modesto RWF General Meeting <b>Invite your Veteran Friends!</b> MRWF Active Members and Associate Members who are Veterans enjoy the program for <b>free</b> .



Modesto Republican Women Federated unites with our friends  
at the Central California Commemorative Air Force in  
Collecting Toys for Tots the next 2 months.  
Bring your new and unwrapped donations to the next meeting!



*Happy October Birthday*  
*to our*  
*Modesto RWF Members*  
*Sandy Cooper*  
*Joyce Francis*  
*Nancy Reader*

## NEXT MEETING

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025**

**Corrin Rankin**

Chairwoman of the California Republican Party



**SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS**

**WEAR RED!**

**\*\*\* MASONIC CENTER \*\*\***

800 Rose Avenue  
Modesto California

**11:30 a.m.—Check In**  
**12:00 p.m.—Call to Order**

**\*\*\* Cost of Program: \*\*\***

**\$25 cash**  
**\$26 credit card**

**Must RSVP by Friday, October 10**

***Lunches are pre-ordered***

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**Modesto RWF**

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### Program Includes:

Attendance at Meeting

Guest Speaker

Delicious Lunch

(includes beverages, entrée, and dessert,  
*plus taxes and Gratuity!*)

**Program cost is the same with, or  
without lunch**



## OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER!



Corrin Rankin is the Chairwoman of the California Republican Party. She previously served as the Party's statewide Vice Chair, Central Valley Regional Vice Chair, and Chair of the CAGOP Engagement Committee, where she led outreach efforts to broaden the Republican coalition across California.

Corrin is a small business owner and former statewide President of the California Bail Agents Association, where she advocated for public safety and defended constitutional rights.

She served as the statewide Coalitions Director for Trump in 2016, a member of the Black Voices for Trump National Advisory Board in 2020, and most recently, as a media surrogate for the 2024 Trump campaign. She is also President of the Legacy Republican Alliance (helps foster Black conservative leadership and provide the Black community with a means to meaningfully impact government and the political landscape).



Corrin brings a wealth of experience in campaign leadership, grassroots engagement, and party infrastructure, and is focused on growing Republican momentum and building toward long-term success in California. She knows that the future of the California Republican Party depends on results, not rhetoric. By applying her private-sector problem-solving approach, she is committed to replicating the Central Valley's successful Republican model statewide. Her vision is clear: build an organization that doesn't just react but proactively builds a pathway to victory for Republicans up and down the ballot.



*Prepared by Amy Russell* Legislative Update ~ September 2025

### OPPOSED

#### **AB 1231 Criminal procedure: Safer Communities Through Opportunities Act**

California's proposed legislation, AB 1231, seeks to introduce substantial alterations to felony sentencing processes by expanding diversion eligibility for a wide range of felony offenses. However, critics argue that this broad approach lacks a clear and commensurate benefit to public safety. The bill establishes a new felony diversion program, allowing individuals accused of various felonies—including hate crimes, looting, and repeat theft and drug offenses—to qualify for diversion away from sentencing.

Opponents of AB 1231, including the California Police Chiefs Association (CPCA), the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), the California State Sheriffs' Association (CSSA), and the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC), express concerns that the legislation permits felony offenders to evade significant consequences for their actions. This concern is underscored by the recent passage of Proposition 36, which aimed to strengthen penalties for some of the very offenses that AB 1231 proposes to divert from sentencing. Even after amendments made on September 8, 2025, these organizations continue to oppose the bill. **Current Status: Ordered 3rd reading**

#### **SB 577: Eliminates Civil Protections for Child Sexual Assault Victims**

SB 577, if enacted, could significantly undermine the protections for victims established by the Justice for Survivors Act (AB 452, 2023 - Addis). This legislation has the potential to reverse many of the advancements made over the years for survivors of childhood sexual assault. Key concerns include the prioritization of the financial interests of public entities at the expense of justice and the erosion of survivors' rights to pursue accountability. Specific issues associated with this bill include the removal of treble damages for instances of public entity cover-ups, an increased burden of proof for victims over the age of 40, and strict limitations on the refile of previously dismissed cases. **Current Status: Ordered to the inactive file.**

**This bill is a two-year bill; it will be brought back in January 2026. We need to keep this on our radar.**

#### **JOB KILLERS**

**SB 7 (McNerney; D-Pleasanton) Restricts Use of Automated Decision Systems in Employment:** Imposes impractical requirements on employers of every size related to automated decision systems, which will discourage the use of such tools and subject employers to costly litigation and onerous new compliance procedures, thereby driving up costs and ultimately impacting consumer prices. **Current Status: Hearing 9/12/2025**

**SB 259 (Wahab; D-Hayward) Online Pricing:** Prohibits businesses from using any input data to create prices or discounts. Forces companies to overhaul their pricing models and strategies at significant cost, to the detriment of both the businesses themselves and their consumers. This threatens not only the profitability of businesses but also potentially reduces the availability of discounts and personalized deals for consumers. **Current Status: Suspended 9/9**

**SB 318 (Becker; D-Menlo Park) Air Quality Governance:** Imposes extensive new mandates and permitting requirements that introduce significant regulatory uncertainty, force costly technology upgrades on stationary sources, and increase the cost of operating in California for critical sectors such as energy, food production, manufacturing, and recycling. Such costs undermine the state's competitiveness and further strain affordability for residents. **Held in Senate Appropriations.**

**SB 384 (Wahab; D-Hayward) Prohibition on Using Information to Set Competitive Pricing:** Effectively banning the use of technology to help set prices or help manage supply levels. Will make it harder for businesses to offer discounts and competitive pricing to their customers. **Held in Assembly**



MRWF welcomes you to  
***Invite a Veteran friend***

To our November 11, 2025 General Meeting  
11:30 ~ Sign in  
Special Guest Speaker  
Veteran's recognition  
\*\*\* Wear your patriotic colors! \*\*\*



5 Facts About Veterans Day

***It honors all U.S. veterans.*** This holiday celebrates men and women who have served in the U.S. armed forces, both living and deceased, across all eras and conflicts.

***It was originally Armistice Day.*** The holiday's original name, Armistice Day, was established in 1919 to mark the anniversary of the armistice that ended WWI on November 11, 1918.

***The name changed*** to Veterans Day in 1954 by President Eisenhower.

***The holiday is recognized internationally.*** Other countries that were allies in WWI such as Canada, Australia, and Great Britain, also commemorate their veterans around November 11th.

The military men and women who serve and protect the United States come from all walks of life; they are parents, children, grandparents, friends, neighbors and coworkers, and are an important part of their communities.

**Here are some facts about the  
veteran population of the United States:**

- During the 2022 midterm elections, around a fifth (21 percent) of the candidates for U.S. Senate, U.S. House or governor claimed some degree of military experience.
- 10 percent of living veterans are women.
- 5.9 million veterans served during the Vietnam War.
- 7.8 million veterans served in the Gulf War era.
- 933,000 veterans served during the Korean War.
- Of the 16 million Americans who served during World War II, about 119,550 were still alive as of 2023.



**LET'S WEAR RED TOGETHER**



At our next Modesto Republican Women Federated meeting on **October 14**, join your board members in wearing red to commemorate the National Day of Remembrance for Charlie Kirk.

We honor his birthday and remember the life of a man who left us far too soon. His fearless voice for freedom, faith, and the American dream continues to inspire millions.

**Red** symbolizes courage, passion, sacrifice, and love for America - values Charlie lived every day. Wearing red shows his spirit lives on through us.

The resolution to declare this national day of remembrance "recognizes Charlie Kirk for his contribution to civic education and public service" and "encourages educational institutions, civic organizations, and citizens across the United States to observe this day with appropriate programs, activities, prayers, and ceremonies that promote civic engagement and the principles of faith, liberty, and democracy that Charlie Kirk championed."



Followers believed Charlie to be a devout husband, father, and friend. His life was shaped by his faith and the idea that in America, debate and discussion are crucial to the betterment of our country.

# ELECTION RIGGING RESPONSE ACT/PROPOSITION 50 (2025)

by Linda Countryman, Modesto RWF 1st VP and CFRW Americanism Chair

## Special Election on November 4, 2025

**Why Happening:** Strategic response after Texas redrew maps that will affect both its State Legislative and U.S. Congressional Districts.

**What Prop. 50 Does:** Alters redistricting system. Temporary pause that lets the State Legislature redraw maps for elections through 2030. Automatic return to the Commission after 2030. (2031)

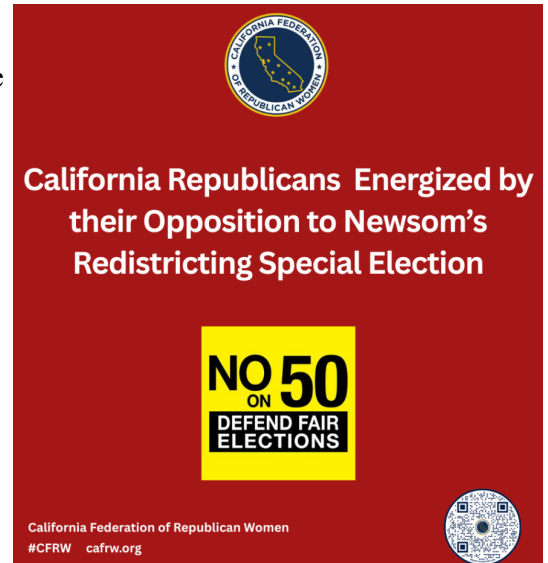
Strategic plan with a revised redistricting map is to add more registered Democratic voters to districts held by Republicans or reduce splits across cities and counties. Redrawing of the maps makes these districts more favorable to Democrats.

**Primary Goal:** Target 5 Republican held districts to flip Democrat. The 5 targeted districts and the most effected by the redistricting maps. These areas see the biggest political shifts - could flip Republican seats.

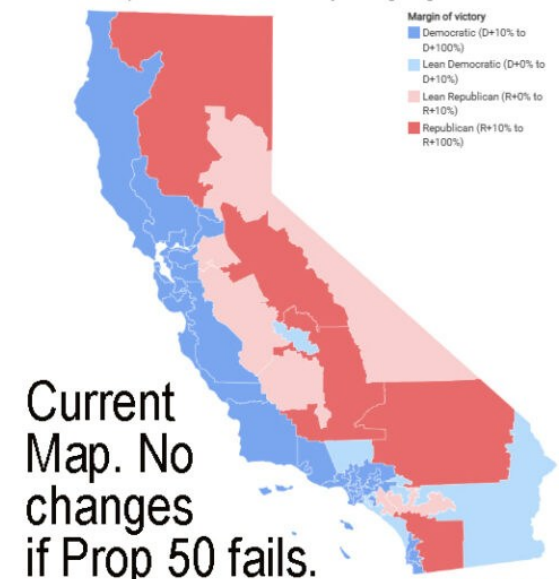
- **CA-01** Loses Republican leaning areas near Oregon border and gains Democratic areas around Santa Rosa. (Northern CA)
- **CA-03** Sheds Eastern Sierra (Republican areas). Gains areas closer to Sacramento-lean Democratic.
- **CA-22** Picks up more of Fresno County's Democratic leaning areas while trimming some Republican leaning parts. Impact: Central Valley farming communities may see their districts tilt more toward city-based voters.
- **CA-41** Moves from swing area in western Inland Empire (large region in Southern Ca east of LA). Includes Riverside and San Bernardino) to more Democrat leaning zones in LA County. Impact: One of the State's longest-serving Republicans could now be in a much more difficult district.

**CA-48** Removes some Republican areas in San Diego County; adds Democrat-leaning regions around Coachella Valley. Impact: San Diego area conservatives lose ground, while more diverse inland communities gain voice.

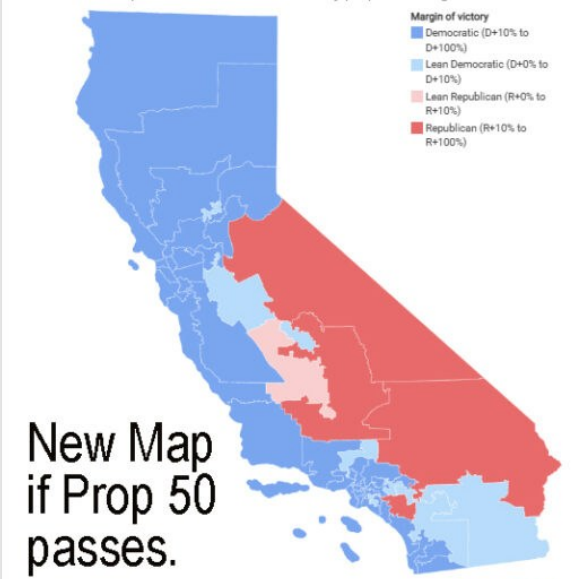
**Costs:** Counties would have to cover most of the costs. Involved in those costs are ballot changes, voter materials, and adjusting systems. It is going to cost millions of dollars with only approximately \$200,000 coming directly from the State budget.



California's 2024 presidential election results by existing congressional districts



California's 2024 presidential election results by proposed congressional districts



**Why It Matters:** Prop. 50 tweaks key areas to reshape a handful of competing districts. This targeted approach highlights how adjustments by just shifting a few communities can reshape electoral dynamics for years.

*If Proposition 50 passes, our representation as Republicans will diminish for years to come in California.*

**MODESTO RWF**

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