



TUSTIN RWF

Tustin Area Republican Women Federated

May 2020 Newsletter



TARWF Co-Presidents' Message May 2020

We hope everyone is doing well as the Country and California begin to open up. Our lives are going to be a bit different, for a while, as we continue to be diligent about staying healthy. Mask making is becoming an Art and collections have been started. We have learned to properly wash our hands and avoid touching our face.

You will continue to receive notifications from the NFRW National Federation of Republican Women; CFRW California Federation of Republican Women; CRP California Republican Party; and the OCRP Orange County Republican Party. Some will come direct to you and some we will forward to you. There are Campaign Management Schools, designated workshops and opportunities to contribute to the campaign of your choice. **Please remember to keep track of your volunteer hours.** Participating in meetings counts too!

We have entered this run up to the November 2020 Presidential Election handicapped by the COVID-19 virus rules. Our campaigns are finding ingenious ways to campaign anyway. You can work for your favorite candidate or be a part of the Orange County Trump Get out the Vote (GOTV) ground operation. For now it's Zoom meetings and Phone Banking using your own

phone. As we open up precinct voter identification and candidate advocacy will start.

A Zoom Board meeting will take place on **Monday May 18th, one week early, because Monday May 25th is Memorial Day.** We may be able to set up a Webinar meeting at the end of the month, and we are currently working on securing a speaker.

Judy Levine and Pat Micone,
Co-Presidents



May 2020 Membership Report

Happy May to all our TARWF Patriots...We hope you are enjoying our beautiful California weather during our Quarantine to staying home...!!!

We want to wish all our Mothers a Very Special Mother's Day 'Month' and know we are looking forward to seeing you all very soon and working to help RE-elect our Great President Donald Trump in November 2020...!!

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Campaign/Voter Registration Committee Report

Greetings TARWF Members,

It is a pleasure to check in with you, and to share some great news. **Kristin Manna** has volunteered to Co-Chair this committee, Campaign/Voter Registration. She brings knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm to this committee as well as our whole TARWF

Club. She is currently serving on the Volunteer Steering Committee of Honorable John Moorlach's campaign for his re-election as State Senator in the 37th District of California. Kristin has already taken action with several emails to our club explaining how to train for home phone calling for Orange County candidates John Moorlach, Michelle Steel, Greg Rath, and Diane Dixon. **Kristin Manna's contact information is as follows: 714-878-7879 (c) and email at krissymanna@gmail.com. Kristin will lead the Campaign portion of this committee.** And I will lead the portion of Voter Registration. Please welcome Kristin to our club. She will be a great addition to our club and to this committee.

Tustin has canceled the Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off which was to be held on Sunday, June 7th.

The Orange County Fair to be held in July and August has also been canceled.

Please stay safe and be healthy. Looking forward to seeing everyone as soon as possible. Love and God Bless,

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Yet another measure to gut taxpayer protection

While everybody's stuck at home waiting for the lockdown to be lifted, this would be a good time to tell you about an initiative set for the Nov. 3 ballot that could sharply raise property taxes for your children if anything happens to you.

Back in **1986, voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 58**, which created an exclusion from reassessment for property transferred between parents and children, meaning the property tax bill would stay the same. And then in **1996, voters adopted Proposition 193**, a similar exclusion for property transferred between grandparents and grandchildren in the event that the grandchildren's parents were deceased.

An initiative that would repeal these two constitutional amendments has just qualified for the November ballot. If the measure receives a simple majority of the votes cast, property that is transferred between parents and children, or grandparents and grandchildren, will be reassessed to market value as of the date of transfer.

The initiative, **sponsored by the California Association of Realtors**, would replace Propositions 58 and 193 with a far more limited exclusion from reassessment — only when the transferred property is used as the principal residence of the person to whom it was transferred, and with a cap on the value that can be excluded.

That's a radical tax increase. Currently, a principal residence of any value may be transferred between parents and children, and additional property with an assessed value of up to \$1 million may also be transferred, all without a reassessment that would trigger an increase in property taxes.

Under Proposition 13, approved by voters in 1978, property is assessed at its fair market value when there is a change of ownership. While it is under the same ownership, there's a 2 percent annual cap on increases in the assessed value, no matter how much the market value rises.

If the Realtors' measure passes, children who inherit their parents' longtime home will receive a shocking new property tax bill. Unless they can move into the property and use it as their principal residence, they'll have to pay 1 percent of the current market value in property taxes, plus all the extra charges for bonds and parcel taxes that have been approved by voters through the years. Those are listed at the bottom of property tax bills, and some are based on assessed value.

The exclusion from reassessment for additional property would go away entirely. Families that own a duplex, rental home or small commercial property, for example, will see that property reassessed to market value as of the date of transfer between parents and children.

Property taxes can be crushing during an economic downturn, because they have to be paid annually as a condition of keeping what you already own. You don't owe income taxes if you have no income, and you don't owe sales taxes if you don't buy anything. But if you own a home or a business property, you owe property taxes regardless of whether you have the ability to pay.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom wouldn't even agree to extend this year's April 10 deadline for the payment of the second installment of property taxes. Struggling property owners were utterly disregarded in the coronavirus emergency even as extensions and assistance were offered to others hard hit by the crisis.

Apparently some people think anyone who owns a house is wealthy, and anyone who is wealthy is responsible for paying the expenses of everybody who isn't. The Realtors' initiative complains that "out-of-state residents and trust-fund heirs" are able to "unfairly avoid paying current fair market taxes on vacation homes, luxury estates, beachfront rentals and income-producing properties." This is misleading, bordering on deceitful. The initiative affects all homes and all property.

The Realtors aren't really mad at trust-fund heirs. They're irritated that ordinary people keep their properties in the family instead of listing them for sale as soon as somebody dies. If their initiative passes, families would receive a new, higher property tax bill in the mail along with the sympathy cards. That will force many people to sell their family home even if they'd like to keep it.

If you haven't heard about this, it's because the repeal of Propositions 58 and 193 was quietly added to a new version of the Realtors' previous initiative, known as Proposition 5, which failed to pass in 2018. Proposition 5 would have allowed homeowners age 55 and older to have more opportunities to transfer the baseyear property tax assessment on their current home to a replacement property. Under current law (Propositions 60 and 90), only one such transfer is allowed in a lifetime, only if the replacement property is of equal or lesser value, and only within the same county or in a county that accepts the transfers.

After the 2018 measure failed at the ballot box, the California Association of Realtors decided to try again. That's when they added the tax increase on inter-generational transfers of property.

This would be a significant change to the state constitution, and it's just wrong to try to hide it from the voters while advertising the rest of the initiative's provisions. Proposition 58 passed with 75.7 percent of the vote when it was on the ballot in November 1986. Did anyone do a poll to see if Californians were now interested in repealing it?

Doubtful.

Because of the coronavirus threat, many if not all voters will vote by mail this fall, and the ballots will be in homes at the beginning of October. Voters might easily be misled by initiative titles and summaries that fail to clearly describe the contents of the measures on the ballot. By the time they find out what they voted for, it will be too late.

Read everything. Tell everyone. We've had enough surprises for one year.

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Unlock California!

Keeping the Dream Alive!

Marketing and more: Freedom rallies across the country

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When the lockdown officially ends, will those who frequently ignored stay-at-home orders and went outside (walking, running, biking, gardening or sitting) be better able to handle the post-lockdown phase of the pandemic compared to those who hid in their homes? Many experts say it is safer outside, proven during the Influenza Epidemic of 1918 when they moved hospital beds into the sunshine.

University of Washington atmospheric science professor Cliff Mass wrote in a blog post –

The risk of transmission of COVID-19 is extraordinarily less in outside air compared to within buildings: There is essentially no background concentration of the virus in outside air, ultraviolet radiation from the sun is destructive to the virus.

Mathematician and former general professor Isaac Ben Israel, head of the Security Studies program in Tel Aviv University and the chairman of the National Council for Research and Development, conducted research with a fellow professor. They studied countries greatly impacted by the coronavirus and concluded that the number of new virus cases peaks after about 40 days and declines to near zero after 70 days, no matter where in the world it strikes and no matter whether countries shut down their economies or not.

Ah, but they are professors not doctors! Here is immunologist Anthony Fauci who serves as a lead member of the president's coronavirus task force.

January 21:

Newsmax interview with Dr. Anthony Fauci in which he said the coronavirus “is not a major threat to the people of the United States and this is not something that the citizens of the United States right now should be worried about.”

February 8:

‘Danger of getting coronavirus now is just minusculely low.’

February 29:

Dr. Anthony Fauci was on the Today Show and said there is NO NEED for the public to change their behavior over concern for Coronavirus.

March 9:

Dr. Fauci recommends taking a cruise, telling Forbes Magazine that if you're healthy, cruise ships are safe.

Many Americans no longer have confidence in Dr. Fauci since his models and predictions have repeatedly been grossly wrong.

Hypocrisy of the lockdown

A major reason for the surge of freedom rallies across the country is due to the hypocrisy of the rules regarding which businesses are essential (open) and which aren't (closed):

- You can walk into a 7-Eleven to buy candy and alcohol, but you can't walk into a church to pray.
- You can walk into Planned Parenthood to abort a baby, but you can't walk into a furniture store to buy a baby's crib.
- You can go into a big-box store to purchase books, clothes, TVs and toys, but book, clothing, electronics and toy stores are closed.
- You can go into a drugstore to buy nail polish, hairbrushes and make-up, but beauty supply stores are closed.
- You can order food or coffee and can't eat inside, but you can stand outside and eat.
- You can be gunned down by a recently released felon, but you can't buy a gun in a gun store to protect yourself.

The lockdown has allowed government to determine which businesses survive and which ones can fail. It's obvious government prefers big-box stores over small businesses. In the five-week period ended April 5, Costco Wholesale sales revenue is up 11 percent over the same time period the previous year. Walmart's sales rose 20 percent in March.

Moreover, social distancing while shopping is often absurd. It doesn't matter how many signs the stores put on the floor that read, "stand here" or how many shoppers they limit inside, people frequently come in close contact.

Much depends on your situation

Conservative columnist Dennis Prager wrote that if the virus epicenter was not New York, Democrat reaction would have been very different. Instead of locking down the entire country, Prager writes that only affected cities would have been quarantined.

After all, a quarantine is when you restrict the movement of sick or potentially sick people (such as elderly in nursing homes). Tyranny is when you restrict the movement of healthy people.

Instead there was a chorus of Democrat governors and mayors shouting, "We're all going to die – send hospital beds!" "We're all going to die – send ventilators!" "We're all going to die – send a hospital ship!" "We're all going to die – send money!"

And my personal favorite: "We're all going to die – send socialism!"

Stop the insanity – open up America!

Dr. Fauci and Birx repeatedly told us from the start that the purpose of the

lockdown was to flatten the curve to avoid collapsing the hospital system. The curve is flattened (along with our economy) and the hospital system never collapsed. In fact, hospital ships sent to New York City and Los Angeles were hardly used.

Americans who want to reopen their country are called selfish by those who want the lockdown to continue. In response, patriotic protesters say it's selfish to destroy the U.S. economy when there are other ways to deal with the virus. As Glenn Harlan Reynolds wrote in "Protests Show 'Two Americas' – Those Who Lost Their Jobs and Those Still Getting Paid" – *There really are two Americas here: Those still getting a paycheck from government, corporations or universities, and those who are unemployed, or seeing their small businesses suffer due to shutdowns. And the America still getting paid is, so far, not showing a whole lot of sympathy for the America that isn't.*

Freedom rally participants are disgusted by inaccurate and misleading reporting. Daily reports about virus deaths are rarely accompanied by reports about survivors – more than 98 percent of the people who get the coronavirus survive with many experiencing minimal to moderate symptoms. The less than 2 percent that sadly pass away often had other health issues.

The coronavirus is real – no one is disputing its seriousness. But we need to put everything into perspective and ask how many of its victims already had other underlying issues and might have died from the seasonal flu? What percentage of deaths are explicitly from the virus? It appears many deaths are counted as coronavirus when there were other health issues involved.

Freedom rally protestors aren't worried about virus droplets falling from one person onto another. They are much more worried about tyranny droplets falling all over the United States of America from socialist-leaning Democrat mayors and governors. For example:

- In Nazi Germany, survival was often based on having a job essential to the war effort. Responding to New Yorkers who needed to return to work, Gov. Cuomo replied, "You want to go to work? Go take a job as an essential worker."
- Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti told an interviewer he would use mobile phone data to track the movement of citizens and promised to "hunt down" those who refused to comply with his stay-at-home order.
- Louisville, Kentucky Mayor Greg Fisher forbade people from attending drive-in church services on Easter Sunday, even going so far as to ask congregants to inform on pastors who held services.
- Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf promoted a "snitch portal" for people to rat out businesses they thought were violating the state's lockdown rules.
- Virginia Governor Ralph (blackface) Northam felt empowered to gut the Second Amendment.
- New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio urged residents to turn in neighbors who weren't following social-distancing rules, providing a text number to call on offenders.

Socialist Democrat mayors, governors and leaders repeatedly claim the lockdown is for your safety!
The Nazis had a phrase which covered all abuses of the State: für ihre



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