

I'd like to begin by wishing you a happy, prosperous, and healthy New Year!

First, let me say how grateful I am to be part of such a wonderful organization of women! Mahatma Gandhi was quoted as saying, "Be the change you wish to see in the world" and that's exactly what I intend on doing as President of Sacramento Republican Women Federated!

The 2022 Board members and I are thrilled to have Carol Hadley, NFRW 3rd VP will be our special guest in January and will be doing the honor of installing the 2022 board including yours truly ... as President! Carol has been a member of the Federation of Republican Women for over 40 years, having been a member in California, Oregon, Wyoming, Texas, and Washington. Recently elected as 2022-2023 NFRW 3rd Vice President. Currently she is NFRW Campaign Committee Chair. Previously, she has been NFRW Member At Large, assigned as Region 1 Director for Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, Nevada and Oregon. Additional previous committees: NFRW Caring for America Chair 2014-2015, and 2016-2017, and member of other NFRW Committees. Including NFRW Regent for the past nine years. Carol's resume is long and impressive!!! You can read her entire bio in the Guest Speaker area of our newsletter.

We are projecting to have a Whistle Stop in April. There's still a lot of unknown out there, but as they finalize the district lines, we will know more of who's running where and will keep you updated as we get closer. This is a favorite event for many of you ladies and everyone loves to meet the candidates!

We have an extraordinary makeup of women this year and I can assure you we are all looking forward to working in-sync to bring more like-minded women together through our general meetings and satellite club and help us empower more Republican men & women to run for political positions and support the current candidates and rising GOP stars! For those who are unable to attend the general meetings, we have an evening Satellite Club which Megan Masten hosts on the Thursday following our Wednesday meeting from 7:00-8:30 PM at Sacramento GOP Headquarters. Meetings are free to attend, and food is not served, but it's a great avenue to meet other women who want to make a difference. Be sure to follow and like us on our social media websites!

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Reminder!!! *The General Meeting, is on January 12, 2022.* Please mark your calendars of this special change for January 2022 only. Be sure to call the reservation line ASAP (916-733-1623) and let them know your menu choice and how many will be in your party, this helps us know how many to expect for the

meeting and helps the kitchen staff know how much food they will need to purchase in advance. ***A reservation made is a reservation paid!***

What I'm really looking forward to is getting to know each one of you in which I will be spending the next few weeks reaching out to you by phone to say hello and introducing myself, that is, if I haven't already! Many of you already know me from previously being on the SRWF board, for those of you who don't, my name is Tabitha Gomez. I'm a native to the Sacramento area. I'm an Air Force daughter, a Marine wife, mom of 8 kids (blended family) and I represent 5 of our kids who have served (4 Veterans & 1 still serving) in the Army and Navy, as being the Past President of Sacramento Blue Star Moms. I can't forget to mention that my wonderful husband Mike, who recently retired as a Captain from California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and I have 17 grandchildren!!! Let me just say this, as parents and grandparents, we feel as if we have been there ... done that ... got the T-shirt ... been there several more times because we didn't learn the first few times & dare I say looking forward to the next chapter!!!

In closing, let me share with you that I welcome you to reach out to me. My phone is always on, & I check my email several times a day. I look forward to hearing from you.

With Gratitude,

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Top 6 Reasons People Leave California and Why We Need to Take Back Our State!

1. High Cost of Living and Income Tax Rate

California is an expensive place to live. The average cost of a medium price home in California is \$600,000. The latest data from Zillow shows that the median rent in California in mid-2020 is \$2,800 over the national average of \$1,600. Simply put, if you are not wealthy or ready to live with friends or relatives you can't afford to live in California.

Let's not forget the income tax rate is currently at 13.3%, and legislators want to increase it to almost 17%. The move would not just affect rich residents of California but also small entrepreneurs, most of whom are facing challenges related to COVID-19 lockdowns and shutdowns and ridiculous regulations inhibiting business and commerce. The sales tax is more than 7% already and there's a \$0.50 gas tax, one of three taxes hikes imposed by the voters to improve our roads. Let's hope this latest gas tax, gets used to fix our roads highways and bridges, not like the last two gas tax measures that were diverted into the general fund and social services.

2. Rising State Taxes

California is one of the two states with a tax rate of more than 10% (the other is Hawaii). Simply put, someone who makes \$50,000 per annum would be paying \$9,679 in state and federal taxes. Someone who makes \$100,000 per year would have to spend \$28,923. Those that make \$500,000 per annum would be paying a whopping \$210,949.

3. Political Issues

A lot of residents of California are in support of the policies of their state. However, a lot of conservative and even reasonable voters feel California is moving too far to the left. Ben Shapiro, a conservative journalist talked about his personal decision to move out of the state, stating increasing union influence, limitation on law enforcement officials, looting, and the stop to standardized testing in state universities as some of the factors that aided in his decision to relocate to another state.

Others mentioned that they feel that their votes in California don't count while others still complain that politicians focus on the needs of large cities while leaving the needs and wishes of residents of rural areas unattended.

4. Crime

Preliminary data from four of California's major cities—Los Angeles, Oakland, San Diego, and San Francisco—show increases in property and violent crime numbers this past year. In particular, the troubling increase in homicides that we saw in 2020 appears to continue—homicides in these cities are up by about 17% in 2021. The increase in property crime in 2021 was driven by car break-ins and auto thefts. While this news is disconcerting, it is worth noting that overall reported violent and property crimes are now similar to pre-pandemic levels; property crime was at a historic low in 2020, and violent crime was relatively low as well, similar to levels of the late 1960s.

The reported sites crime numbers for Los Angeles, Oakland, San Diego, and San Francisco between January 1, 2020, and October 31, 2021. It is important to note that while these cities make their data

quickly available for analysis, the numbers are preliminary: law enforcement agencies update and review the data before submitting them to the Department of Justice as official statistics.

Comparing January–October 2020 to the same period in 2021, violent crimes increased by 5%, ranging from close to 17% in Oakland to about 1% in Los Angeles. In the first few months of the pandemic, the monthly number of violent crimes dropped notably; it then rose to pre-pandemic levels by fall 2020 and declined again until early 2021. After that, violent crime increased from about 8,000–8,500 per month to around 9,500–10,000, where it has stayed since July 2021. While there were more reported crimes for all four violent offenses (homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault), about three-fourths of the overall increase in violent crime stems from aggravated assaults, the most common violent offense. As reported in part by Public Policy Institute of California December 14, 2021.

5. Social Challenges

California has over 150,000 homeless people, no other state has up to that, and many of which are either mentally ill or addicted to drugs. They expose themselves in places where they are noticeable by children and many other challenges reported by residents. Former residents mentioned that homeless individuals can be seen everywhere in the state, even in areas where wealthy people live.

Others complain that there has been increasing in homeless encampments in suburban locations all over the state. The majority of former residents of the state feel that the Californian government including is either not doing its best in solving the problem or is just compounding the problem.

6. Devastating Wildfires

More than 8700 fires burned 4,257,059 acres of land in California in 2020. This makes 2020 the biggest loss in the history of the state. Former residents of California made their frustration known on the issue of fires that are not likely to turn less dangerous in the coming future.

As a result of the Governor’s Prison reform policies, tens of thousands of incarcerated California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) inmates have been released early, many Level II inmates where highly trained by the department to work alongside CalFire firefighters, fighting wildfires. As such, CDCR has closed eight Fire Camps Statewide and are in the process of closing the California Correctional Center in Susanville Ca., one of the firefighter training prisons for inmate firefighters.

Year to Date Wildfire Statistics (CAL FIRE and Federal)

Updated as of December 17, 2021

Interval	Fires	Acres
2021 Combined YTD (CALFIRE & US Forest Service)	8,786	2,568,941*
2020 Combined YTD (CALFIRE & US Forest Service)	9,639	4,257,059
5-Year Average (same interval)	8,607	1,618,833

Information above provided via articles from:

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