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## CAMPOLINDO HIGH SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAROLERS WILL PERFORM AT OUR DECEMBER 16 HOLIDAY DINNER

The Campolindo High School Holiday Carolers will perform holiday songs at our Republican Club dinner on December 16, in the Event Center's Tahoe Room. Social hour begins at 5:15 p.m., with dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. The Holiday Carolers will perform at 6:45 p.m. Admission will be **FREE** for people coming at 6:45 p.m. to enjoy the performance without having dinner.

The Campolindo High School Holiday Carolers are part of an elite, audition-only vocal ensemble that is the highest-level choral performance group at their school. They enjoy a reputation as one of the top high school choral groups in the nation, consistently receiving top honors at national competitions and festivals. These talented young singers perform at various school concerts and often tour nationally and internationally. They also perform at community events and school assemblies. Students often describe being part of the choir program as the highlight of their high school experience, forming strong friendships and developing significant musical skills. The school's choir program is led by Director of Choral Activities Mark Roberts.

Join us December 16 for dinner catered by the Creekside Grill. Our special Holiday Season dinner will be a choice of hanger steak beef tips topped with Burgundy wine reduction or cheesy asparagus and mushroom risotto (vegetarian option); chopped Caesar salad; cheddar mashed potatoes; vegetable medley; rolls and butter; molten chocolate cake; and coffee. Social hour begins at 5:15 p.m., with dinner at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$50 for members and \$55 for guests. Admission will be **FREE** for people coming at 6:45 p.m. to enjoy the performance without having dinner.

A signup sheet for our December 16 dinner accompanies this Newsletter. Signup sheets may also be picked up in our Republican Club box in the Gateway Clubhouse or downloaded from our website at: <http://rossmoor-republicans.us>. **DINNER RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 12 NOON, DECEMBER 9. If you are planning to mail your dinner reservation, please email Susie White at [swhite1451@comcast.net](mailto:swhite1451@comcast.net) to let her know BEFORE December 9, so she can save a place for you and your guests.** For info contact Susie White at [swhite1451@comcast.net](mailto:swhite1451@comcast.net) (preferred) or 925-954-8282.

## DECEMBER DINNER EVENT

Please join us for our Dinner  
and Holiday Festivities on  
Tuesday, December 16!



**Chris Bratton**  
**President**  
**2025**

## President's Message: LOOKING BACK ON AN EVENTFUL YEAR

As we approach the end of 2025 it's good to recap the year's highlights. Our January dinner celebrated the Inauguration of Donald J. Trump as our 47th President. It didn't take long before President Trump issued a flurry of executive orders to implement his conservative agenda and kick off a first presidential 100 days like we've never seen before!

Our January dinner speaker was Tim Anaya, author of *The California Left Coast Survivor's Guide*. Attorney Joshua P. Thompson of the Pacific Legal Foundation spoke to us in February on "Equality and Opportunity: A Civil Rights Strategy for the 21st Century" and explained what the PLF is doing to combat race-based DEI policies. In March, California State Assemblyman Carl DeMaio provided us with reasons for hope based on the work of Reform California. He also talked about how we could get involved in the petition drive to get Voter ID on the California ballot. In April, we heard from Mary Knox, Assistant District Attorney of Contra Costa County, who talked about the harmful impact on public safety brought about by the failure of our current District Attorney to enforce criminal laws in Contra Costa. Carlos Rodriguez spoke to us in May about how the Latino Action Alliance is increasing public policy awareness among Latinos, now the largest minority group in the U.S. Kevin Lincoln II, our June speaker, is presently running as a Republican candidate for Congress. Kevin is an inspiring young man who was previously assigned to Marine One when he served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

In July, we heard from former BART Director Debora Allen regarding BART's looming fiscal crisis. Our August speaker, Jean Follmer, Contra Costa GOP Central Committee member and former member of the Lafayette School Board, presented an excellent update on what is taking place in our local schools. Our September Meet & Greet hosted Kelly Perkins, the founder of Carson's Wings of Hope, a nonprofit focusing on education, awareness, and prevention of addiction to fentanyl and other opioids. In September, former Columbia University Trustee Kyriakos Tsakopoulos spoke on "Higher Education and Politics" and how his family is helping Hillsdale College establish a western campus. We also held a Tribute to Charlie Kirk at our September dinner in response to his tragic assassination. In October, distinguished U.C. Berkeley Law Professor John Yoo spoke to us about the "Supreme Court and the Trump Presidencies." We declared November Member Appreciation Month and celebrated old and new members, along with military veterans, at our November dinner. Our speaker that night was Kristin Connelly, Contra Costa County Clerk Recorder and Registrar of Voters, who spoke on "Ensuring Election Integrity." This month we will have our club's General Meeting to elect club officers for 2026 and enjoy our annual holiday celebration with singing provided by the Campolindo High School's elite Chamber Choir Holiday Carolers.



And there has been so much more! Our club coordinated with the drive to recall soft-on-crime Contra Costa District Attorney Diana Becton. The Republican Club table was in action from May to October at Rossmoor's Friday Farmers Market, gathering signatures for ballot initiatives, registering voters, and providing information about our club and current events. In July, we celebrated passage of the Republicans' One Big Beautiful Bill. Several club members participated in a Walk for Wishes fundraiser to help sponsor a critically ill child's wish. The Republican Bridge Club was formed. And we have

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*President's Message, continued.*

sponsored movies each month in Peacock Theater for all of Rossmoor to enjoy.

Looking forward to 2026, we will continue to meet monthly in the Event Center for our dinners and present engaging and relevant speakers for your enlightenment and enjoyment. 2026 will be an exciting election year! Republican gubernatorial candidate Steve Hilton, who is close to the front of the pack in statewide polls, will be speaking at a special event, sponsored by our club, in the Event Center on Tuesday, February 24. Mark your calendars for this one!

Please invite your friends and neighbors to all our coming events. They may, hopefully, become Republican Club members too. In 2026, we will be focused on growing our club membership and attendance at our monthly dinners. We have a fantastic, growing club that provides education, fellowship, and discussion with people who share our conservative values. Isn't that a joy!



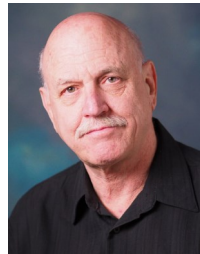
**FOR INFORMATION OR TO BUY TICKETS GO TO:**

**<https://www.cocorepublicans.com/chairmansdinner25>**

**Or: <https://secure.anedot.com/ccrp/5f672252-5d5e-4288-862c-35b4b41a426e>**

# CHINA IS FUNDING MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS

By Mark Fernwood



China, controlled by the Chinese Communist Party, has vowed to become the most powerful nation and leading economic power in the world. Some might think that to accomplish these goals China would institute free market reforms to develop and strengthen its national economy. But China has a big problem with that strategy. Under Chinese Communist Party rule economic growth is highly regulated and restricted. Even though China has abandoned strict socialism, it is still a totalitarian economic and personal dictatorship. Thus, China's prevailing strategy has been to weaken its opponents so China will be stronger in comparison.

China has long deployed a philosophy of "Total War." This involves the use of all means possible to achieve its objectives. From actual combat, to spreading disinformation, to funding and promoting turmoil, and to promoting international economic sabotage. Although we may never really know, it is quite possible that China has even employed biological attacks.

The greatest risk America faces today is from grossly misled, seemingly well-intentioned, environmental extremist groups, many of which receive funds from Communist China. Policies that they are promoting, supposedly "to save the planet," will in fact have devastating consequences. A modern society's lifeblood is energy. If you turn off energy then transportation and modern agriculture would also come to an end. Modern communications, banking and commerce would be imperiled. The entire fabric of our modern society would unravel.

Our growing adoption of "green energy" is actually a fast-track to oblivion. Wind and solar are very costly, inefficient, and intermittent power sources. Trillions of dollars have been spent on wind and solar and the U.S. employs only a small percent of that very costly energy. The EIA.gov chart below lists "renewables" as including hydro and nuclear. But the left hates hydro and nuclear and doesn't even regard them as "green." Biomass generation means burning of wood, which is considered "green"—even though it causes very real pollution. That's how crazy environmental extremists are!

See also: Senator Ted Cruz questions why China funds American climate activism at: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/kpzOhEpqkes> (2 minutes)

Chart of US Electric Generation from U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA.gov) at:

[https://www.eia.gov/tools/faqs/faq.php?id=427&t=3#:~:text=Table\\_title:%20What%20is%20U.S.%20electricity%20generation%20by,16%20%7C%20Share%20of%20total:%200.4%25%20%7C](https://www.eia.gov/tools/faqs/faq.php?id=427&t=3#:~:text=Table_title:%20What%20is%20U.S.%20electricity%20generation%20by,16%20%7C%20Share%20of%20total:%200.4%25%20%7C)



**Frank Berarducci (July 16, 2025)**

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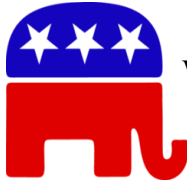
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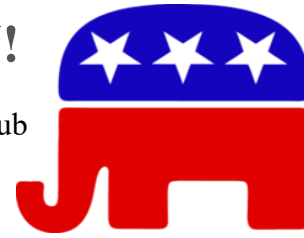
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# YOUR REPUBLICAN CLUB NEEDS YOU!

## A UNIQUE LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY AWAITS YOU!



We need your help in keeping our Rossmoor Republican Club at the top of its game. Several of our key Board members will be retiring from the Board at the end of this year. These Board members will no longer be providing their



amazing contributions to the running of our club, but this presents a unique leadership opportunity for you! The Board provides overall direction for the Republican Club by ensuring prudent use of the club's assets, making decisions in our club's best interests, orchestrating our many events and activities, and planning for our future. The Board meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month in the Bunker Room at Creekside from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. If you are interested in assuming one of the vital positions on our Board please contact incoming Co-President Richard Rubin at 1-510-332-9994.

### ELECTION OF 2026 REPUBLICAN CLUB OFFICERS

Our December 16 Dinner Meeting is also the Annual Membership Meeting for the Republican Club. Club members will vote on club officer candidates who have been nominated by the Republican Club Board. Club members may nominate candidates from the floor, but the candidate must have given permission to have his or her name presented. Your new club officers will be seated at the January Board of Directors meeting on January 28, 2026. The Republican Club Board has put forth these candidates to fill our 2026 Republican Club of Rossmoor offices:

**Co-Presidents: Mary Beth Hodge & Richard L. Rubin**

**Vice President: Vallyn Proffitt**

**Secretary: Maggie Kilmer**

**Treasurer: Toni Hessler**

### *New Members*



**Colette Couch  
Judy Freed  
Dave & Mary Little  
Claire Bocek  
Alexandra Morgan  
Jim & Sheryl Griesemer**

**Gail Pope  
Kyle & Kim Dawson  
Charles Bensen  
Tracey Davenport  
Deirdre Dunne & Stan Orik**



## WANTED: SERVERS BEHIND THE BAR FOR REPUBLICAN CLUB MONTHLY DINNERS

The Republican Club is looking for one or two volunteers to help tend the bar at our monthly club dinners. Our club servers arrive in advance of our monthly dinners to help set up the bar and receive any needed instructions. All necessary training will be provided. For information contact Republican Club President Chris Bratton at 925-200-2527.

## BECOME A REPUBLICAN CLUB AMBASSADOR!

Interested in becoming more involved in the Republican Club, having great fun, and making new friends? Join the Republican Club Ambassadors! The Ambassadors are a great group of volunteers who work as a team to make the Republican Club's events happen. Ambassadors take on various jobs at our monthly dinners, including:



- Reception, greeting our guests, and handing out name tags.
- Bartending, setting up, and serving beverages.
- Providing table decorations and centerpieces created by a special Ambassador team.
- Selling tickets, drawing, and awarding the prizes at our monthly dinners. The money we collect from our drawings go to support military families in need at Semper Fi/America's Fund and Fisher House.

In addition, our Ambassadors help out with Meet & Greets and other Republican Club events. For more info about our Ambassadors call our incoming Ambassador Chair Margie Sparkman at (925) 788-1604 or retiring Ambassador Chair Jill Reiner at (925) 876-6383.

## SAVE THE DATE: THE REPUBLICAN CLUB WILL BE HOSTING STEVE HILTON ON FEBRUARY 24!



The Republican Club will be hosting Republican candidate for Governor of California Steve Hilton at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, February 24 at the Event Center. Admission will be free.

Born in the United Kingdom to Hungarian parents who fled Communism, Steve attended Oxford University, started his own company, helped David Cameron become U.K. Prime Minister, and subsequently served as a senior advisor in 10 Downing Street. In 2012, Steve moved to Silicon Valley with his wife and two children, becoming a U.S. citizen in 2021. After teaching at Stanford, he hosted the FOX television show *The Next Revolution with Steve Hilton*.

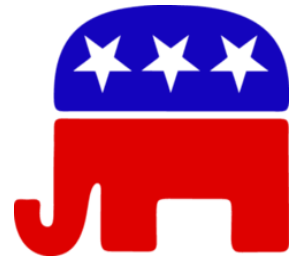
Steve is now running for California Governor and placing second or third in most statewide polls. California is a mess and hasn't had a Republican governor since 2011—so it's high time to make California Great Again!



# REPUBLICAN CLUB OF ROSSMOOR MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Fellow Republicans and Conservatives,

If you know of any relatives, friends, or neighbors who might be interested in joining our Republican Club, please encourage them to **JOIN NOW!** Any **NEW** member who joins during the rest of 2025 will also have their membership dues paid for all of 2026. As part of our goal of attracting new club members we will be waiving the \$5 speaker-only charge at all of our future dinner events. Admission is **FREE** to come at 6:50 p.m. to enjoy the speakers or live entertainment at those events. This is a great chance to introduce your friends to our club!



Our club holds monthly dinner meetings featuring exciting speakers and monthly Meet & Greets where members can socialize and meet a variety of community leaders. Other activities include our Ambassadors group, currently 30-strong, who assist in planning our monthly dinners and other functions. The club also hears from local and state conservative candidates. Our club provides occasions for members to enjoy the camaraderie of fellow well-informed, fun-loving people who love their country. We also send out a monthly newsletter to our members containing information on upcoming club events, as well as thought-provoking articles.

Annual dues to join today for brand new members for the rest of 2025 and all of 2026 are \$25 for an individual or \$40 for a couple. Add \$30 if you want a paper copy of the Rossmoor Republican newsletter mailed to your home each month (rather than receiving your monthly newsletter via email). Send your check to:

**Republican Club of Rossmoor Membership  
Mary Beth Hodge  
1563 Ptarmigan Drive 1B  
Walnut Creek, CA 94595**

For further information visit our club's website at: <https://www.rossmoor-republicans.us>.  
Or call Mary Beth Hodge, Republican Club Membership Chair, at 925-954-1158.

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## TIME TO RENEW YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP FOR 2026!



Annual dues for the Republican Club of Rossmoor for 2026 are \$25 for a single person and \$40 for a couple. Add \$30 if you want a paper copy of the Rossmoor Republican newsletter mailed to your home each month (rather than receiving your monthly newsletter via email). To join or renew your membership make your check payable to the Republican Club of Rossmoor (RCR) and mail it to:

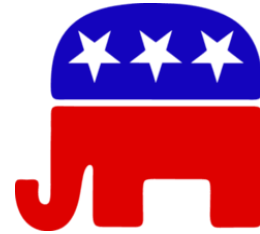
**Republican Club of Rossmoor Membership  
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## REPUBLICAN CLUB OF ROSSMOOR

### Membership Application

Make check payable to Republican Club of Rossmoor



☐ \$25 Individual

☐ \$40 Couple

☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Optional Donation

☐ Please email the newsletter to my email address at no additional cost.

☐ For an additional \$30, send the paper newsletter via USPS to the address below:

Mail Check and this Application to:

**Republican Club of Rossmoor Membership**

**Mary Beth Hodge**

**1563 Ptarmigan Drive 1B**

**Walnut Creek, CA 94595**

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Entry \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE (w/area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s) to Receive Newsletter & Announcements:

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## DINNER GUEST SPEAKER RECOMMENDATIONS WANTED

David Minor, our Republican Club Program Chair, is looking for future guest speakers to appear at our monthly Republican Club dinners. Speakers who are available to speak in person are preferred, but appearance via Zoom can be arranged. Please send your guest speaker suggestions to David at [drminor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drminor@sbcglobal.net). Include the suggested speaker's name, contact information, and his or her position or area of expertise.



## CALLING ALL REPUBLICAN BRIDGE PLAYERS!

If you'd like to join a Republican Bridge Group where you can relax and not feel uncomfortable when politics comes up, please call Mary Beth Hodge at the number below. It's time to circle the wagons—or “the elephants” as Crazy Kamala once said—and stick together.

Right now we have two bridge games set up: The First Tuesday of each month from 1:30 to 4:00 pm—we have two tables. The Second Monday of each month from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm—we have one table.

This will be a friendly comfy bridge group. You do not need to have Master Points to join. If you are interested in joining one of these groups, or being a substitute, call Mary Beth Hodge at 925-954-1158.



## ROSSMOOR GATE PROCEDURES FOR NON-ROSSMOOR RESIDENTS

Rossmoor administrators have asked that Rossmoor clubs provide them with notice at least 7 days in advance of the names of non-Rossmoor residents who plan on attending a club event. Additional names can be added up to 2 business days before the event, but Rossmoor wants most of the names of non-resident attendees at least 7 days before. For those non-residents planning to be “speaker only” attendees at a monthly dinner, please notify Susie White of your plans as early as possible at [swhite1451@comcast.net](mailto:swhite1451@comcast.net) (preferred) or 925-954-8282. For club events aside from our monthly dinners non-Rossmoor residents should email us at [rossmoorrepublicans@gmail.com](mailto:rossmoorrepublicans@gmail.com), preferably at least 7 days in advance of the event.

## DINNER SIGNUP REMINDERS

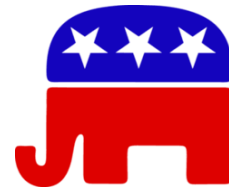
When you send in your check and signup sheet for our monthly dinners please remember to list the names of all the persons who will be joining you for dinner. That allows our Republican Club volunteers to make dining table assignments and prepare name tags prior to our dinner.

The Republican Club has also recently experienced problems with incomplete or incorrectly filled out checks to our club. Checks should be made out to “RCR” or the “Republican Club of Rossmoor.” Please make sure you have signed the check and indicated the correct date and payment amount. Thank you.



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**Dianne Brackin**  
Club Movie Chair

## REPUBLICAN CLUB DECEMBER MOVIE: "JOYEUX NOËL"

The Republican Club will present the movie "Joyeux Noël" in the Peacock Theater at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 17. Admission is free and everyone is invited! This is a nonpartisan event.

"Joyeux Noël" tells the real-life story of the spontaneous Christmas Eve truce declared by Scottish, French, and German troops in the trenches of World War I. Foes on both sides leave their weapons behind for one night as they band together in Christmas brotherhood and forget about the brutalities of the First World War. Diane Krüger, Daniel Brühl, and Benno Fürmann head a first-rate international cast in this powerful, must-see film.

"Joyeux Noël" was nominated by both the Academy Awards and the Golden Globes for Best Foreign Language Film of 2005.

"Joyeux Noël" is rated PG-13 and runs for 116 minutes. For information contact Dianne Brackin at [dbrack925@gmail.com](mailto:dbrack925@gmail.com) or 925-300-3144.



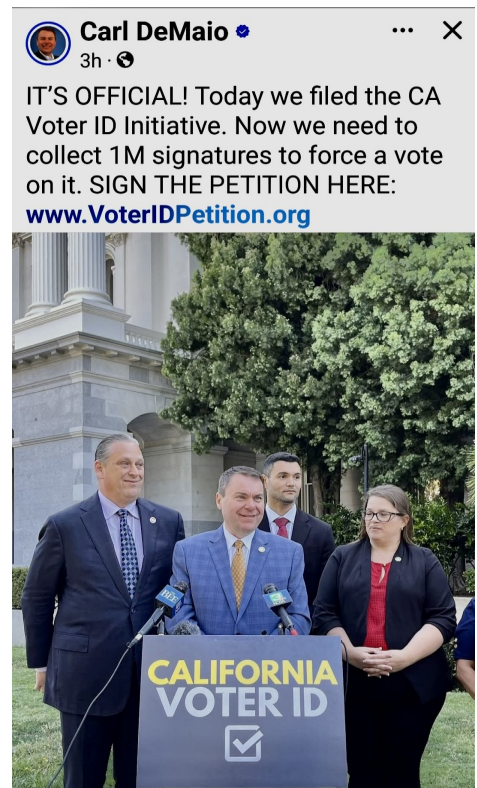
## SPEAKER-ONLY ATTENDANCE AT OUR DINNER EVENTS WILL NOW BE FREE!

From now on the Republican Club will no longer be charging \$5 for speaker-only attendance our monthly dinner events. Admission is now free to come at 6:50 p.m. to enjoy the speakers or live entertainment at those events! This is a great opportunity to introduce your friends to our club!

## CALIFORNIA VOTER ID INITIATIVE

The California Voter ID Initiative is intended to restore election integrity in our state by 1) requiring verification of the citizenship of anyone wishing to register to vote and 2) requiring use of government ID to verify an individual's identity when they cast their ballot in each election.

For more information go to: [www.VoterIDPetition.org](http://www.VoterIDPetition.org).







# WHO VOTED FOR MAMDANI?

By Richard L. Rubin, Editor

When the dust settled over the once great city of New York on Election Night 2025, Zohran Mamdani stood triumphant as mayor-elect with 50.4% of the vote. Former New York Democrat Governor Andrew Cuomo (running as an independent) came in second at 41.6%, followed by Republican Curtis Sliwa at 7.1%. Any sentient New Yorker could plainly see that Mamdani, running as the Democrat Party candidate, was an anti-American Marxist, Islamist, and anti-Semite, but the majority of them voted for him

anyway. What happened?

Admittedly, New York voters were not given a great choice. Cuomo was weighed down with a lot of personal and political baggage. He had resigned as governor in 2021 under a cloud of sexual harassment allegations involving 11 different women. Governor Cuomo was also guilty of badly mishandling the Covid crisis, under-reporting Covid deaths in his state and placing Covid-positive patients in elderly nursing homes with widespread fatal consequences. Not a record to feel very good about, but in the final analysis a vote for Cuomo in the New York mayor's race amounted to a vote for the status quo to avoid something far worse. There was also Republican Curtis Sliwa, but unfortunately he never gained any traction in a city where registered Democrats outnumber Republicans by over 2-to-1. As Election Day approached, President Trump pragmatically endorsed Cuomo as the only plausible alternative to transforming New York into Havana on the Hudson.

So who voted for Mamdani and why? Followup surveys reveal that Mamdani received his principal support from recent immigrants and young voters, especially young women. About half a million Muslims live in New York City and Mamdani also received the vast majority of their votes. With regard to recent immigrants, their strong support for this radical socialist is evidence that we are admitting an alarming number of newcomers to this country who are not grounded in core American values, such as economic freedom, meritocracy, condemnation of anti-Semitism, respect for law enforcement, and consequences for criminal behavior.

Seventy-five percent of young voters, aged 18 to 29, voted for Mamdani—while only 19% voted for Cuomo and 5% for Sliwa. Mamdani received his strongest support from young women in that age bracket: 84% of them voted for him, as compared to 64% of men the same age. Wall Street Journal columnist Allysia Finley, in an insightful article entitled “Grade Inflation Produced Mamdani’s Proletariat,” points out that New York City is heavily populated with young college graduates with high GPAs and degrees in such useful subjects as Social Justice or Ethnic Studies. They firmly believe that they are entitled to live in an expensive city like New York and enjoy a lifestyle commensurate with their inflated estimation of their worth, even if they can’t find an employer who agrees with that assessment. Finley points out: “They believe their degrees aren’t being adequately rewarded by the free market and blame capitalism. . . . Mr. Mamdani’s supporters are rightly angry that the value of their degrees and earnings have declined. Instead of blaming their woes on capitalism or Israel, they ought to be protesting big government and greedy colleges.”

Mamdani promised New Yorkers “affordability” and is quite clear about what he means by that: free public transportation, free childcare, \$30/hour minimum wage, city-owned grocery stores with cheap prices, and a city-wide rent freeze for as long as he holds office. For the majority of young adults with marginal job skills struggling to live well in one of the most expensive cities on Earth, Mamdani appeared to be making an offer they couldn’t refuse. New York landlords would be conscripted to bear his rent freeze and “the rich” would have their already high taxes increased to pay for his other goodies.

These young people have no problems with Mamdani’s radical socialism, anti-Americanism, and anti-Semitism. They have been indoctrinated by college professors and public-union school teachers to condemn traditional American values and free market capitalism and extol the virtues of socialism or flat-out communism. They have been taught U.S. history according to the tenets of “systemic racism,” anti-capitalism, the historically dishonest “1619 Project” (published by the *New York Times*), and the gospel of

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### *Who Voted for Mamdani, continued:*

the “martyred” George Floyd. They know nothing of the atrocities carried out by the likes of Lenin, Stalin, Mao, Castro, Pol Pot, and Kim Il Sung. They don’t know how capitalism works or that economists universally condemn rent control as destructive to the quality and quantity of affordable housing. And they certainly don’t know that western democracies, such as France and Great Britain, which have moved in a soft socialist direction are in a state of slow but unrelenting economic decline. University of California Professor Emeritus John Ellis aptly notes “the fact that young people voted overwhelmingly for New York City Mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani, whose blend of leftist radicalism, anti-capitalism, loathing of the police and antisemitism, among other traits, marks him as the quintessential product of the American campus.”

For an explanation of why Mamdani’s socialist vision is particularly attractive to young women it is useful to look back at the “Life of Julia” slide show produced for Barack Obama’s 2012 reelection campaign. (You can see it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oqBjXP8RKho>.) This notorious campaign ad featured an imaginary everywoman enjoying government provided benefits at 12 different stages of her life: Head Start programs help “Julia” at age 3; college aid benefits her at 17; Obama’s Affordable Care Act covers “Julia” at age 22; the Democrat-sponsored Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act protects her at 23, Medicare covers her at 65, etc. The Democrat Party’s playbook is to make young women feel economically vulnerable and present big government as a sort of benevolent husband providing for every stage of their lives. Young women aren’t encouraged to look to their personal careers or marriage and family for economic comfort and security. Instead, they are convinced to rely upon a cradle-to-grave safety net that can only be provided by big government. Mamdani’s campaign promises of free transportation, free childcare, higher minimum wage, and rent freezes simply expands upon the preexisting Democrat vision of ever bigger and more bountiful government at the expense of higher taxes, more regulation, and diminished personal and economic freedom.

New York City is no small prize for the Democrat Party’s socialist cabal. It’s the financial center of the United States and the world. It is also our nation’s cultural center, historically home to many of America’s greatest writers, artists, and musicians. When this once great city is laid to waste by Mamdani and his minions we will lose a great deal. And Mamdani is not alone. Many other unvarnished socialists now hold high political office, including Congresswomen Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Rashida Tlaib, as well as other members of the leftwing “Squad,” Senator Bernie Sanders, and big city mayors including those in Chicago, Oakland, Los Angeles, and Seattle. Their numbers are growing and upon taking office they move aggressively to implement their extreme radical agendas.

Unfortunately, while moderates and conservatives haven’t been paying enough attention, the radical left has made a Long March through K-12 and higher education, including at our most prestigious universities. President Trump’s administration is presently making efforts to counter this, but far more needs to be done to reform our educational system at all levels. Otherwise we can look forward to many more Zohran Mamdanis and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortezes in our future.

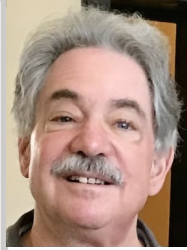


# VOLUNTEER CORNER

## Volunteering

*is the ultimate  
exercise in democracy.  
You vote in elections once  
a year, but when you  
volunteer,  
you vote every day about  
the kind of community  
you want to live in.*

— Author Unknown



## DECEMBER VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Richard Rubin is our December Volunteer of the Month. Richard is a valued Board Member and longstanding member of our Club. Each month Richard publishes our Newsletter, *The Rossmoor Republican*, and writes articles for the Rossmoor News to announce our dinner/speaker events, Meet & Greets, and special events. He also occasionally helps out with E-Blasts to get timely information out to our members. Communication is very important to our club members and the greater Rossmoor community. The many ways which Richard provides publicity is important to attracting new members and keeping us informed and involved.

On top of all this, Richard has been assisting our Republican Club President in obtaining room reservations in Rossmoor for 2026, a challenging process which began in July. This has been a long and arduous task which was not finalized until mid-November. Richard's writing and editorial skills, as well as his verbal and negotiating expertise, have been crucial to the many written communications and personal meetings required for our final success in this endeavor. Let Richard know you appreciate all he does for our club. Thank you Richard!

## PHOTOS FROM RECENT REPUBLICAN CLUB EVENTS

**Club President Chris Bratton & Board Member and November Volunteer of the Month Maddie Moore**



**Our November Guest Speaker: Contra Costa County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters Kristin B. Connelly**



**Past Club President Paul Patt Chats With Former Republican Club Board Member Ralph Hylinski**



**Over 200 Club Members and Guest Attended Our November Member Appreciation Dinner!**





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**Meet & Greet**  
**Ambassadors**  
**Holiday Dinner Event**  
**Film: Joyeux Noël**

No Meet & Greets in December & January  
Monday, Dec. 15, 11:30 am, Bunker Room, Creekside  
Tuesday, Dec. 16, 5:15 pm, Event Center  
Wednesday, Dec. 17, 4:00 pm, Peacock Theater



## REPUBLICAN CLUB MEET & GREETs

Our Meet & Greets are usually held in the Fairway Room in the Creekside Clubhouse. Admission is free. All Republican Club members and their guests are invited to attend our monthly Meet & Greets, held the first Sunday of each month (usually!). Non-alcoholic beverages are provided. Please bring something to share—an appetizer or nuts, chips, etc. You may also bring your own (BYO) wine or beer to enjoy. Dress is casual, and there is no formal program, just an opportunity to gather with like-minded people. If you have a friend who is interested in joining the club, this is a perfect opportunity for your friend to get to know us! **Guests who aren't Republican Club members or Rossmoor residents should email us at [rossmoorrepublicans@gmail.com](mailto:rossmoorrepublicans@gmail.com), preferably 7 days before an event, in order for us to provide their names to be admitted at the Rossmoor front gate.**

### MEET & GREET SCHEDULE

**No Meet & Greet in December and January**  
**Sunday, February1      Fairway Room, Creekside Clubhouse      4 to 6 p.m.**