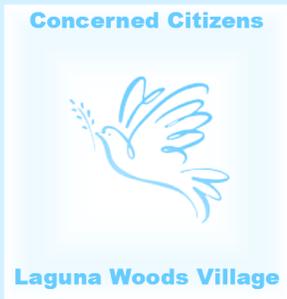


# March 2026 Newsletter



## This Month

Tuesday, March 3  
7 PM  
Clubhouse 7

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH  
Kim Salter, Ph.D.  
Orange County NOW

Thursday, March 19  
2 PM

Clubhouse 1  
Live Zoom event  
Daniel Swain

“A Warming Planet:  
The California Context”

## On Village TV

Most speakers are recorded  
for later broadcast on Village TV

Concerned Citizens Presents  
Wednesdays at 1 PM

Friday, March 27, 2026  
Board of Directors  
Zoom Meeting 1 pm

## Your Place Is In The Revolution

Make no mistake.  
Your place is in the revolution.  
And the moment you decide  
to channel your anger into hope,  
and turn that hope into action,  
you change the world forever.

You may think you're just one person.  
But you are not alone.  
Millions of people are just as  
angry as you. Their rage and yours  
come from a place of deep love.  
And a place of deep compassion.

Never forget:  
Your place is in the revolution.

~ Nikita Gill

## MISSION STATEMENT CONCERNED CITIZENS OF LAGUNA WOODS VILLAGE

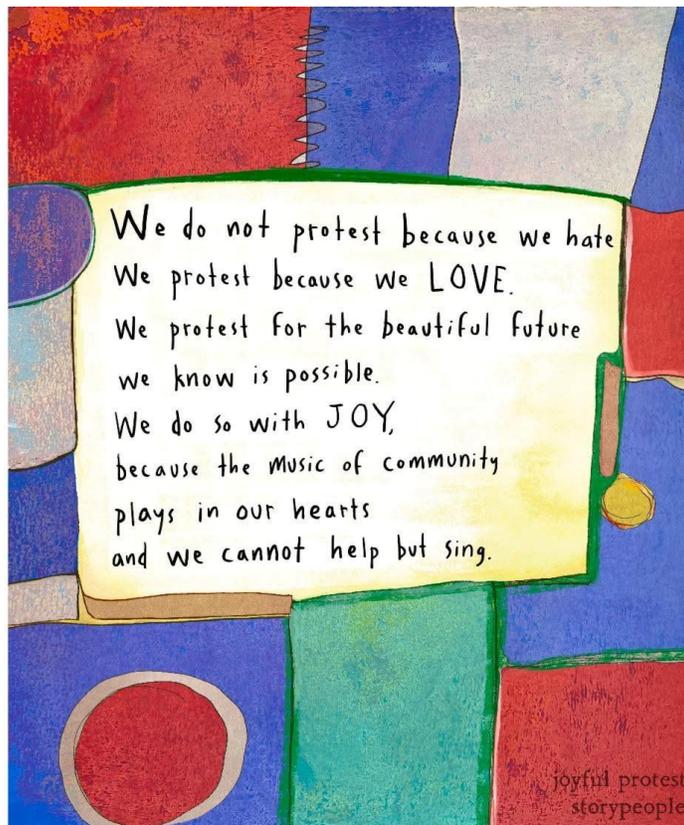
The purposes of the organization shall be to promote world peace, economic and social justice for all peoples, good government, and protection of the Earth's precious resources.

## The Third No Kings National Protest

Saturday, March 28  
1 - 3 PM

at the corner of  
El Toro Road and  
Paseo De Valencia

This is expected to be the  
largest No Kings rally  
to date with  
9 million people possible  
attending nationwide



We do not protest because we hate  
We protest because we LOVE.  
We protest for the beautiful future  
we know is possible.  
We do so with JOY,  
because the Music of community  
plays in our hearts  
and we cannot help but sing.

joyful protest  
storypeople

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Laguna Woods Village

**Tuesday,  
March 3, 2026**

**Clubhouse 7  
7 PM**

**Members Free  
Non-Members \$5 donation**

*For Laguna Woods Village  
residents and their guests*

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Concerned Citizens of Laguna Woods Village

*Celebrates Women's History Month*

**Kimberly Salter, Ph.D.  
Chair, Orange County NOW**

**WOMEN'S FIRSTS!**

**WHY IS WOMEN'S HERSTORY IMPORTANT?**

**Can it catapult us to change?**

**Can it inspire us, teach us,  
motivate us to take action?**

**How can we move forward?**

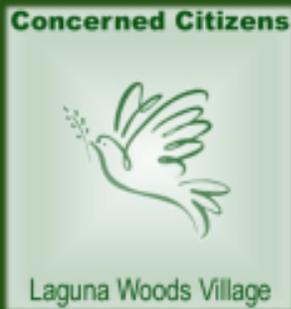
*Q and A will follow the presentation*

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**Dr. Kimberly Salter** is a past president of California National Organization for Women (CA NOW) and the current chair of Orange County NOW. She is Past Executive Vice President of the National Women's History Alliance (NWH),



and she is the current Diversity Chair and Policy Chair for the American Association of University Women, San Clemente, Capo Beach Branch.



**Thursday,  
March 19, 2026  
2 PM  
Clubhouse 1  
FREE TO ALL**

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**For Laguna Woods Village residents  
and their guests**

*Concerned Citizens of Laguna Woods Village*  
**invites you to a  
LIVE ZOOM presentation**

**Daniel Swain, Ph.D.**

**Perspectives on a Warming  
Planet: The California Context**



*Q and A will follow the presentation*

**Dr. Daniel Swain** is a climate scientist focused on the dynamics and impacts of extreme events—including droughts, floods, storms, and wildfires—on a warming planet.

He holds joint appointments as a climate scientist with University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR) and as a research partner at the NSF National Center for Atmospheric Research. He serves as a climate and weather science liaison to print, television, radio, and web-based outlets.

Dr. Swain holds a B.S. in atmospheric science from the University of California, Davis, and a Ph.D. in earth system science from Stanford University. He completed his postdoctoral work at UCLA. He also authors the widely-read Weather West blog ([weatherwest.com](http://weatherwest.com)).

This is a community event with something for everyone! The goals are to expose more people to the work going on around us in support of our immigrant neighbors, build a community of resisters, and counteract the Christian Nationalism narrative. CCLWV will have a table at this event. *Submitted by CCLWV member, Laura Siriani*



Laura Siriani



## Join us for a Morning of Resistance

*Resistance is working  
Resistance is Holy  
Join the Resistance!*

**Saturday Morning, March 21<sup>st</sup> 9:00 – Noon**

**St. George's Episcopal Church**  
**23802 Avenida de la Carlota, Laguna Hills, 92653**  
*Registration is Required*

**Guest Speaker**  
**The Rev. Canon Jaime Edwards-Acton**  
**Co-chair of Sacred Resistance Los Angeles**

Participants will have an opportunity to hear from activists from throughout Orange County who are committed to the daily work of protecting and serving our immigrant neighbors. We'll learn ways that everyone can become part of a network of holy, compassionate action.

### **Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE)**

Immigration Court Observers  
The Hub, standing with day workers at hiring sites.  
Twice Monthly Vigils at Immigration Court, South County.

### **ICE Out**

Learn how response networks make things safer for everyone. Register for training.

### **St. George's chapter of Daughters of the King**

Praying for peace & reconciliation.  
Prayer books will be provided to take home.

### **Laguna Woods Concerned Citizens**

Civic Engagement through postcard writing to federal judges.

### **South County**

#### **Cross Cultural Alliance**

Support of Day workers through hiring, family check-ins, afterschool tutors, ESL instruction.

There is no cost but registration is required

**Register here via Breeze:**  
<https://stgeorges.breezechms.com/form/98988496>

**StGeorgesLaguna.org • (949) 215-6155**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

In celebration of March's International Women's Day, the annual CeCe Sloan Lecture this year will feature a performance by Lyric Opera of Orange County. Based on the 1872 novella by Charlotte Perkins Gilman, *The Yellow Wallpaper* explores autonomy, gender roles, societal constraints, and the power of self-expression. **Saturday, March 7, 2026, Clubhouse 7, 3 - 5 PM. Free to all. Refreshments will be served. Space is limited. Please RSVP to [ccsloanlecture@gmail.com](mailto:ccsloanlecture@gmail.com)** Submitted by Gloria Moldow



Gloria Moldow

**SEND A PROGRESSIVE MESSAGE TO AMERICA'S POLICYMAKERS!** This year's Great American Write-In takes place from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM on Saturday, March 14, at the Delhi Community Center, 505 E. Central Avenue, Santa Ana. Its purpose is to obtain signatures on letters, postcards and petitions in support of liberal causes. Representatives of over 50 organizations, such as Americans United for Separation of Church and State, OC Labor Federation, and Veterans for Peace, will be in attendance. Concerned Citizens will be there, too, soliciting signatures on postcards that thank District Court judges for ruling in favor of the Constitution. In addition to advocacy booths, the Delhi Center provides writing tables outfitted with pens, paper and labels preprinted with the names and addresses of federal, state and county legislators. Once a message is written, addressed and sealed, signatories place it in a large box labeled "mail". Postage is paid by OC NOW—the sponsor of this year's event. **The Great American Write-In** comes but once a year. If you're a progressive who is eager to make a difference, do plan to attend. **Questions? Contact Sue Model at 949-380-1379.**



Sue Model

## Our Earth Day Event Will Have A New Look This Year!

*by Ann Beltran*

We will celebrate Earth Day this year in our regular Tuesday afternoon format on Thursday, April 16, at 2 pm in Clubhouse 1. However, instead of the gala expo of the last couple of years, we'll call forth the Club's founding values in peace, justice, and dignity for which the United Nations stands. Over time, the U.N. has encapsulated those values as 17 [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#).



Dave Rice

No one in our local area is better equipped to speak to the SDGs than **Dave Rice, President of the United Nations Association of Orange County**. Dave is in his sixth year of leading that organization. Dave is a true leader of change, driving our area from a global perspective to a local focus.

**"Sustainable Cities and Communities" is the local climate focus**, with a first phase on reducing environmental impact of emissions to improve air quality. Dave will be introducing a new tool—the climate dashboard project—that will help local jurisdictions finetune their work on diminishing toxic emissions. Irvine will implement the pilot program. The aim is to expand state wide.

We'll be doing our best to get local leaders to attend. And seniors and retirees fit everywhere! In these dark times of environmental rollbacks of basic protections, we all have a role to play.

If thinking globally and acting locally is a belief you've already ingrained, come to Dave's presentation to learn the latest technological approach. Continue your own climate education, and think about what kind of local climate group you might want to join—including resuscitating CC's own Environment Committee and revitalizing our City's long buried Climate Action Plan. More details on **Earth Day** in the April issue!



Ann Beltran

# *When The Press Forgets To Press*

by Jacie Turner

It isn't only the story  
that keeps changing—  
it's the silence  
that gathers around each draft.

Every day brings  
a new explanation,  
stacked over the last  
like pages you're not meant  
to reread.

And the media—  
the ones who should ask  
why the script keeps shifting—  
simply read the latest version  
as if reporting  
were the same as repeating.

They treat each rewrite  
as though it arrived finished,  
never pausing to ask  
why truth needs  
so many edits.

But journalism  
is not a prompter  
for power.  
It is the pause,  
the question,  
the refusal  
to let contradiction pass  
as clarity.

When the press forgets  
to press,  
the lie grows confident.  
It learns how easily  
it can air.

And what we lose  
is not just the truth—  
but the courage  
that once kept  
the light steady  
on its face.

# SIGNS OF FASCISM

**REWRITING HISTORY**  
**DETAINING WITHOUT DUE PROCESS**  
**CONTROLLING THE MEDIA**  
**WEAKENING SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE**  
**REJECTING ELECTION RESULTS**  
**DISMANTLING INSTITUTIONS OF DEMOCRACY**  
**PUNISHING FREE SPEECH**  
**RACIAL PROFILING AGAINST MINORITIES**  
**CULT-LIKE LEADER WORSHIP**  
**DENYING REALITY WITH CONSTANT LIES**  
**OPPRESSION OF LGBTQ+ PEOPLE**  
**PROTECTING CORPORATE POWER**  
**SUPPRESSING WORKER POWER**  
**GLORIFICATION OF VIOLENCE**  
**ACCUSING OTHERS OF CRIMES THE REGIME COMMITS**  
**DISDAIN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**  
**RAMPANT CRONYISM AND CORRUPTION**  
**USE OF VOTER SUPPRESSION**  
**FEAR MONGERING TO GAIN POWER**  
**USING SECRET POLICE**  
**USING TAXPAYER MONEY TO FUND A MILITARIZED  
NATIONAL POLICE FORCE**

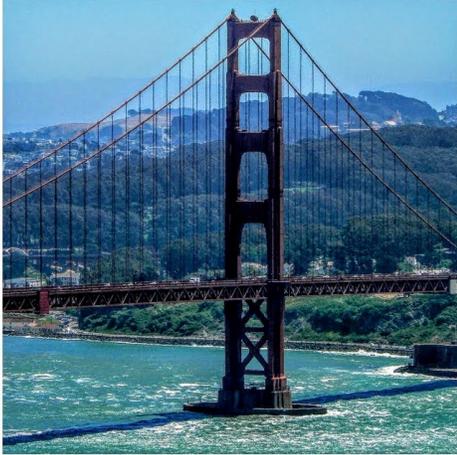
**WHAT WILL YOU DO TO STOP FASCISM  
BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE?**



Source: Jeff Pearlman, *The Truth OC*; Submitted by Jeanne Lepowsky

Jeanne Lepowsky

# Out and About With Joel



**Joel writes:** "This month we visit San Francisco. Everyone's visit is different. We include some of the iconic sights but also some unique to ours. If you have been, remember; if not, experience one of America's most scenic and interesting cities. **Click the collage to see the album.** This is Number 66 in the Out and About series. Past albums may be visited via the Newsletter Archives at the [Concerned Citizen's website.](#)"





# Housing Insecurity

by Micki Nozaki

National Public Radio's local [LAist](#) had some very interesting coverage about **Orange County's count of unhoused people**. One thing that stood out to me was how many unsheltered persons are living in their cars. It's a sad commentary about a sad situation that remains elusive for our legislators to rectify.

The finding is one of many that will make its way into a report when the Orange County biennial count of unhoused people is finalized. That count is meant to assist officials in deciding what services are needed and tracking changing demographics and trends.

Survey volunteers heard one heartbreaking story after another—like the 59-year-old woman who said she has been sleeping in her car for over a year. “Lost my job and lost my place to live because of it,” she said. “Rent is crazy, can't afford it. You need more than one job.”

The volunteer surveyors reported “Over and over again, what we heard was financial, loss of a job, and the challenge to be able to continue paying rent, and it sort of began this spiraling effect.”

The last point-in-time count in Orange County saw a spike of almost 30% in the number of unhoused people, with around 7,300 people experiencing homelessness. Results for the point-in-time count usually come out in May.

## Is anyone surprised?

The United States Supreme Court ruled last summer that people without homes can be arrested and fined for sleeping in public spaces, overturning a lower court's ruling that enforcing camping bans when shelter is lacking is cruel and unusual punishment.

Immediately after SCOTUS' ruling, President Trump signed an order directing Attorney General Pam Bondi to reverse the legal precedents that restrict authorities' ability to move homeless people from the streets and encampments into treatment centers.

It didn't take long after that for local authorities to act and begin dismantling encampments on County property.

Homelessness is a local tragedy and a national dilemma. In 2024, the most recent year of data from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, more people were experiencing homelessness compared with any year since data collection began in 2007. The department's point-in-time survey found an 18% jump in homelessness from 2023 to 2024, with a total of 771,480 people experiencing homelessness.

And it's become a political football. Former President Barack Obama even weighed in about homelessness in a recent interview, urging his fellow Democrats to change their approach on the issue and saying many Americans don't want to "navigate around a tent city" in major urban areas.

"That doesn't mean that we care less about those folks," the former president said, referring to people experiencing homelessness. "It means that if we really care about them, then we've got to try to figure out how do we gain majority support and be practical in terms of what we can get through at this moment in time, and build on those victories."



Micki Nozaki

I suggest we give this some serious thought as we move closer to the 2026 mid-term elections.

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**The test of a civilization is the way it cares for its helpless members.**

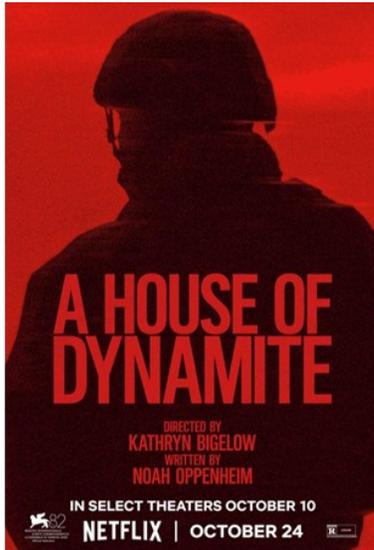
*~ Pearl S. Buck*

# Time Bombs We Largely Ignore

by Joseph Siry

There is a famous clock kept since the dawn of the atomic bombs that was deployed in 1945 by the founders of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists. The editors use the clock's countdown feature to serve as a warning to the world about the destructive potential and risk of nuclear war. Of course, with hydrogen weaponry, the word war is inaccurate. Since global annihilation that such a catastrophe would bring, there are no words to express that. The late citizen scientist Carl Sagan tried to suggest "Nuclear Winter" to describe the enormity of what nuclear explosions would generate.

In January this year, the atomic scientists moved the minute hand to less than one and a half minutes to midnight. As they explained: "A year ago, we warned that the world was perilously close to global disaster and that any delay in reversing course increased the probability of catastrophe. Rather than heed this warning, Russia, China, the United States, and other major countries have instead become increasingly aggressive, adversarial, and nationalistic.

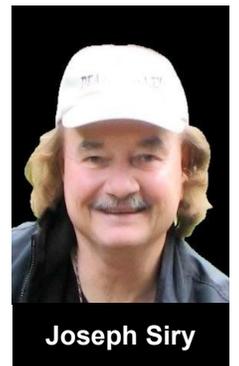


Hard-won global understandings are collapsing, accelerating a winner-takes-all great power competition and undermining the international cooperation critical to reducing the risks of nuclear war. . .” There are more nations today armed with nuclear missiles than even thirty years ago. As each nation bears nuclear arms, so its neighbors consider building such weapons in what experts call “nuclear proliferation.”

The scientists are not the only bearers of nerve-wracking nuclear news. In the recently released film “*House of Dynamite*,” director Kathryn Bigelow (Oscar winner) and Greg Shapiro were among three producers who debuted a film visually displaying the flaws in our outmoded thinking about a policy called “mutually assured destruction.” As a hangover from the Cold War with the Soviet Union and China, that policy, called MAD for short, relies on the threat of annihilation to deter any hydrogen bombs from use.

The film displays four related perspectives, all conveying a sobering message. Our technological capacity for self-destruction is well beyond the time we have given our military to even discern if an attack and counterattack are real. The people in the film do not have sufficient detection equipment or disabling techniques to thwart incoming rocketry because missiles travel too quickly. The US has less than twenty minutes to respond to a nuclear attack, and Russia has less than ten minutes to launch a response to any perceived attack. Never have we been so complacent, so detached, and so deceived by our inability to match terrible technology with the necessary safeguards to effectively forestall extermination. Why then are such launch systems set on a hair trigger well beyond our ability to control?

Write to Congress, the Senate, and your administration, urging a most serious need to deter the use and the number of nuclear bombs. Tell them Presidents Nixon, Reagan, Carter, and Kennedy did so when several agreements with the then Soviet Union were ratified.





 **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**



Readers of our newsletters and attendees at our Earth Day and Peace Day events have often heard about the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). **What's this all about?**

In January of 2016, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) officially came into force. Over the next fifteen years, with these new Goals that universally apply to all, countries will mobilize efforts to end all forms of poverty, fight inequalities and tackle climate change, while ensuring that no one is left behind.

The SDGs aim to end all forms of poverty. They are unique in that they call for action by all countries—poor, rich and middle-income—to promote prosperity while protecting the planet. They recognize that ending poverty must go hand-in-hand with strategies that build economic growth and addresses a range of social needs including education, health, social protection, and job opportunities, while tackling climate change and environmental protection.

While the SDGs are not legally binding, governments are expected to take ownership and establish national frameworks for the achievement of the 17 Goals.

What is unique about these goals? Each one is interconnected with all of the others—each goal does not stand alone. More importantly, the Mission Statement of Concerned Citizens embodies all of these concepts, as well.

What is Goal 16, Peace Justice, and Strong Institutions, and why does it matter to us here and now? [Click here.](#)



# What One Trillion Dollars Looks Like

by Marcia Goldstein

Written out, it looks like this: \$1,000,000,000,000. If you're like me, you have to count backwards from the 'hundreds' digits to figure that out. Let's try looking at it in a way we can understand. Consider Tom Brady, the former football star, who gets \$37.5 million a year as a commentator for Fox Sports. Good for him. It seems like a lot, but would we ever imagine that it would take Tom Brady 26,667 years to earn \$1 trillion?

We all know the Defense Department budget is huge, although we may not have known it was \$1 trillion. But on top of that, the president is asking for a 50 percent increase—to \$1.5 trillion. Poor Tom Brady would have to work 40,000 years to earn that much.

The problems with this massive increase are obvious:

**Priorities:** Although politicians argue there is not enough money to help everyday Americans, that half-trillion dollar increase could fund all of these things: universal family leave; affordable child care up to four years of age; housing for the homeless; Medicare dental, vision, and hearing expansion; addressing the climate crisis—and still have hundreds of billions left over for additional priorities.

**Waste.** The Pentagon has never passed an audit. It is by far the greatest source of waste, fraud, and abuse in the entire federal government. Misdirected priorities are also wasted resources. Spending \$1 billion to strike Venezuelan boats that are not even able to reach the US is not a reasonable way to address the drug problem. The cost of the missiles (at \$100,000 to \$150,000 each) is a drop in the bucket. The \$1 billion estimate includes the costs of operating 16-18 combat ships or submarines deployed to the area, as well as the missiles themselves.

**Dangerous use of the military.** The military is used for an increasing number of missions, from border security to deployments in various U.S. cities. The president does not respect the military; those who sign up to defend the country do not expect to be used against their fellow citizens. The president also has no respect for the law or for ordinary citizens. And he certainly has no qualms about deploying the military irresponsibly and illegally on American soil, including to attack Democratic cities and states and suppress opposition.

"You get what you pay for," as the saying goes. That aphorism is usually a warning that paying less will give you less quality. What irony exists in a federal budget that asks us to pay more—lots more—and get less of what we want!

Sources: *Public Citizen*, "Football, math, and military spending,"  
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*American Enterprise Institute*, "Strategy and costs of boat strikes,"  
[aei.org](http://aei.org), 12/09/2025



Marcia Goldstein

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**As Supreme Court Justice Brandeis stated in 1933, "We can have democracy in this country or we can have great wealth concentrated in the hands of the few, but we cannot have both." Today, at a time of unprecedented wealth and income equality, his words ring truer than ever.** ~ Bernie Sanders

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# The Climate Corner

**“Four of California’s leading candidates for governor gathered in Pasadena for a climate-focused forum ahead of the 2026 midterm elections.**

The forum brought together candidates Xavier Becerra, Katie Porter, Tom Steyer, and Eric Swalwell. Three other top contenders—Tony Thurmond, Antonio Villaraigosa, and Betty Yee—were invited to submit video responses. Candidates focused on answering one key question: How can the state continue to lead on climate amid shrinking federal support and rising costs of living.

Hosted by California Environmental Voters, UC Berkeley Center for Law, Energy and the Environment, The Climate Center Action Fund, and Natural Resources Defense Council Action Fund, the event was moderated by Sammy Roth and Louise Bedsworth.

The forum highlighted a plain truth that impacts residents across the state: Californians face an affordability crisis—one that is driven by the climate crisis and involves many moving parts. The conversation positioned the state as a global climate leader, whose next moves decide how to fund resilience, protect vulnerable communities, and stay innovative even without federal support.

A simple, but contentious question highlighted the candidates’ first divide: who pays the bill for climate resilience and clean energy?”

**It's not clear how many times and in how many different ways humanity must be told... we are on a path of self-destruction. And the crazy thing is this: it does not have to be remotely like this.** [Shortsighted Business-as-Usual Is Crushing Nature, Warns Landmark Report | Common Dreams](#)

## The U.S. Withdrew from Global Climate Agreements. So What’s Next?

Last month, the Trump administration signaled its intent to pull the United States out of more than 60 international forums and treaties, including the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) — the cornerstone of global climate cooperation — at the very moment climate-fueled disasters are battering communities across the country and around the world.

This latest reckless move makes the U.S. the first nation to abandon the UNFCCC. **And with the administration having also just finalized its withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement, the White House is doubling down on choosing fossil fuel profits over the lives of tens of millions of people, public health, and a livable planet for future generations.** In doing so, it also threatens to damage the U.S.’s economy and competitive, international investments in affordable clean energy and jobs.

But the Trump administration’s abandonment of climate leadership doesn’t spell the end of global climate action for the U.S. *Source: Natural Resources Defense Council*

[Read to see how the U.S. and the rest of the world can, and are, still advancing climate solutions — and how a future administration can rejoin the fight.](#)

**Don’t forget...BYOC! Bring Your Own Cup!**

Bring it with you to our CCLWV meetings and fill it at the refreshment bar. Your coffee or tea will taste delicious and there will be no disposable cup to throw away!

**Reducing waste is a great way to reduce your carbon footprint. Let’s try to go **ZERO WASTE!****



# Wait! There's More!



## Welcome

### Our Newest Members

David & Melissa Baker    Andrea Joseph  
James Cowan                Linda Lin  
Judy Doktor                Marge Schlosberg  
Jill Ferguson

In case you missed it! Leslie El-Sayad, of our Affordable Housing Committee, is collecting items for OCRRN (Orange County Rapid Response Network). Ongoing and pressing needs include diapers (sizes 5 and 6), toilet paper, and cleaning supplies, including dish soap.



Leslie El-Sayad

Bring donations to our February and March meetings or drop them off at 68 Calle Aragon, Unit D. Put them in the beach buggy on the patio.

### LEARNING FROM HISTORY (Recommendation from Marcia Goldstein)

All we learned in school about President James Garfield was that he was shot four months after assuming office. He always sounded pretty unimportant. Now you have an opportunity to gain insight into the contribution of a man whose life-long integrity was a significant force for good in the spectacularly corrupt world of 1880s national politics. It is a serious understatement to say that *Death by Lightning* is widely acclaimed; it was the #1 show on Netflix's Top Ten List and has gotten top ratings elsewhere.

Garfield's support for suffrage and civil rights for freedmen was critical. Equally important were his opposition to corruption and the patronage system of government, which led to the creation of the civil service system (passed into law after his death). This four-part series focuses largely on the character of his assassin, Charles Guiteau, a self-promoting, dissatisfied office seeker described by one medical expert as a narcissistic schizophrenic.

The TV series is not only riveting. It could not be more timely. If you don't have Netflix, you might want to read *Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine, and the Murder of a President* by Candice Millard, the book on which it is based.

### A Guide to Taking Meaningful Action Against ICE

While Minneapolis has been in the news most recently, ICE has become a national threat, particularly as the administration fights to remove temporary protected status for Haitian immigrants and scouts warehouses for its \$45 billion plan to expand immigration detention across the country. Across social media, there are calls to "organize," to prepare for the worst—but what exactly does this mean in practice?

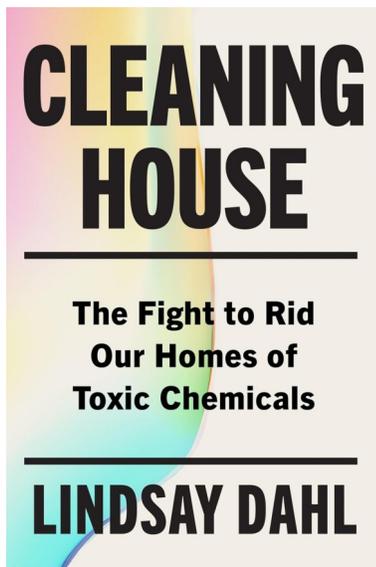
Protests and ICE Watch activities are far from the only effective ways to get involved. While national groups like Indivisible set up group trainings and fundraisers and ways of contacting elected representatives, the best spot to start building a movement can be just outside the front door. [Click here](#) to learn more.

### LOOKING FOR A LOCAL STREET RALLY?

Every Second Sunday Rally in Laguna Woods/Laguna Hills, from 11 AM -1 PM at the intersection of El Toro Road & Paseo De Valencia. Join this peaceful rally and express your feelings! Please bring signs to reflect your concerns about the policies of the federal government.

*Sponsored by the Laguna Woods Democratic Club*

# The Reading Nook



From the front lines of the movement for safer products, environmental health expert Lindsay Dahl takes us on her journey from skeptic to activist, exposing the secret forces that keep toxic chemicals in our homes, bodies, and environment—showing us how to fight back and keep our families safe.

“In *Cleaning House*, Lindsay Dahl shows how seemingly innocuous items—everything from toys to common beauty and cleaning products—can include toxic chemicals, thanks to a consistent failure of regulation in the United States. The scientific research linking toxic chemicals in products to rising rates of cancer and reproductive harms is as strong as the science that led to banning lead from gasoline, PCBs, and DDT. But with varying degrees of protective guardrails in place for the everyday items, consumers are tasked with playing detective and those unable to afford safer products are left hanging in the balance. Through vivid storytelling and robust scientific evidence, Dahl makes a compelling case that a safer world will only arrive through systemic change. We must turn off the tap of toxic chemicals before they make their way into our homes and bodies—and here she shows you how.

Drawing on Dahl’s extensive experience as a lobbyist, product formulator, and a parent, she unravels the shocking web of political and cultural factors that landed us here and are key to solving this massive public health crisis. Dahl takes readers behind the scenes as a young but determined lobbyist fighting powerful chemical industry players, which she discovered are replicating Big Tobacco’s disinformation playbook by downplaying the harms of the toxic chemicals they continue to profit from. And she introduces readers to the brilliant scientists doing ground-breaking research, legislators passing life-saving laws, forward-thinking business leaders, communities facing the highest level of exposure to toxic chemical pollution, and parents from all political stripes who have joined the fight for a safer world.

Told through a compelling David and Goliath narrative, *Cleaning House* dares to take a pragmatic and science-based approach to the concept of clean living, in a time where the wellness movement is threatened by partisan politics and misinformation. It is an essential read for anyone who wants a safer home and a safer future for our children.”

Source: [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)



# Think About It

If people in the media cannot decide whether they are in the business of reporting news or manufacturing propaganda, it is all the more important that the public understand that difference, and choose their news sources accordingly. ~ *Thomas Sowell*

Hatred comes from the lived experience of oppression. ~ *Peter Beinart*

The greatest danger to a society is not rebellion, but the gradual acceptance of injustice. ~ *Gustave Le Bon*

It is far easier to concentrate power than to concentrate knowledge. That is why so much social engineering backfires, and why so many despots have led their countries into disasters. ~ *Thomas Sowell*

**Did you email, write, or call your elected representatives today?**

Silence is not neutrality. It is the language that oppression speaks fluently. ~ *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

The greatest tragedy of our species is that we listen to reply rather than to understand. We treat conversations like battles to be won instead of bridges to be crossed. ~ *Anonymous*

Protesting is not an act of terrorism, but rather a constitutional right. ~ *Derwyn Bunton, SPLC*

War is no longer born from conflict. It is designed to sell arms. ~ *Anonymous*

When you are willing to be secure enough in yourself to listen to what other people want and how they see things without constantly reacting, objecting, arguing, fighting, resisting, making yourself right and them wrong, they will feel heard, welcomed, accepted, met. ~ *Jon Kabat-Zinn*

The greatest enemy of knowledge is not ignorance. It is the illusion of knowledge. ~ *Stephen Hawking*

Those who obey injustice are not victims—they are accomplices. ~ *Thoreau*

So the problem is not so much to see what nobody has yet seen, as to think what nobody has yet thought concerning that which everybody sees. ~ *Arthur Schopenhauer*

Hope is a state of mind, not of the world. Hope, in this deep and powerful sense, is not the same as joy that things are going well, or willingness to invest in enterprises that are obviously heading for success, but rather an ability to work for something because it is good. ~ *Václav Havel*

The general limits of your freedom are merely these: that you do not trespass upon the equal rights of others. ~ *Dwight D. Eisenhower*

## Contact your State Legislators!

Click on the links below where you can express your views

CA State Assembly Member:

[Diane Dixon](#)

CA State Senator:

[Steven Choi](#)

## Contact your US Senators & Representative!

Click on the links below where you can express your views

Senator: [Alex Padilla](#)

Senator: [Adam Schiff](#)

Representative: [Young Kim](#) (40th District)

Representative: [Dave Min](#) (47th District)

Not everyone (even in Laguna Woods Village) has the same federal and state legislators. As a result of the 2020 Census, most of Laguna Woods is in the 40<sup>th</sup> Congressional District (though some are in the 47th District), the 72<sup>nd</sup> State Assembly District, and the 37<sup>th</sup> State Senate District. To be sure who represents you, [click here](#) to find out.

### Unsure about how to email your elected representatives about issues that matter?

You aren't alone! Lots of people have strong concerns about issues like abortion, fair voting, war and military spending, the environment, humane treatment of migrants, immigration, etc. But they aren't sure what to say—or if their comments make any difference at all.

First, your comments to your elected representatives DO make a difference! According to the League of Women Voters, your representatives look forward to the views of their voters, and emails and phone calls are the best indication of what those voters are thinking. Voters get top priority with most elected officials.

The names above serve ALL of their constituents regardless of their party affiliation! It is important that they hear from us often about our concerns and

our expectations. When you contact the office of a legislator, you only need to write or say a couple sentences about what policy or legislation it is that you are for or against. The staff just wants to know what side of an issue you are on and that is what they record.

If you click on the links above, you will usually come to a prepared email template that makes it easy for you to enter your information and choose the topic you wish to comment on.

**Here are some email guidelines:**

*I am your constituent and I am concerned about [enter your concern]. If it is a specific piece of legislation you are urging them to either vote for or against, enter the bill number, if possible. Briefly explain why you are concerned about the issue or legislation. Don't forget to thank them for listening. And ALWAYS ask for a response.*

Public servants should be focused on serving the public—not any special interest group—and good governance should be an expectation, not an exception. ~ Abigail Spanberger

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Membership runs for the calendar year, January 1 to December 31, each year

**Membership dues paid on or after October 1 each year will include the following year as a paid membership**

TODAY'S DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

If paying in person, cash is accepted.  
If paying by mail, only checks are accepted.

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP (CHECK ONLY ONE BOX):     New Member     Renewing Member

DUES ENCLOSED:     Individual \$20  
(CHECK ONLY ONE BOX)     Household (2 more members living at same address) \$30

I am enclosing an extra contribution in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

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We are pleased to have you with us! What most appeals to you about Concerned Citizens?

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If you would like more information about participation in any of the work groups, check below:

- Environment     Budget/Finance     Hospitality     Housing Insecurity
- Membership     Peace     Publicity     Special Events

If submitting by mail, send this form and A CHECK (no cash) payable to CCLWV to:

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