

**RANCH DEMOCRATS CLUB
GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**

Rienda Plunge Great Room, 31720 Williams Way, Rancho Mission Viejo, CA 92694

April 22, 2026

7:00 p.m.


- A) Call to Order
- B) Pledge of Allegiance
- C) Introduction of New People, Guests
- D) Announce Quorum
- E) Adoption of Consent Items
 1. Approval of Agenda
 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from Previous Meeting
- F) Speakers
 1. Robert Mestman, candidate for OC Superior Court, Seat 13
- G) New Business (requiring approval of members)
- H) Officer Reports
 1. Chair Gary Kephart (chair@ranchdemocrats.org)
 2. Vice-Chair Baker (vicechair@ranchdemocrats.org)
 3. Secretary Michele Lynch (secretary@ranchdemocrats.org)
 4. Treasurer Herb Richter (treasurer@ranchdemocrats.org)
- I) Committee Reports
 1. Membership Committee Chair Anita Alverson (membership@ranchdemocrats.org)
 2. Programs (Gary, Anita)
 3. Field Team (Samuel Penrod)
 4. Communications (Herb)
- J) Announcements – Events of Interest by Members in Good Standing
- K) Adjournment

The May General meeting will be held on May 27 2026, at 7:00pm, at Rienda Plunge Great Room, 31720 Williams Way, Rancho Mission Viejo, CA 92694

Ranch Democrats – Where You Can Plug In

Our club runs like a campaign to make our community stronger and bluer. Here are the ways you can get involved:

-  Campaign-Style Committees
 - **Field** → Talk to voters (door-knocking, phone calls, voter registration, postcards, community events).
 - **Finance** → Raise money (dues, donors, events).
 - **Communications (Press Secretary)** → Spread the word (social media, website, press, letters to the editor).
 - **Volunteer Coordinator** → Keep members engaged (rosters, email lists, hospitality, helping new folks get involved).
-  Non-Campaign Committees
 - **Program** → Plan interesting meetings (speakers, activities, events).
 - **Candidate Recruitment** → Find and encourage Democrats to run for office.
 - **Resolutions** → Write and review statements on issues (petitions, official positions).
 - **Watchdog** → Monitor local councils/boards and track what elected officials are doing.
 - **Issue Committees** → Dive deep on topics (environment, healthcare, education, etc.), share facts and updates.
-  Ad-Hoc Committees
 - **Events** → Plan our picnic, holiday party, special gatherings.
 - **Nominating** → Help find the next round of officers.

 *Pick what excites you most — talking to voters, raising funds, planning events, digging into policy, or keeping the club running smoothly. There's a spot for every skill and schedule.*