

**RANCH DEMOCRATS CLUB
GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**

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

August 26, 2026

7:00 p.m.

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

The September General meeting will be held on Wed, September 23, 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.*