**RANCH DEMOCRATS CLUB**
**GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**
**Rienda Plunge Great Room, 31720 Williams Way, Rancho Mission Viejo, CA 92694**

September 23, 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. Gila Jones
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 October General meeting will be held on Wed, October 28, 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.

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👉 *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.*