



Ranch Democrats

Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2026

6:30 PM - 7:00 PM meet and greet

7:00PM - 9:00 PM meeting

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

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by: Gary Kephart, President
- Time: 7:03 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Introductions

- New members were invited to introduce themselves

4. Announce Quorum

5. Adoption of Consent Items

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of General Meeting minutes from previous meeting
- Consent items were approved by the voting membership

6. Speaker: Chris Kluwe, candidate for California State Assembly District 72

7. New Business

- None

8. Officer Reports

- Chair Gary Kephart
 - No report
- Vice Chair Mike Baker
 - How do we find more members? We would like to have people use PDI to knock on Democrat doors and tell them about our club. Mike is going to try this out in Rienda and report back. Anyone else who is interested should reach out to Anita and share their contact information.
 - As we grow we can reach out to more people and independent voters but for now we want to focus on the “easy” ones.
 - Discussion was had about the demographics and outreach to younger democrats as we grow this club, as well as about being able to belong to more than one club and how we can help local candidates in the November election.
- Secretary Michele Lynch
 - No report.
- Treasurer Herb Richter
 - [Financial Report](#)
 - Thanks to our recurring donors has improved our position
 - Are able to book October and November rooms - we need a larger room for Mike Levin
 - We will start renewing memberships in November
 - Current have 144 people on our mailing list and 65 paying members in good standing; 26 who have attended 2 meetings in 6 months

9. Committee Reports

- Membership Committee: Chair Anita Alverson
 - No report
- Programs: Gary Kephart
 - Difficulty finding speakers
 - July is TBD but Gary is looking for someone to talk about Iran. Will be a private event.
 - August is Mike Levin
 - September is Catherine Blakespear
- Field Team: Samuel Penrod
 - No report but Mike reported on canvassing
- Communications: Herb Richter
 - We are live streaming the meeting. Trying to find best place to place camera. You can find the video on our website under the blog.

10. Announcements

- The July General meeting will be held on July 22, 2026, at 7:00pm, at Rienda Plunge Great Room, 31720 Williams Way, Rancho Mission Viejo, CA 92694

11. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm

Signature

- Secretary: Michele Lynch
- Date: June 24, 2026