



Ranch Democrats

Meeting Minutes

July 22, 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: 7:01 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

- In lieu of a speaker this month:
 - Gary shared his model for analyzing systems and history
 - Herb gave a presentation about PDI and possible uses
 - The group discussed ways to help grow the club and get out the vote for the 2026 midterms and the importance of this midterm election

7. New Business

- None

8. Officer Reports

- Chair Gary Kephart
 - No report
- Vice Chair Mike Baker
 - Mike is attending PDI bootcamp Thursday and Friday
 - Goal is to identify local democrats and get them coming to our meetings; plus would like to add in literature drops for our local candidates
 - Repeated the importance of this mid-term election and need to make sure people understand the importance
- Secretary Michele Lynch
 - Reminder that minutes can be found on our website under Documents
- Treasurer Herb Richter
 - [Financial Report](#)
 - Currently have \$361 in bank.
 - With current finances, we have enough to get us to the end of December and will have \$620 to start 2026
 - 15 sustaining donors

9. Committee Reports

- Membership Committee: Chair Anita Alverson
 - 146 people on our mailing list
 - 28 voting members (must attend at least 2 meetings in last 6 months)
 - 69 members in good standing
 - Renewal memberships will begin in October
- Programs: Gary Kephart
 - August speaker is US Representative Mike Levin
 - September speaker is State Senator Catherine Blakespear
- Field Team: Samuel Penrod
 - No report
- Communications: Herb Richter
 - Reminder of email being sent out each Monday
 - Will also work on getting meeting address on email
 - We are in need of a social media manager
 - Encouraged people to RSVP for meetings using link in Monday emails

10. Announcements

- Protest in Ladera Ranch at Antonio and Crown Valley at 5:00 sponsored by Indivisible
- The August General meeting will be held on August 26, 2026, at 7:00pm, at Rienda Plunge Great Room, 31720 Williams Way, Rancho Mission Viejo, CA 92694

11. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Signature

- Secretary: Michele Lynch
- Date: July 22, 2026