



Ranch Democrats

Meeting Minutes

April 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: Mike Baker, Vice Chair
- 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: Robert Mestman, candidate for Orange County Superior Court, Seat 13

7. New Business

- None

8. Officer Reports

- Chair Gary Kephart
 - Not in attendance
- Vice Chair Mike Baker
 - Reported on finances as set forth below
- Secretary Michele Lynch
 - Minutes are on the website. Please let me know if you'd prefer a paper copy.
- Treasurer Herb Richter
 - Not in attendance. Vice Chair Mike Baker reported on finances in Herb's absence.
 - Checking account \$139.00 in all
 - Lots of expenses - liability insurance, room rental, etc.
 - Details on the website
 - Discussed need to potentially update website - differentiate between sustaining donors and annual membership

9. Committee Reports

- Membership Committee: Chair Anita Alverson
 - Welcomed new members and visitors
 - Ice Cream Social on Sunday with Katrina Foley at the Hangout in RMV from 12-1:30
 - Ranch Dems will have a table
- Programs: Gary Kephart
 - Not present
- Field Team: Samuel Penrod
 - Developed PDI programming for Las Flores and Ladera Ranch.
 - This allows members to do literature drops to democrat and independent homes
 - We will upload instructions onto website
 - For now, need to register in PDI as Canyon Democrat
 - Still working out RMV maps
 - Hoping to drop literature before May 4
 - Sam also has forms to fill out to help coordinate
 - We can get literature from Canyon Dems. For RMV, we need a place to obtain literature.
- Communications: Herb Richter
 - Not present

10. Announcements

- May general meeting will be held on May 27, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Rienda Plunge Great Room
- Capo Parents for Public Education has an event on Sunday at 3:00 on The Campout with a retired OC school trustee speaking about school funding.

11. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Signature

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