



# The Rumbler

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*When an Elephant Talks, Everyone Listens*

July 2023

## The Rumbler

SNRW is a unit of the Nevada Federation of Republican Women.

We are a Political Action Committee (PAC), working at the grassroots level to get out the vote for Republican candidates.

We also devote our attention to educating voters on matters concerning Douglas County, Nevada and our nation.

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## Wednesday, July 12th Meeting

Our guest speakers for July are Andrea Pawling, Deputy Director and Kate Moroles-O'Neil, Principal Planner for the Douglas County Planning Division. They will provide a preview on the Goals and Implementation Section of the Douglas County Master Plan to be released in 2025 and share some upcoming projects for Community Development like Title 20 Revisions, new developments, and more.

*A \$5 entry fee includes coffee, soda and water.  
We invite you to bring your own lunch or pick up a sandwich at the bakery & restaurant next door.*

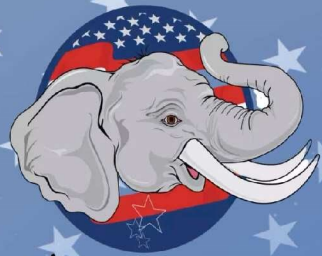
**WE MEET THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.  
DOORS OPEN 11:30 A.M.—MEETING AT NOON  
TO SAVE YOUR SPOT:**

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**HAPPY**  
**Fourth of July**

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Happy Birthday USA!

### JULY

- July 04 Independence Day
- July 06 SNRW Board Meeting , 2 p.m. HQ
- July 12 SNRW General Meeting C.O.D. 11:30 a.m.
- July 15 DCRCC 2023 Heritage BBQ, Park Home Ranch in Minden (see pg. 11)

### AUGUST

- Aug. 03 SNRW Board Meeting , 2 p.m. HQ
- Aug. 09 SNRW Meeting 11:30 a.m. C.O.D. Casino

### SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 04 Labor Day *(say goodbye to summer)*
- Sept. 07 SNRW Board Meeting, HQ, 2 p.m.
- Sept. 11 Patriot Day
- Sept. 13 SNRW Lunch Meeting, C.O.D. Casino, Doors open 11:30 a.m.
- Sept. 16 Rosh Hashanah
- Sept. 28 NFRW's 42nd Biennial Convention
- Oct. 1 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

### OCTOBER

- Oct. 05 SNRW Board Meeting , 2 p.m. HQ
- Oct. 11 SNRW Lunch Meeting, C.O.D. Casino, Doors open 11:30 a.m.
- Oct. 20-22 NvFRW Convention, Atlantis, Reno

Douglas County Republican Women (DCRW)  
Meets at 11 a.m. on the First Wednesday of the Month at  
Valley Christian Fellowship, Minden

DC Republican Central Committee (DCRCC)  
Meets at 7 p.m. the Second Wednesday of the Month at  
the Elks Lodge,  
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## President's Message—

# Dillon's Rule, Functional Home Rule, and Rent Control?

During The legislative session this year, there was a heated conversation regarding what authority local governments have. This all played out over a debate on bills that were to introduce rent control, inclusionary zoning, and Nevada housing issues statewide. There were many bills addressing additional tenant rights regarding eviction, rental assistance, clarifying fees that landlords can charge, and what police power local jurisdictions such as counties and cities/municipalities have over their local area.

Traditionally, Nevada has been a Dillon's Rule state. That meant that local jurisdictions often had to go to the state to create legislation affecting their specific area. Championed by the Nevada Association of Counties, and supported by the Nevada League of Cities, Senate Bill 29"(SB 29) gave limited "functional home rule," granting counties a limited form of the authority to pass ordinances and act upon matters of local concern that are not otherwise governed by state or federal laws. State legislatures agreed that local jurisdictions should not be coming to the "state to pass laws that are specifically intended for a local jurisdiction. After passage, there have been a few discussions around how SB 29 has been enacted, or rather not enacted. Some local jurisdictions have taken positions on issues and seem wary of the overuse of home rule, so they have "punted" these issues back to a state level. Nevada legislators have, in turn, punted the issue back to the local jurisdiction.

So how is that related to Nevada housing issues? This year home rule became a point of contention regarding housing issues at the state level. Senate Bill 371 (SB 371) and others vetoed by Governor Lombardo would open the door to limit a landlord's



Gov. Joe Lombardo. (AP Photo/Tom R. Smedes)

authority to increase rents on tenants and introduced the idea that local jurisdictions could ultimately be encouraged, or specifically determine how local areas could stabilize rent, introduce rent control, and subsidized affordable housing. This is in response to the picture that progressive legislators and housing advocates have been painting it as a housing crisis and claim Nevada is now more vulnerable to worsening

homelessness without these vetoed bills.

Although SB 371 and other tenant protection laws would change the eviction laws to favor tenants passed through the Senate and assembly, Governor Joe Lombardo vetoed quite a few.

As an example, Governor Lombardo, after vetoing Assembly Bill 340, said it would impose additional and unnecessary delays and costs to those seeking to remove individuals who unlawfully remain on their property after termination of their lease and create an inhospitable environment for residential lessors.

Regarding SB 371, Governor Lombardo stated that The Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau has stressed that municipalities already have the power to adopt measures to address affordable housing. The Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau has cited that the 2015 functional home rule laws grants counties and cities the authority to regulate affordable housing including imposing rent control measures.

Although well intended, some cities in California have enacted or brought legislation forward for rent control and inclusionary housing policies. Inclusionary zoning is the regulation or incentivization for requiring developers to set aside a certain portion of new

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## President's Message *(continued)*

developments for affordable housing. Inclusionary zoning is designed to provide more affordable rental and/or owner-occupied housing for low to moderate-income individuals and families. Rent control is freezing rents and rent stabilization is limiting the increase a landlord can charge for rent.

The results of rent control and inclusionary zoning have had mixed results and often make the housing situation worse rather than better. Critics and lobbyists representing developers, the construction industry, and Realtors say that these policies are flawed because the effect is the opposite of the intentions. By dictating to and regulating the private market, housing values decrease, rents are raised to cover the costs, and investment in creating more housing units is reduced. Currently, Texas is the only state in the United States who has banned inclusionary "housing policies.

The Intent of home rule is to keep legislation local. When SB 29 was being developed as a build "draft request throughout the legislative process, I was on the Executive Board and then "President of the Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities. At the time, it was unknown how many or to what extent jurisdictions would use functional home rules. As an advocate for this legislation, I did feel that it was important that local municipalities had a say in the policies they wanted, as Nevada consists of a heterogeneous state with large metropolitan areas, populous cities, and small rural jurisdictions. There are many issues that are not necessarily state-wide and require authority by local jurisdictions to address.

Interestingly, Nevada State Senator Pete Goicoechea (R) supported SB 371, saying, "For my jurisdiction, this works," and "I prefer to have the board of county commissioners talking about rent control than I would this body."

Moving forward, I anticipate in the 2025 legislative session, functional home rule will be brought up again, whether it be pertaining to a specific topic such as affordable housing or a bill that clarifies local authority. As usual, after a legislative session, new laws are interpreted and often scrutinized, resulting in new bills.

—Natalie Yanish  
SNRW Club President

**EACH ONE BRING ONE  
TO AN SNRW CLUB MEETING  
OUR FUTURE DEPENDS ON  
SPREADING  
THE REPUBLICAN MESSAGE**

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# Membership Report

The membership committee is looking for ways to attract new members and we're starting with you! Do you know someone who hasn't been to meetings lately? Invite her to join you. If you have a conservative friend interested in learning more about local politics, bring her to a meeting to see how she likes it.

Last month we gave prizes to those who brought a friend and several members did. So, as long as you keep bringing them, we'll keep giving prizes. We have also prepared a *new Welcome to SNRW* folder for everyone who visits a meeting. It contains information about our club, Republican vs. Democrat philosophies, and a membership application.

We would suggest our members carry a few of our tri-fold brochures to pass out to people you meet. It gives a brief overview of the SNRW and makes it easy to find us and our meetings. Please see me if you would like some. Now is an excellent time to bring new people in to get ready for the important 2024 election.



SNRW members are currently working alternate Tuesdays at the Minden Farmers Market. Stop by and visit the Republican booth while you're there shopping. Or even better, sign up for a two-hour shift from either 4-6 p.m., or 6-8 p.m. (there will be at least one other person with you, or you can bring a buddy). It's fun to get out in the evening air, visit with locals, register voters if needed, tell people about the Republican Party, and invite them to one of our meetings. We're even giving away fresh kettle corn to attract visitors to our booth. Please let me know if you'd like to participate. 775-782-9642.

Our current full memberships stand at 67, and we have 44 associate members. Please bring a friend and help our club grow.

— Anita Kornoff

## Chaplain's Corner

By Charlene Close



Then you know the truth, and the truth will set you free.  
John 8:32

## Praying for America

John Adams, 2nd President of the United States  
"Religion and Freedom are the only foundations, not only of Republicanism and of all free Government, but of social felicity under all Governments and in all combinations of human society".

Our Founding Fathers valued freedom of expression and freedom of religion so much that they included it in the First Amendment of the Constitution. They knew sharing scripture, our ideas and inspirations kept tyrants from suppressing the truth. The Bible is ultimate embodiment of truth. You have been called to stand up for the truth. We should be motivated to support the truth and freedom of speech. If we lose that freedom, we are no longer One Nation Under God but rather One Nation Gone Under.

Heavenly Father, help us not to take our freedoms lightly. May honest debate and elections happen freely. May we boldly speak the truth in love and those that suppress the truth repent before You.

In Your name we pray Lord Jesus, Amen.

The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth. Romans 1:18



## SNRW GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING; JUNE 14, 2023, C.O.D. CASINO, MINDEN, NV

President Natalie Yanish was unable to attend due to sudden illness and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Leslie Lawson called the meeting to order at 12 p.m. Leslie welcomed all members and guests and dignitaries Douglas County Commissioner Mark Gardner, DCRCC Chairman James McKalip, Douglas County Assessor Trent Tholen.

Mary Porter gave the Invocation. Anita Kornoff led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Leslie Lawson introduced the guest speaker, Drew Johnson, with a fun fact: Drew Johnson was the one who exposed that Al Gore's home electric bill was 20 times higher than the national average! Drew is a Republican candidate for US Congress in Nevada's third congressional district, Las Vegas. He is a well-known government watchdog columnist and public policy analyst who regularly appears on FOX News, and News Max.

Drew Johnson gave an entertaining talk about his years of exposing wasted taxpayer's money at all levels of government. Currently he is campaigning for Congress against an opponent who he says has zero work experience in the real world. Drew shared his work experience. He earned a Master of Public Policy degree from Pepperdine University, then founded Tennessee's free market think tank. Under Drew's leadership, the organization reduced taxes and expanded parental choices and slashed regulations on businesses. Drew and his wife have lived in Nevada for nearly a decade.

Leslie thanked Drew Johnson for bringing his message to SNRW and presented him with a gift. The guest speakers for July 12 Membership meeting will be Andrea Pawling, Deputy Director, and Kate Moroles O'Neil, Principal Planner for the Douglas County Planning Commission. They will share the goals and objectives of the Douglas County Master Plan to be released in 2025.

Anita Kornoff, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP of Membership reported SNRW has 67 regular members and 44 associate members. Anita introduced the guests attending and gave them a little gift. There are upcoming community event booths and SNRW members can volunteer to help at the Minden Farmers Market booth to help the Douglas

County Central Committee engage with the community every Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. Call Sondra Condrón for information. Anita reminded everyone to attend the annual BASQUE FRY at Corley Ranch on June 17, and the Douglas County Heritage BBQ held at the Park Ranch on July 15. "Aloha" cheers for the three members who rode Republican Float in the Carson Valley Days Parade: Sondra Condrón, Charlene Close, and Anita Kornoff.

Sue Jeffery, Treasurer, reported the check book is balanced.

Leslie Lawson called for a motion to approve the May 10 meeting minutes, Mary Lou Grieve made the motion and it passed. Leslie announced the Town Hall Meeting is June 15, at the Douglas County Senior Center with Senator Robin Titus and Assemblyman Ken Grey to share their experiences of the 2023 Legislative session.

Our next SNRW Membership meeting is July 12. The Rumbler Newsletter deadline is the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month for submitting articles. The DOOR PRIZE winner was PAT SMITH.

The meeting adjourned at 1 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY SONDRÁ CONDRÓN



Anita Kornoff, Sondra Condrón, and Charlene Close represent SNRW at on the Republican Carson Valley Days Parade.





# SNRW'S SATTELITE MEMBERS

## *Barb and Don McRoberts*

*Membership Greetings—Our Boise Connections*  
SNRW members do not always reside in Nevada. Some of our treasured members send their greetings and updates from their current residences in Boise, Idaho—Jacie Peters, Barb McRoberts and Brenda Martorano. Perhaps you have an out-of-state individual whom you could invite to SNRW membership.



[Jacie Peters, past Treasurer and Membership Chair, in the pool with her nieces in Boise, sends her update and greetings.]

Hi SNRW Friends,

We are finally settled into our new home and having a blast! The hubs and I are finally unpacked for the most part. For the first time in 16 years I am able to walk to a family member's home, which means I get to see my sister and nieces a few times a week.

What we originally thought would be the guest room and the workout room, have been claimed by Victoria and Skyler (2 of my nieces). The girls have promised that it's ok; if you come to visit you can use their rooms.

My parents stop by at least once a week and we generally have lunch out with them once a week. Pistol Pete the pup learned how to swim at my parent's house and jumps straight in. It's so hard to keep him out of the pool now.

We enjoyed a recent visit with Don and Barbara McRoberts and will host them at our new home soon.

While we miss our Nevada friends and neighbors, we are thankful to be on this new adventure making friends along the way.

*Cheers, Jacie*

[Past President Barbara McRoberts and her husband Don recently moved to the Boise suburb of Emmett, Idaho. Barb sends her greetings and an update.]

Hello to Each of You,

Don and I sold our home in Minden which we built in 2005. At the same time, we were under contract to buy a new home in Emmett, Idaho. We had emails

from both agents and title companies and it was difficult trying to keep everything straight. The second most difficult thing was actually getting rid of so many things that we wouldn't be using here. Many items were donated to St. Gall's rummage sale.

We purchased a smaller home, so it was important to down-size our "stuff."

We are loving it and our new home and neighborhood. We have met many people from different areas. In fact, our neighbor across the street is from Sparks, Nevada, small world!

Don and I are not volunteering for anything so far. It is really nice to actually sleep-in when we feel like it and just have leisure time. We aren't even volunteering at church. Emmett, Idaho has one Catholic Church, Sacred Heart Parish, which was built in the late 1800s. We are now members.

It is a rural town which reminds us of Minden, Gardnerville. We are enjoying living here. The population is just over 7,600. We are approximately 20 miles from Boise and there are so many smaller cities where we do most of our grocery shopping, etc. Of course, we have a Costco in Meridian. We can't live without Costco.

We are so happy to be less than 20 minutes away from our daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren. It has been years since we were so close to them. Unfortunately, our son retired from his Deputy Sheriff position in Santa Clara County, California and he and his wife moved to Somerset, Kentucky. We will be going to visit them soon. I want to let everyone know that we do miss you all and if you are ever in the area, we'd love to hear from you. I miss helping SNRW with so many things.

*Sending best wishes to you all,*

*Barb*

