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2024 Executive Board

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Abraham Lincoln said, "Always bear in mind that your own resolution to success is more important than any other one thing." Many years ago Aristotle talked of success as well, "First, have a definite, clear practical ideal; a goal, an objective. Second, have the necessary means to achieve your ends; wisdom, money, materials, and methods. Third, adjust all your means to that end."

We couldn't have achieved success in 2023 without you! Our members and associates are like beacons of light – and together we will achieve our goals and success in 2024! Thank you all for your dedication and hard work this past year.

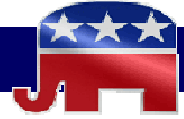


We were so pleased to have Nevada **Lieutenant Governor Stavros Anthony** with us for our December holiday party and officer installation! Lt. Governor Anthony spoke to our members about the state of Nevada and his activities on a number of Committees in the Legislature. Members asked questions about the growth of Nevada, bringing businesses into Nevada, and the legislative challenges with the Democratic super-majority in the Assembly and the majority in the Senate.

We were also proud to have in attendance the Incline Village High School ROTC who provided the color guard for our flag salute!



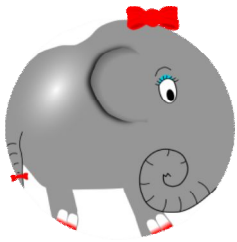
Our new officers installed for 2024 are:
Cretia Eyster – President
Shirley Appel – First Vice President
Nancy Carlson – Second Vice President
Linda Smith – Secretary
Susan Calfa - Treasurer



Membership



by Nancy Carlson



It is that time again . . . time to renew your membership in the Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women's club! Please go online to our website at: <http://www.ivcbrw.org> and go to the "Pay" tab on the home

page. Click on the Pay tab and then on the "Register and Pay for Events" link in red. You will be directed to our Square payment site and can renew your membership online! If you prefer to renew by mail you can mail a check (\$50 full membership, \$20 associate membership) to: IVCB Republican Women, P.O. Box 3009, Incline Village, NV 89450. If you have any changes to your contact information please contact me and let me know.

Are You a Leader?

Are you interested in helping with the newsletter, membership activities, program activities, finance? Let us know – we can use your help!



Legislative Corner – Your Federal Representatives

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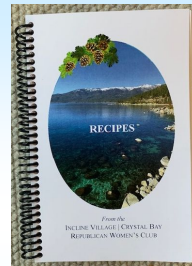
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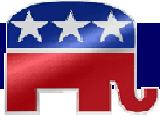
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Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women's Club now has their very own cookbook for members and friends! You'll enjoy 260 pages of recipes including sections for Appetizers, Breads and

Miscellaneous, Meats/ Poultry/Fish, Vegetables & Sides, Soups & Salads and Sweets. Cookbooks will be on display for purchase in our Boutique at our luncheons.

Courage is the first of human qualities because it is the quality which guarantees the others.
 -- Aristotle



Who are the Leading Republicans Running for President?

Donald Trump – The former president is seeking to become only the second man in history to return to the Oval Office after being impeached.

Ron DeSantis – Since his election as Florida’s governor in 2018, DeSantis has national gained popularity by championing far-right causes and successfully turned the nation’s largest swing state a distinct shade of red.

Nikki Haley – Former governor Haley combines executive and foreign policy experience in her candidacy.

Vivek Ramaswamy – The 38 year-old investor and former pharmaceutical company CEO is running an outsider campaign based largely on a critique of “wokeness” among corporations and other institutions.

Chris Christie – Once a Trump ally, the former New Jersey governor is the leading critic of the former president.

BLM leader endorses Trump for 2024, accuses Dems of ‘racist’ policies: ‘We’re not stupid’

By Baile Hill



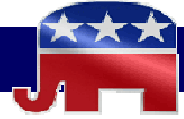
Black Lives Matter (BLM) leader Mark Fisher told Lawrence Jones of Fox News that the Democratic Party is ‘not for’ the Blacks’ in America. He threw his support behind former President Trump in the 2024 race for the White House, accusing Democrats of racist policies that are working against the Black community.

In December 2023 Mark Fisher (co-founder of Black Lives Matter Rhode Island) told ‘Fox & Friends’ why some Black voters are leaving the Democrats as they contemplate who they will vote for in the 2024 presidential election. “It’s the duplicity of the Democrats, the hypocrisy... We’re not stupid. The brothers are not stupid. We understand when someone’s for us and when someone is not, and it’s obvious that the Democratic Party is not for us. Their policies actually strike at the heart of the Black family . . .”

Fisher argued Democrats “don’t value” the Black vote during an interview with “The Kim Iversen Show” earlier in December 2023 while praising Trump for advocating policies to uplift the community. “We’ve been used and abused for so long by that Party, they don’t value our vote. Their policies are basically racist policies. I believe it’s a

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The United States Treasury Department announced that America’s national debt crossed \$34 trillion for the first time.



BLM leader endorses Trump

racist Party. Donald Trump is just the opposite. He's going to tell you how it is. He's going to give it to you straight. Trump has done more for the Black community than any president I can think of in my lifetime," he said.

A New York Times/Siena College poll in December of 2023 raised alarm bells for Democrats after it found Trump had reached an unprecedented level of support from Black voters in battleground states that President Biden won in 2020. Black voters in Nevada, Georgia, Arizona, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin are now registering 22 percent support for Trump, up from 8 percent in 2020.

Mark Fisher of BLM suggested that Black voters who are still voting blue are "misinformed" and "they don't really understand because they don't educate themselves on Donald Trump as a person and his history, but if they do that, and it's going to take... educated leaders to getting the word out there. I think that it'll happen on its own, and it'll be organic, because personally, I love the man," he said.

Scripps News poll reports that of the six battleground states – which Biden carried in the 2020 election – he has now lost significant ground among Black and Hispanic voters, with many saying President Biden's policies have hurt them personally. And while women in those key swing states still favor Biden, men side with Trump by a margin twice as large.

Black voters, which have long predominantly fueled Democratic candidates, are now showing 22 percent support for the former president in those states, a number unseen in modern politics. Meanwhile, it appears the more diverse the state, the more likely Trump is to lead, with President

Biden only holding that small lead in Wisconsin, the least diverse of the six states.

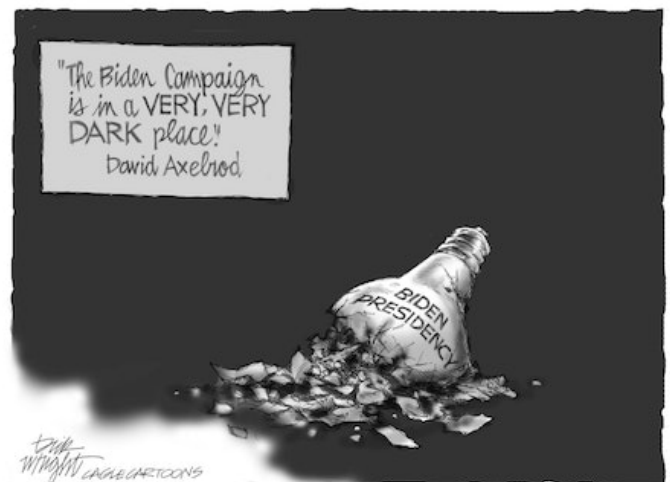
Despite his political shift, Fisher said he is still affiliated with Black Lives Matter. "My message that I preach and that I tell is 'unity.' It's a message of unity, unity driven. I want to bring together all the marginalized groups from the margins and bring them to the center, because we're stronger together as... one nation under God, indivisible..."

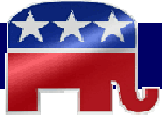
Article by By Bailee Hill, associate editor with Fox News Digital. Published November 29, 2023, updated November 29, 2023; FOX News' Kristine Parks contributed to this report.

Additional source: Scripps News Staff, Facebook hareTweetEmailSMS, November 6, 2023.

Article has been edited and condensed for inclusion in The Elephant's Tale.

Despite Trump's four criminal indictments and President Biden leading in the fundraising front, voters have credited Trump's policies — specifically on the economy — for positively impacting them. If the election were held today, the poll has Trump winning more than 300 electoral votes, far more than the 270 needed to take the White House.





Basin-wide short-term rental caps must be part of TRPA's housing plan (Opinion)

A family of four planning a vacation in the Tahoe basin can choose from more than 5,000 licensed short-term rental (STR) listings and likely many more that are unlicensed. Yet a family of four seeking a long-term rental might be lucky to find a few listings—most unaffordable as demand dwarfs supply.

Contrary to claims from the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), the Tahoe basin does not have a dire shortage of housing units. What it does have is a shortage of housing units available to residents who seek to live and work here. The TRPA, a federally and bi-state-funded planning body originally formed to protect Lake Tahoe and its surrounding environment, could go far in remedying this housing imbalance by reversing an amendment it put in place in March 2004. It legitimized single and multiple family dwellings as short-term or vacation rentals despite being widely recognized as business uses.

TRPA then punted to counties and permitted them to declare STRs “a residential use,” violating previous long-standing local residential zoning and CC&Rs so counties could collect transient occupancy (TOT) tax. This tax collection merely shifted from basin hotels to residential neighborhoods as STRs poach customers, contributing to some Tahoe lodging establishments losing or going out of business.

A proliferation of STRs also reset the housing market fueling greater competition for the already built housing stock. Younger Tahoe residents struggle to find housing. Aaron Vanderbilt noted in a public comment: STR ordinances should not favor or “be for those trying to keep a second, third, fourth, etc. vacation home when so many can't even afford a single home. There is an

affordable housing crisis. It is insulting to allow STRs as they currently exist while we have this crisis.”

Washoe county, for example, has covered the annual STR program shortfall – about \$259,000 – from its general fund. So, taxpayers in Washoe county currently subsidize STR owners' business models.

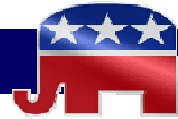
In defense of STRs, some TRPA board members continue to argue that “Tahoe has always had vacation rentals.” True, but times have changed. Wide-reaching online platforms turbocharged the STR business advertising not just locally, but internationally starting in 2007. On the strength of ‘Destination Marketing’ initiatives boosted by STR companies, Tahoe visitor numbers soared from two million in 2004 to 25 million a year in recent years.

To put that number in perspective, the 207,000-acre Tahoe basin now gets two times more visitors than America's most visited national park, the 522,419-acre Great Smoky Mountains National Park. At the behest of developers and non-profits funded to write up reports that benefit business interests, TRPA is poised to set aside its commitment to protecting the lake, wildlife habitats, and scenic quality among other conservation efforts.

On December 13, the TRPA staff and Regional Plan Implementation Committee will recommend approval of buildings 65' in height inside town centers, 53' in height anywhere there is multi-family zoning, unlimited density, 100 percent land coverage and no required parking if there is deed restricted housing. (Enforcement of deed restrictions is notoriously lacking.) Further, there is no income cap on “achievable” deed restricted housing. Just self-report you work in the area 30 hours a week no matter how much money you earn. How does that help low-income service workers?

These draconian amendments serve developers plain and simple. Ironically, TRPA, once the Basin's environmental watchdog, is advancing

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Basin-wide short-term rental caps must be part of TRPA's housing plan

these aggressive amendments without undertaking detailed environmental analysis to gauge the cumulative impacts on traffic, infrastructure, and public safety (wildfire risk and evacuation). Instead, TRPA is employing its often-used Initial Environmental Checklist that flows from its 2012 Regional Plan Update's Environmental Impact Study. Incredibly, it lists almost every environmental factor tied to these new amendments as having “no impacts.”

Noticeably absent in TRPA's proposed amendments are basin-wide STR limits. This would make an immediate improvement in housing availability. The experience in South Lake with Measure T is that 10-15 percent of STRs have so far converted to long-term rentals – a substantial percentage. Back of the envelope math tells us a similar measure, basin-wide, would yield 500 to 1,000 housing units. The latter number exceeds the housing target set by TRPA's amendments. And this in a matter of months not years without moving dirt, tearing down and forever altering town centers, providing tax incentives or public subsidies, or requiring costly changes to infrastructure. This is low-hanging fruit.

Hundreds of communities nationwide have already capped or restricted STRs, including in Airbnb's corporate home of San Francisco where only permanent residents are allowed to be STR hosts.

I would wager the vast majority of Tahoe residents — particularly those not associated with commercial development, the real estate business or their lobbyists and attorneys — oppose the proposed plan amendments. If TRPA held a public referendum of Tahoe registered voters it would fail. This is not “NIMBYism.” Concerns about increased population density and increased demands on the Tahoe basin's infrastructure, fragile environment, and public safety (wildfire risk and evacuation) are legitimate.

Write to TRPA (publiccomment@trpa.gov) and ask that it go back to first principles: Protect the Lake and basin; prioritize housing for use by residents and local workers without forever urbanizing our rural town centers.

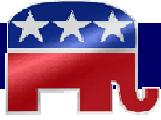
If TRPA is serious about addressing workforce housing it must act on STRs, regardless of any development or redevelopment initiatives it pursues.

Source: <https://www.tahodailytribune.com/news/basin-wide-short-term-rental-caps-must-be-part-of-trpas-housing-plan-opinion/>. Tahoe Daily Article by Alex Tsigdino, November 26, 2023.



Let's have fun with OXYMORONS

- Why is the third hand on a watch called the second hand?
- If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?
- If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he find the words?
- Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?
- Why do “tug” boats push their barges?
- Why are they called “stands” when they are made for sitting?
- Why is “phonics” not spelled the way it sounds?
- How come abbreviated is such a long word?



AMERICANISM

HISTORY THAT IS NEVER TAUGHT



THE FIRST 23 BLACK CONGRESSMAN WERE ALL REPUBLICANS.

True or False Claim?

Newsweek contacted Historian of the House of Representatives Matthew Wasniewski to ask about the claim. He confirmed that the first 23 Black members of Congress had been Republicans, “The figure of 23 is in fact correct,” he said. “It includes 22 Black Members of Congress during Reconstruction and the late 19th century (20 in the House and 2 in the Senate) – all from reconstructed southern states, and all Republican.

“After the last of those 22 individuals left the House in 1901 (George Henry White of North Carolina), there was a three-decade gap where no African American served in either chamber because of the rise of **Jim Crow (see article) and the denial of voting rights.** In 1928, Oscar De Priest of Illinois, who represented a Chicago-centered district, became the first Black American elected from a northern state. He was a Republican and his rise in Illinois politics reflected the effects of the Great Migration. De Priest was the 23rd African American to serve in Congress.”

Jim Crow was more than a series of rigid anti-black laws. It was a way of life. Under Jim Crow, African Americans were relegated to the status of second class citizens. Jim Crow represented the legitimization of anti-black racism.



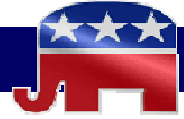
The Democratic Party was formed in 1792, when

supporters of Thomas Jefferson began using the name Republicans, or Jeffersonian Republicans, to emphasize its anti-aristocratic policies. It adopted its present name during the Presidency of Andrew Jackson in the 1830s. In the 1840s and ‘50s, the party was in conflict over extending slavery to the Western territories. Southern Democrats insisted on protecting slavery in all the territories while many Northern Democrats resisted. The party split over the slavery issue in 1860 at its Presidential convention in Charleston, South Carolina.

Northern Democrats nominated Stephen Douglas as their candidate, and Southern Democrats adopted a pro-slavery platform and nominated John C. Breckinridge in an election campaign that would be won by Abraham Lincoln and the newly formed Republican Party. After the Civil War, most white Southerners opposed Radical Reconstruction and the Republican Party’s support of black civil and political rights. **The Democratic Party identified itself as the “white man’s party” and demonized the Republican Party as being “Negro dominated,”** even though whites were in control. Determined to re-capture the South, Southern Democrats “redeemed” state after state -- sometimes peacefully, other times by fraud and violence. By 1877, when Reconstruction was officially over, the Democratic Party controlled every Southern state.

The South remained a one-party region until the Civil Rights movement began in the 1960s. Northern Democrats offered no challenge to the discriminatory policies of the Southern Democrats.

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Jim Crow

Then and Now: After the Civil War, the Democratic Party in the South was the party of white supremacy. Now, African Americans form the party's most loyal base of support. One of the consequences of the Democratic victories in the South was that many Southern Congressmen and Senators were almost automatically re-elected every election. Due to the importance of seniority in the U.S. Congress, Southerners were able to control most of the committees in both houses of Congress and kill any civil rights legislation. When the House passed a federal anti-lynching bill several times in the 1930s, Southern senators filibustered it to death.

Article by Richard Wormser. Source: https://www.thirteen.org/wnet/jimcrow/stories_org_democratic.html

Celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 15, 2024 – **Martin Luther King Day** is a federal holiday held on the third Monday of January. It celebrates the life and achievements of Martin Luther King Jr., an influential American civil rights leader. He is most well-known for his campaigns to end racial segregation on public transport and for racial equality in the United States. Martin Luther King Jr. was a Baptist minister and social activist. Born on Jan. 15, 1929, King led the civil rights movement in the United States during the mid-1950s until his death. He played a major role in ending the legal segregation of African Americans throughout the South and other parts of the U.S. King first garnered attention as the head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and his use of nonviolent tactics, including the March on Washington in 1963. He was given the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968, while standing on the second-floor balcony of the Lorraine Motel.

The 2024 Election

Claims of cheating in elections that once drew eye-rolling from most are now accepted by a majority of voters who believe it happened in recent elections and will occur again. What's more, sizable percentages of partisans believe state and federal officials have ignored reports of cheating and widespread election fraud, a situation that gained currency after the 2020 national election delivered a victory to President Joe Biden.

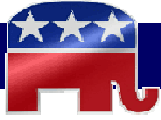


In last year's Rasmussen Reports survey, 56 percent said officials have been ignoring reports of cheating that has had an effect on results. That includes 44 percent of Democrats and 74 percent of Republicans. The survey, also said 52 percent of likely voters believe cheating affected the 2022 midterm elections that delivered a much smaller victory to Republicans than polls predicted. Even 41 percent of Democrats agreed.

And fears it will continue are clear, especially as the country turns to the 2024 elections and efforts by Democrats to dismantle election integrity reforms put in place by Republican-led states. Rasmussen said a majority, 54 percent believe cheating will "affect the outcome" of the 2024 election. Some 46 percent of Democrats and 69 percent of Republicans expect 2024 election cheating, a poor sign that the nation will be satisfied with the outcome.

While there is agreement that election fraud is prevalent, there is little agreement on who has the best solution. Asked which party voters trust more to protect the integrity of elections, 40 percent chose Republicans, and 39 percent picked Democrats. Even independent voters were widely split. They chose Republicans over Democrats 37-28 percent but 34 percent were "not sure." And it's not just older voters who see cheating. Younger voters see it more. Rasmussen said, "Suspensions of election cheating are highest among voters under 40."

Article by Paul Bedard. https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/washington-secrets/voters-see-cheating-everywhere-54-expect-in-2024-election?gad_source=5



Membership Application

New Member Renewing Membership

If you receive this application/renewal form via email, please print a copy and mail with your check to the address below.

NAME as it appears on VOTER REGISTRATION: _____

NAME as it appears on your NAMETAG: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS(es): _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: _____

Home Phone with Area Code: _____ Work Phone: _____

Fax Number: _____ Birthday (Month, Day) _____

Email address (for roster and newsletter):

Please print

MEMBERSHIP STATUS , PLEASE CHECK ONE:

- Active \$50, any woman registered as a Republican
- Associate \$20, any woman with a full membership in another Republican women's group,
- _____ OR any man registered as a Republican
Primary Club Membership

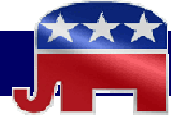
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MAIL APPLICATION AND CHECK to the following address:

Membership Chairman
IV/CB Republican Women
P. O. Box 3009, Incline Village, NV 89450

Always more information for you at our website: ivcbrw.org



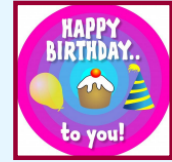
Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women Vision and Mission Statement

Vision: To support individual freedom and responsibility under the Constitution of the United States and the Declaration of Independence by making Nevada a Red state again and keeping it that way.

Mission: To promote the principles and philosophy of the Republican Party at the local, state, and federal levels by taking action to:

- Support the election of conservative Republican candidates.
- Educate club members and local voters.
- Communicate with local, state and federal legislative bodies to enact constitutional, conservative legislation.
- Collaborate with Nevada Republican Women's clubs to leverage best practices to improve club effectiveness.
- Promote Republican and conservative values through social media, print media, and community participation.
- Effect change in our schools to support conservative and constitutional values.
- Protect the integrity of local, state, and federal elections.

JANUARY Member Birthdays



Cheri Eads	3 Jan
Judith Miller	9 Jan
Kathleen Justice Moore	10 Jan
Yolanda Knaak	18 Jan
Ellie Dobler	19 Jan
Susan Ose	20 Jan
Suzanne Cornell	21 Jan
Joan Leutheuser	24 Jan
Cheri Kratka	31 Jan



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