



September 2026 Newsletter



September 15th Speaker Series Luncheon Tom DeWeese, Founder and President of the American Policy Center



Baylands Golf Links and Café
1875 Embarcadero Rd, Palo Alto,
Check in: 11:30 a.m. Program: 12:00 p.m.



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About Tom DeWeese

Tom DeWeese is one of the nation's leading advocates of individual liberty, free enterprise, private property rights, and American sovereignty and independence. He was one of the first to voice concern over the radical agenda of the environmental movement and to question its motives.

Tom has appeared on national programs including Fox News and Newsmax, and quoted in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and the Washington Post. He also appears regularly on a large number of local radio programs and travels the nation extensively, speaking and motivating local citizens to take direct action in their communities.

A native of Ohio, he's been a candidate for the Ohio Legislature, served as editor of two newspapers, and has owned several businesses. In 1989 Tom led the only privately funded election-observation team to the Panamanian elections, where he learned firsthand how a dictator can control the ballot box. In 2006 Tom was invited to Cambridge University to debate the issue of the United Nations before the Cambridge Union, a 200-year-old debating society.

For over thirty years he has served as Founder and President of the American Policy Center. Tom is author of three books: "Now Tell Me I Was Wrong," "ERASE," a fictional political thriller, and "Sustainable, the War on Free Enterprise, Private Property, and Individuals." In 2022 Tom was presented "The Edward Teller Award for the Defense of Freedom" by the Doctors for Disaster Preparedness.



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Herb is a seasoned investment professional with nearly four decades of experience in financial markets. He founded Efficient Market Advisors (EMA), one of the nation's earliest ETF-based investment firms, which grew to manage \$1.5 billion in assets under his leadership. In 2017, EMA was acquired by a major Wall Street firm, where Herb recently retired as their Chief Investment Officer for almost 10 years. His proven record of building and managing large-scale financial operations uniquely qualifies him to oversee the state's massive budget and ensure taxpayer dollars are used wisely. Appointed by Mayor Jerry Sanders to the San Diego City Employees' Retirement System (SDCERS) Board, Herb collaborated closely with fellow trustees to overhaul financial reporting and restore robust corporate governance. He was subsequently elected Board Chair twice by his peer trustees. His approach to public service reflects the same principles that have guided his life: integrity, accountability, and a drive to leave things better than he found them. As a candidate for California State Controller, Herb is ready to bring innovative, technology-driven solutions to Sacramento and restore trust in how our state handles its finances.



President's Letter



California is an extraordinary state. We have tremendous resources, innovative businesses, hardworking families, world-class agriculture and some of the most talented people anywhere. Yet too many Californians are asking the same question: How can a state with so much have so many problems that never seem to get fixed?

Families are struggling with the high cost of housing, gasoline, electricity, insurance and everyday necessities. Businesses face high costs and an increasingly difficult regulatory environment. Homelessness remains visible in communities across our state despite billions of dollars spent trying to address it. Our water and energy systems need long-term planning. Major infrastructure projects can become extraordinarily expensive and take years longer than expected. At the same time, California continues to face serious budget problems and growing pressure from long-term financial obligations.

These problems are different, but I believe they share a common thread: California needs far greater accountability for how taxpayer dollars are managed.

This creates an opportunity to start asking tougher questions. Where is the money going? What are taxpayers receiving in return? Are projects coming in at reasonable costs? Are public investments being managed prudently? Are we taking on too much debt? And when a program or project fails to deliver what was promised, who is being held accountable?

We need greater transparency in state financing, stronger scrutiny of bond debt, careful oversight of the state's investments, accountability for taxpayer-supported housing and infrastructure projects, and a renewed focus on protecting the long-term financial interests of California taxpayers.

Government should never forget whose money it is managing.

We can begin changing the culture in Sacramento—from one that too often measures success by how much government spends to one that asks what taxpayers actually received for their investment.

California is worth fighting for. Our children and grandchildren deserve a state that is affordable, financially responsible and accountable to the people who pay the bills.

As Republican women, we have an important role to play in that effort. We can continue to speak up, ask difficult questions, demand transparency and bring common-sense financial discipline back to Sacramento. Change begins with accountability—and accountability begins by following the money.



RSVP To Luncheon



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R.S.V.P by September 11th

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OR

Mail your check

\$35 for members

\$38 for nonmembers

-Sorry, no refunds-

A reservation made is a reservation paid

PARWF P.O. Box 60415

Palo Alto, CA 94306

MENU:

Shepherd's Pie, Mixed Vegetables, Caesar Salad,
Fresh-Baked Rolls and Dessert

Questions: Call/Text Jennifer (650) 305-5003



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Rosé Wine Tasting Fundraiser

BASED ON ROSES
FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Date

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH
5:30 PM – 8:00 PM



Location

21 MARVIN AVENUE
LOS ALTOS, CA 94022

\$100
PER PERSON



Guests are asked
to bring a bottle of
wine and an appetizer
to share.



RSVP

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