

ROBSON RANCH REPUBLICAN CLUB

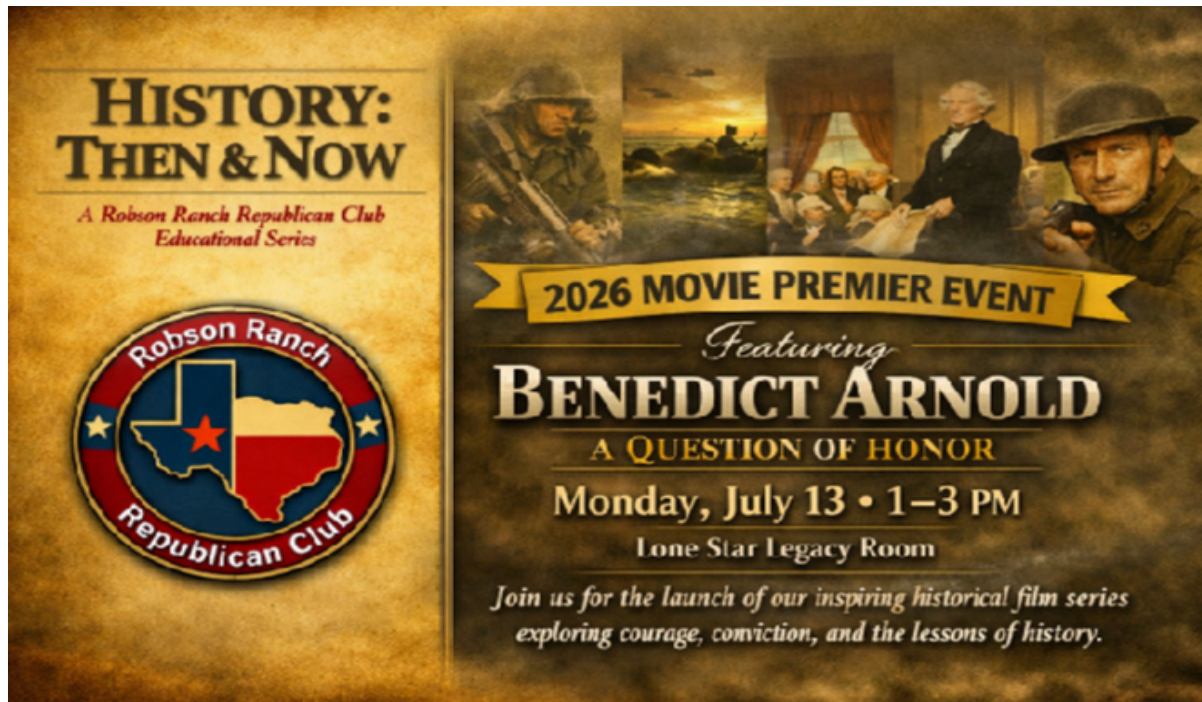


★ From the President's Desk

Summer is in full swing at the Robson Ranch, and your Executive Committee has been buzzing with activity. From fun faces at the parade to new projects behind the scenes, this season is about connection, creativity, and community. As we move into July, I am excited to share updates, highlights and a few things you won't want to miss!



A BIG THANK YOU TO JOHN ROMEO AND TOM DOOLAHITE FOR A
SPECTACULR FLOAT FOR THE JULY 4th PARADE!



This month, our club proudly launches **The Reel Series**, a new monthly tradition celebrating the stories from our History: Then & Now blogs that are featured as we revisit the shaping of America. Each film invites us to reflect on sacrifice, honor, and the enduring pursuit of liberty — values that continue to guide our community today. We hope you'll join us as we revisit these powerful moments in history and enjoy meaningful conversation with friends and neighbors. Our first movie will premier this **Monday, in the Lone Star Legacy room at 1:00-3:00 pm** for a showing of *BENEDICT ARNOLD*. Popcorn, for a small fee and water will be offered. We hope you will join with us as we explore America's history!



THE REEL SERIES

Hacksaw Ridge

(2016, 139 min run time)

Wednesday, July 22, 6-9 pm

Lone Star Legacy Room

Unbroken

(2014, 137 min run time)

Thursday, August 18, 2-4:30 pm

Lone Star Legacy Room

A More Perfect Union

(1989, 111 min run time)

Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2-4 pm

Lone Star Legacy Room

Sergeant York

(1941, 141 min run time)

Tuesday, Nov. 24, 6-9 pm

Lone Star Legacy Room

*We regret to note there will not be a movie for the month of October.

**We are currently working on the movie line-up for Spring 2027.

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As we captured the spirit of America we all shared over the July 4th holiday — showing our colors, celebrating our faith, gathering with family, and honoring the freedoms that define us — we now shift our focus toward the midterm elections. National conversations are centering on three themes rising to the forefront of public concern: **Affordability, Immigration & Border Security, and Housing & Infrastructure**. These are the values Democrats are elevating in their messaging — not by accident, but because they speak to widespread voter anxieties about daily life, opportunity, and stability. Understanding these themes, and how Republicans can respond using long-standing conservative principles, is essential as we move into the heart of the election season.

This month's Civic Literacy Spotlight explores what Democrats hope to gain by emphasizing these values — and how Republicans can respond using long-standing conservative principles.

Our goal is simple: education, clarity, and understanding.

1. Affordability & Economic Growth

What Democrats Are Emphasizing:

- Lowering household costs
- Regulating industries
- Expanding assistance programs
- Increasing wages through policy

The Democrats hope this message resonates with families feeling economic pressure.

We as Conservatives need to know how to refute their arguments. We need to show them, engage with them and stand up for our values. Here is a suggested argument to share with you so as a Republican you can respond in a respectful manner.

Conservatives agree affordability matters — but they believe Democrats misdiagnose the cause.

Republican counter-points grounded in conservative values:

Affordability is tied to effort, prioritization, and personal responsibility. Most goals are attainable with work, discipline, and sacrifice. Government intervention often raises costs.

Regulations and mandates distort markets and increase prices. Economic freedom creates affordability. Lower taxes and fewer regulations allow families to keep more of what they earn. Conservatives believe in less government. We are not saying the work should not be accomplished. It should, just not by government, but by the people. Assistance without accountability creates dependency. Conservatives emphasize dignity through earning, not receiving. Affordability grows when people are empowered — not when government expands.

The RPT's 90th Legislative Priorities reinforce the belief that affordability grows through lower taxes, reduced regulation, and responsible state spending — ensuring Texans prosper through economic freedom rather than expanded government programs.

2. Immigration & Border Security

What Democrats Are Emphasizing. The Democrats are asking for a balanced approach: humane pathways and stronger enforcement. More predictable immigration rules support higher increase in population. Democrats believe a moderated tone appeals to Democrats AND Independents.

How Republicans can respond drawing on long-standing conservative values. Conservatives' welcome legal immigration — but emphasize commitment, assimilation, and respect for the law.

Republican counter-points rooted in conservative values:

Legal immigration is welcome — but it requires effort. Learning English, navigating daily life, and understanding our laws are essential steps. Citizenship should never be given freely. It is earned through responsibility and shared values. Strong enforcement must come before reform. Without secure borders, policy changes are ineffective. Skin in the game matters. “I worked to make America the great place it is — newcomers should too.”

America thrives when newcomers join us through commitment, not shortcuts. The RPT's 90th Legislative Priorities strongly support secure borders, consistent enforcement, and legal immigration pathways that uphold the rule of law — aligning with the conservative view that newcomers should join our communities through commitment, responsibility, and shared values.

3. Housing & Infrastructure

What Democrats Are Emphasizing:

- Affordable housing programs

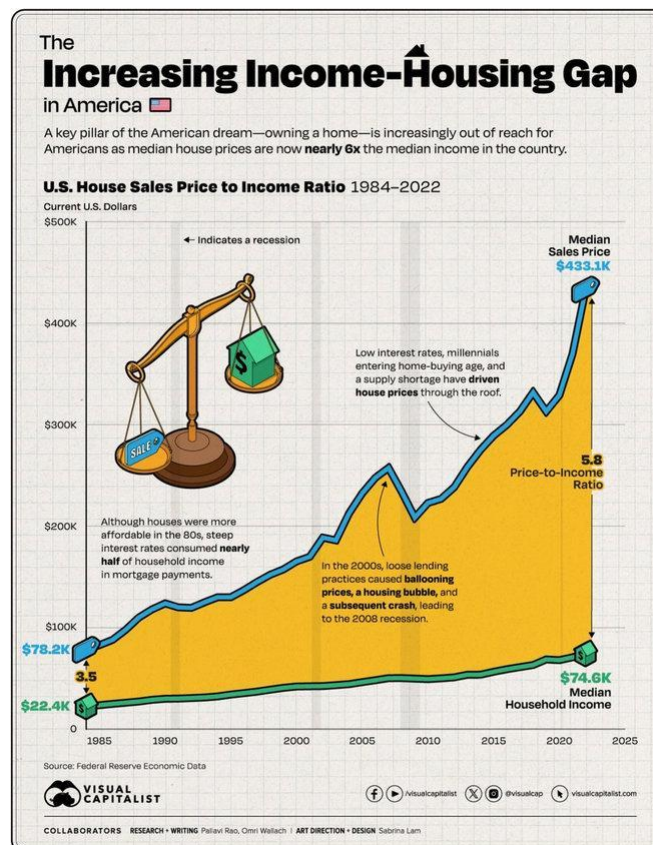
- Faster permitting
- Infrastructure investment
- Lower utility costs

They hope this message resonates with younger voters and families struggling with housing prices.

How Republicans can respond using conservative values. Conservatives agree housing is expensive — but believe government caused much of the problem.

Republican counter-points focused using conservative values:

Housing affordability is about supply, not subsidies. We don't build enough homes because regulations prevent it. Government rules drive up costs. Zoning laws, environmental regulations, and slow permitting choke supply. Government spending raises taxes and debt. Infrastructure programs often increase costs rather than reduce them. Local control matters. Communities — not Washington — should decide how and where homes are built. Real affordability comes from expanding supply and decreasing red tape.



Over the past four decades, home prices have risen far faster than household income. In 1984, the median home cost was roughly **3.5 times** the median household income. By 2022, that ratio had climbed to nearly **6 times** income. By most estimates, this gap is continuing to rise. This widening gap highlights why so many families feel squeezed in today's housing market. This graphic shares what the Left's sentiment is, but it does not account for actual household disposable income, nor does it adjust for inflation. The chart shows that recessions, lending practices, and limited housing supply all contributed to rising prices — and income growth did not keep pace. Understanding this trend is essential as voters consider which policies truly address affordability and which may unintentionally make housing more expensive. The gap between home prices and income has widened significantly — a key point in understanding today's housing debate. Home prices have risen much faster than incomes, showing that affordability problems come mainly from limited housing supply and restrictive regulations — not from a lack of government programs. It is a supply and demand issue, not a policy on affordability issue. Creating more government programs will inflate the problem, not solve it.

The RPT's 90th Legislative Priorities emphasize property rights, local control, and reducing regulatory barriers — supporting the conservative position that housing affordability improves when communities can build freely and efficiently without federal interference.



Democrats elevate *affordability*, *immigration*, and *housing* because these issues matter deeply to voters.

Republicans can refute these values — respectfully and effectively — by returning to core conservative principles:

- Personal responsibility
- Legal immigration with commitment
- Housing affordability through deregulation
- Economic freedom
- Community-driven solutions

This isn't about attacking Democrats. It's about helping voters understand how two philosophies approach the same problems differently — and why conservative values offer a compelling alternative. Republicans can respond by applying the conservative values that emphasize personal responsibility, limited government, and community-driven solutions.

Our community thrives when we stay informed, thoughtful, and engaged. Knowledge truly is power. We should never shy away from the issues as they arise — instead, we can approach them with confidence, clarity, and a willingness to listen and share. Meaningful conversations with neighbors, friends, and even those who disagree can

open doors to understanding. When we explain our views respectfully and clearly, we may offer perspectives that resonate with others, including Democrats and Independents who are still deciding their direction.

Broadening our base of informed, civically minded voters will be essential as we move toward the midterm elections. Thank you for being part of a dialogue rooted in respect, clarity, and civic responsibility.



-We are actively seeking an individual or team to take over the float for the parade next year. I will say, we have the makings for a great float, with a very different theme, that will not entail extensive engineering, construction or artwork. The current team is stepping aside for an alternative experience, hence the need for someone or a team to assist with float implementation. If we do not find any volunteers by 1 October, the float will become only a concept for the club, not the reality that brings esprit de corps, fun, and excitement to the July 4th S.O.T. parade. If interested, contact Julie Greenawalt (juliegreenawalt@astound.net) or Tom Dollahite (dollahit@aol.com).

-Are you inspired by taking pictures? Do you like photoshoots? We are actively looking for 1 or 2 individuals to commit to capturing some club moments at our meetings, events, and activities to enhance our public persona. Phone shots are welcome! If interested, connect with Julie Greenawalt (juliegreenawalt@astound.net).

NO MEETING FOR AUGUST. Enjoy your summer!

REGULARLY, SCHEDULED MEETINGS WILL RESUME-SEPTEMBER 2ND, IN THE ROBSON RANCH CLUBHOUSE. DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM, PROGRAM FOLLOWS AT 6:30 PM.

*We are currently working on great programming for the fall. As soon as we have commitments from our speakers, we will publicize the programs for you.

Patriotically yours,

Julie Greenawalt

President, Robson Ranch Republican Club