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Immigration Policy with Hugh Hewitt and Angelo Paparelli (GNOC)

With an estimated 12 million illegal immigrants in the U.S., it is fair to say that immigration policy is an issue that needs to be addressed in the near future. Gen Next will host [Hugh Hewitt](#) and [Angelo Paparelli](#) on September 15th to discuss immigration policy and its effect on Americans, particularly to Californians. Guest list enforced. [More](#).



When: September 15th at 6:00 p.m.

Where: [Prego](#) - 18420 Von Karman Ave, Irvine 92612

RSVP: [Natalie](#)

Education Reform - Kevin Chavous (GNLA)

Public education is in a crisis. Our long-term economic position in the world and the opportunities of so many kids depend on whether or not we solve this problem and how soon. Leading the debate on education reform in the U.S. is founder of Democrats for Education Reform, [Kevin Chavous](#), who will join Gen Next for an engaging and frank discussion. Guest list enforced.



When: September 17th @ 6:00 p.m.
Where: provided upon RSVP
RSVP: [Sarah](#)

U.S. Competitiveness and Free Markets - Dr. Yaron Book (GNOC/SD)

The burst of the housing bubble, government takeovers of several industries and an increasingly competitive global economy make it apparent that we are witnessing a period of economic uncertainty, where free market principles are being questioned.

[Dr. Yaron Brook](#), President of the Ayn Rand Institute, will join Gen Next to discuss the contemporary relevance of Ayn Rand's ideas and how they matter to our Members. The afternoon will present Gen Next Members with the opportunity to interact with the award-winning professor, businessman, and renown speaker. Guest list enforced.



When: October 1st at 11:30 a.m. (OC) and 6:00 p.m. (SD)
Where: Provided upon RSVP
RSVP: [Natalie](#) (OC) or [Nicole](#) (SD).

The Path to Energy Independence (GNLA,OC,SD,SEA)

The U.S. is facing a serious energy crisis, as we still depend on OPEC to supply a large portion of resources that power our economy.

[Dr. Gal Luft](#) and [Anne Korin](#) of the [Institute for the Analysis of Global Security](#) will join Gen Next to discuss energy security and how to achieve it. They will discuss potentially breakthrough legislation called the Open Fuel Standard Act, which is an effort to get more flex fuel vehicles on the road for more competition in the transportation fuels sector. Guest list enforced.



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Wish You Were Here

Former U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff (GNSD)

Secretary Chertoff recently spoke with Gen Next Members and delved into critical issues such as homeland security, detainee classification, disaster preparedness, and the flow of goods and people across the border. Chertoff further compared and contrasted the Obama Administration and Bush Administration's approach to national security. [More.](#)



Economic and Political Condition of California: Al Checchi

The economic welfare of California is at stake. Al Checchi recently joined Gen Next at [Five Crowns](#) restaurant for a stimulating discussion on reform in California. Mr. Checchi argued that no sustainable solutions can be achieved through reliance on either or both of the two major political parties. Rather, potential solutions include judicial restructuring, redrafting the California constitution, holding new elections for state officers and legislature, redrafting of state contracts, and more.

The Future of Health Care Reform(GNLA)

[Congressman John Shadegg](#) of Arizona recently joined GNLA for a discussion that revealed the shortcomings of the currently proposed health care reforms. Shadegg has recently introduced the bill, "Improving Health Care for All Americans," which outlines free market solutions aimed at reducing the rising costs of care and reinforces the right of individuals to choose their individual plan. [More.](#)



Are Your Kids Ready to Compete? (GNSEA)

From the Seattle Waterfront overlooking Puget Sound, Gen Next Members and guests spent an evening with [Scott Oki](#) discussing the current crisis in our public education system. Mr. Oki is a well-known philanthropist, entrepreneur and new author. He recently released his first book entitled [Outrageous Learning: An Educational Manifesto](#), which, with refreshing openness, highlights the problems facing our nation's schools and gave his unique thoughts on how to solve them. [More.](#)



Update from Orange County Sheriff Hutchens (GNOC)

In a relatively safe county such as the County of Orange, crime and its prevention are a large priority to



constituents and local government. Newly appointed [Sherriff Sandra Hutchens](#) spoke with Members to discuss her strategy to keep criminal activity to a minimum and reform the sheriff's department. [More.](#)

Texas Governor Rick Perry Visits Gen Next San Diego (GNSD)

Governor Perry and the First Lady of Texas joined Members of Gen Next for an intimate lunch to examine and discuss critical issues facing the U.S. Unemployment, taxes, border and immigration policy, education and unions were among the topics discussed by Governor Perry. Considering a recent [Economist article](#) contrasting the economic success of Texas and decline of California, the conversation with a man in the middle of it proved quite revealing. [More.](#)



The Big Chill

Gen Next Members from all over SoCal descended upon Member [Ali Jahangiri's](#) house to celebrate life and just "chill". Members enjoyed views of Newport Back Bay, authentic Mexican food and limitless supply of healthy energy drinks - thanks to [FRS.](#)



"Crime vs. War" Responding to Terrorism in the 21st Century - John Yoo, former Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Legal Counsel at the U.S. Department of Justice (GNOC/SD)

Wiretapping and the controversy behind it was a hot topic for [Former Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Legal Counsel at the U.S. Department of Justice John Yoo](#), who recently joined GN SD and OC for a candid discussion. [More.](#)



Fmr. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Exclusive Experience at Ronald Reagan Library, July 14th

Plagued with turmoil, decision making and stress, the

leaders of our country find no relief during times of war and a worsening economy. Former President Ronald Reagan had to persevere through both. On July 14th, Members visited the [Ronald Reagan Library](#) to experience the decisions he and his cabinet made and also learn of the legacy he left behind. Following a Situation Room simulation, Members gathered to listen to remarks by [Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice](#) on current and past foreign policy.



More Upcoming Programs

Gen Next has some exciting programs in the works, please be sure to visit the [website](#) regularly for updates.

Gen Next Welcomes SD Regional Director Nicole DeMarco

A Seattle native, Nicole landed in San Diego for school and a new adventure. With a heart for service, Nicole gravitates toward projects and groups that serve people and move ideas.

She's joining Gen Next San Diego as its first full-time Regional Director to manage the membership selection process, programming, organizational development, cultivation of strategic relationships, delivery of outputs and more.

Nicole recently worked at the Hard Rock Hotel San Diego, and she previously worked with local candidates, including Assemblyman Martin Garrick, Councilman Carl DeMaio and John McCann for State Assembly. The broad set of experience helped her to acquire skills from the roots of campaigns to the inner-workings of a state office to private sector service.



Nicole holds a B.A. from San Diego State University and studied international law and politics at Oxford University, New College.

In her free time, Nicole is with friends and family. She enjoys going to the beach, reading, anything with humor, and attempting to play golf.

Members in the News

Mark Minyard Named 2009 OC Family Law Lawyer of the Year

[Mark E. Minyard](#) was recently named the 2009 Orange County Family Law Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers In America. Congrats, Mark!



Gen Next Members Launch Video on "How to Help a Child with Autism"

[Gen Next Members Jason Liebman](#) and [Glen Ackerman](#) deliver a video on "[How To Help A Child With Autism.](#)" TACA has been an invaluable resource to the creation of this video and works to provide information, resources, and support to families affected by autism, and in turn strengthen the autism community in America.

Kevin Maloney - CEO Centerfold

Gen Next Member [Kevin Maloney](#) was recently featured as OC Metro CEO Centerfold for September 09. Congrats Kevin!



Knowing When to Stop, or Learning How to Win?

Gen Next Member [Michael McClellan](#) recently contributed to [Stevenpressfield.com](#). McClellan refutes [George Will's](#) argument that Afghanistan is essentially not winnable, and perhaps more importantly, not worth winning. McClellan suggests we look to history for instruction. "Alexander the Great figured out that if you win the tribes, you can win Afghanistan; lose the tribes and you face intractable insurgency... Given the strange consistencies of Afghanistan over time, and the disastrous ramifications of withdrawal two decades ago, we should recognize that knowing when to stop is not nearly as important as learning how to win."

Ali Jahangiri Appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger to the Law Review Commission

Gen Next Member [Ali Jahangiri](#) has recently been appointed by Gov. Schwarzenegger to the Law Revision Commission. The commission examines common law, state law and judicial decisions for defects and recommends reforms. It submits its recommendations to the Governor and members of the legislature.

FYI

Strategic Briefing: Al-Qaeda Affiliated Group to Revise Jihadist Ideology

According to a recent release from the Quilliam Foundation, ["the Libyan Islamic Fighting Group \(LIFG\), a prominent jihadist group allied with al-Qaeda, is planning to issue a document refuting al-Qaeda's jihadist ideology. Those involved in these "revisions" say they will be more comprehensive than the refutations of former jihadists to date. As a result, this refutation of jihadist ideology may potentially strike a major blow against al-Qaeda, creating internal divisions in the](#)



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[movement as well as undermining grassroots support for al-Qaeda's narrative around the world."](#) The Quilliam Foundation is a partner of Gen Next.

Socialnomics

Ninety-six percent of Generation Y participates in some form of a social network, and by soon Gen-Y will outnumber Baby Boomers. Social Media has drastically taken over our lives and businesses. It's the way many people are connecting. If you're not part of a social network, you should be. [Check out this powerful youtube video!](#)