



All Eyes on November 3

The months leading up to a Presidential election are fraught with questions: Will I pay more or less in taxes? How will the markets react if leadership changes? Will we ever move from divided, to united? To answer these questions and more, Abacus is hosting a webinar conversation with political analyst [Greg Valliere](#) Wednesday, September 2, at 7:00pm EDT. Valliere will provide commentary on the pending Presidential and Congressional elections as well as the possible economic policy changes and global market reactions. [Register](#) now for A View from Washington#abundance@abacus.

Hold that RMD

The CARES Act waived the required minimum distribution (RMD) from retirement accounts for 2020. If you took a distribution earlier in the year and want to reverse your decision, you have until until



[August 31](#) to roll those dollars back into your retirement account. At first glance, skipping a year of taxes on a retirement account distribution seems like an easy win. Hold that thought: a partial or full RMD, [conversion to a Roth IRA](#) or a [Qualified Charitable Distribution](#) may be the better plan for 2020 to minimize your income tax bill over time. Your Abacus financial advisor will discuss the optimal plan with you in your next meeting.



Meet Our Team

Abacus is proud to announce its ranking among the *Financial Times* [Top 300 Registered Investment Advisors](#). *Barron's* also selected our Founder, Cheryl Holland, as one of [Barron's Top 100 Women Financial Advisors](#) in the country for the 5th consecutive year. We appreciate each of our clients who have individually and collectively enhanced our expertise and success. Brava to Cheryl and Hip, Hip, Hooray to the Abacus Team!

Abacus in the Community - Monarchs Need Your Help

Abacus celebrated our summer birthdays by exploring the flora and fauna of our own backyards with the [South Carolina Wildlife Federation](#) team. Through education and advocacy, the Federation promotes conserving and restoring South Carolina's wildlife and wildlife habitat. The experience inspired the firm to commit to changing our office landscape to a Certified Wildlife Habitat^(c) in 2021. We also plan to promote and plant [milkweed seeds](#) to expand the migratory habitats for the monarch butterfly. If you would like milkweed seeds for your yard, [email Alexa](#) to create your own monarch way station.



Athena's Corner: The Long Climb to Recovery

With markets soaring to new highs in recent weeks, the Abacus investment team hosted [The Long Climb to Recovery](#) and shared our thoughts on the outlook for the economy and global markets. In his [blog](#), PIMCO's Global Economic Advisor, Joachim Fels, shares his rationale for why a return to normal may be difficult.