



# Active Democrat

General Meeting – April 15, 2009

## May Ballot Measures & Curren Price



### President's Letter:

Hello Democrats!

I suppose it's ALWAYS election season!

Since my last message we've had 2 –

Yes, 2 elections! The public's "election fatigue" is showing, with incredibly low voter turn-out for both. My husband and I voted at 1:30 PM, and we were # 19 and 20 in our precinct to vote. But we'll be getting another chance to redeem ourselves on May 19th, with a run-off election for Community College Board (We've endorsed candidates Angela Reddock and Nancy Pearlman.) and Senate District 26 (with Assemblymember Curren Price as Democratic nominee). In addition we'll be voting on some very important propositions, which will affect the balance of our State budget and the future of California. I'm reminding you now, and I'll remind you again --- VOTE! I know I'm probably "preaching to the choir", so let me expand this.... Remind your friends and family to VOTE!

At our April 15 meeting we'll be discussing these propositions, and Curren Price is scheduled to speak to these issues – barring any unforeseen difficulties in

leaving Sacramento for the evening. I'm looking forward to more information to help sort us through the intricacies of the budget agreement, and the effect these propositions will have on this delicate balance.

And here's a heads-up for June: We have organized a coalition of many local Dem Clubs to produce an event – "150 Days of the Obama Presidency". We will be bringing together local congressional members and other officials to discuss what has been accomplished so far, and what we need to do in the future. It should be a great forum, and we will get more info to you as the details get solidified. I'm very excited about this event.

Now, on a personal note: On March 16th I was up in Sacramento receiving the honor of "Woman of the Year" of the 47th Assembly District, by Speaker Karen Bass. It was an amazing experience for me – especially meeting so many women fully engaged in such diverse activity. I was proud to be included among them – and have the pictures to prove it. Very cool.

Finally, ... Happy Passover!  
Happy Easter! Happy Voting!

Ronnie Jayne

### Monthly General Membership Meeting:

**7:00 PM Wednesday, April 15, 2009**

**NOTE: Date Change**

6:45 PM – Refreshments  
Rotunda Room

Veterans Memorial Building  
4117 Overland Avenue  
Corner of Overland Ave. and  
Culver Blvd.

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### Club Notes

**Renew your membership!**  
Please use the form on page 4 to supply your renewal information.

**Electronic Newsletter:**  
Submit your email address to Info@CCDemClub.org and ask to get the newsletter by email!  
Save a tree and save our club the postage!

**Join the Culver City Peace Vigil:** Show your support for ending the war in Afghanistan every Friday 5:30 – 6:30 PM across from the Culver Hotel.

**Meeting Sponsors:**  
March: Hal & Carolyn Cherness

April: Naomi Green and Leonard Shapiro

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Letters to the Editor:

To the Culver City Democratic Club:

I wish to thank you for the most generous honor given me in recognition of my many years as a continuing member of the Culver City Democratic Club. I joined the club after WW2 when I moved to Culver City. I was the fourth president in the early 1950's. My late wife (Trudy) and son Darryl later became president as well and we all remained active throughout the 20th century. The club became our activity both social and political and our closest friends were among the active members. The club has had many successes and a few failures but has survived all these years as one of the most active and productive political clubs in the state of California. Again, thank you for the first "Lifetime Achievement Award" given to me and I will always treasure it and will continue to support and

contribute to our club.

Sincerely,  
Harold Cherness

David T. Vahedi for LA  
City Council  
by Darryl Cherness

Why am I, a resident of Culver City and a member of the Culver City Democratic Club, supporting a candidate for Los Angeles City Council?

There are two reasons why I have taken this course of action: (1) because some of our members live in West Los Angeles and (2), and most important, because developments to the north of our community can have a profound effect on traffic congestion in Culver City. For example, the Westfield expansion proposal would expand the Century City Mall by adding over 300,000 square feet and

**Seeking Submissions**

We would like your articles and letters to the editor. Let your voice be heard! Submissions will be published as space allows. Submissions may be edited for length.

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would include a 39 story mixed use tower. The Casden Project located at Pico and Sepulveda would include 576 apartments, 1,200 additional residents, and 11,000 more car trips. Both developments could have a significant adverse effect on traffic congestion in Culver City.

Anyone who has spent any time observing the Los Angeles City Council knows that the council is heavily influenced by big developers and special interests who make generous contributions to candidates for city council. Of the two candidates running in the Fifth Councilmanic District, Paul Koretz and David T ("TY") Vahedi, who have made it to this May's runoff election, only Vahedi refuses to accept contributions from developers and billboard companies. Moreover, Vahedi has been aggressive in standing up to big developers and in calling for reduction in major projects such as the Casden Project.

Vahedi is a lifelong resident of the Fifth District and has been active in his homeowners association and in various forms of grassroots activism. Unlike some of the candidates he ran against, Vahedi is not a "carpetbagger" or a shill for major developers.

For the above reasons, I support Vahedi for Los Angeles City Council in the Fifth District and encourage my fellow club members to do the same.

**Di's Corner: By Diane Rosenberg**

On March 16, 2009 Labor Secretary Solis joined Speaker Karen Bass in Sacramento to honor the California Assembly's "Women Of The Year". Speaker Bass selected Ronnie Jayne, our president, as the 47th Assembly District's Woman of the Year. Jayne is an accomplished singer/songwriter/comedian who has created a successful small business around her artistic career. In Culver City Jayne serves on the Cultural

Affairs Commission, the Board of the Chamber of Commerce, and was 2008 Chair of Fiesta la Ballona.

"The distinguished women honored today go above and beyond the mark of excellence by dedicating their lives to others, so that we all can have a better world." Bass said. "From entertainer, to entrepreneur, to community leader, Ronnie Jayne has given Culver City a great example of success and given a voice to others in her community."

"I am so proud to be honored as Woman of the Year by Speaker Bass," Jayne said. "I am fortunate to be in a profession that allows me the time to volunteer in the community in many capacities, and plan to continue my work of service in Culver City and the 47th Assembly District. I am truly touched by this recognition."

We as a club congratulate Ronnie Jayne for her achievements.

## Key Ballot Measure Information

From the office of Speaker Karen Bass:

	<b>Begins</b>	<b>Sunset If Prop 1A Fails</b>	<b>Sunset If Prop 1A Passes</b>
1-cent Sales Tax Increase	April 1, 2009	June 30, 2011	June 30, 2012
5 percent Personal Income Tax (PIT) Surcharge .25 (.125% Surcharge If Federal Funding Triggers is pulled)	Jan 1, 2009	Dec 31, 2010	Dec 31, 2012
PIT Dependent Credit Reduction	Jan 1, 2009	Dec 31, 2010	Dec 31, 2012
VLF Increase from 0.65 percent to 1.15 percent	May 19, 2009	June 30, 2011	June 30, 2013

<b>Proposition</b>	<b>Budget Impacts <u>If Prop Fails</u></b>
1A (Spending Cap)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ No budget impact in 2009-10.</li> <li>◆ No budget impact in 2010-11.</li> <li>◆ \$9.2 billion loss in 2011-12.</li> <li>◆ \$3.7 billion loss in 2012-13.</li> </ul>
1B (Supplemental Ed Payments)	◆ No net budget impact.
1C (Lottery Modernization/Securitization)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ \$5 billion loss in 2009-10.</li> <li>◆ \$5 billion loss in 2010-11.</li> </ul>
1D (Prop 10 temp changes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ \$608 million loss in 2009-10.</li> <li>◆ \$268 million loss 2010-11 thru 2012-13.</li> </ul>
1E (Prop 63 temp changes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ \$227 million loss in 2009-10.</li> <li>◆ \$235 million loss in 2010-11.</li> </ul>
1F (Legislator Pay)	◆ No budget impact.

## Renew Your Club Membership for 2009!

Our membership chair, Diane Rosenberg, will gladly accept your renewal for this year. You can use the form on Page 4 to update any of your contact information and select the level of membership. Dues were due by January 1, 2009.

For questions please call Membership Secretary Diane Rosenberg at (310) 398-5328

“In our personal ambitions we are individualists. But in our seeking for economic and political progress as a nation, we all go up or else all go down as one people.”

“Let us never forget that government is ourselves and not an alien power over us. The ultimate rulers of our democracy are not a President and senators and congressmen and government officials, but the voters of this country.”

- Franklin D. Roosevelt

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**Renew your membership!**

Now collecting dues for 2009. Dues for 2009 were due by January 1, 2009. Current dues must be paid by renewing members before a vote to get a ballot at the general meeting. New and lapsed members must have paid dues at least 25 days in advance to vote at a meeting.

**Upcoming Events**

► **Wednesday, April 15**

**Monthly General Meeting: May Ballot Measures**  
**NOTE: Date Change for Passover.**

7:00 PM at the Rotunda Room, Veterans Memorial Building. Public is welcome. Call Ronnie at (310) 836-7557 or email President@CCDemClub.Org

► **Saturday, April 18**

**Monthly Board Meeting:**

1:00 PM at the Rosenberg's home. All members welcome. Call Karlo at (310) 839-9793 or email FirstVP@CCDemClub.Org

► **Wednesday, May 13**

**Monthly General Meeting:**

7:00 PM at the Rotunda Room, Veterans Memorial Building. Public is welcome. Call Ronnie at (310) 836-7557 or email President@CCDemClub.Org

► **Tuesday, May 19**

**Run-Off Election: Senate District 26 & Community College Board**

DON'T forget to vote!

► **Coming in June!**

**150 Days of the Obama Presidency!**

Local Dem clubs will join us to hear congressional leaders and others discuss the Administration's accomplishments and challenges.

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April 15, 2009 - Meeting Program:

**May Ballot Measures &  
Curren Price**

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I declare that all the individuals listed for membership are registered Democrats.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Dues: Dues may be waived for financial hardship

- Member \$30
- Student \$20
- Supporting Member \$75
- Sustaining Member \$125

Additional Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please renew for 2009 if you haven't already done so.**

The dues period runs concurrent to the calendar year. Renewals are due by January 1, of each year.