



Active Democrat

General Meeting – June 9, 2010

Arizona's Immigration Mess

Cyndi Benedezu, UCLA Institute for Research on Labor and Employment



President's Letter:

It's Election Season, yet again. This time we have the opportunity to choose our Democratic Candidates for State and

National representation. We can vote for a Proposition that moves us in a good direction (Prop 15 -- Fair Elections) and vote against some very bad ones (14, 16 & 17).

When people ask me what our Culver City Democratic Club does, I mention our informative meetings open to the public, calls to action, candidate and issue forums and voter registration drives. But probably the MOST important ongoing Club activity is mailing out our endorsements to every Democratic household in Culver City for every election! I am very proud that despite these tough economic times, our Club continues to see the value of informing our Culver City Democrats.

As many of you know, it takes a 60% vote at an endorsement meeting for our Club to endorse a candidate or ballot issue. Sometimes the vote is overwhelming (for example, supporting Speaker Emeritus Karen Bass for Congress, or against Proposition 16).

Sometimes the 60% cannot be achieved (for example, our Club was divided between Holly Mitchell and Reggie Jones-Sawyer for 47th Assembly District). If someone should ask you "Why 60%?", know that our 60% threshold is the same being used by the County and State parties, and is in our by-laws.

Election Day is June 8 (I remind you, in case you've been hiding under a rock from the daily phone calls and mailers.). If you haven't done so already, ... VOTE! ... and remind your friends and relatives to do the same. Please let them know that our Club endorsements can be found on our website: www.CCDemClub.org .

We need to elect good Democrats to set progressive priorities in solving our State budget crisis. We need to elect good Democrats to Congress and Senate to defeat the Republican agenda. Finally, after the disastrous Supreme Court decision in "Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission", we should be hyper-aware of the importance of good Supreme Court nominations by Democratic Presidents, and having them confirmed by good Senate Democrats. Work hard for Barbara Boxer's reelection!

Take care,
Ronnie Jayne, President

Monthly General Membership Meeting:
7:00 PM Wednesday, June 9, 2010
6:45 PM – Refreshments
Rotunda Room
Veterans Memorial Building
4117 Overland Avenue
Corner of Overland Ave. and Culver Blvd.

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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 other Friday 5:30 – 6:30 PM across from the Culver Hotel.

Comments expressed in the Newsletter are the opinions of the authors and do not necessarily represent the position of the Culver City Democratic Club.

Some Facts on Arizona's SB 1070 (from the Arizona Legislature's web site)

- Requires a reasonable attempt to be made to determine the immigration status of a person during any legitimate contact made by an official or agency of the state or a county, city, town or political subdivision (political subdivision) if reasonable suspicion exists that the person is an alien who is unlawfully present in the U.S.
- Requires the person's immigration status to be verified with the federal government pursuant to federal law.
- Requires an alien unlawfully present in the U.S. who is convicted of a violation of state or local law to be transferred immediately to the custody of ICE or Customs and Border Protection, on discharge from imprisonment or assessment of any fine that is imposed.
- Allows a law enforcement agency to securely transport an alien who is unlawfully present

in the U.S. and who is in the agency's custody to:

- A. federal facility in this state or
 - B. any other point of transfer into federal custody that is outside the jurisdiction of the law enforcement agency.
- Allows a law enforcement officer, without a warrant, to arrest a person if the officer has probable cause to believe that the person has committed any public offense that makes the person removable from the U.S.
 - Prohibits officials or agencies of the state and political subdivisions from being prevented or restricted from sending, receiving or maintaining an individual's immigration status information or exchanging that information with any other governmental entity for the following official purposes:
 - A. determining eligibility for any public benefit, service or license provided by any federal, state, local or other political subdivision of this

state;

- B. verifying any claim of residence or domicile if that verification is required under state law or a judicial order issued pursuant to a civil or criminal proceeding in the state;
 - C. confirming a detainee's identity; and
 - D. if the person is an alien, determining whether the person is in compliance with federal alien registration laws.
- Disallows officials or agencies of the state or political subdivisions from adopting or implementing policies that limit immigration enforcement to less than the full extent permitted by federal law, and allows a person to bring an action in superior court to challenge an official or agency that does so.

You can see the full text of the law at <http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/49leg/2r/bills/sb1070s.pdf>

Di's Corner: By Diane Rosenberg

On Sunday May 23, 2010 the 47th Assembly District Democratic Club held its 3rd Annual Awards Luncheon at The Proud Bird Restaurant. The Master of Ceremonies was Herb Wesson.

The Distinguished Democratic Award was given to Jim Clarke who is Director of Federal Relations in Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's office and to Ed Johnson who is Assistant Chief Deputy to Councilman Herb Wesson.

The Susan B. Locker Volunteer Award was given to Mollie "Lee" Welinsky. Lee has done a great job to advance democratic ideals with the many clubs she belongs to. We can call her the "Energizer Bunny" because she keeps going and going.

Special Tribute and Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Honorable Diane E. Watson.

The club sends condolences to former club member Ursula Vera and family on the untimely passing of her husband Albert Vera who passed away on Monday May 31, 2010.

2010 Club Officers and Committee

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Thoughts on Illegal Immigration by Greg Valtierra

Right off the bat, let me state that I do not advocate people entering our country illegally. In fact I think most reasonable people, if allowed to think clearly on the subject, would see that no one wants to advocate illegal immigration, not even the illegal immigrants. The way the media discusses illegal immigration often portrays it as a cut and dried issue. Thus people are drawn to efforts to demonize illegal immigrants. Additionally, efforts to punish these immigrants more severely also become attractive.

However, unfortunately, illegal immigration is a more complex issue than what our sound-bite driven public forums can usually handle. It's true that some of the people who enter our country illegally are here for nefarious reasons. However, most of the undocumented immigrants are here for one primary reason, to make a better life for themselves and their families.

I can see examples in my own extended family. I am a first generation U.S. citizen. My parents immigrated legally to this country with my three eldest sisters and I and my two other sisters were born here in Los Angeles. Some of my cousins, however, did enter this country illegally but like many undocumented immigrants some of their immediate family members are U.S. citizens by birth. All of them have worked hard in the U.S., paid taxes, bought homes, and tried to realize the American Dream. Luckily for them they were able to take advantage of past amnesty efforts and are no longer illegal immigrants.

We must seek to address the issues of illegal immigration with compassion. We are not likely to find any silver bullet solutions but rather a considered series of policies and actions will be needed to solve the problems.

Undocumented workers are easy prey for unscrupulous employers and criminal enterprises. We owe it to ourselves and to them to find a better solution than Arizona's in SB 1070. It won't be easy but it is possible.

June Primary Election Endorsements

Endorsements were voted on by Club members at the general meetings held on March 10 & April 14, 2010

U.S. Senate: Barbara Boxer
U.S. House of Representatives – 33rd District: Karen Bass
CA State Senate – 26th District: Curren Price
CA State Assembly – 47th District: NO Endorsement*

Governor: Jerry Brown
Lieutenant Governor: Janice Hahn
Secretary of State: Debra Bowen
Controller: John Chiang
Treasurer: Bill Lockyer
Attorney General: NO Endorsement*
Insurance Commissioner: Dave Jones
Superintendent of Public Instruction: NO Endorsement*
Board of Equalization: Jerome Horton

Superior Court Judge – Office 28: NO Endorsement*
Superior Court Judge – Office 107: Tony De Los Reyes
Superior Court Judge – Office 117: Alan Schneider
Los Angeles County Assessor: Yolanda Salazar

Proposition 13: Neutral*
Proposition 14: Vote NO
Proposition 15: Vote YES
Proposition 16: Vote NO
Proposition 17: Vote NO

LA County Democratic Central Committee*:
 Tom Camarella, Evelyn Metoyer-Williams, Terrence Montgomery,
 Mollie "Lee" Welinsky, Jimmie Woods-Gray

*60% of ballots were required for endorsement

Renew Your Club Membership for 2010!

Our membership chair, Diane Rosenberg, will gladly accept your renewal for the coming year. You can use the form on Page 4 to update any of your contact information and select the level of membership. Dues are due by January 1, 2010.

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

Renew your membership!

Now collecting dues for 2010. Dues for 2010 are due by January 1, 2010. 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.

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Upcoming Events

► **Tuesday, June 8**

Primary Election

Don't forget to vote! See our endorsements on Page 3.

► **Saturday, June 12**

New Member Luncheon

11 AM – 1 PM at Tom Camarella & Ronnie Jayne's home. Free to new members; \$10 for continuing members. Call Diane Rosenberg at (310) 398-5328 for details.

► **Wednesday, June 9**

Monthly General Meeting:

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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, June 19**

Monthly Board Meeting:

9:00 AM at Ronnie and Tom's home. All members welcome. Call Karlo at (310) 202-7255 or email FirstVP@CCDemClub.Org

► **Sunday, July 4**

Annual Independence Day Picnic/Barbeque

11 AM – 3 PM Lindberg Park. Bring what you want to grill and something to share. Call Ronnie at (310) 836-7557 or email President@CCDemClub.Org

► **Wednesday, July 14**

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

Culver City Democratic Club
Application/Renewal Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

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: \$_____

Please make your check payable to:

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Please renew for 2010 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.