



Active Democrat

General Meeting – September 15, 2010

November Election Endorsements: Part 2

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President's Letter:

Happy End of Summer, Culver City Democrats –

Firstly, I want to thank all of you who

helped staff our Club booth at Fiesta la Ballona on August 28 & 29: Phyllis Kossoff, Brenda Williams, Doris Levy, Tanoi Tanwi, Lee Welinsky, Barbara Honig, Eric Fine, Tom Camarella, Peter Reich, Karlo Silbiger, Gary Silbiger, Darryl Cherness, Sally Gardner and Bill Wynn. A special thanks to Sylvia Moore who not only staffed the booth, but helped to decorate it with Democratic posters and streamers. In fact, one more "Thanks" to Sylvia for further planting our Club firmly in the 21st Century, as the creator of our Culver City Democratic Club Facebook page. Please check it out, and "friend" us.

It was a very busy Fiesta weekend – Great weather, lots of people, and many opportunities to register voters and get the word out about our Club's activities. In addition we signed up dozens of people for our email and volunteer

lists for the November campaign.

And speaking about the November campaign, ... The California Democratic Party has opened a new Westside Campaign Office in our own back yard. The new office promoting the Statewide Democratic ticket is located at 3916 Sepulveda Boulevard, # 202, Culver City. It will be running day and night thru the General Election on November 2, ... and I expect to see many of you down there, volunteering your time to ensure a victory for our Democratic candidates.

I don't need to tell you how important this election is! We cannot stand idly by and allow Meg Whitman and Carly Fiorina to buy the California Governor's race and Senate seat! We need to elect Governor Jerry Brown and reelect Senator Barbara Boxer! With a fairly apathetic voter base and a "throw out the incumbents" anger by many independents, we must work hard to Get Out The Vote of our loyal Democrats. We can do that with your help.

At our September 15 General Meeting we'll be holding an (See **President**, Page 2)

Monthly General Membership Meeting:

7:00 PM Wednesday, September 15, 2010

6:45 PM – Refreshments
Rotunda Room

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

Stay in touch on **Facebook** at www.Facebook.com/group.php?gid=150471021643221

On **Meetup** at www.Meetup.com/CulverCityDemocraticClub/

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

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(President from Page 1) endorsement vote on the remainder of the November propositions. Be there, and let your voice be heard. I think I'll call October "Bill Wynn Month" – Bill is putting together two terrific October events for our Club. The first is our 2nd Annual Diversity Panel at our October 13 meeting. The second will be a Club Fundraiser screening of the movie, "The End of Poverty" on October 16, with a surprise guest speaker – More info to come. Thanks so much, Bill.

Have a Happy Rosh Hashonah and rest of summer.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Jayne, President

Endorsement Results from August's Meeting

At the Club's General Meeting on August 11 the club considered and voted on the first set of propositions and state offices that we will consider for endorsement for the November elections.

The discussion and votes resulted in the following endorsements which will be included in our mailer for the November elections:

Lieutenant Governor: **Gavin Newsom**

Attorney General: **Kamala Harris**

Superintendent of Public Instruction: **Tom Torlakson**

Prop. 19 - Marijuana Legalization: Vote **YES**

Prop. 20 - Congressional Redistricting: Vote **NO**

Prop. 23 - Suspend Global Warming Regulations: Vote **NO**

Prop. 27 - Eliminate Redistricting Commission: Vote **YES**

Offices Considered for Endorsement at September Meeting

We will be considering and voting on candidates to endorse for the

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.

The Club's Executive Board reserves the right to determine suitability of submissions for inclusion in the newsletter.

following offices at the Club's General Meeting on Wednesday, September 15:

Superior Court Office 28:

- Mark K. Ameli:
www.ElectMarkAmeli.com
- Randy Hammock:
www.Hammock4Judge.com

County Assessor:

- John R. Noguez:
www.JohnNoguez.com
- John Y. Wong:
www.JohnWong4Assessor.org

Please check the candidates' web sites for information about the candidates before our meeting on September 15.

Propositions Considered for Endorsement at September Meeting

The following propositions will be considered and voted on for endorsement at our General Meeting (the information is excerpted from the California Secretary of State web site:

Proposition 21 - Initiative Statute: Establishes \$18 annual vehicle license surcharge to help fund state parks and wildlife programs. Grants surcharged vehicles free admission to all state parks.

(See **Propositions**, Page 3)

Di's Corner: By Diane Rosenberg

On Sunday August 22, 2010 the Los Angeles County Democratic Party held its annual Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democrats Of The Year Awards. It was held at The Sheraton Universal Hotel.

Each Assembly District picks a man and woman. This year the 47th Assembly District Woman Of The Year's recipient for 2010 was given to our club member Meghan Sahli-Wells. And we congratulate her.

On Sunday August 29, 2010 Democrats for Israel's 20th Anniversary Garden Party Fundraiser was held.

The 2nd Hersh Rosenthal Volunteer Award for 2010 was given to our own club member Mollie "Lee" Welinsky who is a Democrats for Israel Board Member. And we congratulate her. Mollie has truly earned this award through her everlasting fortitude.

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Exempts commercial vehicles, trailers and trailer coaches from the surcharge. Fiscal Impact: Annual increase to state revenues of \$500 million from surcharge on vehicle registrations. After offsetting some existing funding sources, these revenues would provide at least \$250 million more annually for state parks and wildlife conservation.

Proposition 22 - Initiative Constitutional Amendment: Prohibits the state from borrowing or taking funds used for transportation, redevelopment, or local government projects and services.

Prohibits State, even during severe fiscal hardship, from delaying distribution of tax revenues for these purposes. Fiscal Impact: Decreased state General Fund spending and/or increased state revenues, probably in the range of \$1 billion to several billions of dollars annually. Comparable increases in funding for state and local transportation programs and local redevelopment.

Proposition 24 - Initiative Statute: Repeals recent legislation that would allow businesses to lower their tax liability.

- Repeals recent legislation that would allow businesses to shift operating losses to prior tax years and that would extend the period permitted to shift operating losses to future tax years.
- Repeals recent legislation that would allow corporations to share tax credits with affiliated corporations.
- Repeals recent legislation that would allow multistate businesses to use a sales-based income calculation, rather than a combination property-, payroll-, and sales-based income calculation.

Summary of Legislative Analyst's Estimate of Net State and Local Government Fiscal Impact:

Increased state revenues of about \$1.3 billion each year by 2012–13 from higher taxes paid by some businesses. Smaller increases in 2010–11 and 2011–12.

Proposition 25 - Initiative Constitutional Amendment: Changes legislative vote requirement to pass budget and budget-related legislation from two-thirds to a simple majority. Retains two-thirds vote requirement for taxes.

- Changes the legislative vote requirement necessary to pass the state budget and spending bills related to the budget from two-thirds to a simple majority.
- Provides that if the Legislature fails to pass a budget bill by June 15, all members of the Legislature will permanently forfeit any reimbursement for salary and expenses for every day until the day the Legislature passes a budget bill.

Summary of Legislative Analyst's Estimate of Net State and Local Government Fiscal Impact:

- In some years, the contents of the state budget and related legislation could be changed due to the lower legislative vote requirements in this measure. The extent of these changes would depend on a number of factors, including the state's financial circumstances, the composition of the Legislature, and its future actions.
- In any year the Legislature has not sent a budget to the Governor on time, there would be a reduction in state legislator compensation costs of about \$50,000 for each late day.

Proposition 26 - Initiative Constitutional Amendment: Requires that certain state and local fees be approved by two-thirds vote. Fees include those that address adverse impacts on society or the environment caused by the fee-payer's business.

- Requires that certain state fees be approved by two-thirds vote

of Legislature and certain local fees be approved by two-thirds of voters.

- Increases legislative vote requirement to two-thirds for certain tax measures, including those that do not result in a net increase in revenue, currently subject to majority vote.

Summary of Legislative Analyst's Estimate of Net State and Local Government Fiscal Impact:

- Decreased state and local government revenues and spending due to the higher approval requirements for new revenues. The amount of the decrease would depend on future decisions by governing bodies and voters, but over time could total up to billions of dollars annually.
- Additional state fiscal effects from repealing recent fee and tax laws: (1) increased transportation program spending and increased General Fund costs of \$1 billion annually, and (2) unknown potential decrease in state revenues.

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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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September 15, 2010 - Meeting Program:

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Upcoming Events

► **Wednesday, Sept. 15**

**Monthly General Meeting:
November Election**

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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, September 25**

Monthly Board Meeting:

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

► **Wednesday, October 13**

**Monthly General Meeting:
Diversity Panel Discussion**

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, October 16**

**"The End of Poverty"
Screening with Speaker**

7:30 PM at the 3916 Sepulveda
Blvd. Open to the public. Tickets
will be \$25. Proceeds to benefit
the Culver City Democratic Club.
Call Bill Wynn at (310) 253-9046
or email
SecondVP@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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P.O. Box 4254, Culver City, CA 90231-4254

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

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.