



General Meeting — Wednesday, March 14, 2018 California State Assembly Candidates Forum and Endorsement Meeting

President's Message by Amy Cherness: Keep our children safe from guns

February 14, 2018, Valentine's Day, a day meant for love, not hate, a 19-year-old student, Nikolas Cruz, shot and killed 17 people and wounded many others at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland Florida.

It is a heartbreaking tragedy that we have experienced another school shooting. Cruz, a nineteen-year-old with a record of threats and violence, should not have been able to buy a gun, but in Florida he was able to buy one legally.

Students have organized a rally in Washington D.C. on March 24 called March For Our Lives to demand safer gun laws. Far too many of our children have been killed and maimed by guns in school shootings, as the Republican Party refuses to act in the face of this carnage. I hope that the students can teach their parents to vote against the NRA and their hand-picked elected officials.

What can be done to prevent gun violence in our schools? Here are a few suggestions:

(1) Schools need to do a more comprehensive job of reaching out to mentally ill young people and provide them with treatment, both on and off campus.

(2) There needs to be more security guards on campus to stop violence before it occurs.

(3) Gun background checks need to be strengthened to go beyond simply denying guns to convicted criminals and to people who have been adjudicated mentally incompetent.

(4) We need to deny guns to people who have made threats of gun violence when those threats can be confirmed.

(5) All schools should have anonymous hot lines where students can report plans or other conversations by other students related to gun violence.

(6) Parents and guardians should be held accountable for keeping loaded and unlocked firearms in their homes where children can use those firearms to perpetrate acts of violence.

(7) Get Culver City students involved in campaigning for an end to gun violence in our schools.

I want my daughter and all children to be safe in school. The time has come to address the critical problem of gun violence in our schools. There will be a March For Our Lives rally on March 24 at 10:00 a.m. at Pershing Square in Los Angeles. My family will be there, and I hope that every member of our Club will join us. Please spread the word!

Monthly General
Membership Meeting:
**7:00 PM Wednesday,
March 14, 2018**

6:45 PM — Refreshments
Rotunda Room
Veterans Memorial Building
4117 Overland Avenue
Corner of Overland Ave. and
Culver Blvd.

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54th District California
State Assembly seat
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Daniel Lee



Alex Fisch



SYDNEY KAMLAGER

[Sydney Kamlager has been endorsed by the California Democratic Party] Hello Culver City. My name is Sydney Kamlager and I am running for the 54th Assembly District seat. Many of you know me as District Director for Senator Holly Mitchell and also as President of the Board of the Los Angeles Community College District. For the past seven years, I have worked on your behalf, representing the many legislative Assembly and Senate offices that cover Culver City. I have established strong relationships with Culver City residents and administration, making sure that we are informed of the work, the issues and the priorities that matter. I have always worked to hear you and to work with you. We have been in the struggle together. That won't stop.

As President of the LACCD Board of Trustees, I represent the largest community college district in the nation, home to nine colleges, including West Los Angeles College. In this capacity, I have fought for increased diversity and representation, more intentional connections with small businesses, increased service support for emancipated foster youth and formerly incarcerated students, incorporating environmentally sustainable practices into our LACCD Build program and expanded workforce development programs.

Before joining Senator Mitchell, I served as Vice President of External Affairs for Crystal Stairs, the largest

child development agency in the state. While there, I developed our legislative agendas, fought against budget cuts that would harm working poor women and families and established Community Voices, a parent and provider advocacy group that walked the halls of Sacramento educating legislators about the economic importance of childcare.

I am excited about the opportunity to serve you in a new capacity. I have been committed to the 54th AD for close to 20 years, as a resident, employee and public servant. I have an intimate understanding of the issues and a desire to bring a new progressive voice to the chorus in Sacramento. Thank you.



GRAYSON PANGILINAN

In 2008, while still in high school, I returned home and was met with the roaring voice of then-Senator Barack Obama accepting the Democratic nomination to become President of the United States. Obama's call to action inspired me, like many young Americans, to take up the baton and shape the world of tomorrow. In my community, I saw first-hand the effect education spending cuts were having on school districts statewide, and when deeper cuts were expected, I started a grassroots campaign to lobby the State Legislature to place a sales tax extension on the ballot to fund K-12 public education. Later, I worked for Governor Jerry Brown, Assemblyman Ken Cooley, and served as an Assistant Field Director for Congressman Ami Bera. While still a full-time college student, I founded my first company and leveraged my passion for green energy to help thousands of homeowners across California remodel their homes to become more energy efficient.

I want to represent District 54 in the State Assembly because too many politicians engage in the same old policy debates that are tone-deaf to the challenges of today and tomorrow. My generation must face an ever-growing list of challenges that threaten our future: a rapidly changing climate, growing income inequality in the age of automation, digital security threats – especially those that threaten the integrity of our elections, life-sentencing student debt, out-of-date infrastructure that is being replaced with decades-old solutions that don't align with tomorrow's technological advancements, and much more. We need to inspire a larger percentage of young Americans to get involved and stay engaged.

I believe we need a new generation, with a new mindset, to take the reins of elected office and prepare us for the world we will share tomorrow. While Washington turned backward with the election of Donald Trump, California, as the leader of the opposition movement, has the unique opportunity to set an example for the rest of our country and lead America into the future.

Please join me on Facebook and at GraysonForCalifornia.com



TEPRING MICHELLE PIQUADO

Tepring Michelle Piquado is a Ph.D scientist. She has been inspired to run for office in her home state of California. In this climate where scientific, pragmatic thought is being dismissed

at the federal level, it is important now more than ever to elect scientific-minded people. Tepring is a person that engages with stakeholders, gathers data and relies on information in context to make good decisions. She inspires young people through her work as a former math and science teacher and as a professor. She speaks with college students and high schoolers to encourage them to continue their education and follow their dreams. California is a great state where Tepring has been able to work hard with integrity and thrive. She envisions a California that continues to be at the forefront of innovation and development. As a wife of a police officer, Tepring is dedicated to keeping our communities safe and providing officers with the tools and training to ensure that safety. As the daughter of a teacher and the granddaughter of Air Force servicemen, Tepring seeks the opportunity to serve her community at the legislative level. She earned scholarships to attend Georgetown University, graduating with a computer science degree, and Brandeis University, graduating with a neuroscience degree. She understands how vital it is to meet with communities. That's why she is meeting with local officials, voters and community members and wants to hear from you: Piquado-Assembly2018@gmail.com

Seeking Submissions

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



Culver City Democratic Club members Pete Rockwell and Cynthia Hart participated in the January 20 Women's March in downtown Los Angeles.

Di's Corner: By Diane Rosenberg

In Celebration of the Life of Margaret Ann "China" Fuller Lindgren was held on Sunday, January 28, at Culver-Palms United Methodist Church in Culver City. She was a long-time member of the Club who passed away on Saturday, January 13. It was a full house. Attending were Culver City Councilmembers Meghan Sahli-Wells and Jim Clarke, Candidates for City Council Alex Fisch and Daniel Lee, Former Club Presidents Sylvia Moore, Darryl Cherness and Karlo Silbiger (a former Culver City School Board President), Club President Amy Cherness, Former School Board Member Barbara Honig, and Former Mayor and Councilmember Gary Silbiger.

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A Candidates Forum was held at our Wednesday, February 14, General Meeting for Culver City City Council. There were one hundred plus members present, as well as guests. Only members in good standing were able to vote. Candidates Alex Fisch, Daniel Lee and Albert Vera were vying for the Club's endorsement, with only two positions open. We are happy to announce two candidates were endorsed by the club: Alex Fisch and Daniel Lee. We want to congratulate them both.

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On Sunday, February 18, the Club held its annual Installation Luncheon at the Courtyard by Marriott in Culver City. The emcee was Scott Houston, Board of Directors Vice President of the West Basin Municipal Water District. Scott installed the newly-elected officers for 2018. They are President: Amy Cherness, First Vice President: Andy Rosenberg, Second Vice President: Craig Scott, Treasurer: Eric Fine, Recording Secretary: Shannon Theus, Corresponding Secretary: Cynthia Hart, and Membership: Diane Rosenberg. President Amy Cherness received the President's plaque. The recipient of the "Trudy & Hal Cherness Democrat of the Year Award" was Steve Dunwoody, who is a candidate for the 54th Assembly District. Also attending were Sydney Kamlager (who is also a candidate for the 54th Assembly District), City Council candidates Alex Fisch and Daniel Lee, Former Mayor and Councilmember Meghan Sahli-Wells, LAFD Commissioner Jimmie Woods Gray, former President of the New Frontier Club Rosa Russell, former Mayor and Councilmember Gary Silbiger, former School Board Member Barbara Honig, former Club Presidents Tom Camarella, Khin Khin Gyi and Darryl Cherness (who is Civil Service Commissioner for Culver City), Ed Johnson (from L.A. City Council President Herb Wesson's office) and former Airport Advisory Board Member and former President of Culver City Friends of the Library Herb Rosenberg. We want to thank Scott Houston for doing a great job as emcee.

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The Club sends condolences to members Lorenza and Bob Manley on the passing of his daughter.

VOTE for City Council APRIL 10

**Candidates Endorsed by
Culver City Democratic Club**



**ELECT
ALEX FISCH
FOR CULVER CITY COUNCIL**

Alex Fisch:

I work for the California Department of Justice, protecting our State's natural resources and suing oil companies when they violate our environmental laws. We must protect residents from the dangers of the Inglewood Oil Field—the largest urban oil field in the United States.



**Daniel
Lee**
CULVER CITY COUNCIL

Daniel Lee:

We must ensure the health and well-being of our residents by working tirelessly to maintain the safety of our water supply, our air quality, and the health of our soil. Because Culver City sits on the largest urban oil field in the nation, the city must take significant steps to protect our community from the health impacts of oil and gas production.

Club Notes

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

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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

☐ Lifetime Member \$500

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

Please renew for 2018 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.