



General Meeting — Wednesday, June 13, 2018

New Location This Month: 3916 S. Sepulveda Blvd.

CALIFORNIA PRIMARY ELECTION JUNE 5

President's Message by Amy Cherness: Thoughts after recent council meeting

People, we got trouble—right here in Culver City. The problem is with the folks whose preferred candidates lost the election for city council.

At a recent city council meeting a group of people in the audience were upset because Goran Eriksson was passed over to become vice mayor and Meghan Sahli-Wells was elected instead. One of the Eriksson supporters said to Daniel Lee “You were elected because of the color of your skin!”

This behavior is outrageous to say the least, and it was discovered that this woman and others live in Costa Mesa—not Culver City.

I have been to many city council meetings, but I have never heard such things said about any council member.

Now to catch up. There is a group of residents thinking about a recall. I've heard of sour grapes, but this takes the cake.

We the people of the Culver City Democratic Club have to keep a close eye on these residents—who I believe are a small group. Our club worked hard to elect 4 out of the 5 council members, and we need to keep them in.

There is no need for a recall, just a need to keep things in order and work together. Elections have consequences and when people lose elections they inevitably lose control. Those who lost the election need to come to grips with this fact.

To the conservative element in this community I have a simple message: you lost, deal with it!

Monthly General
Membership Meeting:

7:00 PM Wednesday,

June 13, 2018

6:45 PM — Refreshments

NEW LOCATION THIS MONTH

The Peace Center

3916 South Sepulveda Blvd.

Culver City, CA 90230

Free parking in back

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I took this picture May 5, at an event sponsored by Congresswoman Karen Bass. The event was titled: “Preventing Senior Scams: Experts & Resources to Protect Older Adults and Families.” Speaking at the event were three candidates endorsed by the Culver City Democratic Club. Pictured are Deputy District Attorney Tony Cho (left) and California Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones (center). On the right is Esther Kim, who is a Deputy Attorney General with the California Department of Justice. Not pictured here was Sydney Kamlager, our endorsed candidate for the California State Assembly. The event was informative. We heard from people who actually prosecute these types of cases, and learned about red flags to beware of.

—Cynthia Hart

Sore losers speak up at Culver City Council meeting

OPINION

I attended the April 30 meeting of the Culver City Council to be there when Daniel Lee and Alex Fisch, the two candidates our club had endorsed, were sworn in as new council members.

I was surprised at the anger from people who got up to speak against the election of Megan Sahli-Wells as vice mayor. I learned previous city councils had voted to establish a "policy" providing that the offices of mayor and vice mayor would be rotated by seniority once a year. So far, so good.

But then I learned that the city charter provides for the election of the mayor and vice mayor by the city council.

The angry citizens at the mic were complaining that the policy was not being followed. It seems to me that if the pol-

icy had been followed, the city charter would have been violated. The council members have a legal right to elect the mayor and vice mayor. To take away that right is to disenfranchise the council members—at least when it comes to the question of who will be mayor and vice mayor.

Since rotating the offices of mayor and vice mayor violates the city charter, the policy should not have been established in the first place.

It looks to me like the anger over this issue is being stoked by those whose chosen candidates lost the April 10 city council election. I've seen two front page editorials on the subject in a local paper that endorsed the losing candidates.

There are serious problems in Culver City that the council will have to con-

front: fracking and oil drilling in our neighborhoods, problems with schools, housing, traffic, clean water and clean air. There are serious disagreements among our citizens over how to solve these problems. Let's not get distracted by manufactured disputes.

Also, we should attend city council meetings and speak out when we see good council members being attacked for doing their jobs.

—Pete Rockwell

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Santa Monica phone bank to take back the House

Sign up to Take Back the House in 2018 by supporting fellow Democrats in swing districts in Orange County.

Join a coalition of local groups for phone banking every Thursday evening from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at 337 14th Street (between Carlyle and San Vicente). Please bring a laptop or tablet, along with a cell phone. To RSVP, or if you have any questions, please call Susie Shannon at (213) 880-3065.

Di's Corner: by Diane Rosenberg

At our May 9 general membership meeting we had as guests David Berger, running for Judge; Jeffrey Prang, Los Angeles County Assessor, running for re-election; Judge Malcolm Mackey, running for re-election; Wendy Segall, running for Judge; Rene Caldwell Gilbertson, running for Judge; and Asif Mahmood, running for Insurance Commissioner. The club endorsed all six of them. The club also endorsed Sydney Kamlager for California State Assembly, District 54. We congratulate them all.

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

☐ Lifetime Member \$500

Additional Contribution: \$_____

Please make your check payable to:

Culver City Democratic Club

P.O. Box 4254, Culver City, CA 90231-4254

OR Click "Join/Renew" on our web site: CulverCityDemocraticClub.com

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.

Endorsements by Culver City Democratic Club for JUNE 5 Primary Election



**John Chiang
for
Governor
of California**



**Kevin de León
for
United States
Senator**



**Dave Jones
for
California
Attorney General**



**Sydney Kamlager
for
California
State Assembly**



**Asif Mahmood
for
California Insurance
Commissioner**



**Jeffrey Prang
for
Los Angeles
County Assessor**



**Wendy Segall
for
Superior Court Judge
Office #20**



**Tony Cho
for
Superior Court Judge
Office #60**



**Malcolm Mackey
for
Superior Court Judge
Office #63**



**David Berger
for
Superior Court Judge
Office #71**



**Rene Caldwell Gilbertson
for
Superior Court Judge
Office #126**

68 | YES Protects California's water and parks. Prepares for climate change, wildfires, and drought

69 | YES Prevents the Legislature from diverting transportation funds for non-transportation purposes

70 | NO An attempt by Big Oil to stall and undermine California's climate and clean air progress

71 | YES Ensures statewide ballot propositions become effective only after every vote is counted

72 | YES Prevents a property tax increase on homeowners who conserve by recycling rainwater

Rules for Elections and Endorsements

Only members of the Culver City Democratic Club, meeting one of the following two criteria, are eligible to vote.

1) A continuing member whose dues were current for the 2017 membership period and has paid for the 2018 membership period prior to the vote.

OR

2) A new member (or a lapsed member) who has joined and paid their dues for 2018 by no later than 25 days before the meeting.

Those eligible will be given ballots if a written ballot is needed.

Voting for club officers and endorsement of political candidates shall be by secret ballot unless waived by two thirds of the eligible voters present. When a club officer position is uncontested, the club may elect the officer by acclamation if there are no objections to such a vote. Endorsements of ballot measures do not require a secret ballot.

An endorsement must have at least sixty percent of the vote. Blank ballots will not be counted in the total.

If a first ballot does not result in an endorsement for all open seats, a second ballot shall be conducted. Only one ballot will be held to endorse ballot measures and propositions.

During the question and answer period for candidates all questions shall be submitted in writing to the chair. Questions should include the name of the person asking the question and should be as legible as possible.

Since we want as many member and non-member comments as possible during the discussion periods, all comments will be limited to one minute or less. Please have your thoughts ready so you can take the fullest advantage of your strictly enforced sixty seconds. Speakers will be asked to line up to make their comment and the comments will be heard in the same order as the order of the line.

Please understand that we are trying to allow as much commentary from everyone as is possible in a very short time frame and appreciate you adhering to these reasonable rules.

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Drag Queen Bingo
Hamburger Mary's
Thursday, June 21, 7pm
\$20 at the door

8288 Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood, CA 90046
Benefiting Culver City Democratic Club
Carpools will be organized at the June membership meeting