



## **General Meeting — Wednesday, September 12, 2018 Peace Center, 3916 Sepulveda Boulevard, Culver City Candidate Endorsements for the November 6 election**

### **President's Message by Amy Cherness: The President's men are turning on him**

President Trump has been having a rough week. Many of his close advisors have decided to talk about his wrongdoings and speak with federal prosecutors. Trump has been shaken by the disloyalty, as his allies have turned against him.

Allen Weisselberg, the chief financial officer of the Trump Organization, was granted immunity in the investigation of Michael Cohen—Trump's personal attorney.

Michael Cohen pleaded guilty to violating campaign finance laws at Trump's direction. He said that Trump ordered

him to illegally interfere with the 2016 election.

President Trump has always said that he values loyalty the most in his friends and allies. It looks as though these people are being less than loyal, and looking out for themselves.

Another person Trump is upset with is Attorney General Jeff Sessions, because he recused himself from the Russia probe.

It looks like the President needs to get a new group of allies or suffer the consequences of what people will say about him.

### **Culver City Democratic Club member Dr. Tashon McKeithan is running for School Board**

As an educator with over 20 years experience, Doctor Tashon McKeithan is a champion for strong early childhood education, increased professional development for teachers and administrators, supports for social emotional learning and mental health, as well as outdoor education. Additionally, she has worked to build external partnerships and has been the recipient of substantial grants used to rebuild an outdoor play space and to create a school-based free mental health clinic to support vulnerable families.

She was raised by her paternal grandparents in a working class neighborhood in New York City. Her grandfather worked as a custodian and her grandmother worked in the kitchen of a public school cafeteria. Her grandfather was a functional illiterate and her grandmother was only able to read and write on a basic level. They were

unable to gain access to quality schooling in their lifetime, but recognized that a good educational foundation could unlock doors. Her grandparents and teachers instilled in her a desire to learn and work hard to achieve her dreams.

Her love of learning developed into a love of teaching. She has worked in education for the past twenty years, the majority of that time working in public schools. As principal of a school where 25 percent of the population consisted of children with special needs, she made it her mission to provide quality programs and put highly qualified teachers in classrooms. She has a history of collaborating with outside organizations to support arts programming, partnering with local colleges to provide developmentally appropriate education, writing grants for technology enhancements, and working with

### **Monthly General Membership Meeting:**

**7:00 PM Wednesday,  
September 12, 2018**

**6:45 PM — Refreshments  
Peace Center  
3916 Sepulveda Blvd.,  
Culver City**

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non-profit organizations on school beautification projects. Her passion for children and families, along with her dedication to providing quality education to all, has led her to run for Culver City School Board.

Tashon holds a master's degree in early childhood and elementary education and a doctoral degree in K-12 educational leadership. She began her career teaching elementary school in the South Bronx. She previously worked as a teacher and administrator in public schools in the New York City Department of Education. Tashon currently works as the Director of Early Childhood Programs at The Center for Early Education.

Tashon is married and has one child. She often attends her daughter's tennis tournaments and gymnastics competitions on the weekends. Tashon enjoys volunteering and listening to audio books.

## Di's Corner: by Diane Rosenberg

Congresswoman Karen Bass spoke to a packed house at our general meeting on August 8. At the end of her talk the club endorsed her for re-election. Our featured speaker was Water District Director Scott Houston. He's also running for re-election and the club endorsed him as well. Javier Perez, running for Superior Court Judge, also spoke briefly and was endorsed by the club.

On Tuesday, August 7, club executive board member Herb Rosenberg felt dizzy, like having vertigo, and had to be transported to the hospital. He is doing well. His doctors are running tests and tell us he will be home soon.

Herb has had dizzy spells and vertigo for some months, and sometimes couldn't stand up. I would give him two Excedrins and it would go away. He would get these episodes twice a week and not get another one for two weeks. Each time he had these episodes I would give him two excedrins. On Tuesday, August 7, he had another episode in the morning. I gave him two excedrins but it didn't help. I called the paramedics and they transported him to the hospital where they did an MRI. It showed that he has been having mini strokes. The one on Tuesday was a little more severe. They admitted him. The doctor did tell us that Excedrins contain aspirin and another ingredient which helps for headaches and prevents blood clots.

Herb's speech and ability to swallow are impaired. They have him on assisted oxygen and feeding. He is showing signs of improvement slowly and we are taking things day by day. Every day is one step better than the day before.

On Friday, August 10, he was put on a ventilator in the ICU. The following Friday, August 17, they transported him to Kindred Hospital, 5525 W. Slauson Ave., L.A. 90056 (used to be Fox Hills Hospital).

They are now starting to wean him off of the ventilator. Yes, he can have visitors. If any members want to call me for updates, they can. My number is 310-398-5328.

## Endorsements

Some Democrats are running for office this year with only Republican opposition. Congresswoman Karen Bass, Water District Director Scott Houston, and Deputy District Attorney Javier Perez were endorsed by the Club at the August meeting. We will have a chance to endorse a number of other Democrats, who are running against Republicans, at the September 12 meeting. They are: Gavin Newsom, Governor; Alex Padilla, Secretary of State; Betty Yee, Controller; Fiona Ma, Treasurer; Xavier Becerra, Attorney General; Ricardo Lara, Insurance Commissioner; Holly Mitchell, State Senate; Tony Vazquez, State Board of Equalization District 3; Jeffrey Prang, Los Angeles County Assessor.

Offices in which two Democrats are running against each other are listed on the sample ballot on page three. Also listed on the sample ballot are local ballot propositions. State ballot propositions were voted on at the August meeting and the results are on page four. Culver City School Board candidates are all Democrats running unopposed. They are on the sample ballot as well, and we have invited them to come to the September meeting to introduce themselves.

## Sea Change Pac events in September

Sea Change is a volunteer organization started by Congresswoman Karen Bass to help Democrats "flip the house."

**PHONE BANK** at the Peace Center: 3916 Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City.

**Dates:** Wednesday, September 5, 6:30pm-8:30pm; and Wednesday, September 26, 6:30pm-8:30pm. Bring a phone, phone charger, and (if available) laptop or tablet.

**CANVASS** in Brea (CA-39) for Gil Cisneros.

**Dates:** Sunday, September 9, 2:00pm-6:30pm, and Sunday, September 30, 2:00pm-7:00pm. Bring comfortable shoes, sunscreen, and a light bag to carry materials.

**CANVASS** in Huntington Beach (CA-48) for Harley Rouda.

**Dates:** Saturday, September 15, 8am-3:30pm, and Saturday, September 29, 8am-3:30pm

**CANVASS** in San Juan Capistrano (CA-49) for Mike Levin.

**Date:** Sunday September 16, 10am-4:30pm

**RSVP** either at the website: <https://seachangepac.org> or the Seachange Facebook page. When you register for events in Orange County, you will have the opportunity to select the option of "Self-drive" or "Van-ride."

### 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](http://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. **NO REFUNDS.**

**Sample Ballot for Endorsements at Meeting on September 12, 2018**  
**Blank ballots will NOT be counted**

<b>U.S. Senate</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No Recommendation	<input type="checkbox"/> Endorse Dianne Feinstein <input type="checkbox"/> Endorse Kevin de León
<b>Superintendent of Public Instruction</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No Recommendation	<input type="checkbox"/> Endorse Tony Thurmond <input type="checkbox"/> Endorse Marshall Tuck
<b>Assembly District 54</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No Recommendation	<input type="checkbox"/> Endorse Sydney Kamlager <input type="checkbox"/> Endorse Tepring Piquado
<b>L.A. County Sheriff</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No Recommendation	<input type="checkbox"/> Endorse Jim McDonnell <input type="checkbox"/> Endorse Alex Villanueva
<b>L.A. County Superior Court Judge #4</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No Recommendation	<input type="checkbox"/> Endorse Alfred A. Coletta <input type="checkbox"/> Endorse A. Verónica Saucedá
<b>L.A. County Superior Court Judge #60</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No Recommendation	<input type="checkbox"/> Endorse Tony Cho <input type="checkbox"/> Endorse Holly Hancock
<b>Culver City School Board</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No Recommendation <b>Mark up to three (3) endorsements</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Endorse Steven M. Levin <input type="checkbox"/> Endorse Summer McBride <input type="checkbox"/> Endorse Tashon McKeithan

**Culver City Ballot Measures**

**Measure C**

**Culver City Neighborhood Safety and City Services Protection Measure**

Shall the measure to maintain 911 emergency response times by retaining firefighters, police officers, paramedics; fully staff neighborhood fire stations; fix potholes/streets; maintain senior services, after school programs, parks and other general fund City services, by increasing Culver City's sales tax one-quarter cent until ended by voters with no rate increase, generating approximately \$4,900,000 annually requiring independent annual audits, and all funds used locally be adopted?

☐ No Recommendation

☐ Support

☐ Oppose

**Measure D**

Shall the measure amending Sections 606 and 1500 of the Culver City Charter to change the date of the City's General Municipal Election for City Council Members from April of even-numbered years to the date of the statewide general election, currently held in November of even-numbered years, effective in 2020, in accordance with the California Voter Participation Rights Act, be adopted?

☐ No Recommendation

☐ Support

☐ Oppose

**Measure K — Culver City Unified School District**

To preserve excellence in core academic programs with locally controlled funds that cannot be taken by the State, attract and retain qualified teachers, maintain smaller class sizes, support math, science, engineering, technology, art and music programs, improve support for students with special needs, and prepare students for college and modern careers, shall Culver City Unified School District levy an education parcel tax of \$189 for seven years, raise approximately \$2,362,500 annually, with an exemption for seniors, and independent oversight?

☐ No Recommendation

☐ Support

☐ Oppose

## CCDC member Summer McBride is a School Board Candidate

As a parent of five children in Culver City schools, I'm passionate about our district and have spent the last nine years working within our community supporting the efforts and goals of the Culver City Unified School District.

**Experience:** I've been honored to serve on the Culver City School Board for the last 18 months. I've also served as 1st Vice President of the Culver City Council of PTAs, School Site Council, and the district's Equity Advisory Council. I've held positions as PTA Corresponding Secretary, Executive Vice President, and President. In addition to my work in the district, I have the privilege of working for a nonprofit community clinic in Los Angeles where I teach parenting classes, including a court-approved curriculum designed to assist parents working within the system to retain custody or be reunited with their children. Previously, I worked for the Loyola Marymount University School of Education in the Department of Language and Culture and served as the coordinator for the School's Student Success Center supporting student teachers.

**Vision:** Culver City has great schools, but they can be even better. I look forward to continuing the work I've already started to help ensure equity and access for all students. To support college and career readiness for every CCUSD student, we must continue providing facilities that are clean, safe, and designed for 21st century learning; teachers who are fully supported and trained; services that meet the dynamic academic and social-emotional needs of our students; and curricula and materials that are current and relevant. Excellent financial stewardship is vital to meeting these needs and optimizing our resources.

**Commitment:** I will spend the next four years working within our district, listening to and learning from the voices of all stakeholders, while advocating for state and nationwide accountability for full funding, equity, and integrated support for all students of all abilities.



Left to right: Ashley Vazquez of Seachange, Diane Rosenberg, Cynthia Hart, State Senator Holly Mitchell, and Culver City School Board Vice President Dr. Kelly Kent at the Culver City Democratic Club's Fiesta La Ballona booth on August 26.

## Culver City Democratic Club Endorsements for November 6, 2018

**Proposition 1** Issues \$4 billion in bonds for housing programs and veterans' home loans..... **SUPPORT**

**Proposition 2** Authorizes \$2 billion in bonds for homelessness prevention housing ..... **SUPPORT**

**Proposition 3** Issues \$8.877 billion in bonds for water-related infrastructure and environmental projects ... **NO RECOMMENDATION**

**Proposition 4** Issues \$1.5 billion in bonds for children's hospitals ..... **SUPPORT**

**Proposition 5** Revises process for homebuyers over age 55 or severely disabled to transfer their tax assessments.....**OPPOSE**

**Proposition 6** Repeals 2017's fuel tax and vehicle fee increases and requires public vote on future increases .....**OPPOSE**

**Proposition 7** Authorizes legislature to provide for permanent daylight saving time if federal government allows .....**OPPOSE**

**Proposition 8** Requires dialysis clinics to issue refunds or revenue above a certain amount..... **SUPPORT**

**Proposition 10** Allows local governments to regulate rent ..... **SUPPORT**

**Proposition 11** Allows ambulance providers to require workers to remain on-call during breaks paid.....**OPPOSE**

**Proposition 12** Bans sale of meat from animals confined in spaces below specific sizes ..... **SUPPORT**