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General Meeting — Wednesday, November 14, 2018 Peace Center, 3916 Sepulveda Boulevard, Culver City November 6 Election Recap

President’s Message by Amy Cherness

GET OUT THE VOTE!!!

My fellow Democrats — I am writing to tell all of you to remember to vote this November 6. Those who vote by mail should have their ballots by now, and should send them in as soon as possible.

The midterm elections have a long history of people not voting. Let’s make this year an exception. Tell all of your family, friends, neighbors, or anyone you know to get out and vote. The Club has done a great job sending out more than 8,000 slate cards to Democrats in Culver City. This should be the biggest turnout in a long time. As Club President, it has been my duty to make sure that everyone gets out to vote. There really is no excuse not to vote. If you need a ride to the polls, you can get someone to drive you.

I personally have been making phone calls for candidates and I will soon be doing canvassing for other Democrats. I hope that you can phone bank or canvass for a Democrat that needs help. I have been involved in Democrat-

ic politics since I turned 18. I love it! My husband Darryl is also a political person. We both enjoy helping out in campaigns, and we have helped out many of the people that the Club has endorsed over the years.

Lastly, I am asking again, that all of you Democrats get out and vote. Let’s tell Donald Trump that he can’t push us around. See you at the polls.



The Club will be hosting another *Drag Queen Bingo* fundraising event on Sunday, December 9. The one we did in June was a great success for two reasons: everybody who came had a great time, and the Club made about a thousand dollars. This allowed us to send out a lot more election endorsement cards than we would otherwise have been able to afford. So...save the date of Sunday, December 9, for *Drag Queen Bingo!* We will have more details soon on our Facebook page and our website, as well as in the December newsletter.

Monthly General Membership Meeting:
7:00 PM Wednesday, November 14, 2018
6:45 PM — Refreshments
Peace Center
3916 Sepulveda Boulevard,
and Culver Blvd.

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Why we should all vote for Los Angeles County Measure W *by Scott Houston — Director, West Basin Municipal Water District Division 4*

As West Basin Division #4 Water Board Director, my job is to make sure that when you turn on the tap, your water is safe, clean, and affordable. Our Water Board today must respond to the effects of global climate change, which has caused changes in precipitation patterns. (Did you know that even in Sweden they are having a problem with over-pumping of groundwater?)

Measure W prepares us for the new normal of extreme heat and more frequent droughts. It will create the Safe, Clean Water Program in L.A. County

that funds projects and programs to capture, clean and conserve storm water. This, in turn, increases our local water supply, improves water quality, and creates opportunities for new recreational green space and habitat.

Each year more than 100 billion gallons of rainwater, carrying a multitude of pollutants and contaminants, flows through our storm drains and into the ocean. Measure W will help capture and use this precious water source while also protecting public health and reducing contaminants that find their

way into our groundwater and the sea. Keeping pollutants from hitting our storm drains falls on local governments with no dedicated funding source to meet their obligations. The 88 cities and unincorporated areas of L.A. County routinely violate federal and state laws governing toxic pollutants and the environment, and these cities and the County will soon be hit with fines. Measure W provides that funding. Vote Yes on Measure W.

The Culver City Democratic Club has endorsed Scott Houston for re-election.—Editor

California State Senator Holly Mitchell and Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager-Dove endorse Culver City schools' Measure K

Flat parcel tax will be on November 6 ballot

California State Senator Holly Mitchell and Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager-Dove (District 54) both endorsed Culver City Schools' Measure K this past weekend. Measure K is an upcoming ballot measure that will place an annual flat parcel tax of \$189 per year on all residential and commercial private properties in Culver City, raising approximately \$2,362,500 annually. One hundred percent of this money will be funneled directly into Culver City Schools.

The Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD) Board of Education voted unanimously to place this measure on the November 6 ballot in order to bridge the gap between money that the District receives from the state, and the impending shortfall that will result from mandated increases in public employee retirement programs.

"The State of California passed a law requiring school districts to pay more for employee retirement programs," explains CCUSD School Board President Anne Allaire. "Complying with this law will cost our school district over two million dollars every year. Getting this

parcel tax passed is a vital component of our school district's future financial health. If it doesn't pass, we will be forced to make some drastic cuts to our core academic programs and will not be able to keep pace with median teacher salaries."

According to the language on the ballot, Measure K will be used to:

- Maintain and improve core academic programs like science, technology, engineering, math (STEM); English and writing;
- Fund vocational education programs, preparing students for college and modern careers;
- Help retain and attract high quality teachers and staff (including counselors, nurses and aides) to educate and support our students;
- Maintain small class sizes;
- Support and grow Culver City's robust arts curriculum and competitive

athletics;

Ensure that students with special needs are included with their general education peers in all PK-12 classrooms;

Bolster urgently needed social and emotional support for Culver City students;

Enhance district-wide safety measures.

"I have proudly represented Culver City as part of the 30th State Senate for 8 years, and am proud to endorse Measure K," says California Senator Holly Mitchell. "This parcel tax will provide resources and funds to ensure that all students will continue to thrive. Vote YES for Measure K on November 6!"

Measure K mandates an independent oversight committee to ensure funds are spent as promised. These funds cannot be spent on administrators' salaries.

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Di's Corner: by Diane Rosenberg

At our October 10, 2018 general meeting our guest speaker was Alex Villanueva, who is running for Los Angeles County Sheriff. The Club had already endorsed Alex at the September meeting. Also, Tony Cho, who is running for Superior Court Judge #60, stopped by for his second visit of the year. The Club endorsed him by acclamation.

Update on Herb Rosenberg: On October 22, Herb was taken from Marina Pointe here in Culver City and moved back to Marina Del Rey Hospital where he was diagnosed with pneumonia. He was admitted into the intensive care unit.

Culver City Democratic Club Application/Renewal Form

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
- Supporting Member \$75
- Lifetime Member \$500
- Student \$20
- Sustaining Member \$125
- Additional Contribution: \$_____

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

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Please renew for 2019 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.**

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aries, benefits or pensions. Seniors and people with disabilities will be offered an exemption from paying the parcel tax.

“Well-educated children help our communities thrive, and great schools keep our neighborhoods strong and prosperous and safeguard property values,” adds Allaire. “Excellent public schools, which depend upon public support, are the foundation of a vibrant residential and business community. Measure K is a wise investment that will protect Culver City schools. We hope everyone who goes to the polls on November 6 will vote yes on Measure K – it’s for our kids.”

Measure K requires a two-thirds majority to pass. Should it pass, it will begin July 1, 2019 for the next seven years. During this time, the Measure is expected to raise approximately \$16,537,500.

In addition to Senator Mitchell and Assemblymember Kamlager-Dove, early endorsers of Measure K include the following organizations: Culver City Federation of Teachers (CCFT), Culver City Association of Classified Employees (CCACE), Management Association of Culver City Schools (MACCS), Culver City Education Foundation (CCEF), Community Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC), Culver City Council of PTAs, Culver City Democratic Club, Fineshriber Family Foundation, and The Culver Studios. In addition, all five school board members (President Anne Allaire, Vice President Dr. Kelly Kent, Clerk Kathy Paspalis, and Governing Members Dr. Steve Levin and Summer McBride) endorse Measure K, as does CCUSD Superintendent Leslie Lockhart.

For a complete list of endorsers and more information, visit www.protect-culvercityschools.org or email: CCUSDParcelTax@gmail.com

Tony Cho was endorsed at the October Meeting for Superior Court Judge – Office #60



U.S. Senate	Kevin De León
U.S. House of Representatives 37th District	Karen Bass
CA State Senate – 30th District	Holly Mitchell
CA State Assembly – 54th District	Sydney Kamlager
Governor	Gavin Newsom
Lieutenant Governor	Eleni Kounalakis
Secretary of State	No Endorsement
Controller	Betty Yee
Treasurer	Fiona Ma
Attorney General	Xavier Becerra
Insurance Commissioner	Ricardo Lara
Superintendent of Public Instruction	Tony Thurmond
State Board of Equalization	Tony Vazquez
L.A. County Assessor	Jeffrey Prang
L.A. County Sheriff	Alex Villanueva
Water Board Director – District 4	Scott Houston
Superior Court Judge – Office #4	A. Verónica Saucedo
Superior Court Judge – Office #16	Patricia Hunter
Superior Court Judge – Office #60	Tony Cho
Superior Court Judge – Office #113	Javier Pérez

STATE BALLOT MEASURE ENDORSEMENTS

Proposition 1	Support	Proposition 7	Oppose
Proposition 2	Support	Proposition 8	Support
Proposition 3	No Endorsement	Proposition 10	Support
Proposition 4	Support	Proposition 11	Oppose
Proposition 5	Oppose	Proposition 12	Support
Proposition 6	Oppose		

CULVER CITY BALLOT MEASURE ENDORSEMENTS

Measure C:	Support	Measure D:	Support
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CULVER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ENDORSEMENTS

Measure K:	Support
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Measures C and D on the Culver City ballot

by City Council Member Alex Fisch

On November 6, Culver City voters will decide two important questions specific to the City of Culver City.

Measure C asks whether Culver City should collect an additional quarter cent sales tax (\$0.25 per \$100 of taxable sales) to maintain current city service levels. Whether it's 911 response times, senior services, or maintaining parks, playgrounds, sports fields, and the city pool, Culver City delivers diverse, high-quality amenities to residents. As demands on our general fund grow and our daytime population surges, however, we need to plan for the future so that we can remain a first-class, full-service city. A yes vote on Measure C will help finance that future.

Measure D asks Culver City voters whether we should move our city council elections (currently held in April) to coincide with statewide general elections (held in November).

Turnout in off-cycle April elections is notoriously abysmal. For example, our most recent city council election in April had higher turnout than any local election in recent memory, but only 7,473 people voted, out of about 27,000 registered voters. This is about 28 percent. In 2014, just 14 percent of voters cast ballots. In contrast, participation in the last four statewide general elections has exceeded 67 percent. In fact, in November 2016, 70 percent of Culver City voters made it all the way to the end of a historically long ballot to vote on a Culver City measure. That means that more than four times as many people voted on a local ballot measure in 2016 than voted for city council in 2014!

Democracy works best when all voices are heard, and general elections attract younger voters, less affluent voters, and voters of color. Our city government will be much more effective and fair if it is accountable to these voters.

If you are receiving the newsletter in the mail and would like to save the Club some money you can email pete_rockwell@hotmail.com and ask to get the newsletter by email.

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SeaChange: Help Democrats Flip The House Sign up for these events at <https://seachangepac.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/SeachangeResist/>

October 27 — Canvass in Tustin for Katie Porter (CA-45)

Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 8 AM – 2:30 PM

Peace Center, 3916 Sepulveda Boulevard, Culver City.

October 28 — Canvass in Huntington Beach for Harley Rouda (CA-48)

Sunday, October 28, 2018 at 11 AM – 5:30 PM

Peace Center, 3916 Sepulveda Boulevard, Culver City.

October 31 — Phone Bank to Help Flip the House!

Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Peace Center, 3916 Sepulveda Boulevard, Culver City.

November 3 — Get Out The Vote Canvass for Gil Cisneros (CA-39)

Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 9 AM – 5 PM.

Peace Center, 3916 Sepulveda Boulevard, Culver City.

November 4 — Get Out The Vote Canvass for Harley Rouda (CA-48)

Sunday, November 4, 2018. 9 AM – 5 PM.

Peace Center, 3916 Sepulveda Boulevard, Culver City.

November 5 — Get Out The Vote Canvass for Mike Levin (CA-49)

Monday, November 5, 2018. 9 AM – 5 PM.

Peace Center, 3916 Sepulveda Boulevard, Culver City.

November 6 — Get Out The Vote Canvass for Katie Porter (CA-45)

Tuesday, November 6, 2018. 9 AM – 5 PM.

Peace Center, 3916 Sepulveda Boulevard, Culver City.

Check <https://seachangepac.org/events> for details
