



General Meeting — 7p.m. Wednesday, September 11, 2019 Veterans Memorial Building, 4117 Overland Avenue Meeting Program: Candidate for Supervisor Herb Wesson; LA County Democratic Party Chair Mark Gonzalez

President's Message by Pete Rockwell

Jeanna Harris is our new 2nd VP

Jeanna Harris was elected Second Vice President at the Club's August general meeting. The 2nd VP is chair of the Ways and Means Committee, which is in charge of fund raising. I'd like to ask all of our members to support the Club's fund raising efforts as much as possible, because we have the most important presidential election of our lives coming next year, as well as a lot of local elections that need attention.

The more money the Club has, the bigger impact it can have on election outcomes.

I'd like to thank Ronnie Jayne Solomon for all the great work she did on behalf of the Club as 2nd Vice President. We love you, Ronnie.

Fiesta la Ballona

I'm writing this after spending most of last weekend in the Club's booth at Fiesta la Ballona. We met a lot of people, signed up some new members, gave away some free stuff, sold some buttons and t-shirts.

Our booth had visits from all four Democrats running for LA County Supervisor in the second district: Herb Wesson, Sharis Rhodes, Jan Perry, and Holly Mitchell.

We had a cardboard cutout of Barack and Michelle Obama that was pretty popular. Lots of visitors took selfies with the Obamas.

Meeting program

One of the speakers at our September 11 general meeting will be Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson, who is running to replace Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas in LA County's

second supervisorial district.

The other speaker at the September meeting will be Los Angeles County Democratic Party Chair Mark Gonzalez. Some members have questions for Mark about the endorsement of candidates.

Early primary

Since the California primary election has been moved up to March 3 of next year, the Club will need to make an endorsement for President this year in order to make it in time to mail out postcards with the Club endorsement.

I think we should vote to have endorsement voting at our November meeting, and I will call for a vote on that at our September meeting.

Bylaws change

We will be voting on a bylaws change at the September 11 general meeting. It will be on whether to add the following article to our Club bylaws:

"Article XVIII. Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Club may adopt."

This bylaws change is recommended by the Executive Board.

Ranked Choice Voting

Also on the agenda for our September meeting will be the voting procedure for our candidate endorsements. The Bylaws state that "A procedure for en-

Sponsor for
September
meeting:
Jeanna Harris

dorsement shall be established by the Executive Board prior to the endorsing meeting." The Executive Board voted to use ranked choice voting to choose Club endorsements for the March 2020 primary. Because this way of voting is unfamiliar to most of our members, it seems appropriate to discuss, ask questions, and air any concerns.

Ranked choice voting is not a new idea. Barack Obama proposed a ranked choice voting bill when he was in the Illinois State Legislature. Several cities already use it, as well as some Democratic Clubs.

What our Executive Board has proposed is a ballot that allows for first, second, and third choices for a given office.

For example: If my first choice gets eliminated for too few votes, my second choice candidate will receive my vote. My first choice candidate can't win, but my ballot still might have a say in the outcome.

The same thing happens if my second choice candidate falls short of enough votes: that candidate drops out, but the third choice on my ballot gets counted.

If no candidate reaches the 60 percent endorsement threshold on the first ballot, there will be a second ballot as usual.

Karen Bass and most Democrats in Los Angeles County have signed up to co-sponsor Medicare For All, HR 1384. Why? *by Craig Scott*

Frequently Asked Questions About Medicare For All

Shouldn't we try something that isn't as disruptive to our current system first, like a Medicare buy-in or public option?

Medicare buy-in and a public option plan both perpetuate current inequalities in our system of healthcare. Band-aid measures on top of the existing commercial insurance systems will do nothing to remove the profit motive from healthcare. Commercial health insurance will continue to cost patients and taxpayers hundreds of billions of dollars.

Why should I give up a private insurance plan if I like it?

Even the best private insurance plans in this country do not cover the comprehensive list of services without any out-of-pocket costs that Medicare for All does.

Will people be able to choose the doctor, hospital or specialist they want?

Of course! Medicare for All does not change your current relationships with your medical providers.

I hear that Medicare for All systems like Canada aren't as good as ours. Will my care get worse under Medicare for All?

No, your care will improve under Medicare for All. Everyone would be

entitled to a single, high standard of care.

Can the country afford Medicare for All?

Yes! In fact, Medicare for All will save us money. What we can't afford is our current wasteful, unsustainable health system where upwards of 20 percent of every health care dollar gets diverted to insurer and Big Pharma profits, marketing and advertising, million-dollar CEO salaries, and billing, instead of being used for patient care.

Will my family pay more money

for healthcare under Medicare for All?

Simply put, no. Studies show that the average family will pay less than they currently do for health care.

Isn't Medicare for All a political pipe dream?

That's the same thing many people said about passing the Civil Rights Act, banning child labor and extending the vote to women.

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Herb Wesson

Supervisor candidate Herb Wesson to speak at September Club meeting

Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson is running to replace Mark Ridley Thomas as County Supervisor for District 2.

Herb will speak at the Club general meeting on Wednesday, September 11, at the Veterans Memorial Building, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City.

Herb has been a member of the Culver City Democratic Club for many years. He stopped by our booth at Fiesta la Ballona last Saturday to talk with voters and answer questions.

Di's Corner: by Diane Rosenberg

The Club would like to thank Ronnie Jayne Solomon, who was our 2nd Vice President, for all that she has done for the Club over the years. She has turned the reins over to Club member Jeanna Harris, who is now our 2nd Vice President. And we want to welcome her.

On Monday, August 19, I went into Cedars-Sinai Hospital to have my right shoulder totally replaced. It went very well. I am now home recuperating and the healing begins. I will have a sling on for six weeks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 3

City Council Special Meeting
Please come to support the
Vote 16 Culver City Team
During Public Comment

September 9

City Council Meeting

September 11

CCDC General Meeting

September 23

City Council Meeting

October 5 or 6

State Democratic Party
Pre-Endorsement
Conference

October 16

CCDC General Meeting

The Culver City Democratic Club booth at Fiesta la Ballona was a great success



Sarah Hager and Rebecca Rottenberg, of Vote 16 Culver City, pitch their idea for allowing 16 and 17 year olds to vote in Culver City Council elections to Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson in the Club booth at Fiesta la Ballona.

PUSH FOR CULVER CITY COUNCIL TO PUT 16-YEAR-OLD VOTING ON THE AGENDA

On September 3, Vote16 will ask the Culver City Council to put the group's measure to allow 16 and 17 year olds to vote in Council elections on the agenda of a future Council meeting.

Supporters of Vote16 are encouraged to go to the City Council chambers at 9770 Culver Blvd., at 7 p.m. September 3, and speak on behalf of this measure. Or you may email written comments for the record to: city.clerk@culvercity.org

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Resolution calling for climate debate

[The following resolution was passed unanimously by the members at the August general meeting.]

Whereas, the climate crisis represents an urgent and existential threat to civilization, with an international consensus of scientists agreeing that humanity must drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions 45 percent by 2030 and net zero emissions by 2050 if the world is to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, and is not a single issue but rather a multi faceted, complex crisis intersecting with public health, foreign policy, jobs and the economy, labor, civil rights, immigration, agriculture, housing, transit, outdoor recreation, and every facet of American lives; and

Whereas, the Democratic National Committee has so far refused to permit a climate debate, and is barring presidential candidates from participating in non-DNC-sanctioned debates, despite calls for a climate debate from 16 Democratic presidential candidates, multiple Democratic members of Congress, and over 225,000 signers of a petition delivered to DNC headquarters June 12, 2019, and instead is encour-

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Club President Pete Rockwell, Club member Karim Sahli, Corresponding Secretary Cynthia Hart, State Senator Holly Mitchell, Club member Carlene Brown, past Club President Amy Cherness, Isabel Cherness, and past Club president Darryl Cherness in the Culver City Democratic Club booth at Fiesta la Ballona on Sunday, August 25. (Michelle and Barack Obama are on the far left of the picture.)

Vote to amend bylaws

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C. Alan Jennings, professional registered parliamentarian, writes in *Robert’s Rules for Dummies*:

“The rules in *Robert’s Rules* are soundly based principles of parliamentary law that take into account the rights of the majority, the minority, the individual, any absent members, and the collective rights of all these groups.”

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aging networks hosting debates to ask climate questions (climate was only brought up for four questions — 15 minutes in four hours of debates June 26-27, thus demonstrating that encouragement isn’t delivering a substantive debate); and

Whereas the DNC’s resolutions committee will consider a resolution authored by Tina Podlodowski (and introduced at DNC’s June 29 executive committee by Jess Durfee/Christine Pelosi/Garry Shay) calling on the DNC to allow a climate debate in which Presidential candidates debate climate policy (along with a weak substitute resolution supported by Tom Perez calling for no substantive change in DNC rules); both to be presented at the DNC meeting August 22-24, 2019;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Culver City Democratic Club supports the Podlodowski Resolution calling for a substantive climate debate, not the weak Perez-backed resolution, and further urges Rusty Hicks, Alex Rooker and all DNC members from California to support a stand-alone climate debate among Democratic Presidential candidates.

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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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Member \$30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Student \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting Member \$75 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Member \$125 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Member \$500 | Additional Contribution: \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> After July 1: \$45 for the rest of this year and all of next year! | |

Please make your check payable to:

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

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 1st of each year. **NO REFUNDS.**