



General Meeting — 7p.m. Wednesday, October 16, 2019
Veterans Memorial Building, 4117 Overland Avenue
Meeting Program: Candidate for Supervisor Holly Mitchell

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President's Message by Pete Rockwell

LA Supervisor candidate Holly Mitchell will be the speaker at our October meeting

There are four Democrats running for County Supervisor in District 2. Over the last three months the Club heard from Jan Perry, Sharis Rhodes, and Herb Wesson. This month we will have State Senator Holly Mitchell as our featured speaker.

Ranked choice voting

Members attending the September general meeting had a long discussion of ranked choice voting as the Executive Board envisioned it working in our candidate endorsement process. We decided to have a mock election at this month's meeting on October 16. We will vote on various flavors of ice cream and mark the ballots with first, second and third choices. Then we'll count the ballots, so that we all have a better sense of how it works.

Can we endorse Bernie Sanders?

Los Angeles County Democratic Party Chair Mark Gonzalez was scheduled to attend the September 11 general meeting of the Club, to answer the question of whether the bylaws of the Culver City Democratic Club prohibit the endorsement of Bernie Sanders because the Club may only endorse "registered Democratic candidates."

On the day of our meeting I got a call from Devin Osiri, the Executive Direc-

tor of the county party. He apologized for the fact that Mr. Gonzalez would not be able to attend our meeting because an emergency situation had arisen. He asked if we would like Mr. Gonzalez to attend a future meeting.

I told him that the question we wanted to ask was whether the Club could endorse Bernie Sanders without risking the loss of the Club's charter or violating the Club's bylaws.

Mr. Osiri told me that we are free to endorse any candidate on the ballot in the March 3, 2020, California primary because all the candidates on the ballot have been approved by the Democratic National Committee. They have also been approved by the national party to participate in the presidential primary debates.

Impeachment time has arrived

As I sit here putting together the Club newsletter, Nancy Pelosi was just on the news announcing that the House would launch a formal impeachment inquiry in response to the dispute over Trump's efforts to pressure Ukraine to investigate Joe Biden.

I was in my late twenties when Watergate happened, and I was able to listen to almost all of the hearings on the radio while I was working.

I think the impeachment of Donald Trump is going to happen, probably before the end of this year. The hearings, if they are anything like the Watergate hearings, will be historic and complicated. I hope millions of people watch.

He'll never be convicted

The United States Constitution requires a **two thirds** vote in the Senate to remove from office a President who has been impeached. This vote is supposed to come after a trial in the Senate. The judge in that trial will be the Chief Justice of the United States.

I'm not completely certain there will be a Senate trial of Donald Trump, even if he's impeached. I wouldn't put it past Mitch McConnell to refuse to hold a trial at all, in order to protect Republican senators from being forced to vote whether or not to remove Trump. I still believe the House of Representatives should not be afraid to impeach him.

***Sponsors for
October meeting:
Pete Rockwell &
Cynthia Hart***

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 5

Region 14 Pre-endorsement conference

October 15 – 16

Democratic Presidential Candidates Debate
(Set your DVR!)

October 16

CCDC General Meeting

October 18

Members who join or renew membership by this date may vote in our November endorsing meeting

October 20

Eric Fine honored at the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Democrat of the Year Dinner

October 27

Vote 16 Culver City Town Hall Wende Museum 1 PM
(Skeptics welcome!)

November 11

Veteran's Day

November 13

CCDC General Meeting
Vote on March 2020
Primary Endorsements
Selection of Nominating Committee for 2020
Club Officers

Di's Corner: by Diane Rosenberg

Medical Update: I am still recuperating from my surgery of August 19 on my right shoulder. I still have to wear the sling until I see the surgeon on Thursday Oct. 3.

Vote 16 Culver City is well represented at Climate Strike



Culver City Councilman Daniel Lee stands with Sarah Hager, Piper Samuels and Rebecca Rottenberg, of Vote 16 Culver City, at the September 20 Climate Strike

Ballot Disclose Act lives to fight another day

A few meetings ago, our Club voted to support SB636 – the Ballot Disclose Act. This bill, authored by Senator Henry Stern and sponsored by the California Clean Money Campaign, requires the ballot label of every state ballot measure to include a short list of official supporters and official opponents so every voter sees this important information when and where they need it most.

The good news is that, despite all opposition, SB636 will live on to become a 2-year bill. The California Clean



Money Campaign is collecting petition signatures now in preparation for the next legislative session. You can sign the on-line petition at: <https://www.yesfairelections.org/petition/sb636.php?ms=ca-clean-home-top>

Vote 16 Town Hall in Culver City

[The Club received the following letter from Vote 16 Culver City, an organization that advocates allowing 16- and 17-year olds to vote in Culver City elections]

Hi Pete,

We are hosting a Vote16 Town Hall on October 27 from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Wende Museum, 10808 Culver Blvd., in order to increase our visibility and address community concerns surrounding our issue, in addition to attempting to counter some misconceptions. We will be live streaming the event on Facebook and Instagram and answering questions from people in person and online. Could you please publicize our event in your next newsletter, and ask people to bring skeptics and fans alike?

We also have created an event on SignUp genius.

Thanks,

Sarah & The Vote16 Team

Email: vote16cc@gmail.com

<https://www.vote16culvercity.org/>

Don't forget to renew your membership in the Culver City Democratic Club for 2019!

Members in good standing on October 18, 2019, will be eligible to vote in the November 13, 2019, endorsement vote.

You can fill out the form on the next page and give it to Diane Rosenberg, or you can join/renew online at the Club's website:

CulverCityDemocraticClub.com

You'll see the words "Join/Renew" on the right above the photograph. If you click on that, it will take you to ActBlue.

MOCK ELECTION BALLOT

Mark **ONLY ONE** box in  **EACH** of the "choice" columns

	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice
Pistachio	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strawberry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chocolate Chip	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chocolate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pralines and Cream	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Neapolitan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vanilla	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rainbow Sherbet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rocky Road	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Fun with Ranked Choice Voting

At our October 16, 2019, Club meeting we plan a mock election conducted under our Club's adaption of Ranked Choice Voting. In our make-believe scenario, our Club is to endorse one flavor of ice cream. Of course, as in any Club endorsement, a flavor must receive 60 percent of the vote to win.

First Ballot

Members in good standing will sign in as they arrive for the meeting and will receive a ballot like the sample ballot above. Mark your ballot with an "X" in the "First Choice", "Second Choice", and "Third Choice" columns corresponding to your first, second and third choice flavors.

Our vote counters will tally the vote, while the rest of us watch. The counters begin by sorting all ballots by first choice. If any flavor receives 60 percent of the vote, that flavor wins, and we're done.

If not, in the second tally they 1) eliminate the lowest vote-getter and 2) count the second choices of the ballots that had, as a first choice, the flavor that was eliminated. In this way, it is the flavor that is eliminated, not the ballot.

If a voter's first and second choices are eliminated, that voter's third choice becomes their first choice. This process continues until we've run out of candidates and choices.

When this is done, if any flavor has 60 percent of the vote, we have a winner.

Second Ballot

If the first ballot does not result in a flavor receiving 60 percent, we will have a second ballot.

The second ballot is a contest between the two top vote getters. If neither receives 60 percent of the vote, there will be no endorsement.

Eric Fine will be named Democrat of the Year at the: 2019 Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Democrat of the Year Dinner

Sunday, October 20, 2019

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Reception

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM Dinner and Awards Program

Sheraton Gateway Hotel by LAX

6101 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045

Holly Mitchell will speak to Club members in October

State Senator Holly J. Mitchell will be our guest speaker at the general membership meeting on October 16. Holly is running for Los Angeles County Supervisor for District 2.



Holly Mitchell

Holly was named Chair of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee in December 2016.

She oversaw the adoption of consecutive state budgets of nearly \$200 billion each, directing funds to elementary and college students, the healthcare systems and long-neglected programs to assist infants, the elderly, youth and working families.

In recognition of her work, the five-member Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors presented her with its Distinguished Legislator Award.

Holly is a member of the Culver City Democratic Club.



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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:

Culver City Democratic Club

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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.

Please check here to receive the **paper** newsletter in the mail ☐

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.**