



General Meeting — 7p.m. Wednesday, December 11, 2019 Veterans Memorial Building, 4117 Overland Avenue Meeting Program: Vote on more endorsements and cast second ballot to endorse a Presidential candidate in the Democratic Primary

President's Message by Pete Rockwell

Fundraising events planned for the 2020 election year

Money

The Club needs to raise some money in 2020. The main purpose of the Club is to get Democrats elected, and we have two extremely important elections next year—the March 3 primary and the November 3 general election. For each election we plan to print and mail endorsement cards to as many voters as possible. The cost of printing and postage for these two mailings will be approximately \$4500 each.

Our first fundraising event will be the annual installation luncheon in February. There are two ways that the Club makes money on the luncheon. We charge a little more for the lunch than the cost to the Club, so we make some money on the luncheon itself. Also, we sell advertisements in the program book for the luncheon. I hope all our members will consider attending the luncheon next year, and, in addition, buying an ad in the program book.

On Sunday, March 22, at 6 p.m., we have Drag Queen Bingo at Hamburger Mary's in West Hollywood. I've been to the last three of these events, and I highly recommend that members and their family and friends attend. They have great hamburgers and the show is a kind of audience participation comedy show.

December Meeting

At the December 11 general meeting of the Club we will finish the endorsement vote that began in November. We plan to cast a second ballot for President, since no candidate received sixty percent of the vote on the first ballot.

Club bylaws require a candidate to get a sixty percent majority to receive the endorsement of the Club. Also, the bylaws require a second ballot if no candidate is endorsed on the first ballot.

The choices on the ballot for President will be the two top vote-getters from the first ballot, Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren. Sanders got 29 votes and Warren got 22, out of 62 votes cast.

The ballot will also have a "no endorsement" option.

We will vote on whether to endorse a candidate for Los Angeles County District Attorney. We need to stick to this schedule in order to get the endorsement postcards in the hands of voters before the voting begins.

*Sponsor for
December meeting:
John Williams*



Club member Carlene Brown won at Drag Queen Bingo in June. Our next fundraiser at Hamburger Mary's will be Sunday, March 22, 2020.

**Club members running for
County Committee of the
Democratic Party are invited
to speak at the Culver City
Democratic Club's
December 11, 2019
meeting at 7 p.m. at the
Veterans Memorial Building
Rotunda Room,
4117 Overland Avenue
Culver City**

Di's Corner: by Diane Rosenberg

Medical Update: Surgery on my left knee was done on Friday Nov. 15 at Southern California Hospital at Culver City here in Culver City. Surgery went extremely well. I came home on Sunday, Nov. 17, and was at physical therapy for my right shoulder on Tuesday, Nov. 19. That is going very well.

Saw my Orthopedic today, Nov. 26, and he removed the bandages from my knee and was very pleased with how it looked. He gave me a Rx to take to Orthosport for physical therapy on that knee.

Culver City's General Plan

by Freddy Puza

Culver City is in the midst of a historic moment. The landscape of the city is changing dramatically, whether it's the addition of the Metro stop, new developments being built, or large corporations moving into town. We're also dealing with an unprecedented housing crisis as well as mobility and transportation issues. At times, it can all seem overwhelming. This is why cities need a plan to help them define and navigate the changing times. Last year, Culver City embarked on the General Plan Update as the city reflects on the past and, more importantly, looks to the future on how it wants to see itself grow and develop.

The best way to think about the General Plan is as the City's constitution, which seeks to "provide for the physical, social and economic needs of its people by protecting and building on the City's strengths" (Culver City General Plan, page 0-1, 1994). State law requires every city and county in the state to "adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of the county or city, and of any land outside its boundaries which in the planning agency's judgement bears relation to its planning" (Planning and Zoning Law, Government Code 65300). The General Plan will have an effect on anyone who lives, works, plays, interacts with, travels through, or invests in Culver City.

It must include the following elements: land use, circulation, housing, open space, noise, conservation and safety. However, these are the minimum, and the City and community stakeholders have considered the possibility of adding sustainability, equity and social justice, healthy communities for all ages, climate adaptation and resiliency, urban design and public places, economy, Ballona Creek, cultural planning, governance, and technology. Some existing elements date from the early 1970s. It's time for a comprehensive, holistic refresh.

The City Council has appointed 21

people, including me, to the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC). Its function is to "advise broadly, make recommendations to Council, and liaise with Council and other committee members" (<http://www.culvercity.org/generalplan>). Our goal is to make sure that everyone's voice is included and heard. We will all host events, from large forums to one-on-one conversations, to listen to what the community has to say. We'll then present this feedback to the GPAC at large and the Council, which will influence policy decisions. In addition to the GPAC, there will be some advisory committees that will provide expertise on technical and policy matters.

For me, the most pressing issues are housing, mobility and the environment. It's time to stop talking about these issues in isolation. We need to reimagine ways to provide housing at multiple price points including affordable, workforce and inclusionary, as well as market rate. Culver City offers a lot of employment opportunities, but if we don't provide housing locally, traffic and congestion will continue to increase. The more people need to commute farther to work, the worse effect it has on our environment. There will be irreversible damage if we don't make dramatic changes by 2030. Overlapping all of these issues is diversity and inclusion. We need to create policies that are fair and that provide opportunity for all populations. The General Plan Update will help us create the city we want to live, work, and play in.

I am grateful to everyone who helped shape and build Culver City into the vibrant city that it is today. We wouldn't be having this conversation now if it weren't for their efforts. I also want to express gratitude to the up-and-coming leaders and community members who will move the city into the future.

You can see a list of all of the GPAC members at <https://www.culvercity.org/city-hall/general-plan-advisory-committee>. Feel free to reach out to any of the GPAC members to provide your valuable insights or recommendations. The more that people participate, the better the outcome will be. We need you!

IT'S ALMOST 2020!



Don't forget to renew your membership in the Culver City Democratic Club for 2020.

You can fill out the form on page 4 or you can join online through ActBlue at:

<https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/ccdcmembership>

CCDC Website:

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Find us on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/culvercitydems



At the November 13 General Meeting of the Culver City Democratic Club, members voted to endorse Holly Mitchell for Los Angeles County Supervisor for District 2.

Reparations for slavery included in California Democratic Party platform

by Rick Tuttle

I am pleased to report that the California Democratic Party, at its recent November convention, included in the party's platform the proposal to "support reparations for the lasting harm caused to African Americans by slavery."

As I pointed out to the October platform subcommittee when I proposed the reparations plank, the details could be worked out by a commission established as part of reparations legislation. I noted that a good place to start is Patricia Cohen's article in the May 23, 2019, edition of the New York Times entitled "What Reparations Might Look Like in 2019." (Ms. Cohen is a journalist who specializes in economic issues for the Times and her piece is one of a series of articles the paper has printed this year in its 1619 project noting the four hundred years of slavery in North America.) Consideration of the details of reparations will compel us to confront our past and to recognize that slavery, racial segregation and injustice have been condoned and furthered by national policy—be-

ginning with the three-fifths compromise included in our Constitution, the Fugitive Slave Acts, as well as judicial decisions that ranged from Dred Scott to Plessy versus Ferguson.

Slavery was not simply a Southern phenomenon. For many years slavery existed in the North. At the center of the first industrial revolution was the textile industry, and the textile mills of New England were supplied with cotton produced by slave labor. National banks and insurance companies were also accomplices in their financial dealings with slave owners.

I am pleased our California party, the largest in the nation, has adopted the reparations plank. However, I am mindful of the fact that we are one hundred and fifty four years late. General William Tecumseh Sherman, in 1865, after meeting with Baptist and Methodist African American pastors in Savannah, Georgia, arranged the distribution of forty acres and a mule for former slaves. President Abraham Lincoln approved the arrangement, but

President Andrew Johnson reversed the decision and also vetoed another attempt at compensation.

The inclusion of the reparations plank in our party's platform is long overdue, but it's a step in the right direction for our party and for our great nation.

Rick Tuttle is a member of the Culver City Democratic Club and was a delegate to the California State Democratic Party at its November, 2019, meeting in Long Beach.

Upcoming Events

December 9

City Council Meeting

December 11

CCDC General Meeting:

Endorsement Votes for

March Primary:

Candidates for Los Angeles County District Attorney and County Central Committee

**CCDC General Meeting Agenda
December 11, 2019
Veteran's Memorial Building,
Culver City**

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda for December 11,
2019 general meeting

Approval of Minutes of November 13,
2019 general meeting

Membership Secretary's Report

Adoption of Mandatory
Sexual Harassment/
Workplace Violence Policy

Treasurer's Report and Presentation of
Draft Budget for 2020

Guest Speakers: Candidates for seats
on the County Committee

Motion to endorse our members running
for County Committee

Open mic: Members may speak for
one minute in support of Candidates
for Presidential Nomination or County
District Attorney

8:00 PM Endorsing Votes:

Second Ballot for
Presidential Nomination

Los Angeles County District Attorney

Announcements

Adjournment

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Culver City, CA 90231-4254

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Sexual harassment/ workplace violence policy

In order to have the Club's charter renewed for next year, we will have to adopt a sexual harassment/workplace violence policy stating that the Culver City Democratic Club doesn't tolerate that kind of behavior. We will be voting to adopt that policy at the December meeting.

Read the proposed policy at:
culvercitydemocraticclub.com
President's Message

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: \$ _____

☐ **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

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

Please renew for 2020 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.**