

# Culver City Democratic Club

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### General Meeting on Zoom — 7p.m. Wednesday, November 11, 2020

### Planning in the event of attempt to steal Presidential election

*President's Message by Pete Rockwell*

## I have no idea what will happen

In addition to the general meeting at 7pm on November 11, the Culver City Democratic Club will meet on November 3 (election night) at 8:30 p.m. Both meetings will be on Zoom.



Here is the Zoom link for 8:30 p.m. November 3, Election Night:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81377763661?pwd=L0NlZXJxRVdNazYxcE5nOGF5MTQzZz09>

More links for November 3 at 8:30 p.m:

Facebook Link: <https://www.facebook.com/323470744346731/posts/4120488747978226/>

Youtube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tpetSlidoMmo>

## Here's what I hope will happen

It's late October as I write this, and nobody knows how the Presidential election will turn out. My hope is that Joe Biden will beat Donald Trump by a landslide. Anything short of a lopsided victory by the Democrats could put us into uncharted territory. Trump has made it clear that he will try anything to stay in office, and he will have a majority on the Supreme Court.

But let's assume for now that we manage to get Trump out of the White House and put Biden into it. Let's also assume the Democrats win a Senate majority and keep control of the House. What are the priorities?

### Healthcare

The pandemic has clearly demonstrated that the Affordable Care Act (ACA) needs to be expanded to cover everybody. Biden has said that he will propose that a "public option" be added to the choice of plans insurance companies offer now.

As I understand it, this would be a healthcare plan, offered by the government, that people could buy for less than what the insurance companies are selling. How much

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## Club Officers

President:

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First Vice President:

**JEFF SCHWARTZ**

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**JEANNA HARRIS**

Corresponding Secretary:

**CYNTHIA HART**

Recording Secretary:

**SHANNON THEUS**

Treasurer:

**ERIC FINE**

Membership Secretary:

**DIANE ROSENBERG**



**Shannon Theus, Sydney Kamlager and Diane Rosenberg**

## Di's Corner:

by Diane Rosenberg

Update on Club member Charlotte Gunter: We speak on the phone every two days. She is still healing, even though it is slow going. She is in good spirits and she has a positive attitude.



On October 14, 1975, my late husband Herb, our boys Mark (may he now rest in peace), Andy, and I moved into this house in Culver City which Andy and I still live in. Mark was seven years old and Andy was three.

Herb was still working at Hughes Aircraft in El Segundo. His bosses were talking to Herb about giving him a secret clearance, but because I wasn't a citizen they couldn't give him one. So I called Immigration and had them mail me the paperwork. I finally received the paperwork, filled it all out, and mailed it back to Immigration.

In November of 1975 I received notice from Immigration to come down. I had to bring two people who had known me for five years or more. I called and asked if I could have my husband, as he was born in the United States. I was told yes. Before that I had to go to the Sheriff's Department and get fingerprinted, which at that time cost two dollars. So with Herb and a friend we went down to Immigration on the day I was told to come.

I was interviewed. I was asked two questions to do with American history. One of the questions was "Who was the sixteenth President?" I answered the questions.

In December of 1975 I had to be at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in downtown Los Angeles with 899 others.

Among us was Australian singer Helen Reddy. We were going to be sworn in as new citizens. Before going inside we all had to turn in passports from the countries we came from. The person who was swearing us in was California Secretary of State March Fong Eu. This was the first time I had seen her. Once I received my citizen papers, Herb got his secret clearance.

Several years later the law was changed so that when one became a U.S. citizen they could still keep their old passport and have dual citizenship.

From there Herb and I went to Santa Monica and outside the mall were people registering voters. Herb told me that he had to re-register. I looked at him and said, "Are you not already registered to vote?" He said, "Yes, but every time you move you have to re-register. As I am doing this you are going to register to vote." And so I did.

The following year, 1976, was a Presidential year. And in June was the Presidential primary. I was extremely proud that I was going to vote for the very first time. And I have been voting ever since.

If anyone has become a citizen since I became one back in December of 1975, can they tell me if Immigration has changed since then? Or if they have a story to tell about it? I will edit it into next month's *Di's Corner*.

Sunday morning, October 18, Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager had a photo shoot in Kenneth Hahn Park by the Martin Luther King Monument. Her office asked several Democratic clubs if they could send members to be in the photos.

From our Club Shannon Theus, who is our Recording Secretary, and myself were there representing our Club.

(from President's Message on page 1)

less? For this plan to work, the public option will have to cost a lot less. And the benefits of the plan will have to be as good or better than the private insurance choices. The idea is to compete against private insurance with the goal of getting everybody covered.

Right now, most of the employers that don't provide their workers with health-care are also the ones that pay starvation wages. The most successful element of the ACA is the expansion of Medicaid, but because of an adverse Supreme Court decision, some states didn't expand Medicaid. This is a problem that would need to be solved for the ACA to become what it was intended to be: healthcare for everybody.

### Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico

In 1959 Alaska and Hawaii became the 49th and 50th states. In order to make that happen the House of Representatives and the Senate had to pass two laws (one for each new state) and the President had to sign them. A constitutional amendment is NOT required.

There is no guarantee that doing this would help either the Democrats or the Republicans. Wikipedia claims that in 1959 people assumed Hawaii would mostly vote Republican and Alaska would mostly vote Democratic. Today, the opposite is true. I'm old enough to remember when California was dominated by the Republican Party. Now Democrats control the state.

But the people who live in Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico are United States citizens. They deserve the same representation as other citizens.

### Supreme Court

In January of 2016, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell refused to hold a Senate confirmation vote on Barack Obama's choice for the Supreme Court, Merrick Garland. He even refused to let the Judiciary Committee interview Garland. He said at the time that he did this because 2016 was a Presidential election year.

Now that the Supreme Court has a vacancy ... What?

It's not vacant anymore?... I'll See you on Zoom.

—Pete Rockwell



# A huge turnout is expected for Culver City's first consolidated election in November

Fellow Democrats,

As you know, Culver City is coming up on its first consolidated election, with school board, city council and local propositions on the same ballot as county, state, and federal races. In the November 2016 national election, 82 percent (22,060) of registered Culver City voters cast ballots. In the last municipal election, in April of 2018, 7,473 people voted. This represented a mere 28 percent of the City's 26,686 registered voters, and that was considered a good turnout. It is extremely likely that there will be over three times as many votes cast this time as in any other municipal election.

Much more money has been spent on this election than previous ones. Record amounts have been raised and spent by some campaigns and political action committees. Grassroots campaigns relying on individual donors are facing opponents supported by deep-pocketed PACs, which can pay for elements new to Culver City politics, including robocalls, billboards, and polls.

Thanks to Club member (and Vice Mayor) Alex Fisch, campaign finance filings are searchable on [the City's website](#).

The pandemic has also transformed campaigning. In-person events are difficult-to-impossible, so candidates and activists struggle to connect by mail, video, social media, text message, and phone. This has made our Club more valuable than ever. As I write this on October 25, one third of Culver City voters have already sent in their ballots. Of those, 71 percent are Democrats. When Democrats who are new to local politics make their selections, they look at the endorsements of the local Democratic organization. We sent out more mailers

this year than ever before, targeting every Culver City household which is not entirely Republican, and got them out weeks earlier than usual, so they'd arrive just before the ballots.

When the city council was discussing consolidating elections, a number of local conservatives spoke in opposition. This was purely symbolic, since consolidation was mandated due to chronic low turnout in our municipal elections, but it suggested that, as in national elections, conservatives want to discourage participation. I explored local election statistics in a little more detail in an [article for CC Crossroads](#) in June.

Conservatives who opposed consolidation also warned of "partisanship." This is a bit confusing, since city offices are technically nonpartisan, and because there is no active Republican organization in Culver City. Except for Anthony Rizzo and Heather Wollin, every local candidate is a registered Democrat, including several who regularly espouse Republican positions. A majority of the city council and school board candidates are members of our Club. The lack of a Culver City Republican club also creates the illusion that the groups which promote right-wing agendas, such as the Chamber of Commerce, the Police Officers Association, and Protect Culver City, are nonpartisan.

However, "partisan" does not only refer to the current national parties. It can also describe the formation of slates, factions, coalitions, and alliances. In other words: people with shared values working together to advance those values. Those who warned of increased partisanship, like former Mayor Paul Jacobs, were not wrong. The issue is whether this is a bad thing. You may recall from The Federal-

ist Papers (or the play *Hamilton*) that Alexander Hamilton and James Madison opposed political parties but became the leaders of the nation's first two. We have seen the nine city council candidates in particular get sorted into two prominent groups of three, with one batch endorsed by this Club and progressive elected officials from Karen Bass on down, and another backed by police, landlords, etc.

Our Club played a central role in this sorting, through our early and decisive endorsement vote. We have more members than in recent memory, and a record number of people participated in our endorsement process. More are attending meetings in general, in part because of the excellent programs we have organized and in part because online meetings are much more convenient. Our meetings and events are preserved on YouTube, where the candidate forums and guest speakers are a useful resource for voters. This newsletter is larger and more widely read since we have moved to an online-only publication, and our website is back in service, with regular updates. We also have come under attack from the right, which has difficulty accepting that the members of the largest and oldest political organization in Culver City consistently support progressive positions by an overwhelming majority.

As a reader of this newsletter, you have almost certainly made up your mind about the local races and very likely have already voted, so I am writing primarily to boast about the Club's growth and to thank you for being part of it. Whatever happens November 3, we can be proud of our work, and I am confident we will continue to expand and lead.

—Jeff Schwartz

**Election Protection Hotline**  
**866 Our Vote**  
**866-687-8683**

# ACLU: Know your rights to protest

Source: [American Civil Liberties Union](#)

The First Amendment protects your right to assemble and express your views through protest. However, police and other government officials are allowed to place certain narrow restrictions on the exercise of speech rights. Make sure you're prepared by brushing up on your rights before heading out into the streets.

There's a good discussion of the right of American citizens to protest on the [ACLU website](#).

Your rights are strongest in what are known as "traditional public forums," such as streets, sidewalks, and parks. You also likely have the right to speak out on other public property, like plazas in front of government buildings, as long as you are not blocking access to the government building or interfering with other purposes the property was designed for.

Private property owners can set rules for speech on their property. The government may not restrict your speech if it is taking place on your own property or with the consent of the property owner.

Counterprotesters also have free speech rights. Police must treat protesters and counterprotesters equally. Police are permitted to keep antagonistic groups separated but should allow them to be within sight and sound of one another.

When you are lawfully present in any public space, you have the right to photograph anything in plain view, including federal buildings and the police. On private property, the owner may set rules related to photography or video.

You don't need a permit to march in the streets or on sidewalks, as long as marchers don't obstruct car or pedestrian traffic. If you don't have a permit, police officers can ask you to move to the side of a street or sidewalk to let others pass or for safety reasons.

Certain types of events may require permits. These include a march or parade that requires blocking traffic or street closure.

For more information about your first amendment rights when protesting, go to the [ACLU website](#).

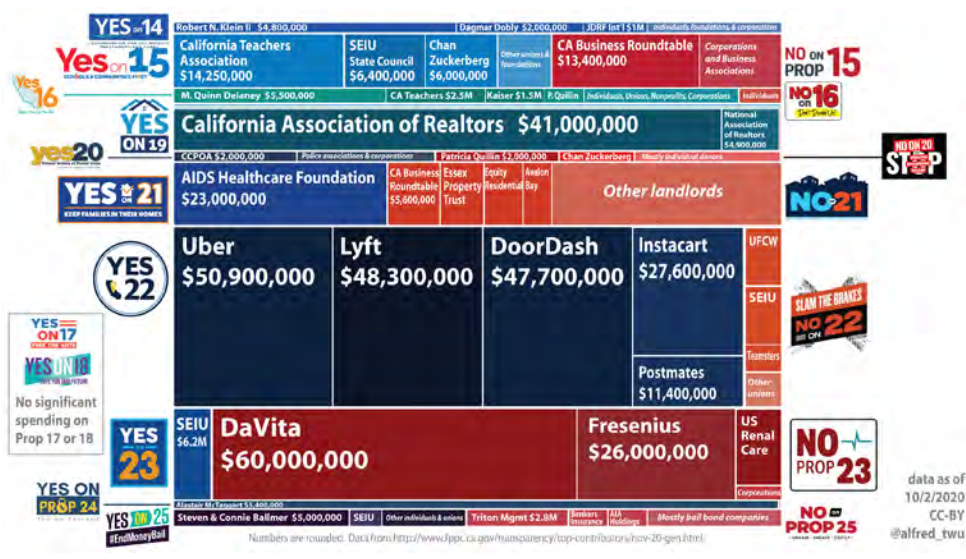
## Ten Things you Need to Know to Stop a Coup

Source: ChooseDemocracy.us

- 1. Don't expect results Election Night.**
- 2. Do call it a coup. We can know it's a coup if the government:**
  - Stops counting votes;
  - Declares someone a winner who didn't get the most votes; or
  - Allows someone to stay in power who didn't win the election.
- 3. Know that coups have been stopped by regular folks.**
- 4. Be ready to act quickly and not alone.**
  - Sign up with Indivisible for a November 4 *Protect the Results* community event at <https://protecttheresults.com/>
- 5. Focus on widely shared democratic values, not on individuals.**
- 6. Convince people not to freeze or just go along.**
- 7. Commit to actions that represent rule of law, stability & nonviolence.**
- 8. Yes, a coup can happen in the United States.**
- 9. Center in calm, not fear.**
- 10. Prepare to deter a coup before the election.**

The best way to stop a coup is to never have one. People are doing lots of good work on voting rights, urging turn-out, fighting repression, uncovering fraud and getting people to commit to democracy. That may be enough. One of the easiest things you can do is to sign the [pledge](#) on page 10 of this newsletter.

## Chart of spending on California propositions by Alfred Twu



## Club officers will be elected at the January general meeting.

There will be at least one opening, since I don't plan to run for re-election as Club President. As per the Club bylaws, at the November meeting I'll appoint two members of the nominating committee and three more will be nominated and elected by the members. The nominating committee will recommend a slate of officers in January, and members can also nominate candidates at the January meeting.

—Pete Rockwell

## Coming soon to a mailbox near you— *The Attack of the Misleading Mailers*

“Political advertising often traffics in borderline truths, gross exaggerations and statements taken out of context. But slate mailers may be the worst of the breed.”—From [\*Don't get 'Berned' by sleazy slate mailers\*](#), *Los Angeles Times*, October 15.

A few mornings ago, I woke up to a tweet from Bernie Sanders declaring that the slate mailer with his picture on it was a lie. What happened was that Efren Martinez sent out a slate mailer with Bernie's picture on it with the caption “If you like Bernie Sanders, you will like Efren Martinez.” Martinez is running against Reggie Sawyer Jones for California State Assemblyman for the 59th district. It turns out that Bernie had endorsed Martinez' opponent, Reggie Sawyer-Jones.

This is the sort of thing that happens late in campaigns when the opposition has only a short time to respond. The LA Times editorial writers even recommended putting slate mailers directly into the recycling bin. Wait a minute—let's not throw out the baby with the bathwater! Our Club's slate mailer is an earnest and authentic grassroots endeavor. Instead I suggest we view slate mailers with a critical eye.

First thing when a new mailer arrives to grace my home, I look for the disclaimer box. Who paid for this thing? State law requires very specific disclosure of funding sources right on the mailer. The law mandates a type font size and presentation style that will make the disclosure stand out and be easy to find.

Second thing, I take care to read the text. Don't just look at the pictures. Just because the mailer includes a picture of the candidate posed with a person does NOT mean that the person in the picture endorsed the candidate. I myself was astonished to find in my very own mailbox a picture of me on the mailer of a candidate who I did NOT vote for.

Finally, go on a “bug” hunt. Look for the union label. It would be a rare thing to get a mailer from an authentic Democrat that lacked the union label.

Hang on, Club Mates! November 3rd is coming.

—Cynthia Hart

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Club Website is  
[www.culvercitydemocraticclub.com](http://www.culvercitydemocraticclub.com)  
Follow us on Twitter:  
@CulvCityDemClub  
and Instagram  
CulverCityDemClub

### November 3, 2020

Last day to vote in the 2020 election  
Find vote centers and drop boxes [here](#)

### November 4, 2020

Protect the Vote Community Event  
(if needed)  
To Sign up with our allies at Indivisible,  
[click here](#)

### November 11, 2020

Veteran's Day  
*Lest we Forget*

### November 11, 2020

CCDC General Meeting via Zoom  
Selection of Nominating Committee  
for the 2021 Slate of Club Officers  
(Members with email addresses  
receive the link automatically  
Others are welcome to RSVP to:  
[CulverCityDemClub@gmail.com](mailto:CulverCityDemClub@gmail.com)

**7:00 PM**

### November 15, 2020

Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Awards  
recognizing *Democrats of the Year*  
[www.LACDP.org/Roosevelt2020](http://www.LACDP.org/Roosevelt2020)

**7 PM**

### December 9, 2020

CCDC General Meeting via Zoom  
Report of Nominating Committee for the  
2021 Slate of Club Officers  
Presentation of 2021 Club budget  
(Members with email addresses receive  
the link automatically  
Others are welcome to RSVP to  
[CulverCityDemClub@gmail.com](mailto:CulverCityDemClub@gmail.com))

**7:00 PM**

Here is the link to the Campaign Store  
for Biden/Harris yard signs  
buttons and the like  
<https://campaignstore2020.com/>



# Hooray: It's almost 2021!

## Membership renewals for 2021

We begin new year membership renewals each year in November. Now is a great time to renew. Remember, only members in good standing can vote for Club officers in January. The easiest way to renew is by [ActBlue](#). Just tap the "Donate \$30" button for a regular membership. That link can also be found on our Club's [website home page](#) in the upper left hand corner. If you have any questions, please call our Membership Secretary, Diane Rosenberg, at (310) 398-5328.

## Election of 2021 Club officers

As per Article XIII Section 2 of our [Club By-laws](#), we will select a nominating committee to develop a slate of Club officers for the year 2021 at our November 11, 2020 meeting. The committee will consist of five members. Two of them will be appointed by the current President and the other three will be chosen by a vote of the members present at the meeting. The Committee will report a slate of candidates whose names will appear in the Club newsletter.

Election of 2021 Club Officers will take place at the January 13, 2021, meeting, at which time nominations from the floor can be made. The new officers will begin their term of office at the February 10, 2021 meeting.

Bylaws Articles V and VI list the officers and their duties. Anyone interested in serving as an officer next year, can send an email to the Club at [CulverCityDemClub@gmail.com](mailto:CulverCityDemClub@gmail.com) with the subject line "Nominating Committee" or contact any committee member directly.

## Club budget for 2021

At our December 9, 2020 meeting a draft Club budget for 2021 will be presented. An adoption vote for the new year budget will be taken at the January 13, 2021 meeting.

Until then, stay well, everyone! And may I be the first to say HAPPY NEW YEAR!

—Cynthia Hart

# ENDORSEMENTS

President of the United States	<b>Joe Biden</b>
Vice President of the United States	<b>Kamala Harris</b>
U.S. House of Representatives 37th District	<b>Karen Bass</b>
CA State Assembly – 54th District	<b>Sydney Kamlager</b>
L.A. County Supervisor – 2nd District	<b>Holly Mitchell</b>
L.A. County District Attorney	<b>George Gascon</b>

## STATE BALLOT MEASURE ENDORSEMENTS

Proposition 14	<b>Support</b>	Proposition 20	<b>Oppose</b>
Proposition 15	<b>Support</b>	Proposition 21	<b>Support</b>
Proposition 16	<b>Support</b>	Proposition 22	<b>Oppose</b>
Proposition 17	<b>Support</b>	Proposition 23	<b>Support</b>
Proposition 18	<b>Support</b>	Proposition 24	<b>Support</b>
Proposition 19	<b>Support</b>	Proposition 25	<b>Support</b>

## L.A. COUNTY BALLOT MEASURE RECOMMENDATION

Measure J – Reimagine L.A.	<b>Support</b>
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## CULVER CITY COUNCIL ENDORSEMENTS

Culver City Council Member	<b>Yasmine-Imani McMorris</b>
Culver City Council Member	<b>Freddy Puza</b>
Culver City Council Member	<b>Darrel Menthe</b>

## CULVER CITY SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENTS

Governing Board Member	<b>Kelly Kent</b>
Governing Board Member	<b>Paula Amezola de Herrera</b>

## CULVER CITY BALLOT MEASURE RECOMMENDATIONS

Measure B	<b>Oppose</b>
Measure RE	<b>Support</b>

We have choices, and capitulation is only one of them.

I am always hoping to do better than to collaborate with whatever or whomever it is that means me no good.

June Jordan from the introduction to "Some of Us Did Not Die"

# As of this writing

As of this writing, there are so many “known unknowns” that it is very hard to write anything sensible for the November newsletter. Will our long nightmare be over? Or will we look back on this as the last sweet days of our American Experiment in Democracy?

All a patriot can do now is to prepare for all contingencies.

**What if we wake up on November 4th and find that Joe and Kamala have won so decisively that no question is even possible? It's morning in America! And this time it will be good for everyone!**

**What do we do?** Celebrate for 24 hours and then get back to work! We only have four years to repair the damage done during the last four years of Republican misrule and build a government and an economy that works for working people. So many wrongs to right! Joe and Kamala are going to need all of us to be the wind beneath their wings. But we are strong, we are Democrats, we can do this! And Joe and Kamala can go down in history along with FDR as saviors of the nation! But this only happens if we all step up and lead our leaders in the way they should go!

**What if we wake up on November 4th and find that all the votes have not been counted, but, of course, the Republicans are claiming victory?**

**What do we do?** Remember to breathe. We were expecting this. All of the votes are unlikely to be counted within 24 hours. Be alert for [signs of a coup](#).

**What if we wake up on December 9th and find that the Republican Supreme Court has stopped the vote count and awarded the Presidency to the Republican candidate because, well, because they can?**

**What do we do?** Choose Democracy.  
[www.choosedemocracy.us](http://www.choosedemocracy.us) [Know your rights](#).

**What if we wake up on November 4th and find that Donald Trump has won so decisively that no question is possible?**

**What do we do?** Grieve for 24 hours and then get back to work! And never surrender! Never give up!

God bless America.

Click here to find the [Choose Democracy pledge](#).

For more information, go to [ChooseDemocracy.us](http://ChooseDemocracy.us)

—*Cynthia Hart*



**Measure RE is a progressive tax due only when real estate is bought and sold.**

**No property sale? No tax.**

**So, how much will Measure RE cost?**



**Median Culver City Home (\$1.3 million)**

**Measure RE: \$0**



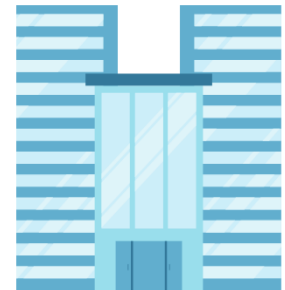
**\$1,501,000 Property**

**Measure RE: \$11**



**New 2,800 square foot spec house (\$2.3 million)**

**Measure RE: \$8,400**



**288,000 square foot Class A office building (\$120 million)**

**Measure RE: \$4,099,250**

**YESonRE.com**

**@REinvestCulver**



# This Election Let's Move Culver City FORWARD Together

"While much of the country is mired in fear and moving backward, Culver City has boldly implemented progressive and inclusive policies.

Our electoral challenge is to defeat the President in order to undo the hate and inhumane policies of the last 4 years, while keeping Culver City moving forward.

That's why I strongly support:  
Paula Amezola, Dr. Kelly Kent,  
Yasmine McMorris, Darrel Menthe, and Freddy Puza."



-Congresswoman Karen Bass

## Quality Policing For Everyone

Our community is safest when everyone is respected by our police officers. Provide resources so police can maintain outstanding response times, and mental health professionals can respond in situations where armed police response could be counterproductive.



## End Hazardous Oil Drilling

Finish the job started by the current City Council to phase out oil operations.

## Fiscal Responsibility Shared Fairly

Keep Culver City solvent and vibrant without unfairly burdening our lower and middle income residents. Promote progressive revenue programs, and require larger corporations to pay their fair share.



## Equity And Inclusion.

Everyone deserves a seat at the table as we create our city and school district's future. By more equitably distributing resources and services, we help ensure that everyone can contribute to and share in our community's prosperity.

## Protect Affordable Housing

Decrease homelessness. Keep residents safely in their homes. Maintain the diversity that makes Culver City the best with reasonable protections for renters and small landlords.





VOTE LIKE YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT

# This Election Let's Move Culver City FORWARD Together

## Elect Leaders Who Share Our Progressive Values For A Safer, Healthier and More Prosperous Community

### For Culver City Council

#### Yasmine McMorris

Vice-Chair, Culver City General Plan Advisory Committee. Helping Culver City develop smart models for economic growth, public transportation, housing, and combatting climate change.

#### Darrel Menthe

Vice-Chair, Culver City Finance Advisory Committee & President, Culver City Downtown Business Association. Promoting fiscally sound budgets that fund projects that best help residents, while ensuring that taxes do not overburden them.

#### Freddy Puza

General Plan Advisory Committee & former Member Committee on Homelessness. Helping create affordable housing and stronger renter protections.



### For Culver City School Board

#### Dr. Kelly Kent

Equity champion for our students while serving on Culver City School Board for past 5 years. Advocate for teaching critical and creative thinking skills.

#### Paula Amezola

Chair, Culver City Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission. Helps ensure that all students have equitable access to the parks, teen center, and recreation programs.

### Culver City Ballot Measures

#### No on Measure B

Measure B would retroactively repeal renter protections leading to price hikes, a wave of evictions, and increased homelessness.





#### Yes on Measure RE

Will raise \$6 million per year to help Culver City recover from the recession without cutting vital services and leaving taxes unchanged for all but the wealthiest Culver City residents and business owners.

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# **CHOOSE DEMOCRACY**

-  **We will vote.**
-  **We will refuse to accept election results until all the votes are counted.**
-  **We will nonviolently take to the streets if a coup is attempted.**
-  **If we need to, we will shut down this country to protect the integrity of the democratic process.**

## **Democracy is fragile.**

We have reason to worry that this fall we may see an undemocratic power grab — a coup. We also know that the people can defend our democracy. Nonviolent mass protests have stopped coups in other places, and we may have to do the same here.

Elections work because the public agrees to honor the results. Similarly, coups work only if the public honors them. When the public refuses to accept the coup as legitimate, coups fall apart. Refusal looks like millions of people using nonviolent tools to delegitimize the coup by demonstrating, resisting orders, and shutting down the country until democracy prevails.

**That's why we are committing now to choose democracy, TOGETHER.**

# **ChooseDemocracy.us**



# The City of Culver City is pleased to invite your participation in a public outreach meeting.

**WHAT:** To obtain input and comment from community stakeholders about the possible adoption of an affordable housing Linkage Fee in Culver City. If adopted, the Linkage Fee would be applied to new non-residential ("Commercial") development on a per square foot basis or using another formula and the resulting revenues would be used to create affordable housing for individuals and families at varying income levels in Culver City.

**WHERE:** ATTENDEES MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND (See below for instructions)

**WHEN:** Thursday, November 05, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Persons who are unable to attend the meeting but wish to submit written comments may do so before 12:00 PM on Thursday, November 05, 2020, and/or may attend the follow up meetings tentatively scheduled in January 2021.

**WHY:** The purpose of the public outreach meeting is to engage in an informational discussion to help inform the City Council on the potential draft Linkage Fee.

Persons may submit comments BEFORE 12:00 PM on the day of the hearing by LETTER to the Culver City Community Development Department, Building Safety Division, Culver City City Hall, 9770 Culver Blvd., 3rd Floor, Culver City, CA 90232. **EMAIL** to [todd.tipton@culvercity.org](mailto:todd.tipton@culvercity.org), or Phone at (310) 253-5783.

The Special Meeting will take place via video conference. To combat the spread of COVID-19, the City issued a "Safer at Home" emergency order on March 20, 2020.

**How to Attend the Meeting Remotely:** All attendees must register to attend on Webex, after which you will receive an email with directions and a link to join the meeting, once it has begun. Watch a video tutorial on how to register on Webex. No Internet or computer? Please call (310) 253-5760 to request call-in information, no earlier than two days before the meeting.

**NEW:** For those who wish to speak during the meeting: please join the Webex meeting and use the Q&A function to indicate if you wish to make a comment or ask a question. You will "raise your hand," when appropriate; you will be called to make your comment or ask a question.