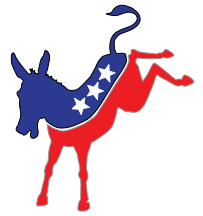


# Culver City Democratic Club

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**General Meeting on Zoom — 7p.m. Wednesday, December 9, 2020**

**Program: ADEM elections will be in January**

*President's Message by Pete Rockwell*

## Joe Biden is President-Elect... Will Georgia turn BLUE?

The most important thing Democrats can do right now is help Jon Ossoff and the Reverend Raphael Warnock win the two U.S. Senate runoff elections in Georgia. They're scheduled for January 5. There are several links in the box below that will help you donate money and volunteer your time. Volunteers are needed to call and text Georgia voters and send hand-written postcards.



Now that Holly Mitchell has won her election as LA County Supervisor, there

will be a special election next year to replace her in the State Senate.

Two members of the Culver City Democratic Club have announced that they will run for Holly's Senate seat: California State Assemblymember [Sydney Kamlager](#), and Culver City Councilmember [Daniel Lee](#).

The 30th State Senate district includes the communities of Culver City, Ladera Heights, View Park, Westmont, part of Inglewood, Baldwin Hills, Crenshaw, Downtown, Florence, Hyde Park, Jef-

erson Park, Leimert Park, Mar Vista, Palms, South Robertson, West Adams, and West Los Angeles.



There's an ongoing project to re-engineer the Ballona Wetlands, transforming it from a traditional seasonal freshwater wetlands into a full tidal estuary.

Activists claim that by mechanically restructuring Ballona, the plan will destroy existing habitat, wildlife, soil, and sub-soil systems. It will contaminate groundwater and underlying drinking water aquifers with increasingly acidified saltwater, micro-plastic infusion, toxic urban runoff and sediment. Also, there's a natural gas storage facility under Ballona that leaks in a number of places.

To find out more about Ballona, the project, and the environmental objections to it, go to the website for Grassroots Coalition: <https://saveballona.org>.

### Control of the U.S. Senate will be decided January 5 in Georgia

Two Georgia Senate seats are possible for the Democrats in January!

#### Two Georgia Democrats for U.S. Senate: Jon Ossoff and Rev. Raphael Warnock

Both Georgia Senate seats are headed for a runoff election at the beginning of January. Joining with our Westside Dem HQ, we'll be in the middle of it with opportunities for you to volunteer and donate to Flip the Senate Blue!!

#### Help Get Out The Vote!

<https://www.mobilize.us/crooked/?state=GA>

Donate to the Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock Senate campaigns:

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/getmitch>

To send postcards to Georgia voters, contact: [Westsidedhq@gmail.com](mailto:Westsidedhq@gmail.com)

#### Democrats running for Assembly

District Delegate AD54 are

invited to speak at the Culver City

Democratic Club's December 9,

2020 meeting at 7 p.m.

Please RSVP by December 8 to:

[CulverCityDemClub@gmail.com](mailto:CulverCityDemClub@gmail.com)

# A threat to democracy inside our Democratic Party

by Rick Tuttle

Recently the Los Angeles County Democratic Party took a drastic step by adding a dangerous provision to its bylaws. This change opens the door for elected Los Angeles Democratic County Party members to have their membership in LACDP terminated because of what is termed “incivility.”

This provision in the revised bylaws must be overturned for three reasons. First, it could lead to fierce battles regarding termination of membership that would distract us all from the main business of the Party. Second, it’s wrong to remove members who, after all, have been elected by the voters. Third and most important, it could well have a chilling effect on party debate and discussion.

Furthermore, the LACDP leadership expects “its Chartered Clubs and Organizations to establish and enforce parallel behavioral standards,” as stated in its recently enacted Code of Conduct. It is conceivable that within a relatively short time such a code would be required of the Culver City Democratic Club to be chartered.

The Code of Conduct begins by stating “The Los Angeles County Democratic Party ...is committed to providing a welcoming, respectful, friendly, safe, supportive and harassment-free environment for members, employees, and all others associated with LACDP.”

Good manners, respectful and friendly manners, have their place, but politics is not a prom date, nor a country club cotillion. In fact, the history of our party is replete with important and sometimes contentious divisions leading to passionate debate over major issues, such as slavery, civil rights, civil liberties, and foreign policy. Voices were raised. Leaders were called to account and sometimes their veracity questioned.

In the relatively near future, we can expect fierce debates regarding issues such as health care, foreign policy, law enforcement, the environment, education, and racial justice, to name a few. During these passionate debates yes, some peoples’ feelings could be hurt. This could lead to accusations of a person having violated the incivility standard. But would

it be justifiable to terminate a person’s membership because the person had not sounded “friendly” or “respectful”?

I enjoy civility and politeness. But I fear the harm these bylaws and code of conduct could do to the internal democracy of our party.

There are many measures available to the leadership of our party and the majority of its members should they feel the need to deal with members whom they view to be guilty of incivility.

I plan to take my concerns and suggestions to the LACDP Rules and Bylaws committee that is co-chaired by two of our Party’s most distinguished members. I am confident that my concerns will receive a fair hearing.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss this matter. I can be reached at [rickertutt@aol.com](mailto:rickertutt@aol.com).

Rick Tuttle  
Member, Culver City Democratic Club  
Alternate Member of the Los Angeles County Democratic Party 54th A.D.

## Di’s Corner:

by Diane Rosenberg

Update on Club member Charlotte Gunter: Charlotte is still healing. She is starting to get a little strength in her right arm and continues to have a positive attitude.

Now about myself. My plan was to get surgery on my left kneecap on Tuesday, December 1, but the operation has been postponed until a later date. I will be going into Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital. I have to be at the hospital for pre-op, then I have to be back at the hospital for a Covid test. I don’t have the new date for the surgery yet.



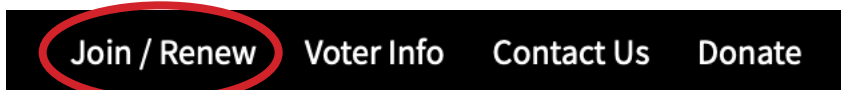
The Club is saddened by the passing of Club member and former President of the Club Bill Wynn. Our condolences go out to his son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all of us who knew him.



## You have to be a current Club member to vote on Club officers in January

### How to Join the Culver City Democratic Club online

1. Go to the Club’s website: [www.CulverCityDemocraticClub.com](http://www.CulverCityDemocraticClub.com)
2. Click on the Join / Renew button:



3. This will take you to the Actblue website

### Join or Renew Your Culver City Democratic Club Membership!

The Culver City Democratic Club provides an important resource for local Democrats. Your support helps us sponsor events, advocate for Democratic candidates and promote Democratic values. Please take this opportunity and donate today. Member - \$30; Student Member - \$20; Supporting Member - \$75; Sustaining Member - \$125; Lifetime Member - \$500.

### Donate via Apple Pay

We noticed that you have Apple Pay®. It’s the easiest way to donate.

Your contribution will benefit Culver City Democratic Club (CA).

\$20	\$30	\$45
\$75	\$125	\$500

Other amount

### Make it monthly!

Yes, count me in for  months

☒ No, donate once

4. Join the Culver City Democratic Club for a \$30 Donation!  
For more information on becoming a member of the Culver City Democratic Club, call Diane Rosenberg at (310) 398-5328

# What is ADEMS and why should you care?

by Cynthia Hart

A couple of years ago the California Democratic Party did something (I don't remember what) that just frosted my cornflakes. I was outraged! So I called a wise friend and sputtered "This is terrible! This is wrong! Who can fix this? Who can I write to?"

And my friend said "ADEMS. If you don't like what the Party is doing, you need to get more involved in the Party. ADEMS."

"Huh?" I said.

ADEMS, I learned, stands for "Assembly District Election Meetings."

Until recently, few Democrats knew of them and fewer participated. But now, the ADEMS have become one crucial battlefield in the larger struggle for the soul of our Party. It matters who wins.

As Eric Sunderland, Region 3 Director of the California Democratic Party, told the [Capitol Weekly](#) last time around, "The delegates in the state determine who are the endorsed Democrats, what the party platform is, what the rules are, what resolutions are supported."

Of those delegates, one-third are elected at Assembly District Election Meetings from among grassroots Democrats like you and me in an internal party election. This year, of course, it will be vote by mail. If you are a registered Democrat, you have the opportunity to elect the 7 self-identified females and 7 other people to represent your Assembly District. But first you have to register to get a Party vote-by-mail ballot ([link](#)).

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**See [page 2](#) for how to join online**

## *Congratulations to our* **2020 Roosevelt Award Honorees**

On November 15, 2020 the Los Angeles County Democratic Party honored outstanding Democrats from Assembly Districts all over the County.

Our Club proudly announces that four of our members were honored:



AD 54 Democrat of the Year  
**Karen Bass**



AD 54 Democrat of the Year  
**Andrew Lachman**



AD 49 Democrat of the Year  
**Melissa Michelson**



Pat Eastman Volunteer of the Year  
**Jane Wishon**

Thank you, Karen, Andrew, Melissa, and Jane for all that you have done to get Democrats elected!



## Register to vote for your representatives to the California Democratic Party convention

Instead of the controlled chaos of prior year's ADEM elections, we will vote safer at home by mail this time. But first you have to register no later than January 11, 2021 in order to get a ballot. But why wait? The State Party has made it really easy to register online! (Although, registration by other means is expected to be announced soon.)

Just go to [this link](#), then enter:

- Your name (as you registered to vote) ([check your name as registered](#))
- Your address (as you registered to vote)
- Your date of birth
- Your email address
- Your mobile phone number

You will then be challenged to prove that you are not a robot by clicking on all the boxes that have pictures of traffic lights or some such nonsense. Click on "Register to Vote in an Adams Election."

What's next? This is the important part. You should receive an email confirming your registration and giving you a code number. *Don't lose that number!* Your ballot is not valid without it.

Your Scantron ballot will be mailed to you and must be returned by January 27, 2021. (Mail by Jan. 24 to arrive by Jan. 27.)

That's if all goes well. But what if it doesn't? Say, for example, the name and address you enter doesn't exactly match your voter registration? Then contact the party at [adem@cadem.org](mailto:adem@cadem.org), and it can all be straightened out.

Thank you for participating. Happy New Year!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Club Website is [www.culvercitydemocraticclub.com](http://www.culvercitydemocraticclub.com)

Follow us on Twitter @CulvCityDemClub  
and Instagram CulverCityDemClub

**December 9, 2020**

CCDC General Meeting via Zoom

Report of Nominating Committee for the 2021 slate of Club officers

Presentation of draft Club budget for 2021

(Members with email addresses receive the link automatically  
Others are welcome to RSVP to [CulverCityDemClub@gmail.com](mailto:CulverCityDemClub@gmail.com))

**7:00 PM**

**December 14, 2020**

Culver City Council members

Elected and re-elected formally take office

Let's be there (virtually) to cheer on our members!

Register to attend [HERE](#)

**7 PM**

**December 15, 2020**

Culver City School Board members

Elected and re-elected formally take office

Let's be there (virtually) to cheer on our members!

[CLICK HERE](#)

**December 15, 2020**

Last day to apply to run for 2021 ADEM

[ADEM.cadem.org](http://ADEM.cadem.org)

**Deadline 5 PM**

**December 15, 2020**

**BILL OF RIGHTS DAY**

Celebrate the Bill of Rights adopted December 15, 1791

**January 1, 2021**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**January 11, 2021**

Deadline to register to receive a ballot for [ADEMS Election](#)

**Deadline 5 PM**

**January 13, 2021**

CCDC General Meeting via Zoom

Elect slate of Club officers for 2021

Adoption of Club budget for 2021

(Members with email addresses receive the link automatically  
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**7 PM**

**January 27, 2021**

ADEMS ballots must be received by state party

**Deadline 5 PM**

# Why I'm running for California State Senate



*By Daniel Wayne Lee*

Los Angeles County is a microcosm of income inequality and the 30th district is the epicenter of this economic dichotomy. In Culver City 45 percent of our residents are renters. In Los Angeles County that number is 54.58 percent and in California that number stands at 45 percent. In California Senate District 30, 55.9 percent of households are rent or mortgage burdened. Many of us are struggling to survive and the #covid19 pandemic has made the situation worse.

In Sacramento there is a tendency to pat ourselves on the back and to hold up California as a bastion of progressivism or a liberal utopia. This simply is not true. In 2016 California ranked 37th in education spending. When it comes to income inequality California ranks #4 out of all 50 states. In Los Angeles County alone nearly 900 people have been killed by police since the year 2000. We are a state in need of transformation.

When it comes to equitable healthcare California has also failed repeatedly. SB562 is the latest iteration of this failure but it does not stand alone. The Covid-19 pandemic has opened hearts and minds to the absolute necessity of a single payer healthcare system but we still lack the political will to make it happen.

Our County and Statewide housing crisis continues unabated. The housing policies being championed at the state level have been forward looking when it comes to physical construction and increasing the number of units available. But, they have not incorporated the affordability

concerns of communities who see blind up zoning as a tool of displacement. Nor have they incorporated the concerns of organized labor.

People can not be healthy if they are not housed. If our state musters the political courage to enact single payer healthcare we must also make sure that the beneficiaries of this care are properly sheltered. This means expanded homelessness services and stronger protections for renters.

In the coming months you will hear much more from myself and my opponents when it comes to policy priorities and plans for the 30th district. I hope you allow me the opportunity to earn your support. I have briefly elaborated a few key policy points below.

## PLATFORM:

### • Employment and Housing for All

We cannot address our healthcare crisis without addressing our housing crisis. If people are rent burdened they are more stressed, they have more mental and physical health issues. In short, they are unhealthy. Health begins with housing. This is not to say that our unhoused brothers, sisters and non-gender identified friends are not able to have robust mental and physical physiques without being housed. But, for long term physical and mental health being housed should be the minimum that we require. Health begins with housing.

I'm running because as a renter I am disappointed with the lip service that our state officials have given the plight of renters while voting against bills that would provide them more protections. Similarly, we need to build much more housing and instead of suggesting policy innovations that would provide nuance, prevent displacement and support a just transition our leadership in California has instead given us flowery words and lackluster policy initiatives that assume that any housing will solve the crisis when the crux of the problem is around affordability. We need action and we need to elect representatives that will sponsor bills and propose legislation that improves not only the amount of housing

available but makes sure that working class Californians can afford it.

### • Public Safety as Public Health

I'm running because instead of instituting substantive change in response to the unprecedented uprising this summer in reference to white supremacy and police brutality we have accepted eloquent phrases on the state level over more substantive policy action.

### • Environmental Racism and the Climate Crisis

I'm running because though we hear inspiring words from our state level leaders when it comes to addressing the climate crisis we lack swift and concrete policy action that can address the deleterious health effects felt by frontline communities of color and low income communities. The most basic of which would be establishing an appropriate setback (2500 feet is recommended) from oil operations and not only sensitive receptors but all regular live and work activities. The larger and sorely needed step is to begin the phase out of oil operations in the State of California.

### • Public Pension Reform/Divest from Displacement

I'm running to halt the practice of using pension funds that working class workers have paid into to fund their displacement. We must stop funding our own banishment. This summer I began the Divest from Displacement campaign to work towards divesting funds like CAPERS, CALSTRS, LACERA and others from investing in corporate landlords like the Blackstone Group who then use those funds to gentrify the neighborhoods of pension holders. In Sacramento I will continue to make sure that the hard won money that California workers pay into their retirement plans does not also work to push them out of the place where they live.

### • People Centered Economic Development

Economic development steeped in community participation from the start is essential for the long term sustainability of our economy. Environmental sustainability is essential for the long term functionality of our economy.



# Sydney Kamlager announces run for California's 30th Senate District

Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager (D-Los Angeles) has announced her candidacy for California's 30th District Senate seat.

Kamlager seeks to replace Senator Holly Mitchell, who represented the 30th District before being elected to the LA County Board of Supervisors on November 3rd. Kamlager previously served as an elected member of the L.A. County Community College District Board and as district director for Mitchell prior to Kamlager's own election to the Assembly in 2018.

"I'm proud to be part of the next generation of leadership fighting for change in California, following in the footsteps of Holly Mitchell," Kamlager said. "If I'm elected to the Senate, I am ready to step in during these challenging times in the neighborhoods I know, focused on the three crises we are facing: recovering from the pandemic while making sure our frontline workers can safely serve us, restoring our economy for EVERYONE and making progress on the housing and homelessness crises."

Kamlager said that her move to the Senate means that she will take important fights to the upper house of the State Legislature and continue to forge a path toward a more just and progressive California.

She plans to prioritize the following:

- Criminal justice system reform that moves us closer to equality before the law.
- Employment strategies that will reboot our economy and create opportunities for all communities.
- Innovative investment in housing and homelessness initiatives.
- Climate change action while working towards a Green New Deal and quality jobs.
- Investments in education and the arts.

Among her achievements in her first full term in the Assembly, Kamlager:

- Passed the most transformative probation reform legislation in the country.
- Led the successful fight to secure Proposition 56 funding for reproductive healthcare so that Planned Parenthood and other providers' doors could remain open.
- Fought alongside Senator Mitchell to protect Californians from discrimination by landlords who refuse Section 8 housing vouchers, which leveled the playing field for renters who need the most assistance.

- Fought for legislation to create a healthy environment for communities across California, such as a ban on single-use plastics. She was one of only eight legislators to receive a 100% score from the Sierra Club California in 2020.

She was one of only nine lawmakers who received a perfect score from the ACLU of California and the only legislator to receive a perfect score from Disability Rights California.

Kamlager already has earned early endorsements from Congresswoman Karen Bass (D-California), Los Angeles County Supervisor-Elect Holly J. Mitchell, Los Angeles City Councilmembers Kevin De Leon and Paul Koretz, California State Senator Ben Allen and State Controller Betty Yee, among others.

The 30th State Senate district includes the communities of Culver City, Ladera Heights, View Park, Westmont, part of Inglewood and the Baldwin Hills, Crenshaw, Downtown, Florence, Hyde Park, Jefferson Park, Leimert Park, Mar Vista, Palms, South Robertson, West Adams, West L.A. and more neighborhoods of Los Angeles.

Mitchell is the only Black female in the State Senate and she is sworn in as L.A. County Supervisor the first week of December.