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General Meeting on Zoom — 7p.m. Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Program: Akili of Black Lives Matter

President's Message by Jeff Schwartz

A message from the Club's President-Elect

Dear Club Members,
Thank you for electing me President. I appreciate your support and am proud to lead Culver City's oldest, largest, and most trusted political organization. Thanks especially to the past leadership who sustained and grew the Club. I plan to draw on your experience throughout my term.

This is a complicated time for our Club and party. Last year Alexandria Ocasio Cortez said that, in most other countries, she and Joe Biden would not be in the same party. However, she, we, and President Biden understand that the unique system and history of the US has forced us together. Nothing happens in American politics outside of the two party system, and only one party is seriously interested in using government to help people.

For example, many of our Club members are seeking solutions to the housing crisis. This newsletter contains an essay by Mark Lipman, a member of this Club and of the city's Committee on Homelessness, which is very critical of upzoning (rezoning neighborhoods to allow denser housing construction), while other members are involved in the new Culver City for More Homes group (<https://cc4mh.org>), which sees upzoning as a key part of a strategy to address the housing crisis. Culver City Mayor Alex Fisch, a member of this Club, is a strong supporter of upzoning, including the controversial statewide SB50, while Vice Mayor and State Senate candidate Daniel Lee, also a member of this Club, is concerned that broad measures risk gentrifying historic African-American and working class areas such as Leimert Park.

Through my job at the Santa Monica Public Library I am hosting an online talk by urban planner Shane Phillips on his book *The Affordable City: Strategies for Putting Housing within Reach* (and *Keeping it There*) Feb. 17 at 7PM ([click here to register](#)). A Santa Monica library card is not required. Phillips' book presents fifty-four progressive housing policies, including several upzoning options. The event is free; I hope you will join us.

As Democrats, we are engaged in a serious debate about how to solve the housing crisis. Republicans are not. We saw this in the fight for local renter protections, when their lobbyists in the California Apartment Association, the Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles, and the Chamber of Commerce had nothing to offer except threats veiled as predictions about the dire consequences of tampering with the so-called "free market." If you can't afford the

place you live, they say to move somewhere cheaper. If you can't afford to live anywhere, they might offer you support through a private charity, but no one to the right of Joe Biden has a housing plan besides "let the market sort it out."

That means that, despite our many differences, we are here together. I hope we will all stay. I plan to continue to organize interesting monthly programs, to maintain good relationships with our elected officials on all levels, to increase our publicity and fundraising activities, to make our endorsement even more coveted, to encourage members to become more active, to connect more with other organizations and party leadership, and to keep expanding our membership and budget.

Again, my thanks to the nominating committee, voting members, and past and present leadership for this opportunity. I look forward to the year ahead!

February 10 General Meeting Program

Our speaker for Black History Month is Akili, of Black Lives Matter. A couple of the topics that may come up are:

- The January 6 attack by Trump supporters on the U.S. Capitol had several consequences. One was the impeachment of a President a second time, which never happened before. We also saw clearly the difference between the way the police treat non-white protesters and the way they treated the mostly white mob at the Capitol.
- In Los Angeles, George Gascón, the newly-elected District Attorney, announced an aggressive approach to criminal justice reform.

Click [here](#) to register for the meeting, which will be on Zoom (to register you'll need a free Zoom account).

Culver City Democratic Club endorses Vice Mayor Daniel Lee for State Senate

The members of the Culver City Democratic Club voted to endorse Culver City Vice Mayor Daniel Lee in the March 2 special election for the District 30 State Senate seat vacated by Holly Mitchell's election as LA County Supervisor.

On January 26, the Democratic Club held an online forum with the three Democrats running: Vice Mayor Lee, Assemblymember Sydney Kamlanger, and Cheryl Turner, an attorney, member of the State Board of Vocational Nursing, and President of the Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles. The forum was moderated by Maximina Juson, editor and publisher of the Culver City Catalyst.

Following the forum, all Club members were emailed a link to ElectionBuddy.com, a secure and secret online ballot.

The Democratic Club thanks the candidates for participating and Ms. Juson for moderating. A video of the forum will be available soon on the Club's website and on the Catalyst website.

A partial transcript and video link to a recent talk by Daniel Lee about policing in Culver City can be found [here](#).



Culver City Vice Mayor Daniel Lee

Three CCDC members tell why they voted to endorse Daniel Lee

Michelle Weiner

Before I share my reasons for my unbridled support of Daniel Lee, I want to acknowledge the awkward situation our Club members found themselves in when we voted to endorse one of two well-known and respected Club members in the race for state senate after our forum on January 26th. This has happened in other races recently, in the endorsement of CADEM delegates, and in the endorsement in the recent Supervisor race. It is never easy when we face these kinds of choices.

I chose to vote for Daniel because he is a fierce advocate for the environment and for a just transition to renewable clean energy. He was an environmental activist before he was an elected official. As a council member he worked to shut down the Culver City portion of the Inglewood Oil Field. He will push to shut down the entire Inglewood Oilfield and will work

to end neighborhood drilling in SD 30. He will not accept donations from the oil industry.

We have witnessed Lee on the dais speaking out forcefully for significant change to ensure that public safety works for all members of our community. He has the courage and integrity to win allies and bring about restructuring of policing and incarceration statewide that is long overdue.

In my work with Culver City Community Coalition and Protect Culver City Renters, I have seen Daniel take time to listen to constituents and act boldly in support of policies that advance the interests of the most vulnerable. He fought to establish renter protections and rent control in Culver City for the first time and he will fight to strengthen protections for all renters in our district and all across our State. He is not accepting donations

from real estate developers.

Culver City Democratic Club has given its coveted endorsement to Culver City Vice Mayor Daniel Lee again, this time as a candidate for the CA Senate District 30 seat. I am delighted and look forward to voting in the special election on March 2, for Daniel Lee. —Michelle Weiner

Danny Young

In 2018 my wife and I received a flier, hand-delivered, to our small apartment at the end of a long driveway off of Prospect Avenue. The only time any politician has personally canvassed our hidden home in the eight years since I moved in. He said he was sorry he missed us. Later, while reviewing DSA's list of local recommendations we saw Daniel Lee for Culver City City Council. "Hey that's the same guy! He might be legit!" We checked out his platform and he was

(See Daniel Lee on page 3)

(From Daniel Lee on page 2)

fighting for everything we believed in!

When the time came, we were proud to drop off our ballots in person. It's astonishing the difference you feel between pride and obligation, when casting a vote for someone who is principally aligned with your values. Not just someone who makes you shrug and say "Well at least they don't want to privatize the Post Office," but someone who understands the fundamental difference between universal healthcare and a public option. Someone who doesn't take money from police, oil and gas or insurance companies. Someone who is critical of performative gestures without substantive action.

I know some people in the Club are conflicted because they feel a personal commitment to candidates they may consider friends. This is completely understandable. But in my view, the left is losing ground to institutional power and Daniel is the only candidate that is radical enough to persevere without it. If we want to win we have to be strong. We have to believe that a better world is possible and we have to fight for it. I believe that's what Daniel is doing and I will help him fight. That's why I voted for him.
—*Danny Young*

Carlene Brown

I voted for Daniel Lee because he speaks like Reverend William Barber, of the Poor People's Campaign. Reverend Barber reminds us every *Moral Monday* that the USA is in a "critical moment of moral reckoning" that calls for a complete rejection of the way we have done politics up until now.

Vice Mayor Daniel Lee showed us how to demand that moral reckoning in his City Council [speech on January 25th](#). He challenged us to think of public safety in terms of not only our affluent neighbors but our Black neighbors of all income levels, of our immigrant neighbors from all over the world, of our Mexican-American or Central/South American neighbors.

Like Reverend Barber, Daniel Lee challenged us to admit that racism and White Supremacy are systemic issues, not only in police departments across the country, but within ALL institutions in the USA. Daniel Lee named the existence of White Supremacy within our city council and within our city staff. We can trust

him to speak and act with that same voice of moral clarity in Sacramento!

Our state government can have the best of both worlds by maintaining Sydney Kamlager as a powerful Black woman in the state assembly, while gaining Daniel Lee as a fierce and fiery Black man in the state senate. Vote Daniel Lee to demand a moral reckoning!
—*Carlene Brown*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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February 2, 2021

Vote by mail ballots mailed to voters

Special Election for State Senate District 30

February 3, 2021

Extended deadline of ADEMS ballots to be received by state party

February 6, 2021

The Insurrection: Domestic Terrorism and White Supremacy
A Virtual Conversation

Congressmember Karen Bass with special guest Malcolm Nance

[RSVP here](#)

(also available on Facebook)

6 PM

February 9, 2021

Results of ADEMS election to be posted at adem.cadem.org

February 10, 2021

CCDC General Meeting via Zoom

Installation of new Club officers for 2021

by City Council member Yasmine-Imani McMorris

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

7:00 PM

February 15, 2021

Last day to [register to vote](#) for the March 2 special election

March 2, 2021

Special Election: State Senate District 30

March 10, 2021

CCDC General Meeting via Zoom

We have invited LA District Attorney George Gascon to speak

The link to register will be printed in the March newsletter

7:00 PM

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The Hill we Climb *by Amanda Gorman*

Read by the author at the Inauguration of President Joe Biden

When day comes we ask ourselves,
 where can we find light in this never-ending shade?
 The loss we carry,
 a sea we must wade
 We've braved the belly of the beast
 We've learned that quiet isn't always peace
 And the norms and notions
 of what just is
 Isn't always just-ice
 And yet the dawn is ours
 before we knew it
 Somehow we do it
 Somehow we've weathered and witnessed
 a nation that isn't broken
 but simply unfinished
 We the successors of a country and a time
 Where a skinny Black girl
 descended from slaves and raised by a single mother
 can dream of becoming president
 only to find herself reciting for one
 And yes we are far from polished
 far from pristine
 but that doesn't mean we are
 striving to form a union that is perfect
 We are striving to forge a union with purpose
 To compose a country committed to all cultures, colors,
 characters and
 conditions of man
 And so we lift our gazes not to what stands between us
 but what stands before us
 We close the divide because we know, to put our future first,
 we must first put our differences aside
 We lay down our arms
 so we can reach out our arms
 to one another
 We seek harm to none and harmony for all
 Let the globe, if nothing else, say this is true:
 That even as we grieved, we grew
 That even as we hurt, we hoped
 That even as we tired, we tried
 That we'll forever be tied together, victorious
 Not because we will never again know defeat
 but because we will never again sow division
 Scripture tells us to envision
 that everyone shall sit under their own vine and fig tree
 And no one shall make them afraid
 If we're to live up to our own time
 Then victory won't lie in the blade
 But in all the bridges we've made
 That is the promised glade
 The hill we climb
 If only we dare
 It's because being American is more than a pride we inherit,
 it's the past we step into
 and how we repair it
 We've seen a force that would shatter our nation

rather than share it
 Would destroy our country if it meant delaying democracy
 And this effort very nearly succeeded
 But while democracy can be periodically delayed
 it can never be permanently defeated
 In this truth
 in this faith we trust
 For while we have our eyes on the future
 history has its eyes on us
 This is the era of just redemption
 We feared at its inception
 We did not feel prepared to be the heirs
 of such a terrifying hour
 but within it we found the power
 to author a new chapter
 To offer hope and laughter to ourselves
 So while once we asked,
 how could we possibly prevail over catastrophe?
 Now we assert
 How could catastrophe possibly prevail over us?
 We will not march back to what was
 but move to what shall be
 A country that is bruised but whole,
 benevolent but bold,
 fierce and free
 We will not be turned around
 or interrupted by intimidation
 because we know our inaction and inertia
 will be the inheritance of the next generation
 Our blunders become their burdens
 But one thing is certain:
 If we merge mercy with might,
 and might with right,
 then love becomes our legacy
 and change our children's birthright
 So let us leave behind a country
 better than the one we were left with
 Every breath from my bronze-pounded chest,
 we will raise this wounded world into a wondrous one
 We will rise from the gold-limbed hills of the west,
 we will rise from the windswept northeast
 where our forefathers first realized revolution
 We will rise from the lake-rimmed cities of the midwestern
 states,
 we will rise from the sunbaked south
 We will rebuild, reconcile and recover
 and every known nook of our nation and
 every corner called our country,
 our people diverse and beautiful will emerge,
 battered and beautiful
 When day comes we step out of the shade,
 aflame and unafraid
 The new dawn blooms as we free it
 For there is always light,
 if only we're brave enough to see it
 If only we're brave enough to be it



Mollie "Lee" Welinsky

Di's Corner:

by Diane Rosenberg

We are saddened by the passing of Mollie "Lee" Welinsky, long time Club member and former Club president, who passed away on Wednesday, January 13, 2021. Sending condolences to her family: her son Howard Welinsky, and her daughter Sandy Mansur; their spouses, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Lee had many "hats," not only in the Club. In the LACDP she was not only a Delegate for the 47th A.D. (now 54th), she was on the "Resolutions Committee" and a member of the County Central Committee. When she turned sixty she became an attorney, and retired twenty years later. For all of us who knew her she will surely be missed.



Update on Club member Charlotte Gunter: She is doing well. Still has care givers. Doing exercises for her elbow. Her attitude is excellent.

At our January 13 General Meeting we had the election of new officers for 2021. They were elected by acclamation. For President, Jeff Schwartz; First Vice President, Freddy Puza; Second Vice President, Jeanna Harris; Corresponding Secretary, Cynthia Hart; Recording Secretary, Shannon Theus; Treasurer, Eric Fine; Membership Secretary, Diane Rosenberg.

The meeting adjourned in memory of Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick, who was killed on January 6 while protecting the elected leaders of the United States. He was murdered by an angry mob incited by Donald Trump.

NEW CLUB OFFICERS ELECTED IN JANUARY

The following Club officers were elected by acclamation to a one-year term at the General Meeting on January 13. They will be sworn in at the February General Meeting by Council member Yasmine-Imani McMorris.

- President Jeff Schwartz
- First Vice President..... Freddy Puza
- Second Vice President..... Jeanna Harris
- Corresponding Secretary..... Cynthia Hart
- Recording Secretary Shannon Theus
- Treasurer..... Eric Fine
- Membership Secretary Diane Rosenberg

Trump-proof the presidency

The way this country could Trump-proof the presidency is to have decent options that are champions for the people, like Bernie Sanders would have been. Bernie would have handily beaten Trump, not barely squeaked a win by like Biden did. Also, the Democratic Party needs to keep an engaged and active party of members, not apathetic. Why did they become apathetic? Because the two parties are not working for the people but for the corporate class. We can Trump-proof the presidency by getting money out of politics and eliminating the corporate stronghold in our government.

—Melissa Michelson

Don't forget to renew your Club membership for 2021. You can do it online at ActBlue

How to Join the Culver City Democratic Club online

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



3. This will take you to the Actblue website

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- \$30
- \$45
- \$75
- \$125
- \$500

Other amount

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For more information on becoming a member of the Culver City Democratic Club, call Diane Rosenberg at (310) 398-5328

OPINION

A much-needed conversation on housing

by *Mark Lipman*

By far the most consequential decision facing Culver City today is the question of zoning. How we as a community answer this will forever decide the future of our city. Once the genie is out of the bottle there is no putting it back. Once we've handed over our right to control our own destiny to the for-profit developers and major tech corporations there is no getting it back.

It's no secret that there's been a well-financed, coordinated push to up-zone Culver City for years, and it's been presented to us as some inevitable *fait accompli*. It's as if the decision has already been made for us and the existing community really doesn't have a say in the outcome. Worse yet, it's being packaged to us as some sort of heroic "progressive" solution to address our current housing emergency and fight racism, when nothing could be further from the truth.

Nothing that these up-zoning advocates have offered does anything to solve the homelessness crisis we see in our community today, for by their own words they are not pushing up-zoning to house people who are homeless, but to create more market rate units for hypothetical, future residents 20 years down the line. Likewise, nothing they propose will address the long-standing history of racism and inequity in our community, because what they blatantly fail to acknowledge is that racism and poverty are inextricably linked. Without addressing the need for real affordable housing in a serious way, there's no addressing racism, or the economic discrimination that goes with it.

What we're seeing in fact is nothing more than professional level gaslighting, financed by the very same high tech corporations, like Apple, Amazon, Google, and Facebook, (which is the money behind groups like [CA YIMBY](#) and [Abundant Housing](#)). They're the very corporations that have been vying for complete ownership of the entire Westside region for the last decade—the very same corporations that are at the heart of creating (and profiting off of) the housing and

homelessness emergencies we face today. They point at the problem they created and then tell us to trust them with finding the solution.

Don't be fooled. We're told that up-zoning is the only way to get affordable housing units built, but that's simply not true. There are many options available to us to create those lower income units we need, without handing our city over to Wall Street and speculative investors, but those solutions have been consistently ignored out of hand.

There are solutions like land banking and public housing that are no more expensive—actually cheaper for us—than the \$500K plus subsidy per door that the for-profit developers demand, and that our politicians and staff members don't even question and instead are readily willing to just hand over. It's "what's always been done," which is also a major part of the problem.

We're currently relying on the very same corporate entities that created the problem to define the solution, and their solution always boils down to the same thing—profits.

Why in the world should we trust the corporate plan? We owe it to ourselves to have a full and transparent public debate on all the options on the table, before we rush headlong into destroying the one thing that everyone agrees they love about Culver City—that small town feel.

When they say that the land is too expensive, we need to point out that it's the up-zoning and corporate takeover of the region which has driven the artificial inflation of land prices; that by saying no to up-zoning we are in fact making the land more affordable and easier for us to buy.

When they say there's no money, we must remind them that there are literally billions of dollars available from the state, allocated for the production of affordable housing, and that if the state—through [RHNA](#)—is mandating upon us to make a plan to produce thousands of units (two-thirds of which are supposed to be for lower income levels), then they must also make the funding available to us to produce those units. Otherwise they are acting in bad faith, knowing full well there is no way to reach those affordable goals without state funding.

Moreover, we have to repeat to ourselves over and over again that we can join the

public bank that the City of Los Angeles is creating, in order to finance our own public housing projects. These are the very projects which should be built along the transit corridor and Expo Line. Lower-income people need public transportation the most. They need to live near those lines, instead of the higher income people being targeted, who primarily rely on their cars to get around.

When they say we need to up-zone our residential R1 districts (to built multi-million dollar duplexes) or else all we're going to get is McMansions, maybe we should bring these people on a tour of our existing R1 districts to see all the single family homes in our neighborhoods that already have 3 and 4 units on their properties?

There's nothing preventing us from allowing our existing homeowners to add units to their properties. In fact we're actively encouraging that. But to up-zone our neighborhoods so that some developer can step in and subdivide the property into three and four parts for millions in profits—that's how we unravel and destroy our existing community.

And finally, when they disingenuously point to homelessness as the reason to up-zone, we need to point to the criminally high vacancy rates that exist both here in Culver City and throughout Los Angeles County, which keep existing rents high for all of us, while letting over a thousand people die homeless on the streets every year.

Instead, we should be following the recommendations found in [The Vacancy Report](#), written by [SAJE](#), [ACCE](#) and [UCLA Law](#). Among other things, the report suggests implementing a vacancy tax on units left empty (like the 830 vacant housing units in Culver City which was reported in official city documents). The report also suggests "using eminent domain to take the property of the worst offenders, who leave units vacant for unconscionable lengths of time" and "transferring properties to community ownership models."

With all this said, this just scratches the surface of the conversation that our community needs and deserves. If we don't do this together, in a public forum, we can be sure that the decision will be made for us, behind closed doors, by those who will profit from our loss.

Let's Trump-proof the Presidency

by Cynthia Hart

First in an occasional series on the de-Trumpification of America

After Watergate and Nixon's abuse of power, a number of important reforms were put in place to guard our Democracy from another authoritarian president like Nixon who would put himself above the law. Those reforms were good and seemed to work. Until they stopped working. Now it must be the important work of lovers of democracy at all levels to rebuild the guardrails and de-Trumpify the Presidency. It's got to be our Democratic Party doing the building. (Now that the "Grand Old Party" has degenerated into a nest of Neo-Confederates, who else?) But where to begin?

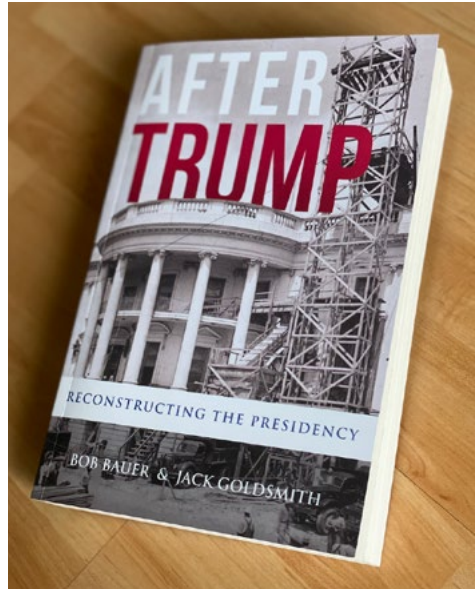
Mountains of paper and rivers of ink have already been written about this new 2021 version of the quest to form "A More Perfect Union," but for now, let me draw your attention to one book. [After Trump: Reconstructing the Presidency](#) by Bob Bauer and Jack Goldsmith.

Jack Goldsmith is a former assistant attorney general under President George W. Bush. Bob Bauer is a former Counsel to President Obama. This unlikely pair got together and wrote a completely remarkable book. I first heard of this duo in an LA Times column by Doyle McManus entitled "[Trump toppled norms. Don't let it happen again.](#)"

What can Congress and our new President do?

Bauer and Goldsmith recommend several specific areas of reform. Some can be done by executive order and others require an act of Congress.

- **Foreign State Influence:** Candidates or campaigns should be required to report contacts with foreign governments and their agents.
- **Financial Conflicts of Interest:** The President should be barred from any role in the oversight of any business. (Note: Refusing the Presidential salary is not a sign of virtue!) For the sake of transparency, blind trusts should be banned. Congress should establish procedures to enforce the emoluments clause.
- **Tax Disclosure:** Presidents and Can-



didates should disclose their tax returns annually (most already do).

- **The Press:** Congress should strengthen the Presidential Records Act of 1978 to include twitter tweets and other social media communications as subject to the Act. Regulations should give White House press due process protections from arbitrary revocation of press passes.
- **The Pardon Power:** Presidents should be barred from self-pardon or using the pardon to obstruct justice. It should be a crime for a President to offer a pardon in exchange for a bribe.
- **The Justice Department:** The Executive branch should enhance Justice Department regulations against political bias in law enforcement, extend norms against the attorney general interfering in investigations, and enhance independence of a special counsel so that they can report to Congress and the American people credible allegations of criminal conduct by senior executive branch officials including the president.
- **War Powers and Nuclear Weapons:** Congress should repeal and replace the Authorizations for Use of Military Force (AUMF's) hastily enacted in the immediate freak-out over the 9/11 attack and systematically abused ever since. Clarify that the Atomic Energy Act is not a blanket authorization for first use of nuclear weapons.
- **Vacancy Reform:** Congress should

close the loopholes in the regulation of executive branch vacancies that Trump used to circumvent the Senate confirmation process by making unilateral temporary appointments.

Happily, some legislation along these lines is already in the works. On September 23, 2020, House Democrats introduced HR8363: [The Protecting our Democracy Act](#).

What can the grassroots do?

Our job as grassroots activists is to keep everlastingly after our elected representatives at every level of government to enact the necessary reforms. I suggest that every single time, we show up at a Town Hall or a Q&A with an elected public official we ask the question "So Mr. or Ms. Elected, what are you doing to Trump-proof the Presidency?" And give them no peace until they respond satisfactorily.

Representative Ted Lieu's Response to Trumpian Abuses

I had the opportunity recently to pose that very question to Representative Ted Lieu. He indicated that the Trump era had exposed a number of loopholes and weaknesses in Congressional Oversight. He pointed to the need for Congress to use "inherent contempt" to enforce its subpoenas. He also spoke of his work with Senator Ed Markey on HR 669/S200 [The Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act](#).

As Thomas Jefferson may or may not have said, "The price of liberty is eternal vigilance."

I say, "Stay vigilant!"

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RESOLUTION

REPARATIONS FOR SLAVERY, JIM CROW SEGREGATION AND RACIST FEDERAL POLICIES

Adopted by the Culver City Democratic Club at its January 13, 2021 meeting

Whereas the 2020 National Platform of the Democratic Party calls for the establishment of a commission to examine the lasting economic effects of slavery, Jim Crow segregation, and racially discriminatory federal policies on income, wealth, educational, health and employment options; to pursue truth and promote racial healing; and to study reparations;

Whereas the platform of the California Democratic Party calls for reparations for those whose ancestors were victimized by slavery; and

Whereas President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris each campaigned in favor of a commission to study the feasibility of reparations for those whose ancestors were victimized by slavery, segregation and racially discriminatory federal policies; therefore be it

1. Resolved, the Culver City Democratic Club urges President Biden to establish a commission during the first 100 days of his administration with the charge to provide a report of its findings by June 19, 2021; and be it further

2. Resolved, that the Culver City Democratic Club urges President Biden to establish a commission and to state to the commission that reparations are due to the descendants of those victimized by slavery, Jim Crow segregation and racially discriminatory federal policies and that the commission focus on eligibility, the financial remuneration and method of payment.

Authors: Rebecca Rona-Tuttle, Rick Tuttle and former Los Angeles City Councilman Robert Farrell.



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RESOLUTION

PATH TO CITIZENSHIP FOR UNDOCUMENTED RESIDENTS

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Whereas the 2020 National Platform of the Democratic Party calls for the enactment of legislation that would establish a path to citizenship for undocumented workers, caregivers, students and children, who are an essential part of our economy and the fabric of our nation; and

Whereas the 2020 platform of the California Democratic Party also calls for the enactment of legislation that would establish a path to citizenship for undocumented residents of the United States; now therefore be it

1. *Resolved*, that the Culver City Democratic Club urges President Joe Biden to send to the Congress, during the first 100 days of his administration, legislation that would provide a path to citizenship for the 12 million undocumented people now residing in the United States, and urges House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Vice President Kamala Harris, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, California Senators Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla and members of California's Congressional delegation to make this legislative effort a priority, and be it further
2. *Resolved*, that the Culver City Democratic Club calls on President Biden to institute a moratorium on deportations of undocumented individuals until this legislation becomes law.

Authors: Rick Tuttle and Rebecca Rona-Tuttle



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