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**General Meeting on Zoom — 7p.m. Wednesday, April 14, 2021**

**Program: CalCare is healthcare for Californians**

*President's Message by Jeff Schwartz*

## Leo the Lion meets Lampedusa's Leopard

In his [April 2019 State of the City address](#), Mayor Thomas Small quoted “a novel by Lampedusa,” where a character says: “If we want everything to stay as it is, everything must change.” Being slightly less well-read than Mayor Small, I recognized this from the 1963 film adaptation *The Leopard*. The line belongs to Tancredi, the young leading man, who joins the 19th century Italian unification movement despite his aristocratic background.

Before 2019, the State of the City was given at an event organized by the Chamber of Commerce. The Mayor reported to them, and they sold tickets. Mayor Small broke with tradition and reported to the people at a free event in the newly remodeled Robert Frost Auditorium, instead of at a fundraiser for a conservative business group.

The State of the City could not be given in person last year because of COVID, so the next Mayor, Meghan Sahli-Wells, [produced a video](#) in April. After Göran Eriksson succeeded her, he released his own State of the City video in December, but for [a Chamber of Commerce event](#). Eriksson is a past Chair of the Chamber and [meets with them the Thursday before every City Council meeting](#) “as an opportunity for the business community to let their voice be heard and gain insight into the pressing topics of the coming Council Meeting.”

Culver City has no Republican organization. Last November, [Joe Biden got 82% of the vote here, with 86% turnout](#). All five of our City Council members are Democrats. Even the alt-right Protect Culver City PAC, led by a failed Republi-

can candidate, brands itself as “non-partisan,” and another local perennial candidate has started a rogue Democratic group to promote his Trumpist platform.

Open support for the Republican Party's candidates and agenda is not viable in Culver City. What we have instead is conservatism in the form of caution: warnings that change will lead to unintended (or “unattended”) consequences and that systems have “too many moving parts” for anyone to understand, plus endless calls for more outreach, more studies, etc.

These are simply stalling tactics. No amount of community engagement will satisfy the local conservatives, because [the conservative “silent majority”](#) they are hoping to engage [does not exist](#).

Their interest in research is equally insincere, as shown by their dismissive and disrespectful responses to [the excellent work presented to the Council last year](#) by UCLA Urban Planning graduate students and by MacArthur Genius (and CC

resident) Kelly Lytle Hernandez' [Million Dollar Hoods project](#).

The conservatives in our community and on our Council believe that if government does nothing, Culver City will stay the same. However, our progressive values require us to ask how good the status quo has been, for whom, and at what cost. Then, if there are elements of the status quo worth maintaining, we are back with Tancredi. The world is not static; it is always in motion. Instead of asking whether there will be change, we need to ask what change we want, and to worry about the consequences of inaction at least as much as those of action. Preserving natural resources, affordable housing, excellent schools, a vibrant cultural environment, or any of the other things we might enjoy about Culver City requires regular study and intervention. Making them more equitable and sustainable will take even more work. Otherwise, they will be overrun by the unintended consequences of a century of “business-friendly” policies.

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**IN MEMORY OF**  
**Herb Rosenberg**  
*beloved Husband and Father*  
**Mark Stuart Rosenberg**  
*beloved Son and Brother*

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## Culver City Democratic Club endorses Isaac Bryan for State Assembly District 54 with 62% of the vote



Isaac is the founding director of the UCLA Black Policy Project, a multi-issue policy initiative that has informed legislation at all levels of government. He’s organized for environmental justice, racial equity, housing justice, and the reimagining of our criminal legal system. He has advised local and state elected officials, including Senator Sydney Kamlager and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, on issues ranging from youth development to innovative strategies aimed at reducing the number of people falling into homelessness. Last year, he co-chaired the Measure J campaign, which fought to allocate nearly a billion dollars of the County’s annual budget to address racial injustice. [IsaacBryanforCA.com](http://IsaacBryanforCA.com)

**AB 1400 CALCARE**

# OFFICE HOURS

THE NURSE AND DOCTOR ARE IN!

EVERY SUNDAY @ 5PM

BRING YOUR QUESTIONS TO BUILD YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE BILL.  
GRASP HOW A SINGLE PAYER SYSTEM WOULD TRANSFORM CALIFORNIA.

JOIN US!

MODERATED BY  
JEANNA HARRIS, RN  
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## A Thought Experiment

Monsanto has developed a pesticide spray designed to kill humans with a single spritz. They are passing out pocket-sized hand-held spray bottles to everyone in America. Everyone you meet will have one of these, or might. Someone make you angry? One spray and they're dead. So easy to do.

Terrible idea? Shouldn't this be outlawed?

Of course this is fake.

But handguns are real. Having everyone carry handguns is just as bad a public policy.

—Darrel Menthe



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7pm Wednesday, April 14**

**AB 1400? CalCare? What's that?**  
Hear from Ryan Skolnick,  
organizer from the  
California Nurses Association,  
who will explain why the CalCare  
legislation could potentially revolutionize  
healthcare as we know it in California.

[Click here to register in advance for this meeting](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



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**To join the Culver City Democratic Club or renew your membership, you may go to [ActBlue](#) or call Membership Secretary Diane Rosenberg at (310) 398-5328**

**Biden's covid stimulus is big for a reason:  
It's our best chance to save democracy**

*by U.S Senator Sherrod Brown*

Out of the ashes of Jan. 6, a new president and new majorities in Congress have three historic charges — defeat the pandemic, build back our economy, and repair the damage done to our democratic way of life. Americans saw — in the terrorist attack against our country and in the most bipartisan impeachment in our nation's history — just how fragile our democracy is.

We save democracy for today, and for the next century, by making government work; by showing people in the most meaningful way that their votes matter, and that their votes count. And right now, that means a wartime-level mobilization to get Americans vaccinated and get our country through this pandemic.

The best chance for our democracy lies not with the vain hope that Republican leaders will grow spines, but with Democrats' ability to show Americans that they do not have to settle for a government that's set up to fail.

We learn from history. The far-right elite grows its movement best in the fertile soil of economic inequality. Phony populist leaders eagerly exploit people's anxieties; once in office, they use that power for corporate tax cuts, to amass more wealth for themselves. Then, when government fails everyone else — when the middle class shrinks, when wages stagnate, when corporate profits soar — people lose faith in democracy itself. [Click here to read the entire article](#)

**Di's Corner:**

*by Diane Rosenberg*

Update on Club member Charlotte Gunter. Charlotte is still doing good. Her spirits are still high as well as her attitude. She already has had her first COVID-19 shot. Yes, it did a number on her. She became extremely fatigued. No energy at all. It took her close to two weeks before she finally felt like her old self. And Charlotte will be getting her second shot.

February 22 I got my first COVID-19 shot. I had it at my primary doctor's office. I was fine. No after effects. My second I will be getting on March 24.

Today, March 10, I had surgery on my left knee. It went very well. It was done at Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital (formally Queen of Angels Hospital).

# HR4—The John Lewis Voting Rights Act

by *Cynthia Hart*

Representative John Lewis has left us, but his former colleagues in the House of Representatives still hope to make some “good trouble” in his name.

HR4, The John Lewis Voting Rights Act, seeks to revive the 1965 Voting Rights Act that the Supreme Court did violence to in their 2013 Shelby County vs Holder decision.

## OPINION

At the time, Republicans said that we didn't need that old law anymore because of all of the progress that had been made (because of the law) since 1965.

“Just look!” they said, “We have our first Black President.” To which Ruth Badger Ginsberg replied in her dissent that “throwing out preclearance when it has worked and is continuing to work to stop discriminatory changes is like throwing away your umbrella in a rainstorm because you are not getting wet.”

After that bad decision, a wave of voter suppression rolled over the country. Polling places were closed, voter ID requirements implemented. You know the whole sorry story. Now a new effort has been launched in the form of HR4.

Unhappily, this restoration of voting rights has not a prayer of enactment unless majority rule is restored in the Senate. The Senate must end the filibuster.

Here is [what our allies at Indivisible say](#) about HR4-The John Lewis Voting Rights Act:

H.R. 4 is named after the late Congressman and civil rights icon John Lewis, who risked his life for the right to vote. It would re-establish the preclearance requirements that were thrown out as a result of the Shelby County decision. It would also require preclearance on a nationwide scale for practices that disproportionately affect communities of color such as:

- Changing election practices in diverse areas

- Changing documents required to vote or to register to vote
- Reducing access based on language
- Reducing polling locations in diverse areas

If turned into law, the John Lewis Voting Rights Act would be a crucial protection against racist voter suppression tactics while strengthening our electoral system as a whole.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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**April 2, 2021**

Wende Museum presents

[“Transformations: The Cold War of Poetry and Protest”](#)

(Club Member Mark Lipman moderates)

**12:00 Noon**

**April 14, 2021**

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AB1400? CalCare? What's that? Hear from Ryan Skolnick, organizer for the California Nurses Association, who will explain why the CalCare legislation could potentially revolutionize healthcare as we know it in California

Here is [the link](#) to register for the meeting

**7:00 PM**

**April 19, 2021**

Vote by Mail Ballots mailed for the AD54 Special Election

**April 21, 2021**

CDP Spring Convention [Registration](#) Closes

**At 5:00 PM sharp**

**April 22, 2021**

Earth Day

**April 28, 2021**

Denim Day

“Whatever we wear/Wherever we go/Yes means Yes/and No means No!”

**April 29, 2021—May 2, 2021**

California Democratic Party Spring Convention 2021

<https://cdpconvention.org>

**May 3, 2021**

Last day to register to vote in the AD54 Special Primary Election

**May 12, 2021**

CCDC General Meeting via Zoom

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

**7:00 PM**

**May 18, 2021**

Assembly District 54 Special Primary Election

# Kill Switch—The rise of the modern Senate and the crippling of American democracy

In the final chapter of *Kill Switch*, the author, Adam Jentleson, tells the story of how America came close to passing a constitutional amendment to eliminate the Electoral College.

It was 1970, and the results of the 1968 Presidential election had scared Democrats as well as Republicans. Neither Richard Nixon nor Hubert Humphrey got a majority of the votes, because former Alabama Governor George Wallace had run as a third party candidate. If a few more votes had gone to Wallace instead of Nixon, the House of Representatives would have decided the election. Since Democrats controlled the House at the time, Republicans got a scare.

## Book Review

On the other side, Hubert Humphrey lost in the Electoral College, 191 to 301, in spite of the fact that Nixon beat him by less than one percent in the popular vote.

After the 1968 election, President Nixon supported doing away with the Electoral College, and so did most Republicans and Democrats. According to a couple of major polls, about eighty percent of voters favored electing the President by popular vote instead of in the Electoral College. According to a survey, 30 of the 38 states needed for passage were already in favor of the idea.

In 1969, a bill to [eliminate the Electoral College](#) passed the House by 339 to 70. Then it went to the Senate.

You can probably guess what happened there. It was stopped by a filibuster organized by a group of southern senators. A majority of senators voted twice to end the filibuster in order to vote on the bill, but both times it fell short of the supermajority that was needed. The bill died without ever coming to a vote.

We'll never know for sure, but there's a good chance that, if not for the filibuster, the popular vote would have elected President Al Gore in 2000 and President Hillary Clinton in 2016. Instead, they both lost in the Electoral College in spite of winning the popular vote.

Adam Jentleson, who wrote *Kill Switch*, knows the Senate rules from personal experience. He was a member of Democratic Senate leader Harry Reid's staff during the Obama Presidency. Part of his job was to know the Senate rules. His book tells how the filibuster came to be, and how it has evolved into a weapon used almost exclusively by Republicans.

*Kill Switch* describes how the filibuster was invented by [John C. Calhoun](#) (the guy who also invented [nullification](#)) and how it turned into a Republican weapon. He makes a powerful argument that the filibuster, which is not in the Constitution, should be abolished through a simple change in Senate rules.

The filibuster, as it exists today, allows 41 senators to keep most bills from coming to a vote until 60 senators vote to end "debate." The word debate is in quotes because, even though the filibuster is still invoked in the name of "unlimited debate" senators no longer have to speak on the Senate floor to keep a filibuster going. They just need 41 votes.

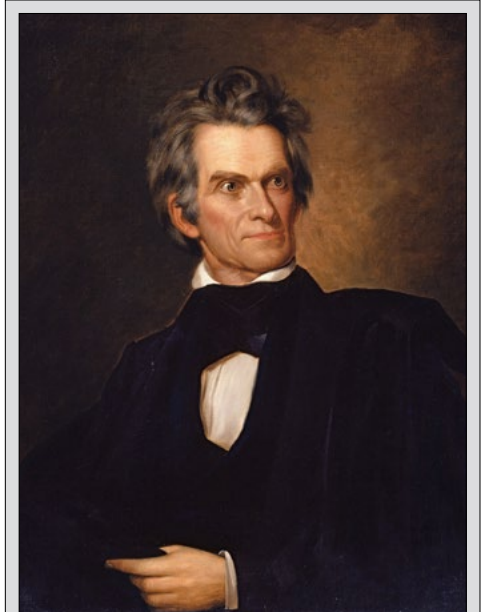
*Kill Switch* quotes Thomas Jefferson, Ben Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, and James Madison to show that they were all against a "supermajority" to pass legislation (by which he means anything larger than a simple majority). Madison did not even want to create the Senate in the first place, because the states with larger populations are under-represented there. California and Wyoming each have two senators, but seventy times as many people live and pay taxes in California.

In the twentieth century ALL the bills successfully blocked by filibusters were civil rights bills, including federal laws to outlaw lynching and poll taxes.

Finally, in 1964, seventy-one senators voted to break a Southern filibuster, and a strong civil rights bill was enacted. That filibuster lasted seventy-five days and was the longest in history.

Today the filibuster is much easier to use than it was in 1964. As a result of that evolution, the filibuster is used much more often than ever before. It's true that filibusters can no longer block Pres-

idential appointments or "budget reconciliation" bills containing only taxing and spending provisions. It also cannot be used against some bills that would undo federal regulations. But blocking anything else still only takes 41 votes out of 100.



**John C. Calhoun** was the seventh Vice President of the United States. He served in that office under Presidents John Quincy Adams and Andrew Jackson. In 1832 he resigned as Jackson's Vice President and went home to South Carolina, where he became a Senator.

In 1828, while still Vice President, Calhoun wrote **Calhoun's Exposition**, which argued that a state has the right to reject federal law. This idea led to the Civil War ten years after Calhoun's death.

While in the Senate, Calhoun popularized the idea that the Senate allowed "unlimited debate" and that Senators could continue to speak forever against a bill they didn't like. He famously claimed slavery was a "positive good," even for African Americans, rather than a "necessary evil."

—Pete Rockwell





## HR51 would make D.C. the 51st state

by Cynthia Hart

There was a scene about Washington D.C. statehood in the movie *All the President's Men*. The editors went around the table considering which stories should go on the front page of the *Washington Post* that day. One guy quietly offered that “Now may be the time to go to page one with D.C. statehood.” The other editors laughed. “No, wait,” he said “this time it could go all the way.” That was 1972.

## OPINION

But what about now? Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton, D.C.’s NON-VOTING House member, says, “There’s never been a time when statehood for the District was more likely.” After all, D.C. statehood did pass the House in June of 2020, after which it faced a Republican Senate. Now the makeup of the Senate has changed, and when HR51 and its twin in the Senate (S51) were re-introduced this year the bills had a record number of original co-sponsors. As of this writing, the sponsorship total has climbed to 215 in the House and 42 in the Senate – including both of our California Senators and our Representative Karen Bass.

### Taxation Without Representation

HR51 would correct the historic injustice of taxation without representation for the over 700,000 D.C. residents with no voting representation in Congress. That’s more people than the whole state

of Wyoming. The fact that the District population is majority non-white makes this a racial justice issue.

Senator Tom Carper (D-Delaware) who re-introduced the Senate version of the bill, points out that D.C. residents pay more in federal tax per capita than the residents of any of the 50 states, yet they have no voice in how that money is spent. Furthermore, residents of the District have fought in all of America’s wars.

We were all reminded on January 6 that the federal government controls D.C. The city’s mayor was unable to respond when the neo-Confederate insurrection got underway. Contrast that with the militarized response to peaceful protests in June 2020.

### A Question of Balance

D.C. statehood would be a step toward re-balancing the Senate, which is structurally biased towards largely white, low-population states. Wyoming, the least populous state, has two senators. California, the most populous state, has two senators. D.C. has no senators. See the problem?

Senator Chris Van Hollen says that D.C. statehood would give the District’s citizens “...the same basic political rights afforded citizens in the 50 states.” Now should finally be the time! But this will only be possible if the Senate is restored to majority rule. The Senate must end the filibuster and make Washington, D.C. a state.

## AB854— Reform the Ellis Act to end the speculator eviction loophole

Once there was a more or less well-intentioned law that was meant to protect aging “mom and pop” landlords who needed to exit the rental market because they could no longer take care of their properties. It was called the Ellis Act. But then the Courts stepped in and expanded the



reach of the Ellis Act. Soon speculators swooped in to buy buildings and quickly “go out of the rental business”. What followed was eviction notices and loss of affordable housing.

According to the Coalition for Economic Survival: “Studies show that the vast majority of Ellis Act evictions transpire within the first five years of building purchases, indicating that these property owners had no intent of being in the rental business in the first place. In fact, there has been a trend of ‘Serial Evictors’ who evict tenants from multiple buildings to convert the units to other uses and then acquire new rental properties for the same purpose.”

That’s why Assembly Members Alex Lee (D-San Jose), David Chiu (D-San Francisco) and Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica) have proposed AB854, which seeks to end speculator abuse of the Ellis Act by imposing a five year holding period before the Ellis Act can be used.

As of this writing, the bill is in the Assembly’s Committee on Housing and Community Development. It’s scheduled for a hearing on April 15, 2021.

# SB98 would protect journalists from being intentionally attacked and detained

In the last year, we have seen increasing numbers of journalists zip-tied, man-handled, pepper-sprayed, tear-gassed, rubber-bulleted, and outright arrested for committing journalism wherever and whenever police would have preferred that their actions be unwitnessed. For example, last year, [KPCC's Josie Huang](#) was roughed up and arrested by Sheriff Villanueva's merry men. Last week an LA Times reporter, with an official LAPD-issued media credential on his chest, was [zip-tied, and detained](#).



Under current California law, journalists may enter natural disaster emergency areas for the purpose of gathering information. SB98 seeks to extend that protection to areas where protests are taking place. It would provide that these intrepid truthseekers not be intentionally attacked or detained. In the event of detention, journalists could appeal their arrest to a police supervisor.

Just before Christmas 2020, SB98 was re-introduced full of bright promise. It passed the Public Safety Committee and was sent off to the Appropriations Committee where it was voted to the “on suspense” file. It seems that the bill had incurred the opposition of police, who pleaded with the Senators that the cost to update their policies would amount to \$50,000. That’s all it takes to zip-tie and detain a bill in that committee.

“In the absence of a law to compel people not to be jerks, SB98 may be the next best thing.” — [Los Angeles Times](#)

Happily, our own newly-elected State Senator Sydney Kamlager sits on that

very committee. If you believe, as I do, that this measure is needed to protect the public’s right to know what is being done in our names, then please contact Senator Kamlager and ask her to do all she can to nudge SB98 on its way to enactment. You can leave her a message at her Capitol office (916) 651-4030 or email her at [sd30.senate.ca.gov/contact](mailto:sd30.senate.ca.gov/contact)

## Protect the Right to Organize

[The PRO Act is now in the Senate]

The Protect the Right to Organize Act (PRO Act) expands various labor protections related to employees’ rights to organize and collectively bargain in the workplace.



Among other things, it (1) revises the definitions of employee, supervisor, and employer to broaden the scope of individuals covered by the fair labor standards; (2) permits labor organizations to encourage participation of union members in strikes initiated by employees represented by a different labor organization (i.e., secondary strikes); and (3) prohibits employers from bringing claims against unions that conduct such secondary strikes.

The bill also allows collective bargaining agreements to require all employees represented by the bargaining unit to contribute fees to the labor organization for the cost of such representation, notwithstanding a state law to the contrary; and expands unfair labor practices to include prohibitions against replacement of, or discrimination against, workers who participate in strikes.

The bill makes it an unfair labor prac-

lice to require or coerce employees to attend employer meetings designed to discourage union membership and prohibits employers from entering into agreements with employees under which employees waive the right to pursue or join collective or class-action litigation.

The bill further prohibits employers from taking adverse actions against an employee, including employees with management responsibilities, in response to that employee participating in protected activities related to the enforcement of the prohibitions against unfair labor practices (i.e., whistleblower protections). Such protected activities include:

- providing information about a potential violation to an enforcement agency,
- participating in an enforcement proceeding,
- initiating a proceeding concerning an alleged violation or assisting in such a proceeding, or
- refusing to participate in an activity the employee reasonably believes is a violation of labor laws.

Finally, the bill addresses the procedures for union representation elections, provides employees with the ability to vote in such elections remotely by telephone or the internet, modifies the protections against unfair labor practices that result in serious economic harm, and establishes penalties and permits injunctive relief against entities that fail to comply with National Labor Relations Board orders.

**Fellow members: This resolution has been submitted by Scott Houston, the Director of our division of the West Basin Municipal Water District and a member of this Club. Similar resolutions have been adopted by the LA County Democratic Party and the Santa Monica and Beverly Hills/ West Hollywood Democratic Clubs, the LA, Santa Monica, and Long Beach City Councils, and the LA County Board of Supervisors.**

**Scott included three LA Times pieces about this situation — [March 8](#), [February 20](#), [February 12](#) — and [a radio program](#). Scott will be at our April meeting to answer any questions. —Jeff Schwartz**

# RESOLUTION

## CALLING FOR STATE AUDIT OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT

Whereas it has been alleged that the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is an unsafe workplace with rampant sexual harassment, bullying, and retaliation, where 20 current and former employees have described a pattern of harassment of women, LGBTQ+ and other employees who enrolled in the district's apprentice program; and

Whereas since 2005, more than 30% of women working in trades positions for the district have filed formal equal employment opportunity complaints, after making these complaints, women reported being ignored by agency officials and some said they were pressured to continue working alongside their abusers, and one victim was required to move to a facility more than 100 miles from her home; and

Whereas on October 27, 2020, an independent investigation was initiated by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Board's Organization, Personnel and Technology Committee, but there is concern that this investigation will not be sufficient to reveal the systemic level of abuse employees have described; therefore be it

*Resolved*, the Culver City Democratic Club calls upon the Joint Legislative Audit Committee to approve an audit of all personnel policies and practices of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California including all human resources and safety procedures and policies to guarantee workers have a safe working environment free from sexual harassment, bullying, discrimination and retaliation; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Culver City Democratic Club shall send letters of support for this audit to our State Senator Sydney Kamlager and our Assemblymember once elected; and advocate for a similar resolution to be passed by the Culver City Council.

Submitted by West Basin Municipal Water Board Vice President Scott Houston



**Dear Members: Many of you have participated in or followed the work of groups including the [Culver City Action Network](#) and [POC4Change](#) challenging the role of police in Culver City. On April 26 the City Council will consider adopting the recommendations of Solidarity Consulting, as described in this resolution. I hope you will vote to lend our organization's support. —Jeff Schwartz**

# RESOLUTION

## CULVER CITY MUST IMPLEMENT THE SOLIDARITY CONSULTING REPORT

Whereas, thousands of Culver City residents were part of the nationwide movement last summer led by Black Lives Matter in response to the police killings of Breonna Taylor and George Floyd, the vigilante murder of Ahmaud Arbery, and countless other atrocities,

Whereas, in response the Culver City Council commissioned and received studies of the Culver City Police Department from the [Center for Public Safety Management](#) and from [Solidarity Consulting](#),

Whereas, the Center for Public Safety Management did not address equity and social justice issues in their report, disclaimed any relevant expertise, and referred all questions in those areas to Solidarity Consulting,

Whereas, the purpose of these reports was specifically to evaluate CCPD in light of the equity and social justice issues raised by the Black Lives Matter movement, and

Whereas CCPD does not mention the Solidarity Consulting report [on their website](#) and ignored its conclusions in their [2021-22 draft work plan](#),

Therefore we, the members of the Culver City Democratic Club, ask the City Council to officially adopt the recommendations of the Solidarity Consulting report to:

- 1) Freeze CCPD hiring, including the active officer recruitment opened in January.
- 2) Implement these three pathways to enhance racial equity and public safety,
  - divert calls about mental health, homelessness, and substance abuse issues to a mobile crisis response team not affiliated with CCPD (modeled on [CAHOOTS](#));
  - align Culver City with LA County’s [Alternatives to Incarceration](#) initiative, especially for the minor misdemeanors which consume an enormous percentage of police time and have deeply inequitable effects, as documented by [Million Dollar Hoods](#);
  - address CCPD’s reputation for racial profiling (aka “Driving While Black”) by moving traffic enforcement out of CCPD and conducting a civil liberties-based review of “proactive policing” and all other CCPD policies.
- 3) Reinvest all savings from these changes into public safety and well-being programs outside CCPD.
- 4) Direct CCPD, Human Resources, and the City Manager to project CCPD staff reductions due to retirements etcetera in order to create scenarios to decrease the police budget without layoffs.
- 5) Create a powerful independent Public Safety Commission and enforce civilian oversight.

And therefore, we ask the City Council to direct CCPD and all other relevant departments (City Manager, City Attorney, Fire, Parks & Recreation, Public Works, etc.) to comply with these recommendations in their 2021-22 work plans and budgets.

# RESOLUTION

## SUPPORTING A SINGLE-PAYER HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Whereas, currently, 3 million Californians have no health coverage, nearly one-third of all Californians who do have coverage reported delaying or skipping necessary health care over the last year due to cost, and the Covid-19 pandemic continues to ravage the state of California, disproportionately infecting and killing people of color and forcing millions of people out of work, thus exposing the unsustainability of the employer-provided insurance model, and

Whereas, our current fragmented system of privately financed, for-profit health insurance, administered primarily by employers, where there is strong incentive to minimize or outright deny necessary care and public health emergency preparation in order to maximize industry profits, is unsustainable and expensive, cannot be reformed, and must be replaced with a “unified publicly-funded single-payer healthcare system” as indicated on the California Democratic Party Platform, and

Whereas, a single payer system would enshrine health care as a human right in the state of California by guaranteeing comprehensive, high quality care to all Californians with the freedom to choose who provides that care, free at the point of service, at a lower overall cost than our current system; now therefore be it

*Resolved*, that the Culver City Democratic Club recognizes that our current fragmented profit first health care system has exacerbated the pandemic putting the most vulnerable and disfranchised at greater risk of illness and death, and left those unemployed due to the pandemic vulnerable because they lost their employee based health insurance; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Culver City Democratic Club supports transitioning California to a single payer health care system, as outlined in the platform of the California Democratic Party, that would guarantee comprehensive, high quality health care to all Californians as a human right;

Submitted for adoption by the Culver City Democratic Club  
Second Vice President Jeanna Harris

# RESOLUTION

## CALLING ON THE GOVERNOR TO APPLY FOR WAIVERS ALLOWING CALIFORNIA TO IMPLEMENT A SINGLE-PAYER HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

Whereas, the Culver City Democratic Club recognizes that the COVID-19 Pandemic has laid bare the inherent failures and inequities of our current healthcare system; people of color and underserved communities have disproportionately paid with their lives, and the social and economic destruction caused by the pandemic was only made worse under a system not designed to deliver healthcare to everyone; and

Whereas, the California Democratic Party Platform recognizes “health care is a human right, not a privilege,” and calls for a “publicly-funded single-payer” system, now more than ever, California needs to be a leader in delivering healthcare for all; and

Whereas, under the favorable conditions of newly appointed Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra, self-proclaimed single payer supporter Governor Gavin Newsom has the opportunity to apply for the 1332 State Innovation Waiver afforded under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and any other applicable waivers needed to pursue a single payer healthcare system; applying for these waivers will allow California to innovate and tear down federal obstacles to help solve some of its most pressing problems such as the current health care emergency. Governor Newsom ran on a single-payer platform, applying will demonstrate a huge step to fulfilling his campaign promise; therefore be it

*Resolved*, that the Culver City Democratic Club calls on Governor Gavin Newsom to apply for the 1332 State Innovation Waiver and any other applicable waivers needed which will allow California to create a single-payer healthcare system as permitted by the Affordable Care Act; and be it further

*Resolved*, the Culver City Democratic Club by way of this resolution is striving to actualize the Party Platform Values of the California Democratic Party.

Submitted for adoption by the Culver City Democratic Club

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Variation Passed by LACDP, SDCDP, OCCDP, & many others across the State