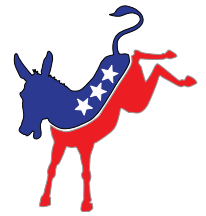


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### General Meeting on Zoom — 7p.m. Wednesday, August 10, 2022

### Program: School Board endorsement discussion

*President's Message by Jeff Schwartz*

## Endorsements matter

Fellow Democrats,  
We are in the middle of our endorsement season, moving from the June primary towards the November general election. Our August 10 meeting will be devoted to discussion of our Culver City Board of Education endorsements: three seats are up, and Summer McBride is the only incumbent seeking re-election. An announcement for our August 8 candidate forum appears in this newsletter. Note that the forum will start at 6PM to avoid conflicting with that night's City Council meeting, and that it will be recorded and posted on our YouTube channel as quickly as possible. At our September 14 meeting, we will consider endorsements on the various ballot propositions and on the County, State, and Federal offices where either we did not endorse in June or our endorsed candidate did not make the top two. These will include Sheriff, Water Board, State Controller, and US Congress.

On July 13 and 14 we voted to endorse Alex Fisch and Freddy Puza for City Council. Our endorsement process was a remarkable success, a great credit to the candidates, the Club leadership who organized it, and all of you who participated. Club membership is at a record level and so was participation in the endorsement vote, with 78% of eligible members casting ballots. Despite the appearance of division amongst the membership, with some members sniping at each other, the Club, and yours truly in the local press and on social media, the results of the endorsement vote were emphatic. Fisch and Puza each received over 75% of your votes, leaping over the 60%

threshold on the first ballot. This outcome seems to confirm Manuel Pastor's argument in *Equity, Growth, and Community* that the more inclusive a process is, the more progressive the results. It also supports observations by [Noah Zatz](#) and [myself](#) that, as more people participate in CC politics, the results move left.

After the November 2020 general election, Noah published [a very interesting analysis of the results in the Culver City Catalyst](#) and presented it at [our January 2021 meeting](#). He demonstrated that, in County, State, and Federal races, Culver City voted to the left of Santa Monica, of LA County as a whole, and of the state as a whole.

Below I have repeated his analysis for selected contests from the June 6 election, using the final results as published on [lavote.net](http://lavote.net) and [sos.ca.gov](http://sos.ca.gov). Our endorsed candidates appear in **bold type**.

Besides showing the city's general political leanings, these results may also suggest the effectiveness of this Club's endorsement and mailer, especially in the judicial races, where voters received few-if-any other mailers, besides [pay-to-play slate cards](#).

All our endorsees did better in Culver City than in other areas or statewide, in most cases significantly better. Although one would need to survey voters in the relevant communities about their information sources and decision-making processes to be sure, I will risk some observations.

First, the Republican-led Protect CC PAC has dismissed this election, pre-

dicting a conservative takeover with the increased fall turnout. I won't link to their site, but it's easy to find. They are engaged in wishful thinking and propaganda. As you can see, Culver City's turnout at 42% of possible voters was higher than state or county-wide, even though we had no local contests and there were several exciting races for LA City Council and the County Board of Supervisors, which should have boosted participation in those areas. Culver City voters may simply be more engaged and, as Noah and I documented, are turning out for progressive candidates.

Second, some notes on specific contests. For State Senate, Lola Smallwood-Cuevas likely benefited from her community connections as a resident and CCUSD parent, as well as from Club support and endorsements including Karen Bass, Sydney Kamlager, Isaac Bryan, and Holly Mitchell.

For Insurance Commissioner, note that the Republican candidates did as badly here as in Santa Monica and West Hollywood. Also, note that incumbent Ricardo Lara was endorsed by the State and County Democratic organizations, as well as by the Santa Monica Democratic Club, which makes Marc Levine's performance especially impressive.

The LA Times' endorsement was likely important for Levine. I definitely think it was crucial for LA County Sheriff candidate Robert Luna, who will face Alex Villanueva in November. The County Party did not endorse for Sheriff, while the Santa Monica and Stonewall Democratic

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Clubs joined us in backing Eric Strong. Our own Corresponding Secretary Cynthia Hart was quoted in a [“Dems in disarray” story on this race in the Times](#), while I was interviewed for another outlet’s attempt at a similar story and may have talked them out of it by reminding the reporter that the point of a primary is to select a candidate, so it is not a failure to have not “united” in advance, and that running a “Dems in disarray” story the week before the election was likely to depress turnout and help Villanueva.

The judicial races are potentially more illuminating for the value of our endorsement. We supported the Defenders of Justice slate: Anna Reitano, Elizabeth Lashley-Haynes, Holly Hancock, and Carolyn Jiyoung Park, who ran an innovative campaign, creating new energy around judicial races. Although they won the endorsement of many progressive organizations, they did much better in Culver City than in the larger areas, suggest-

ing that Culver City voters listened both to those organizations and to us. Kevin McGurk also received our endorsement, appeared on our mailer, and did better in Culver City than overall.

Although we endorsed Patrick Hare, it happened after the mailer had gone to press, and his performance in Culver City, although excellent, was similar to how he did in Santa Monica. Lloyd Handler got almost the exact share of the vote in Culver City as he did in Santa Monica and statewide, which again suggests that it was our mailer which made the difference for McGurk and the Defenders.

It is also possible that the three men also benefited from the Defenders’ campaign. Running as three public defenders and a labor lawyer, the Defenders highlighted the overrepresentation of prosecutors on the bench, which boosted the other defense lawyers running.

Despite [national media initially misreading the results](#), the June primary was a

[mandate for progressive change](#), with socialist and abolitionist candidates doing extraordinarily well.

In conclusion, I think this Club can be proud of our work choosing and publicizing our endorsements and getting out the vote

PS. Unrelated to this election analysis, I want to share two local history resources. First, [LA Street Names](#) attempts to find the origins of the names we take for granted. Some of us might have been telling people Baldwin Ave. was named for James Baldwin, but that’s not going to make it so. This site has the real story. Second, the UCLA Film and Television Archive has digitized and posted online the complete run of [“Get Used to It,”](#) a public access LGBTQIA+ talk show produced by the City of West Hollywood and hosted by Shelia Kuehl from 1992-2012. It’s an amazing archive and a tribute to Kuehl, [who is also being honored this month by our peers at the Santa Monica Democratic Club](#).

Overall Turnout	Culver City	Santa Monica	West Hollywood	Beverly Hills	LA County	California
	42%	36%	38%	40%	29%	33%

State Senate	Culver City	LA County
<b>Lola Smallwood-Cuevas</b> .....	54%	45%
Cheryl Turner .....	24%	30%
Joe Lisuzzo (R).....	17%	15%
Kamilah Moore.....	3%	6%
Jamaal Gullledge.....	2%	4%

State Insurance Commissioner	Culver City	Santa Monica	West Hollywood	Beverly Hills	LA County	California
Ricardo Lara.....	35%	38%	40%	26%	39%	36%
<b>Marc Levine</b> .....	38%	34%	32%	27%	20%	18%
Robert Howell (R).....	7%	8%	6%	21%	14%	18%
Greg Conlon (R) .....	6%	7%	5%	16%	11%	16%
Nathalie Hrizi (P&F) .....	7%	7%	12%	3%	6%	3%

LA County Sheriff	Culver City	Santa Monica	West Hollywood	Beverly Hills	LA County
Alex Villanueva.....	18%	21%	17%	40%	31%
Robert Luna.....	32%	37%	29%	27%	26%
<b>Eric Strong</b> .....	30%	21%	30%	11%	16%
Cecil Rhambo .....	6%	6%	7%	7%	8%

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LA County Superior Court Office 60	Culver City	Santa Monica	West Hollywood	Beverly Hills	LA County
Abby Baron .....	30%	37%	28%	42%	30%
<b>Anna Reitano</b> .....	46%	32%	37%	16.8%	28%
Sharon Ransom .....	14%	19%	23%	16.9%	22%
Troy Slaten.....	5%	6%	5%	6%	10%
Mark Rosenfeld.....	5%	6%	6%	18%	9%

LA County Superior Court Office 67	Culver City	Santa Monica	West Hollywood	Beverly Hills	LA County
<b>Elizabeth Lashley-Haynes</b> .....	52%	42%	49%	26%	37%
Fernanda Baretta .....	32%	40%	34%	24%	36%
Ryan Dibble .....	16%	18%	16%	51%	27%

LA County Superior Court Office 70	Culver City	Santa Monica	West Hollywood	Beverly Hills	LA County
<b>Holly Hancock</b> .....	68%	63%	69%	36%	47%
Renee Chang .....	22%	26%	19%	49%	32%
Randy Fudge.....	4%	4%	4%	9%	9%

LA County Superior Court Office 90	Culver City	Santa Monica	West Hollywood	Beverly Hills	LA County
Melissa Lyons.....	35%	48%	43%	29%	35%
Leslie Gutierrez.....	15%	15%	14%	27%	27.8%
<b>Kevin McGurk</b> .....	44%	30%	38%	30%	27.6%

LA County Superior Court Office 116	Culver City	Santa Monica	West Hollywood	Beverly Hills	LA County
Lloyd Handler .....	37%	36%	45%	28%	35%
David Gelfound.....	63%	64%	55%	73%	65%

LA County Superior Court Office 118	Culver City	Santa Monica	West Hollywood	Beverly Hills	LA County
Melissa Hammond .....	34%	38%	33%	24%	30%
<b>Carolyn JiYoung Park</b> .....	37%	22%	31%	12%	23%
Keith Koyano.....	11%	10%	7%	31%	17%
Georgia Huerta .....	9%	15%	11%	11%	15%
Klint McKay .....	8%	13%	18%	19%	14%

LA County Superior Court Office 151	Culver City	Santa Monica	West Hollywood	Beverly Hills	LA County
<b>Patrick Hare</b> .....	53%	57%	55%	35%	39%
Karen Brako.....	19%	18%	14%	36%	24%
Thomas Allison .....	18%	17%	23%	15%	19%
Richard Quinones.....	9%	8%	8%	15%	18%



A program from the  **Culver City**  
DEMOCRATIC CLUB

# CULVER CITY SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FORUM



At 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 8, we will hold an online forum for Culver City School Board candidates. It will run 90 minutes and be hosted by journalist and filmmaker Maximina Juson.

## [Register to attend.](#)

After registering, you will receive

a confirmation email with a link to join the candidate forum.

A recording will be available on [our YouTube channel](#) and candidate questionnaires will be published on [our website](#).

All candidates who are registered Democrats are invited to partici-

pate in this forum. Howard Adelman, Triston Ezidore, Brian Guerrero, Stephanie Lored, Darrell Menche, and Summer McBride have confirmed.

We look forward to seeing you there, and stay tuned for more exciting programs as we work towards November.

## Happy Women's Equality Day

Ever since Nixon, every American President has proclaimed the 26th of August as Women's Equality Day. That's because it was on August 26, 1920, that the U.S. Secretary of State signed the proclamation that recognized the right of Americans of any "sex" to vote pursuant to the 19th Amendment. Let's be clear. No one was "given" that right. Women and their allies fought hard for it.

It may seem ironic to celebrate Equality Day this year when a fundamental right has just been taken away from people with uteruses, but perhaps August 26, 2022, can serve as a reminder of a fundamental right that we still have. Amendment XIX still says "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex." We can still use what Lyndon Johnson called "the right that protects all the others."

In his new book "Our Unfinished March," former Attorney General Eric Holder refers to the work of the women's suffrage movement as an example of what needs to be done today as part of a plan to protect American democracy.

On this and every Women's Equality Day, let us persevere. —*Cynthia Hart*



# Club endorses Alex Fisch and Freddy Puza for City Council

The Culver City Democratic Club has endorsed Councilmember Alex Fisch for re-election to the City Council of Culver City. The Club also endorsed local activist Freddy Puza to replace Councilmember Dr. Daniel Lee, who



**Alex Fisch** is running for his second term on the Culver City Council.

Alex's vision for Culver City prioritizes 1) optimizing public safety, public space, and public health for all, 2) expanding affordable housing and reducing homelessness, and 3) investing in mobility options and improving our local environment while leading the region in increasing sustainability and climate resilience.

The City Council took major steps towards this vision during Alex's first term: phasing out oil production within city limits, expanding tenants' rights, providing emergency rental assistance, substantially reducing the city's structural deficit, expanding outreach to the unhoused, winning a Project Homekey grant to convert two motels into housing for those most in need, and approving the creation of a mobile crisis response service. During the pandemic, the council moved quickly to assist residents with necessities like meal delivery and regular phone calls to seniors while assisting businesses with expanded outdoor dining, fee waivers, and tax deferrals.

Alex represents the City on the Westside Cities Council of Governments (the COG), and represents the COG on the Regional Council of the Southern California

announced that he will not run for a second term. There are two openings on the Council this year. Both Alex Fisch and Freddy Puza are long-time members of the Culver City Democratic Club.

Association of Governments. His regional work has helped Culver City win grants from the Biden Infrastructure Bill, various state environmental, housing, and mobility programs, Olympic funding, and regional opportunities.

Alex is also an attorney for the California Department of Justice, in the Natural Resource Law Section of the Attorney General's Office, and a proud CCUSD dad.

**Freddy Puza** is running for a city council seat, because he appreciates the strengths and potential of Culver City, and because he wants to contribute constructively to addressing the challenges our community faces. Freddy was drawn to Culver City in 2011 because of its central location, vibrant growth, creative economy, and, most of all, its people. Freddy has been both a homeowner and a renter where he lives in Fox Hills.

Freddy sees himself as standing on the shoulders of the progressive leaders that have preceded him, and is committed to building on their work. In speaking with voters, Freddy knows that his platform, based on the values of diversity, equity, inclusion, and a sustainable future, resonates even more in 2022 than it did when he first ran for city council in 2020.



Freddy is committed to advancing the important changes that have been launched in our community: protecting our health and safety by shutting down the Inglewood Oil Field and reimagining public safety; building connectivity throughout the city, so that more people can readily walk, bike, or choose alternative mobility options; developing significantly more affordable housing, including making sure our unhoused neighbors receive the housing and meaningful supports they need; improving community participation in the city budgeting process; and addressing climate change locally, as robustly as possible..

While we may not always agree, Freddy believes in the importance of being respectful and patient with one another. Many changes are called for, and change is often challenging for people to embrace. This is one reason why leaders need to have the convictions to make decisions that help all people, not just a select few. Freddy is under no illusion that Culver City alone will solve all of the problems we face, but he promises that together we will do our fair share of the work. With your support, Freddy looks forward to serving our community as a council member. Please visit <http://www.freddypuza.com/> to learn more about his campaign and how to get involved.



# A letter from Kelly & Paula



**Kelly Kent**

As the two sitting CCUSD trustees who are not up for re-election—and as the candidates who were endorsed by the Culver City Democratic Club in the last cycle—we are often asked about our priorities. This letter responds to that question by outlining the three principles that are guiding us in the current race for school board. We share a mission to create a community where everyone is uplifted and where we intentionally open doors so that the next generation can live a life full of joy, happiness, and purpose.

A majority (three out of five) of CCUSD school board seats are open this November, which gives us an exciting opportunity to accelerate and enhance the progress we have made in the last few years, as well as launch in the areas where we've been stuck. We are looking forward to sharing the dais with a diverse collective of voices and experiences in order to serve all of our 7000 students, their families, and our 800 staff members.

## 1. Words are not enough. We must act in the best interest of the students.

The community can only hold electeds accountable by measuring their impact. Words alone are not enough. As we meet with candidates, we are asking if they are willing to take the next steps in our continued commitment to be a “full inclusion district,” helping our students with disabilities be fully integrated and gain complete access to rigorous, standards-aligned curriculum. Similarly, if there is an expressed commitment to the “whole child,” will incoming board



**Paula Amezola**

members be willing to address the district's role in the [housing status](#) of both students and staff? When we say we put safety first, will the new trustees demand to implement evidence-based safety measures like district-wide commitments to social and emotional well-being, restorative practices, and culturally responsive and inclusive educator professional development?

## 2. Intersectionality

In order to best ensure the most marginalized of our students and their families are always centered in our policy discourse as well as in less public settings like closed session, meetings with the superintendent, and smaller gatherings with other community members, we hope the three incoming board members will share our desire to make intersectionality a feature of all school district commitments. For example, when we target services to our English Learner (EL) population, we must also consider that some of our ELs are Black-identifying students as well as unhoused and will have unique needs that are related to the way multiple systems in the United States underserve these families. Our experience on the board has taught us that when only one aspect of a student's name, face and story are centered in their individualized education, that student is much less likely to graduate with access to both a four-year college and a viable career path. We have learned that when we only tend to a student's need for food, but not also their need for teachers and staff that look like them, they may be less likely to graduate with Advanced Place-

ment courses and exam credits.

## 3. Collaboration

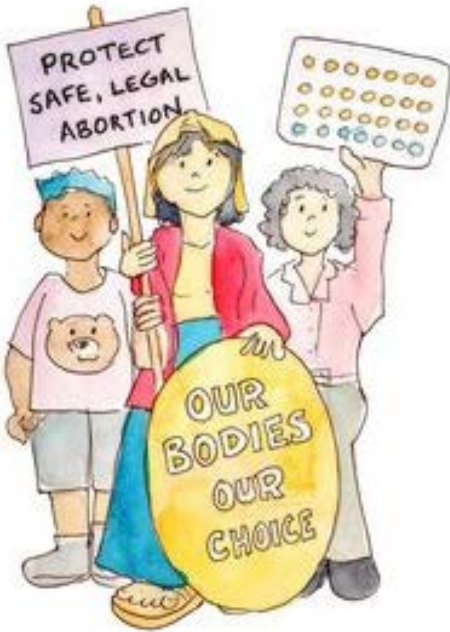
We don't have the privilege to be incrementalists and vote for one singular value or focus on one issue. The urgency of our times in terms of public sector funding, the risks of gun violence, the climate crisis, and the emotional well-being of our youth, demands that we break from a scarcity mindset and roll up our sleeves to do the work for all of our most vulnerable. And to that end, we must remember that we govern in a community, where ALL levels of stakeholder (student, labor group, district leadership, teacher, school site, unions, family, community member, faith-based organization, etc.) must collaborate. Striving for equity demands that each of those voices must be considered when we act on behalf of our English Learners, foster and unhoused students, students with disabilities, and socioeconomically disadvantaged students who are below [English and math standards](#). At this pivotal moment when three new seats are up for election, we do not have the privilege to work as lone fighters.

At this time, we are meeting with candidates, and inviting others to join these collaborative discussions. We believe that the candidates we choose to endorse, if elected, will help our students meet their full potential. Additionally we look forward to engaging with our community so that everyone can make an informed decision on which candidates are ready to turn words into action.

Please find a *List of Actions, Positions and Policies We Support* linked here: <http://tiny.cc/ccusd22>.

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# 2022 California ballot measures, personified



## [California Proposition 1, Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment \(2022\)](#)

A “yes” vote supports amending the state constitution to prohibit the state from interfering with or denying an individual’s right to reproductive freedom, which includes a right to an abortion and a right to contraceptives.

The California Democratic Party urges a **YES** vote.

Thanks to our friend Alfred Twu for letting us use his great drawings depicting the seven statewide propositions that will be on the ballot November 8.

Click on the links to read more.



## [California Proposition 26, Legalize Sports Betting on American Indian Lands Initiative \(2022\)](#)

The California Democratic Party makes no recommendation.



## [California Proposition 27, Legalize Sports Betting and Revenue for Homelessness Prevention Fund Initiative \(2022\)](#)

The California Democratic Party urges a **NO** vote.



## [California Proposition 28, Art and Music K-12 Education Funding Initiative \(2022\)](#)

The California Democratic Party urges a **YES** vote..



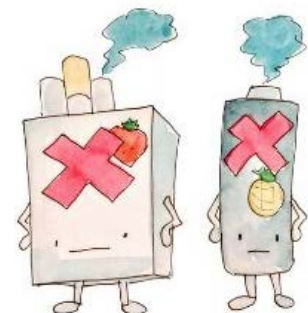
## [California Proposition 29, Dialysis Clinic Requirements Initiative \(2022\)](#)

The California Democratic Party urges a **YES** vote..



## [California Proposition 30, Tax on Income Above \\$2 Million for Zero-Emissions Vehicles and Wildfire Prevention Initiative \(2022\)](#)

The California Democratic Party urges a **YES** vote..



## [California Proposition 31, Flavored Tobacco Products Ban Referendum \(2022\)](#)

The California Democratic Party urges a **YES** vote..





**More photos from PRIDE RIDE on page 9**



## More photos from PRIDE RIDE



## Sheila Kuehl on the LGBTQ+ legacy and digital future of "Get Used To It"



Clockwise, from top left: Lily Tomlin, Phill Wilson, Jewel Thais-Williams, Morris Knight, Alec Mapa, Torie Osborn, Kate Clinton, Sheila Kuehl.

For many gay and lesbian Americans, 1992 was a year of historic change in politics and public discourse: it was the first time that issues affecting their communities were brought to the fore in a Presidential election. Bill Clinton's win was seen as a cause for hope, "a rite of passage for the gay and lesbian movement," said Urvashi Vaid, a prominent leader (*New York Times*, 1992). Meanwhile, on the state level, equal rights advocates continued to battle to end discrimination, with some hard-fought victories and some setbacks.

Amid this political climate, UCLA alumna Sheila Kuehl—who would soon become the first openly gay or lesbian person elected to the California Legislature—co-produced and hosted a new talk show, *Get Used to It* (1992-2012). Inspired by the words heard at demonstrations across the nation—"We're here, we're queer, get used to it!"—the series brought together advocates and allies for thoughtful conversations, delving into landmark cases and legislation for equal rights, issues related to LGBTQ+ youth, race and racism in the community, immigration, faith and spirituality, HIV/

AIDS, and much more.

A collaboration between the City of West Hollywood, which originally broadcast the series on its public access channel, and the UCLA Film & Television Archive has made [all 177 episode available online](#). *Get Used to It* joins over 41,000 other holdings in the Archive's [Outfest UCLA Legacy Project](#) collection, the largest publicly accessible archive of LGBTQ+ motion pictures and television.

"The Archive is grateful to the West Hollywood team for entrusting us in the dissemination of this historical LGBTQ+ television program as part of the Legacy Project," said Todd Wiener, motion picture curator and project liaison. "We hope that these important LGBTQ+ moving images are widely resourced by scholars and the public now and in the future."

For a reflection on the program's legacy, we interviewed Sheila Kuehl, this year's [Edward A. Dixon UCLA Alum of the Year](#) and a current Los Angeles County Supervisor. For a transcript of the UCLA Film & Television Archive's [interview with Sheila Kuehl](#), [click here](#).

# New CCDC t-shirts are here!



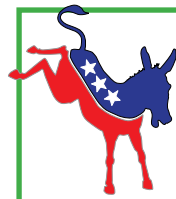
We are now accepting orders for Club t-shirts in a new design, refreshed for our 70th anniversary.

Shirts are 100% cotton, union made in Boyle Heights.

They come in small, medium, large, and extra-large and, for the first time, we have Men's (boxy) and Women's (fitted) cuts.

Place your order by donating \$20 (or more!) via [Act Blue](#) and emailing us at [CulverCityDemClub@gmail.com](mailto:CulverCityDemClub@gmail.com) your desired size and cut. We will deliver in Culver City and nearby; other orders will be mailed.

We also have a few shirts remaining with the previous design (now known as "heritage" or "throwback" shown below).



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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and Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CulverCityDems>

### August 8 • 6 PM

Culver City School Board Candidates Forum  
[to register to attend on Zoom CLICK HERE](#)

### August 8 • 7 PM

[Culver City Council Meeting](#)

There will be discussion of reparations

### August 10 • 7 PM

CCDC General Meeting via Zoom

### August 22 • 7 PM

[Culver City Council Meeting](#)

There will be discussion of gun safety

### August 26

Women's Equality Day

Celebration of the 19th Amendment

<https://www.womenshistory.org/articles/womens-equality-day>

### Friday, August 26

between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m.

### Saturday, August 27

between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m.

### Sunday, August 28

between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Fiesta La Ballona

Volunteers needed to staff our Club Booth (2-hour shifts)

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

### August 31

California State Legislature

Last day for each house to pass bills

<https://www.assembly.ca.gov/legislatedeadlines>

### September 14 • 7 PM

CCDC General Meeting via Zoom

Join the [Grassroots Democrats HQ](#) for GOTV Opportunities - Phone banks and Canvasses. You can RSVP for all opportunities by clicking on the [HQ LinkTree](#). Events are updated daily as new events are confirmed.

For volunteer opportunities to help keep Congress blue, go to:

<https://www.mobilize.us/cadems/>



# Legislative update—last day for legislation is August 31

by *Cynthia Hart*

It's been a busy year in Sacramento. Some of the bills that our Club has been following didn't make it out of the house of origin and so fell by the wayside. Three important bills passed both houses. Other bills are still active and need support before August 31. Happily, our district has representation on both the Assembly and Senate appropriations committees. Contact State Senator Sydney Kamlager at (916) 651-4030 and Assembly Member Isaac Bryan at (916) 319-2054.

## Passed Both Houses

SCA10—Amends state constitution to protect reproductive freedom. Status: will appear on the November 8 ballot as Proposition 1.

SB245—Eliminates cost sharing in abortion services (Co-authored by Sen. Kam-lager). Status: signed into law.

AB1666—Protects California abortion providers from out-of-state civil actions. Status: signed into law as an urgency

measure with immediate effect.

## In Senate Appropriations Committee—Scheduled for Hearing 8/1/22

[AB2223](#)—Prevents prosecution of people who have suffered miscarriage or stillbirth.

[AB2091](#)—Protects medical privacy from out-of-state subpoenas.

[AB2134](#)—Provides gap coverage for Californians who lack abortion and contraception benefits.

## In Assembly Appropriations Committee—Scheduled for Hearing 8/3/22

[SB1142](#)—Establishes a web page for centralized information on abortion care services and support.

[SB260 Climate Corporate Accountability Act](#)—Requires disclosure of carbon footprint (received CDP endorsement in July).

[SB914 HELP \(Homeless Equity for Left Behind Populations\) Act](#)—Plans to address help for domestic violence survivors.

## In Senate Governance & Finance Committee

[AB2053—The Social Housing Act](#) (Assembly Member Alex Lee).

## In Senate Appropriations Committee—Not Scheduled

[AB1685](#)—Forgives parking fines up to \$1,500 for people experiencing homelessness (Assembly Member Bryan).

[AB2264](#)—Will standardize pedestrian crossing signals to give pedestrians a head start.

[AB1816](#)—Reentry housing and workforce development for the formerly incarcerated (Assembly Member Bryan). Received CDP endorsement in July.

## What's next?

The bills that pass both houses by August 31 will go to Governor Newsom, who will have until September 30 to sign or veto them.

# Shall the Board of Supervisors be able to remove the sheriff for cause?

The California constitution authorizes county charters to provide steps for the removal of an elected sheriff. In July, our County Supervisor Holly Mitchell co-authored a resolution that began the process of placing such a proposed charter amendment on the November ballot.

"The State Legislature, the Board, and voters have gone to great lengths to create a system of accountability and transparency. However, for decades, the current system has allowed abuses of power to thrive largely unchecked with serious consequences for public safety. It has become painfully clear that the Board must put this question to the voters. The proposed charter amendment would allow the Board to expeditiously remove a sheriff who violates the law," said Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Holly Mitchell, representing the Second District. "Under the current system, voters must wait for a grand jury to convene or a recall election to be held. The voters deserve an opportunity to decide whether this is the right way to enhance accountability of the sheriff and protect the lives and liberties of county residents."

"The county has a history of sheriffs who

break the law and ignore—or worse, facilitate—deputy misconduct. The public demanded that the Board act on its duty to supervise the sheriff and protect people in the most vulnerable circumstances. The Board heard us, and it did," said Melanie Ochoa, Director of Police Practices at the ACLU of Southern California. "No matter who wins in November, structural change is needed to make sure that we don't have another sheriff with

a \$3 billion budget, unlimited weapons, and no real process to achieve accountability while lives are at stake."

This item comes up for a second reading at the August 2 meeting of the Board. You can provide public comment to the Board of Supervisors. [Click here for detailed instructions.](#)

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## Di's Corner:

by *Diane Rosenberg*

At our General Meeting Wednesday, July 13, on Zoom, it was candidates night for Culver City Council. Incumbent Alex Fisch, Denise Renteria, Khin Khin Gyi, and Freddy Puza participated. Khin Khin and Denise didn't get the Club's endorsement, but Alex and Freddy did, and we congratulate them.

Update on Club member Charlotte Gunter: She is doing well. She can now put a little pressure on her right foot. Still healing. Her attitude is still remarkable. She just had a birthday. She misses seeing everybody in person.