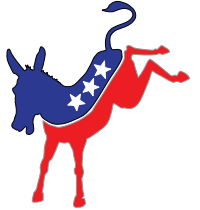


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Program: Election outreach opportunities

President's Message by Jeff Schwartz

Election time is here!

Fellow Democrats, General election ballots will arrive next week, and the end of a process which has consumed much of our energy this year will be in sight at last. Our endorsement mailer is scheduled to arrive alongside the ballots. I believe this is the most important thing this Club does. The statistics in my [August message](#) suggest that our endorsements made a substantial impact in the primary, and quite a few non-members who stopped by our Fiesta booth that month told me they rely on us when filling out their ballots.

It is thus no surprise that some members of the community who do not support our endorsements are choosing to attempt to undermine our credibility rather than defend their preferred candidates and positions. These attacks are an acknowledgement of our influence.

They are also baseless. I hesitate to repeat and thus amplify them, but it is necessary to refute them. We are the only officially chartered Democratic Club in this city. We are authorized by the County Party to represent the Democrats of this community. Our membership is not limited to Culver City residents, but it is overwhelmingly local. This is standard for Democratic Clubs with a particular focus. I am not aware of any regional clubs with a residency requirement and the Stonewall Democratic Club not only welcomes straight allies but has elected them to its board. The only clubs which have membership restrictions beyond requiring that members be registered Democrats are Young Democrat groups, which have [a maximum age of 36](#).

Our membership is not only at record numbers for this Club, but I suspect it is extremely high per capita. I was recently speaking with the president of another club, who bragged that his group had almost a thousand members, and I was envious, until I realized that their scope was all of LA County, which boasts over three million registered Democrats compared to Culver City's eighteen thousand. Our Club is a far larger sample of our community than most. I challenge our critics to show me a local political organization whose dues-paying members are a greater share of the target population. Thank you for joining.

Participation in our endorsement vote was also exceptionally high. Seventy eight percent of members participated in our City Council endorsement vote and fifty five percent in our School Board endorsement vote. Our membership is large and highly engaged. Thank you for voting.

Many Democratic Clubs and other political organizations have endorsement committees who make recommendations to the membership based on candi-

date interviews or questionnaires. These committees work in private and their interviews and questionnaires are not always recorded or published. Not all eligible candidates are always invited to participate. Candidates not selected by the endorsement committee are required to organize and call a vote to have the committee's slate pulled if they want to get their names before the general membership. Clubs have good reasons for using this process—with everyone to the left of Joe Manchin calling themselves a Democrat, some vetting may be justified, but that is not how this Club works. We sent every Democrat running for each local office a questionnaire and [all their responses were made public](#) as soon as possible. Every Democrat running for each local office was invited to our forums, where they were all asked the same questions and given the same time to respond. [Those videos were also published as soon as possible](#). All Democrats running for every local office appeared on our endorsement ballot, the vote was conducted secretly using [Election Budget](#), and only candidates selected by sixty

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percent or more of the participants were endorsed. I challenge our critics to show me an organization with a more open and fair process.

My own politics are no secret. I have repeatedly quoted Howard Dean (“The Democratic wing of the Democratic Party”), Michael Harrington (“The left wing of the possible”) and Antonio Gramsci (“Pessimism of the intellect, optimism of the spirit”) in this space. My politics are also irrelevant. However outspoken I am in this column or in other spaces, I hold myself to a high standard of impartiality in conducting Club business. If I participated in a discussion, I was careful to do so only as a member, with the same limits as any other. Although I have endorsed candidates, you will not see me identified as President of this Club in anyone’s campaign literature except to present the Club’s choices. I challenge critics to find any place in this Club’s endorsement process where I used my office to favor any candidate or position not already endorsed by a direct vote of the members.

If this is a progressive club, it is because of your votes, not because of my leadership. Members who would like it to take different positions have not been shamed, silenced, or suppressed during my tenure. They have simply been outvoted as the

Club has become [more representative](#) of the city’s [actual population](#). There is no more point in contacting me to protest the Club’s endorsements than there is in contacting the County Registrar’s office to object to an election’s outcome.

Some of those complaining the loudest about not being represented by the Club are non-members or members who did not participate in the endorsement process. If you are a Democrat but have not joined this Club or you are a member of this Club but didn’t speak up for your positions, you turned down your chance to affect our endorsements. Members’ votes alone have determined our choices. Some of you may not agree with all thirty-nine choices, and I might not, but this too is what democracy looks like. We are the city’s most democratic political organization and its most Democratic.

Perhaps the strongest contrast to the Club is the newly launched Alliance for Culver City to Support the Election of Denice Renteria and Dan O’Brien for City Council 2022, Sponsored by the Culver Studios. If you have not heard of this group, I expect they will begin filling your mailbox shortly. As the name says, this is a Political Action Committee formed to support two Council candidates, not a group of people who will debate and vote on what to support, but can

a single person be a committee? ACCSE-DRDOBCC2022SCS has no bylaws, no members, and one donor. One could argue that this is the most and least representative organization: the most because all of its decisions are unanimous, perfectly representing its member, and the least because that member is not part of the local electorate.

As you can verify by searching the City’s [campaign finance portal](#), ACCSE-DRDOBCC2022SCS is the vehicle for \$175,000 of money from the Culver Studios, LLC which, to be clear, is the developer of that and several other major properties, including the Culver Steps, not a studio per se. This is over half of the money in the City Council race. It’s around \$6.25 for every registered voter in Culver City and over twenty-three times the cost of our mailer. Candidates are not responsible for what PACs do on their behalf, but I am cautiously optimistic that voters will be repulsed by a corporation attempting to buy the election. Culver City is not for sale.

I remind you one last time that our endorsements are chosen directly by our members and that we have neither sought nor received any corporate or PAC money this election cycle. It’s all you. By the people, for the people. Thank you for your help. Now let’s get out the vote!



Photo by Pete Rockwell

The painting on the side of this building spells a five-letter word. What is it?

The first person to email the answer to

CulverCityDemClub@gmail.com

wins a new CCDC t-shirt!



Culver City DEMOCRATIC CLUB 2022 **ENDORSEMENTS**

US Senate	Alex Padilla
US Congress District 37	Sydney Kamlager
CA Governor	Gavin Newsom
CA Lt. Governor	Eleni Kounalakis
CA Attorney General	Rob Bonta
CA Secretary of State	Dr. Shirley Weber
State Treasurer	Fiona Ma
State Insurance Commissioner	Ricardo Lara
State Controller	Malia Cohen
State School Superintendent	Tony Thurmond
State Senate SD28	Lola Smallwood-Cuevas
State Assembly AD55	Isaac Bryan
State Board of Equalization District 3	Tony Vazquez
LA County Sheriff	Robert Luna
LA County Assessor	Jeffrey Prang
LA Superior Court Judge Seat 60	Anna Reitano
LA Superior Court Judge Seat 67	Elizabeth Lashley-Haynes
LA Superior Court Judge Seat 70	Holly Hancock
LA Superior Court Judge Seat 118	Carolyn JiYoung Park
LA Superior Court Judge Seat 151	Patrick Hare
West Basin Water District Board	Scott Houston
Culver City City Council	Alex Fisch and Freddy Puza
Culver City School Board	Triston Ezidore, Brian Guerrero, and Stephanie Loreda
California Proposition 1	Yes
California Proposition 26	No
California Proposition 27	No
California Proposition 28	Yes
California Proposition 29	Yes
California Proposition 30	Yes
California Proposition 31	Yes
Los Angeles County Measure A	Yes
Culver City Measure BL	Yes
Culver City Measure VY	Yes

Here are some of the candidates the Culver City Democratic Club has endorsed for the November 8 election. Click on the candidate's name for more information.

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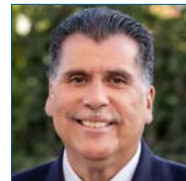
State Board of Equalization Dist. 13

[Tony Vazquez](#)



LA County Sheriff

[Robert Luna](#)



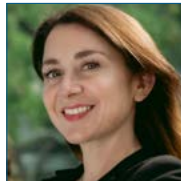
LA County Assessor

[Jeffrey Prang](#)



LA Superior Court Judge Seat 60

[Anna Reitano](#)



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[Holly Hancock](#)



LA Superior Court Judge Seat 118

[Carolyn JiYoung Park](#)



LA Superior Court Judge Seat 151

[Patrick Hare](#)



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 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

October 2 • 4 PM

Progressive Democrats of America-CA
[Statewide Propositions Forum](#)

October 3 • 6 to 8 PM

Join Assemblymember Isaac G. Bryan for a [Town Hall & Legislative Recap 2022](#)

WEEKLY: October 5 through October 26 • 6:30-7 PM

[CADEM PROP TALKS](#)

Prop Talk is a series of weekly virtual events in which the California Democratic Party will share important information on California Democratic Party-endorsed initiatives and ways to get involved

October 6 through 10

Mailing of Vote by Mail Ballots

October 8

[Women's Wave March](#)

October 8 • 11 AM to 6 PM

[Culver City Art Walk and Roll Festival](#)

October 10 • 7 PM

[Culver City Council Meeting](#)

October 11

[Culver City School Board Meeting](#)

October 11

Culver City Equity & Human Relations Advisory Committee
Celebrates Latino Heritage Month—**Save the Date**

WEDNESDAY October 12 • 7 PM

City Council Candidates [Virtual Youth Forum](#)
Moderated by **VOTE 16** and Produced by **KidScoop Media**

October 15 • 5:30 PM

[Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Awards 2022](#)

October 19 • 7 PM

NOTE RESCHEDULED DATE

[CCDC General Meeting via Zoom](#)

October 24

Last day to register to vote in November Election
[To register or verify registration click here:](#)

October 24 • 7 PM

[Culver City Council Meeting](#)

October 25

[Culver City School Board Meeting](#)

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/>

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.

Why I'm voting to re-elect Alex Fisch to the Culver City Council

I can say many things about why I am voting for Alex Fisch, but I'm going to focus here on the environment. If you have the pleasure of knowing Alex personally or as a council member, you know that Alex loves planet earth. It's not that he loves the earth more than he loves people. It's that he loves people enough to fight for their mother, and he loves their mother earth so much that it lives in all he does.

Alex is giving all he has for this damn planet.

This amazing public servant sees how dire our circumstances are and devotes so much of his intellect and optimism to us, to our future, to our children's future. We are incredibly lucky to have him and we are lucky that he is willing to run for a second term.

I am in a good position to know what has to be withstood by the partners and families in this town when we run for office and work to change the status quo. I see that Alex and his family have made tremendous sacrifices. I also know he wouldn't run again and family wouldn't support him running for re-election, if he and they didn't think it would make such an important difference.

Nations are under water right now. Climate refugees are being bussed and flown to "sanctuary states" right now because of what our generation and the ones just before did and did not do. States are losing coastlines and forests. Zombie ice is a scientific term right now (look it up).

Alex's bold leadership on climate means that Culver City has led the county and the state on stopping urban oil drilling. Our planning commission apparently just led the state on eliminating parking minimums. We can do this hard thing of leading on housing and mobility for the sake of both people and the planet. We will do it by helping Mr. Fisch house people and give them choices about how to be mobile. But Alex cannot do it without us.

We must put our energies into supporting the candidate who has the expertise and the experience, but also the passion and the boldness to address the realities of what we've been complicit in. Your neighbors need to know why Alex is your candidate.

Electing Alex Fisch to City Council will keep Culver City at the front of the fight to interrupt humankind's destruction of the climate. We will continue to watch the region and state follow and, with any luck, the nation

—Kelly Kent, Ph.D.

Member of the Culver City School Board

Why I'm voting for Alex and Freddy

During the last heat wave the thermostat in our living room read 90 degrees. The old and aging building that we rent is already barely adequate to sustain the hot summers, and the summers are only getting worse from here. Alternative housing options are completely out of reach for us and still, amidst the shocking increase in homelessness, we have to consider ourselves lucky to have a home at all! The reason I support Alex and Freddy for City Council is because they understand that these problems are all connected. Not just that, but they support the academically based policies which will fix them. Clear stated policies that will increase housing production, protect renters, expand public transportation services and more. These policies upset some people. Frankly, we don't have time to coddle them. Whether we like it or not, change is coming to Culver City. Change can be scary but I'm not scared. I'm excited to see what's new! Now is our chance to create a leading equitable city that welcomes everyone proudly. With Alex and Freddy on our City Council, we'll have the leadership capable of meeting this challenge. Unfortunately, the alternative is an exclusionary business-lead city that protects the wealthy while charging head-first into more climate disaster. If, like me, you feel like helping to save our neighbors and save the world, then please join me in voting for Alex Fisch and Freddy Puza for Culver City City Council.

—Danny Young



RE-ELECT
ALEX FISCH
CULVER CITY COUNCIL

**Alex Fisch is a visionary leader.
He ranks with the nation's best local officials.
- Randy Shaw, LA Progressive**

VOTE FOR FREDDY PUZA FOR CULVER CITY COUNCIL

WWW.FREDDYPUZA.COM #READY4FREDDY



Freddy is committed to:

- Reducing Culver City's carbon footprint to protect our community and our planet
- Connecting our mobility network to support our housing and sustainability goals
- Achieving zero emissions by making our transit system all-electric
- Providing unhoused people individualized services and support
- Championing affordable and workforce housing production

ENDORSED BY



Assemblymember (D-54)

Isaac Bryan

L.A. County Supervisor, 2nd District

Holly J. Mitchell

Culver City Council

Mayor Dr. Daniel Lee

Councilmember Alex Fisch

Councilmember Yasmine-Imani McMorris

Culver City School Board Members

Paula Amezola

Dr. Kelly Kent

Summer McBride



BRIAN GUERRERO

for CCUSD School Board

parent • educator • organizer



Good Ideas aren't enough. **Good Ideas** + **Skills and Experience** = Policies and programs that are fully and successfully implemented and real change for students.

Education & Credentials

- bilingual (Spanish)
- B.A.s in Psychology & Sociology, UC Irvine
 - Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
- M.Ed. in Education, UCLA, Center X
 - Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, Bilingual Ed.
 - Single Subject Teaching Credential, Social Studies

Career

- classroom teacher – 17 years
 - elementary, middle, and high school
 - bilingual ed./dual language
 - Inclusion, special ed./general ed. co-teaching
- curriculum specialist & instructional coach – 6 years
- [US Peace Corps](#) – volunteer, teacher trainer – 2 years
- [California Teachers Association](#) – trainer, organizer, education policy analyst – 2 years, *current position*

Union Work & Activism

- [Lennox Teachers Association](#) – Site Rep, VP, President
 - organizer, community outreach, lead negotiator
- Have worked with and supported:
 - [Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund](#)
 - [Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy](#)
 - [California Labor-Management Initiative](#)
 - [Parent Teacher Home Visits Project](#)
 - [Californians for Justice](#)
 - [Vote16 Culver City](#)

Priorities

As a parent, teacher, union organizer, and education policy analyst, I have a unique set of skills and experiences that is missing from the current CCUSD School Board. I can leverage my practical skills and experiences to drive policies and programs that result in positive outcomes for all students.

My priorities will be to work with my fellow board members, district leadership, teachers, classified staff, students and families to:

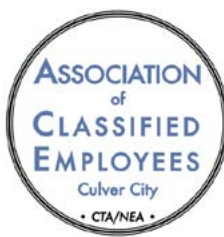
1. **Provide high-quality, well-supported academic, social-emotional, artistic and athletic experiences for on safe, well-maintained campuses.**
2. **Promote access and inclusion for all students**, particularly students with disabilities and English learners, in the same high-quality experiences provided to other students.
3. **Reflect critically on policies and practices for barriers to student success**, asking difficult questions and using data and listening to the experiences of students and families for answers.
4. **Value diversity in all forms**, celebrating the richness and joy of our community and assuring that diverse voices have a role in decision-making.
5. **Engage with stakeholder groups regularly**, reaching out, listening, and collaborating with diverse communities on matters *they* feel are important and impact students, families, employees, and the district.



For more information y la versión en español, visit:

www.guerrero4ccusb2022.com

Proudly endorsed by:





Virtual Phonebank and Textbank Supporting Lola Smallwood-Cuevas



Lola Smallwood-Cuevas is a civil rights leader, educator and community organizer running for Senate District 28. Lola co-founded the Los Angeles Black Worker Center where she worked to create opportunities for working families

Join us for our weekly virtual phone bank supporting Lola's candidacy!

The Culver City Democratic Club endorses Lola Smallwood-Cuevas for State Senate

Please use the link below to RSVP:
<https://www.mobilize.us/lscforsenate/event/505219/>
 For any questions please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Sherri at sherribell28@gmail.com

Why I support Stephanie Loreda

I am supporting Stephanie Loreda for Culver City School Board because she brings an informed, level-headed and compassionate approach to school policy and practice. She's the kind of leader we need at this time.

Why I'm voting for Freddy Puza

Voting for Freddy Puza is easy. He brings to our community the experience, the knowledge and the skill that we need to make sure that Culver City can become the forward looking city we all want to live in.

—Claudia Vizcarra

Brian Guerrero for CCUSD

Brian brings skills developed in the trenches to add to the difficult task of making sure our children get what they need from our schools. He's easy to talk to, listens acutely and can take on the complicated issues brought on by different world views. He will do that in a way that will allow various stakeholders to feel heard and honored. I'm truly excited to support this unique candidate.

—Donna Kent



George Floyd would have been 49 years old on October 14

Why I'm voting for Alex Fisch for City Council

by *George Montgomery*

I'm voting for Alex because he does the hard work. He is tireless and committed. He's holistic and smart with his approach and thoughtful with his words. He listens to the community, is studied on the agenda, and prepared for discussion while always relentlessly pushing to manifest realistic and productive solutions. He's not afraid to lead into new territory and wants to make the city the best it can be for the most people.

This is a complicated moment and my preference is for someone who has mastered the issues by putting in the time. Voting for progress and action is far superior to endless study, postponement and starting over.

We're in a time when a lot of anger is projected into every discussion. Alex does not do this. His positions

are reflective and driven by reason and empathy. He is persistent with his focus on measurable progress. He cares, wants to do good, and is not deterred by pessimism. He is an optimist who is always looking forward. He gets the work done.

I'm also voting for Alex because he is a Democrat. The City Council is a nonpartisan office, but a true indicator of where a candidate stands is still their party affiliation. An independent or "decline to state" are those things. If a candidate doesn't choose to represent themselves as a Democrat it's because they are not one.

This is not a problem with Alex, it's very clear. When others claim they're independent because they want to bring people together, well they can do that and still be registered as a Democrat.

Alex has been on council and served as Mayor in one of the most difficult times in our city's history. He not only brings his experience as a deputy attorney general for the State of California, He brings four years of knowledge as a working City Council person. Culver City needs this continuity of experience to adapt and evolve our city with the times.

Alex Fisch is a truly authentic and passionate public servant. He's a great husband, father and friend. He has served us with integrity, innovation and honesty. His list of accomplishments during his first term is exemplary.

This is not the time to let negative campaigns of fear and anger mislead us into moving backwards. When we see that kind of opposition it's crucial to recognize where we've seen it before and how that went.

Vote for a Democrat by voting for Harden "Alex" Fisch until November 8th, 2022.

Assembly Member
Issac Bryan

I Endorse Alex

Find out why at
ALEXFISCH.COM

Alex Fisch

I am voting for Alex Fisch for Culver City Council because he brings to our community a level of experience that is essential on a council that is dealing with the dramatic changes our community is facing. Alex brings the level of expertise and preparation to policy deliberations that is needed for the difficult challenges we face. And yet, he is also able to communicate clearly with community members about these issues, which is an essential part of effective governance.

—Claudia Vizcarra

Vote YES on County Measure A

On July 12, LA County Supervisor Holly Mitchell issued the following press release and began the process of putting a charter amendment on the November ballot. It would give the supervisors the power to remove the LA Sheriff for cause by a vote of at least four of the five supervisors. The Culver City Democratic Club endorsed this charter amendment, County Measure A, by more than 87 percent.

I attended the Club meeting in 2018 when we endorsed the current sheriff. He spoke and took questions for what seemed like the better part of an hour, and the members voted overwhelmingly to back him in the election. That turns out to have been a big mistake. He presented himself as a reformer. He is not. He reminds me a bit of Donald Trump. I listened to him last night at a meeting of the Santa Monica Democratic Club as he railed against those whom he considers his enemies, repeatedly accusing them of corruption. To put it mildly—he doesn't have a good working relationship with the county supervisors. For more information go to [CheckTheSheriff.com](https://www.checkthesheriff.com).

—Pete Rockwell

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors today approved the initiation of the process of amending the County Charter to meet the structural need for increased accountability of the Los Angeles County Sheriff. The motion authored by Chair Holly J. Mitchell and co-authored by Supervisor Hilda L. Solis directs County Counsel to draft an ordinance for a special election that will allow voters to decide on an amendment to the County Charter that would grant the Board of Supervisors the authority to remove a Sheriff who violates the law or abuses power by a four-fifths vote.

“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



Supervisor Holly Mitchell

Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Holly J. 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.”

“Accountability over law enforcement is public safety,” said Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, First District. “Ensuring our residents have the ability to vote on being free from law enforcement intimidation, harassment, and misconduct and holding them accountable for any ensuing harm and trauma is the Board of Supervisors’ responsibility, specifically over the Sheriff of Los Angeles County. This charter amendment would provide residents with the oversight they expect and the peace from law enforcement abuse they deserve.”

The California Constitution authorizes county charters to provide steps for the removal of county officers, including an elected sheriff. As a charter county, LA County requires a Charter amendment to be approved by voters. With voter approval, the County would create a process by which the Board of Supervisors could vote to remove a Sheriff for cause only, with grounds for removal including: a violation of any law related to the performance of Sheriff duties; flagrant

or repeated neglect of duties; a misappropriation of public funds or property; willful falsification of a relevant official statement or document; or obstruction of any investigation into the conduct of the Sheriff by the Inspector General, Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, or any government agency with jurisdiction to conduct such an investigation.

“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.”

The motion preserves the public’s right to vote and elect a Sheriff and will not impact the independent investigative and prosecutorial function of the Sheriff. The first directive of the motion instructs County Counsel to present a draft ordinance to call a special election on Tuesday November 8, 2022. The draft ordinance will come before the Board for at least two readings before receiving final approval to be placed on the ballot. The first review and vote for approval of the ordinance by the Board of Supervisors will take place at the Tuesday July 26, 2022 public board meeting.

[Click here to read the full text of Measure A](#)

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Di's Corner:

by Diane Rosenberg

Update on Club member Charlotte Gunter: She is doing well. Her attitude is remarkable. Still goes for physical therapy, still has caregivers, and misses everyone.

At the finish of our Executive Board meeting Sunday, September 11, we adjourned in memory of the twenty-first anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001. Also in memory of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

Saturday, October 1, Scott Houston had a "Meet and Greet" for the start of his re-election campaign. It was held in a private home in El Segundo. Amy and Darryl Cherness and I were invited.

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Brian Guerrero

I am voting for Brian Guerrero because he brings the experience, the knowledge, the expertise, and the heart, to help us navigate school policy discussions that require careful consideration. Brian understands that our diverse school population and community needs to be listened to, and brought into the folds to truly ensure that our our students achieve their full potential.

—Claudia Vizcarra



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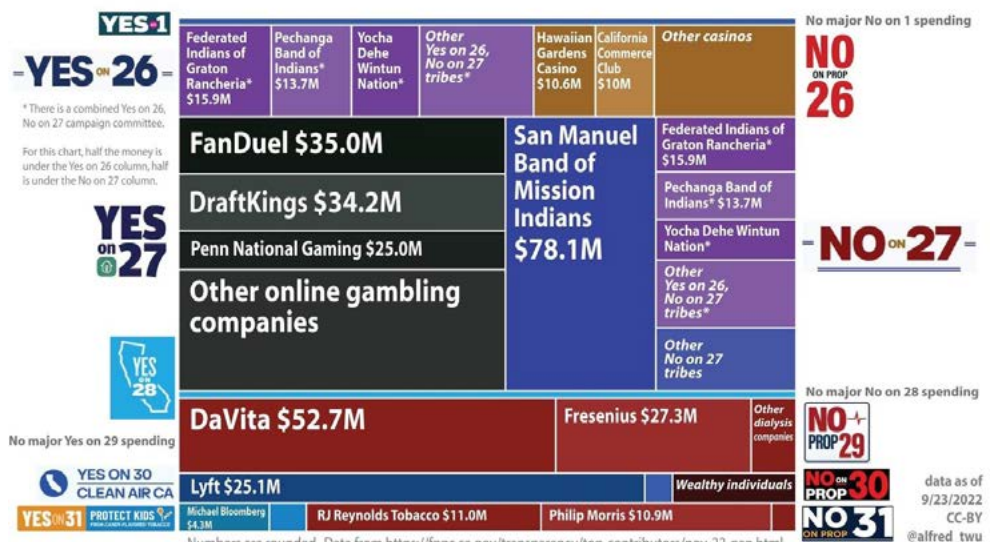
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2022 California Propositions - Campaign Contributions as of 9/23/2022



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The Culver City Democratic Club endorses Sydney Kamlager for Congress

RUNSKD@GMAIL.COM TO:

- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022 – VOLUNTEER KICKOFF
- RECEIVE DATES FOR TEXT & PHONE BANKING
- SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN WITH A LAWN SIGN

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Why I voted to Endorse Sydney Kamlager for Congress

by Cynthia Hart

Sydney has earned my support. In the time that she has represented members of our Club in Sacramento, she has proven to be a bold and able legislator who is relentless in pursuit of social justice. ([Check out her "top 10" list here.](#))

Some of my favorites of her "greatest hits" include:

SB1245—To fund LA County Abortion Access Safe Haven Pilot Program...**AB118**—CRISES Act to scale up community-based

alternatives to police...**ACA3**—To abolish Involuntary Servitude in California without exception...

SB2—To give POST commission new powers to decertify peace officers for serious misconduct...

SB65—To improve maternal Care and Services...**SB1304**—To increase "gate money" provided upon release to the formerly incarcerated to improve chances of successful transition thus reducing recidivism and improving public safety...**SB98**—To decriminalize journalism She provided a significant nudge to help

my personal passion project **SB98** on its way to enactment.

One look at her very impressive [list of endorsements](#) tells me that as soon as she gets to Washington she will have important allies ready to support her work. The list includes the Congressional Progressive Caucus, Rep. Ted Lieu, Rep. Ro Khanna, Rep. Pramila Jayapal, Rep. Adam Schiff, Rep. Jamie Raskin, and so many more! It's a dream team!

Sydney Kamlager will serve our district well in the U.S. Congress.

CHIEF ROBERT LUNA



FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF



**IT'S TIME TO RESTORE PUBLIC TRUST
IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Endorsed by:

All 7

**Sheriff Candidates
from the Primary**

All 5

**LA County
Supervisors**

30+

**Democratic Clubs
in LA County**

While Chief of Long Beach PD:

6.5%

**Reduction in
violent crime**

10%

**Reduction in
property crime**

34%

**Reduction in use of
force incidents**

Endorsed by the Culver City Democratic Club

State propositions: CCDC recommendations



[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 Culver City Democratic Club 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 Culver City Democratic Club urges a **NO** vote.



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

The Culver City Democratic Club urges a **NO** vote.



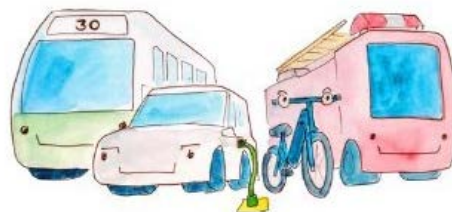
[California Proposition 28, Art and Music K-12 Education Funding Initiative \(2022\)](#)

The Culver City Democratic Club urges a **YES** vote.



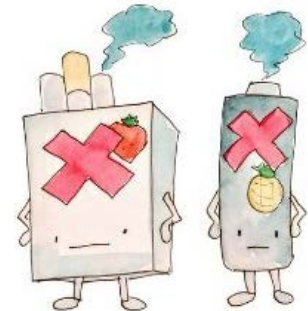
[California Proposition 29, Dialysis Clinic Requirements Initiative \(2022\)](#)

The Culver City Democratic Club urges a **YES** vote.



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

The Culver City Democratic Club urges a **YES** vote.



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

The Culver City Democratic Club urges a **YES** vote.

CCDC endorses 3 school board candidates

In a vote following its August 10 meeting, the Culver City Democratic Club endorsed Stephanie Loredo, Triston Ezidore, and Brian Guerrero for Culver City School Board. Three seats are open this November.



[Stephanie Loredo](#) is a Filipina-American progressive who organizes for local Culver City organizations and regional Los Angeles initiatives. She is a member of the 2021-2022 Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD) Local Control Accountability Plan Partner Advisory Committee, and is part of the CCUSD Inclusive Practices Administrative Regulations Committee and the CCUSD Equity Advisory Committee. An advocate for education, sustainability, diversity, equity and inclusion, Stephanie's vision is to build a culture of care that empowers students, faculty, staff, and families to thrive in public schools.

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[Triston Ezidore](#) is a graduate of Culver City High School, where he was a student leader focused on creating an inclusive campus environment for all students. In addition to being Senior Class Council President and Speaker of the Student Union, he participated in the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support Council, the Sexual Harassment Action Group, Restorative Practices Council, Black Student Union, CCUSD Equity Advisory Council, CCUSD Superintendent's Advisory Council, and Vote 16. As a youth employment case manager for the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles, he's a proven leader on the issues that matter.

The right to vote and to have that vote counted is democracy's threshold liberty. Without it, nothing is possible, but with it, anything is possible.

—Joe Biden

[Click here to register to vote or check to see if you are registered](#)



[Brian Guerrero](#) is a parent, veteran educator, union leader, organizer, trainer and education policy analyst with the California Teachers Association. He has a unique set of skills and perspectives that he can use to drive policies resulting in positive outcomes for all students.

All Democrats running participated in a forum on August 8, which can be viewed on [the Club's YouTube page](#), and completed detailed questionnaires, which are [posted on the Club website](#).

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The Culver City Democratic Club has endorsed FOUR PUBLIC DEFENDERS who are running for Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge

They are running as a slate called THE DEFENDERS OF JUSTICE

THE DEFENDERS OF JUSTICE ARE FOUR WOMEN RUNNING FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE



HOLLY HANCOCK
(OFFICE 70)



ELIZABETH LASHLEY-HAYNES
(OFFICE 67)



CAROLYN "JIYOUNG" PARK
(OFFICE 118)



ANNA REITANO
(OFFICE 60)

"In Los Angeles County, no public defender has been elected to the bench."

Click on any of the photos above to watch their great, two-and-a-half-minute video.

[Click here for their website](#)



What you need to know about Measure BL

Updating Culver City Business License Tax Rates



The Culver City Democratic Club recommends a YES vote on Measure BL

What is a business license tax and who pays it?

Every business operating in the City is required to file a Business License Tax application before opening up shop and to pay the annual tax each year thereafter.

The following businesses and organizations are required to obtain a business tax certificate and any necessary permits; however, they are not required to pay a business tax: charitable organizations; parks, recreation & community services contractors; employees (whether on salary, commission, or other compensation basis); and homeowners' associations.

How does Measure BL affect local business owners?

If voters approve Measure BL, approximately 6,000 businesses will no longer pay the annual business license tax, due to the \$200,000 gross receipts exemption. Businesses whose annual gross receipts exceed \$200,000 could pay a higher or lower business license tax, depending on their business type and gross receipts.

How does Measure BL affect the Culver City community?

Business license tax revenue is a part of the General Fund and can be used for any general City expense. If voters approve Measure BL, revenue from the measure could generate approximately \$10 million annually (until ended by voters) that stays within the City and would require annual independent audits. The City could use this revenue for services such as emergency response, maintaining parks, and addressing homelessness.

What will Measure BL say on your ballot?

"Shall the measure updating Culver City's business license tax to either a flat tax up to \$1,000, or 0.13%-0.35% of gross receipts (depending on business type), 4% for oil well operations, and an additional 0.01% for gross receipts over \$100,000,000, exempting the first \$200,000 in gross receipts, updating business classifications, generating approximately \$10,000,000 annually, until ended by voters, for such general fund services as emergency response, parks, homelessness services, and requiring annual independent audits, be adopted?"

For More Information:

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MEASURE BL

Updating Culver City Business License Tax Rates

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The business license tax rate structure is based on either gross receipts or a flat rate tax depending on the type of business activity.

CURRENT - ranging from 0.1% - 0.3%

Depending on business classification – 0.1% - 0.3%

Oil well operations tax rate – 1.8% or \$18/\$1,000

Flat tax up to \$720

No tax exemption on gross receipts

PROPOSED - ranging from 0.13% - 0.35%

Depending on business classification – 0.13% - 0.35%

Oil well operations tax rate – 4.0% or \$40/\$1,000

Flat tax up to \$1,000

Tax exemption on the first \$200,000 in annual gross receipts for businesses whose tax rate is based on gross receipts

Additional tax of 0.01% or \$0.10/\$1,000 on gross receipts more than \$100 million

Are there exemptions to the proposed business license tax?

Yes, if voters approve Measure BL, approximately 6,000 businesses will no longer pay the annual business license tax, due to the tax exemption on the first \$200,000 in annual gross receipts for businesses whose tax rate is based on gross receipts.

When would Measure BL go into effect?

If approved, Measure BL would go into effect on April 1, 2023 for all new businesses. Businesses currently active in Culver City would not be impacted until the 2024 business license tax renewal period, which is due no later than February 2024.



Did You Know?

Culver City has not updated business license tax rates since 1965.

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Measure VY (Votes for Youth) would allow 16-year-olds in Culver City to vote in local elections

We are a youth-led campaign to lower Culver City's voting age to 16 in municipal and school board elections. Vote16 CC is a derivative of the larger Vote16 movement, which has chapters in cities across the country. Our leadership team is the fourth to come through this chapter. Measure VY will be voted on in the upcoming Culver City General Municipal Elections on November 8.

Initial reactions to our movement are often immediate and negative. This is understandable; allowing 16-year-olds to vote in local elections appears as an unfamiliar and seemingly dramatic change. However, youth empowerment is the way forward. Eighteen became the national voting age only relatively recently during the 1970s. It can change to fit the priorities and attitudes of our community, and will ultimately lead to fairer elections that represent public interest.

So, why should you support our right to vote?

By the age of 16, people have developed what is called “cold cognition.” While “hot cognition” (impulsive, emotional, short-term decision making) is usually associated with teenagers, most of us have also developed “cold cognition” (logical, reasonable, long-term decision making) by this age. Sixteen-year-olds are asked to make decisions about their futures—are they not capable enough of making decisions about their political environment?

Sixteen-year-olds are immeasurably impacted by local legislation. The school board has a direct hand in our day-to-day lives. We can work and live in Culver City, so elements like transportation, policing, and city planning impact us daily, too. And as future residents, we will be uniquely affected by climate change. Our perspective should be represented. This is not to say that youth voices are not being listened to. If anything, the status of teens as an important group has improved over the past few years. However, this should not be confused or conflated with the protections and powers provided with actual voting rights for 16- and 17-year-olds. We should have a say when



Leaders of Vote 16 Culver City—left to right: Miles Griffin, Michelle Zhou, Ada Meighan-Thiel, Julia Rottenberg, Caitlin Polesetsky, Lilly Salkin, and Ava Frans

these matters directly affect us.

As for education: in some ways, teenagers are better equipped than adults to be competent voters. Where most people over the age of 18 have been out of school for years at the time of the election, teens as students regularly receive an up-to-date education in civics and community responsibility in the classroom. In fact, students must take a class on American government in order to graduate.

Moreover, voting at a young age creates life-long voters. However, most people do not vote in their first election. Giving teenagers the right to vote in local elections at a time when they have structure and familiarity in their lives will encourage voting and increase turnout. It would present a more accurate sample of public opinion. Lowering the voting age to 16 will help create a generation of habitual voters. There is a lot of concern over the viability of our political ideology. The truth is that we form our beliefs the same way everybody else does. This has never been more true than it has been over the past few years. We look at the world and see the ways in which we want it to reflect our needs. Since we cannot vote, we organize protests, action groups, and campaigns to represent our interests. Students are one of the primary groups of individuals who have shown an invested and passionate interest in local politics. From school shootings and gun protec-

tions; police violence and racial discrimination; to education and historical bias, we have legitimate perspectives based on the ways in which these issues impact us daily. Belittling the importance of the youth voice is a form of suppression. It's a way to ignore the actual wants of the people. Minimizing our role as a portion of Culver City's population that deserves equal respect is a way to ensure that our local political scene does not represent all stakeholders and only upholds the status quo.

Extending the municipal vote to 16- and 17-year-olds is one step towards fair representation. It is one step towards progress. It is one step towards a vision of tomorrow that matches our priorities as a community.

Culver City voters will be able to vote on Measure VY in November. We have garnered endorsements from prominent Culver City figures such as Mayor Daniel Lee, City Council Member Alex Fisch, School Board President Dr. Steven Levin, and others. But we need your support to vote for our measure, help us raise funds, and change the Culver City community for the better.

Our email is: vote16cc@gmail.com

Written by: Vanessa Andrick, Ava Frans, Shayna Graff, Ada Meighan-Thiel, Celeste Nunez, and edited by Caitlin Polesetsky

YES ON VY

YES on Measure VY! On November 8th.

To expand the voting age to 16 in Culver City's school board and municipal elections.

- 1. Creating a generation of habitual voters:** The primary factor affecting voter turnout is the **social environment** of first-time voters (University of Copenhagen). Those who first cast a ballot in their familiar community, versus those who have moved for college or work, are more likely to become habitual voters.
- 2. Increasing civic engagement:** Voting in one election can increase the probability that a person will vote in the next election **by over 50 percent** (American Journal of Political Science, 2003).
- 3. Promoting responsibility from a young age:** 16- and 17-year-olds will **directly apply** their knowledge from mandatory civics classes and their experience being affected by local issues (like emergency services, rent control, parks, school board decisions, and the Inglewood Oil Fields) when casting their vote.

Endorsed by:

- Dr. Daniel Lee, Mayor of Culver City
- Dr. Steven M. Levin, President of the Culver City School Board
- Paula Amezola, Vice President of the Culver City School Board
- Dr. Kelly Kent, Parliamentarian of the Culver City School Board
- The Culver City Democratic Club
- The Los Angeles County Democratic Party

For more information, visit vote16culvercity.org



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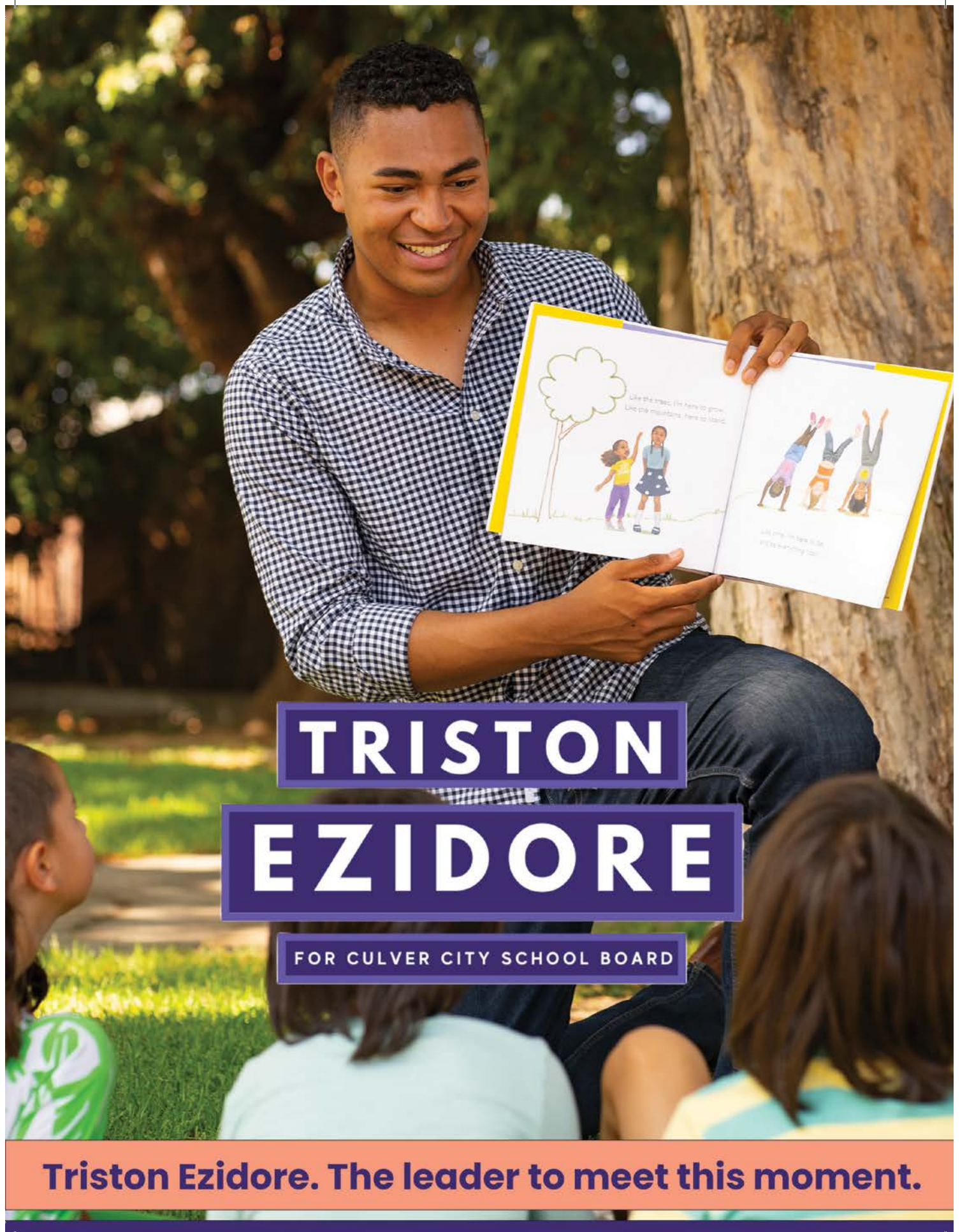
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Democrats

The Culver City Democratic Club endorses **Malia Cohen for State Controller**



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A photograph of Triston Ezidore, a young man with short dark hair, wearing a blue and white checkered button-down shirt and dark jeans. He is sitting on the grass outdoors, leaning against a large tree trunk. He is smiling and holding an open children's book. The book's left page shows two children standing under a tree with the text "Like the trees, I'm here to grow. Use the mountains, here to stand." The right page shows three children doing handstands with the text "Let me, I'm here to slide and to standing tall." In the foreground, the backs of three children's heads are visible as they listen to him. The background is a lush green park with trees and sunlight filtering through the leaves.

TRISTON EZIDORE

FOR CULVER CITY SCHOOL BOARD

Triston Ezidore. The leader to meet this moment.



Meet Triston Ezidore

Triston Ezidore is the son of Vietnamese and Jamaican immigrants, a social service worker, and a staunch believer in a Culver City Unified School District built for **everyone**.

As an **equity advocate**, Triston has done extensive work with the districts Equity Advisory Committee, Restorative Practices Committee, as well as the Sexual Harassment Action Group.

Professionally, Triston is a Youth Employment Case Manager for the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles.

As **our school board member**, Triston will fight for:

- ✓ Rigorous course opportunities for every student
- ✓ Trauma informed therapy and care district-wide
- ✓ Increased stakeholder engagement
- ✓ Safe Routes to School and Free Public Transit



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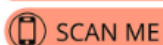


School Board Member
Dr. Tashon McKeithan



**TRISTON
EZIDORE**

FOR CULVER CITY SCHOOL BOARD





Clean. Safe. Affordable. Water.

Scott Houston has safeguarded the interests of our Ratepayers and brought Transparency and Accountability to the Water Board.

As your representative, **Scott Houston**:

- Voted against raising your Water Rates during the pandemic
- Implemented video recordings of the Water Board's public meetings
- Stood up for employees alleging workplace harassment, bullying & abuse at MWD
- Provided ways to permanently save water and protect our environment with Grass Replacement Rebates, Free Rain Barrels, Public Water Bottle Filling Stations

If re-elected, **Scott Houston** will:

- Ensure safe, reliable and affordable water
- Increase recycled water use that protects our ocean and waterways
- Decrease our dependence on imported water from hundreds of miles away

Re-Elect Scott Houston

for Director, West Basin Municipal Water District, Division 4
Tuesday, November 8, 2022

www.ScottHouston.org

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