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General Meeting on Zoom — 7p.m. Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Program: Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove

Also, we will discuss and vote on President & Senate

President's Message by Jeff Schwartz

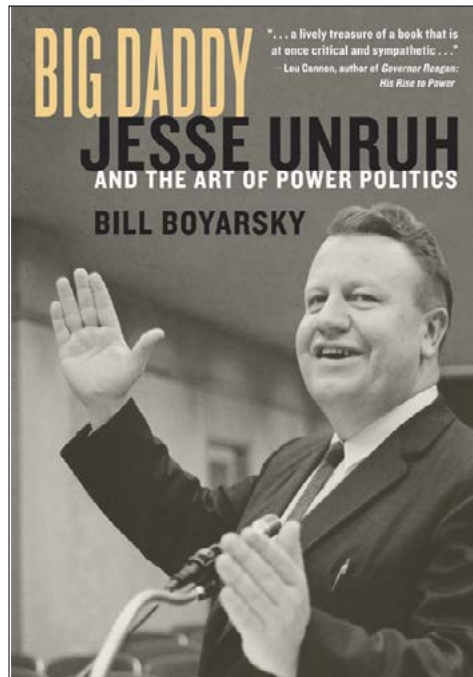
Big Daddy

Act One:

Caption: "The University of Southern California, 1947." Closeup of the Tommy Trojan statue. As the camera pulls back, we hear then see a young man addressing a crowd: "FDR gave us the GI Bill because we put our lives on the line to defend democracy in Europe and the Pacific, but now we're here at USC and there's no democracy, just frat boys running everything. Veterans need a seat in student government!" The camera keeps pulling back and finds Unruh and a friend at the back of the crowd. Unruh: "These activists must have a martyr complex. They love to lose. I know how to get things done."

Cut to a posh meeting room. An offscreen voice calls roll as the camera moves down a line of slick-looking frat boys, identical except for the letters on their cardigans, until it stops at Unruh: "Jesse Unruh, independent students representative." Credits.

It's 1959. Unruh is now a Member of the State Assembly and a rising star of California politics. We see him making deals and soliciting contributions. He's eager to build his power, but to also use it for good. We see him pass the Unruh Credit Reporting Act, which capped interest rates and required full disclosure of account fees to consumers, then the Unruh Civil Rights Act, which prohibited discrimination based on sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, age, disability, and medical condition. Finally, he is side-by-side with JFK, leading his campaign in California.



Act Two:

It's 1963. Unruh is now Assembly Speaker. He is also significantly heavier, closing in on 290 pounds, and is widely known by the nickname "Big Daddy." He continues to relish his role as power broker, enjoying both the opportunity to pass good laws and the prestige and luxuries of the position. He is a [true player](#). His mottos include "money is the mother's milk of politics" and "If you can't eat their food, drink their booze, screw their women and then vote against them you've got no business being up here." Although Sacramento is full of sex workers, Unruh does not partake, but he does hit on every woman who crosses his path, and his power more than compensates for his looks.

He is about to overplay his hand, at least politically. He has written a bill

to change how California's schools are funded, to allocate resources based on students' needs rather than the property values in each school district. In order to keep rich homeowners from organizing against it, he plans to release the bill and force a vote before most legislators have a chance to even read it. This strategy has worked in the past, but a new group of anti-establishment Republicans refuse to vote for the State budget until they see his school funding bill. Unruh, furious and fueled by alcohol and "diet pills," locks the legislators in the Capitol until they pass his budget, but they call his bluff by turning the lock-in into a boozy all-night poker party. Unruh folds on school funding reform.

A backlash to the Unruh Civil Rights Act is also underway. In 1963, William Rumford, the first African-American California Assembly Member, wrote and passed the Rumford Fair Housing Act, which specifically banned racial discrimination in housing. The California Real Estate Association, who believed the value of housing was threatened by desegregation, sponsored Proposition 14 to amend the State Constitution to allow discrimination. It passed in 1964, then was thrown out by the State Supreme Court.

In 1966 Republicans run a mediocre actor: Ronald Reagan, for Governor, against Edmund "Pat" Brown, with a campaign based on that for Prop. 14. Reagan represents the new Goldwater Republicans who had tanked Unruh's school funding reform. Brown does not take the campaign seriously until it is too late, publicly mocking the idea of an inexperienced entertainer entering politics at a high level, and Unruh refuses to endorse Brown unless he supports Unruh's

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ballot measure to amend the California constitution to make serving in the legislature a full-time job. Pulling out all the stops, Unruh gets both Reagan and Brown to endorse his measure. It passes, but Reagan wins and Brown calls Unruh “the architect of my defeat.”

Act Three:

It's 1968: Unruh has peaked as a power broker. After witnessing anti-war protesters being beaten by the LAPD during LBJ's visit to LA, we see him help convince Robert F. Kennedy to enter the Presidential race, despite threats from powerful Johnson supporters including Pat Brown and Lew Wasserman. He leads RFK's campaign in California, and we see him pull Kennedy away from adoring but out-of-control fans, then witness RFK's assassination the night of his primary victory. Unruh helps to restrain the killer: Sirhan Sirhan, and keeps the crowd from tearing him apart in revenge. Unruh and Chicago Mayor Richard Daley try unsuccessfully to get Ted Kennedy to replace his brother, then Nixon is victorious.

1970: Unruh leaves the Assembly to run for Governor against Reagan. He is one of the first prominent Democrats to move to the right to court Reagan voters, backing away from his early progressive achievements to now argue that antipov-erty programs had failed and civil rights laws had alienated suburban white men. Powerful Democrats withhold their support as payback for him not backing Brown and Johnson, and he loses, but it is the narrowest victory of Reagan's career.

Early 1980s: Unruh is State Treasurer. We see him explaining to a reporter that people did not understand why he wanted the job in 1975 but that no one had realized California is both a huge investor and a major issuer of bonds, that it could wield great power in the financial markets, and that he has realized this potential. He boasts that no public official has more influence in the US economy except the Secretary of the Treasury, but wonders if there is still a higher purpose for him, noting that Churchill was in his sixties when he became Prime Minister.

Card: Jesse Unruh died in 1987, aged 64, still California State Treasurer. He refused surgery for prostate cancer because he feared losing his sexual potency. The

State Treasurer's building and the Institute for Politics at USC are now named in his honor.

I admit it needs work. I did not write this to join the Westside legion of would-be screenwriters but for three other reasons. First, although he was one of the most important people in California politics in the sixties and seventies, Unruh seems underappreciated now. He is not mentioned in Manuel Pastor's otherwise fantastic *State of Resistance*, which tells a story of California housing law from Rumford to Reagan. He does make a short but important appearance in Kevin Starr's *Golden Dreams*, focused on his Civil Rights Act and its repercussions, but Starr left a gap from 1964-1989 in his multivolume *California Dreams* history series. [A definitive 2008 biography of Unruh by journalist Bill Boyarsky is still in print](#), and I highly recommend it.

Second, the story of the Unruh Civil Rights Act, the Rumford Fair Housing Act, [Proposition 13](#), and the 1966 California Governor's election exemplifies three principles of modern American historical interpretation: it's always about race, it's always about housing, and Reagan made it worse. I am only half-joking. Try it and you will see.

Last, and most immediately relevant, I want to return to Unruh's motto: “If you can't eat their food, drink their booze, screw their women and then vote against them you've got no business being up here.” Colorful (and sexist) details aside, this is the familiar claim that politicians can take all the money offered: donations from fossil fuel or tobacco companies, banks, landlords, developers, insurance companies, for-profit healthcare, police and prison guard associations, Jeffrey Epstein, Ed Buck, Michael Corleone, Stringer Bell, Voldemort, etcetera, without compromising their integrity. Taking the money is not only fine, it is necessary, because -traditional politicians argue- our opponents will take more and worse, promising to vote against their benefactors. We often hear versions of this from candidates seeking our endorsement.

There have been increasingly serious challenges to this assumption. [Jerry Brown's 1992 Presidential campaign](#) centered on a critique of money in politics; he refused to accept more than [\\$100 from any donor and fundraised with an](#)

[800 number in the pre-eCommerce era](#). More recently, Bernie Sanders mastered the small-donor campaign and inspired further improvements by [Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez](#), [Kenneth Mejia](#), and other rising political stars. Unruh asked us to trust him to vote against the people he had been partying with the night before, but Bernie and his proteges aren't going to that party.

Activists have been working within the California Democratic Party's caucuses to encourage candidates and the Party to reject dirty money. [The Environmental Caucus asks candidates to pledge to reject fossil fuel money](#), while [the Progressive Caucus](#) holds “corporate free” events, where candidates who accept donations from businesses are barred from the mic. [At the 2019 California Democratic Convention, then-Regional Director Hene Kelly called the Party out for taking money from the vape company Juul](#), which violated its own ban on tobacco money, and from union-busting companies such as Lyft, Uber, and AirB&B. [In 2021 a coalition of caucuses worked in solidarity with the Sunrise Movement and Black Lives Matter to attempt to prohibit the Party from accepting fossil fuel and police money](#). Even if we can trust our candidates and elected officials to not engage in direct quid pro quo with donors, they still might reasonably be reluctant to offend a “stakeholder.”

Boyarsky begins his book with the obvious comparison between Unruh and Lyndon Johnson, arguing that both men's dedication to power politics rather than moral purity enabled them to achieve great things. This is a provocative thesis, but one which Unruh's early career seems to support.

Since the Good Government movement of the Progressive Era, there has been an assumption that social change required systemic change, that just laws could not get passed unless campaign finance was reformed and cronyism, nepotism, favor-trading, and other forms of corruption confronted. If decisions are made on the merits, in the light of day, justice will prevail. Good Government advocates were mocked as “goo-goos,” as if only a baby would expect ethical conduct from public officials and cynicism was maturity. Unruh adopted this hard-boiled atti-

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tude early on, when he turned away from the grassroots GI activists at USC.

Boyarsky praises Unruh as one of the last great moderates, but the moderation he describes is in process, not in policy. The Unruh Civil Rights Act was one of the most progressive pieces of legislation in US history, and the Chamber of Commerce would declare the Unruh Credit Reporting Act a “job-killer” if it was proposed today. Unruh’s anger at the injustices committed against the working class and people of color was as strong as anyone’s, and the legislation he created was uncompromising. What Boyarsky calls “moderation” he later more accurately calls cynicism, the understanding that, no matter how hard politicians fight for their agendas, it’s all in the game. Powerless people may suffer because of the outcomes of votes, but at the end of the day the legislators all go to the bar together, lobbyists pick up the check, and the system carries on. Boyarsky ends his book lamenting that cynicism like Unruh’s is now “seen as a mistake rather than a virtue.”

That was twenty-five years ago, at the end of George W. Bush’s second term. Arnold Schwarzenegger was California Governor. Neither the recall which put Schwarzenegger in office nor the scorched-earth tactics of the Bush/Cheney regime, who declared war on reality itself, would seem to represent that amicable cynicism. George Deukmejian, the last Governor Unruh served under, struck him as a far-right ideologue, but Deukmejian would struggle for support in today’s MAGA-GOP. Economic inequality has grown significantly since Unruh’s time, particularly at the top. Combined with the ongoing deregulation of campaign finance by the Roberts/Thomas Court, exemplified by the Citizens United ruling that donations are constitutionally protected speech, the ability of the extremely rich to distort politics has increased tremendously at every level. On the other hand, insurgent campaigns such as Bernie’s and Kenneth Mejia’s have shown that alternatives are available. We can fight for a cleaner political system and encourage people-powered campaigns. Cynicism presents acceptance of the status quo as sophistication, but in order to survive we must keep hope alive.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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October 1-7 • Banned Book Week



October 11 • 7 PM

CCDC General Meeting via Zoom



October 14

Last day for governor to sign or veto bills passed by the state legislature

October 14 • 11 AM-6 PM

[Culver City ART WALK and ROLL Festival](#)

October 15

[Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt Dinner](#)

(Both Our First Vice President, Jeanna Harris, and CCDC member and AD55 Delegate Pamela Sparrow will be recognized as Democrats of the Year)

October 21 • 1 PM-4 PM

[Si, Se Puede, Culver City—at Stoneview Nature Center](#)

Culver City ARTS DISTRICT **ARTS DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

ART-FOOD-MUSIC
+ **ELECTRIC MOBILITY SHOWCASE**

Culver City
ART WALK AND ROLL
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SATURDAY OCTOBER 14 • 11AM-6PM
IN THE HEART OF THE CULVER CITY ARTS DISTRICT

— **LEARN ABOUT ALL OUR ACTIVITIES ON CULVERCITYARTWALK.COM** —

Legislative Status Update September 2023

Of the 21 legislative endorsements our club made this year, two bills became law ([AB 421](#) and [SB 567](#)), two proposed constitutional amendments have qualified for the November 2024 ballot ([ACA 5](#) and [ACA 8](#)), 16 are on the Governor's desk, and 12 didn't make it—some died in committee ([SB 252](#) was killed by committee Chair Tina McKinnor) and some were withdrawn when the authors realized they didn't have the votes. Help get the club's endorsed legislation signed into law! Contact Governor Newsom in support of the club's 16 endorsed bills that have made it to the Governor's desk.

You can call his office (916) 445-2841, or send him an [email through his website](#).

Below are the 16 club-endorsed bills that passed out of the legislature:

[AB 309](#) (Alex Lee) aims to address the shortage of affordable homes for all income levels in California by creating the Social Housing Program under the Department of General Services, with the goal of developing social housing on state property. Read more [here](#).

[SB 567](#) (Durazo) **GOVERNOR SIGNED.** Will strengthen tenant protections against fraudulent just-cause evictions and illegal rent increases. Here is a recent [editorial](#) in support.

[SB 4](#) (Wiener) aims to make it easier for churches and nonprofit universities to build housing.

[SB 253](#) (Weiner) requires all large corporations that do business in California to more fully disclose the greenhouse gasses emitted by their corporate supply chain. Read more in the [LA Times](#), [CalMatters](#) or watch the [video](#) by bill sponsors California Environmental Voters.

[SB 261](#) (Stern) helps protect consumers from the massive potential financial losses associated with the climate crisis by requiring companies to disclose these risks. [Columbia Law School blog in support](#).

[SB 403](#) (Wahab) would add specific language to California civil rights law to explicitly prohibit discrimination based on their ancestry/caste. [CALMATTERS](#)

[AB 819](#) (Bryan) Decriminalizes fare evasion, removing the threat of a misdemeanor and jail time for not paying a few dollars for bus or transit. [FACT SHEET](#)

[AB 825](#) (Bryan) Legalizes biking on the sidewalk in areas without safe bicycle infrastructure, so you don't have to choose between riding your bike on dangerous streets or breaking the law. [FACT SHEET](#)

[AB 413](#) (Lee) Increases the visibility of people crossing the street by preventing cars from parking immediately before the crosswalk. [FACT SHEET](#).

[AB 251](#) (Ward, Friedman) Requires the state to study the impact of vehicle weight on pedestrian safety to inform possible policy decisions about registration fees. [FACT SHEET](#).

[SB 695](#) (Gonzalez) requires CalTrans to report annual data on state highway widening projects, including miles built, dollars spent, vehicle miles traveled, and greenhouse gasses emitted. [FACT SHEET](#).

[SB 411](#) (Portantino) Requires a virtual option for public meetings of Los Angeles agencies. [FACT SHEET](#).

[SB 538](#) (Portantino) Establishes a Bicycle Czar. [FACT SHEET](#).

[SB 712](#) (Portantino) Prevents Landlords from prohibiting e-bikes. [FACT SHEET](#).

[AB 645](#) (Friedman) Creates a speed safety camera pilot program to slow down drivers on high-injury streets and in areas with a history of street racing. [FACT SHEET](#).

[AB 1317](#) (Carillo) Separates parking costs from rent, making sure people who don't need a parking spot aren't paying for one. [FACT SHEET](#).

One of the club-endorsed bills has become California State Law:

[AB 421](#) (Bryan) Majority Leader Isaac Bryan (AD 55) said in a statement: "A confusing referendum process has made it too easy for concentrated special interests to silence and manipulate

the voice of voters in our communities, but with Governor Newsom's signature on [AB 421](#) we are putting power back in the hands of the people." The law will require referendums that seek to repeal existing law to make it clear whether a yes vote will "keep the law" or "overturn the law." It will take effect for new measures added to the 2024 ballot." [LAIST](#)

Two of the club-endorsed measures have qualified for the November 2024 ballot:

[ACA 5](#) (Low) Marriage Equality. If the Supreme Court overturns the right to gay marriage as they did with the right to an abortion with Roe, 2008's Proposition 8 will go back into effect and same-sex marriage will be illegal in California. This ballot measure will repeal Prop. 8 amending the California State Constitution to protect marriage equality from the Trump/Thomas Court.

[ACA 8](#) (Wilson) The California Abolition Act seeks to amend Article 1, Section 6 of the California Constitution to prohibit slavery and involuntary servitude without exception.

Some of the bills our club endorsed never made it out of committee or were withdrawn by the author when it became clear it did not have the votes to pass. Some of these bills may return in 2024. The list of bills our club endorsed that did NOT make it to the Governor's desk this year or qualify for the 2024 ballot are:

[AB 83](#) (Lee) Political Reform Act of 1974: contributions and expenditures by foreign-influenced business entities, **[AB 93](#)** (Bryan) Criminal procedure: consensual searches, **[AB 364](#)** (Bryan) Street Furniture Data, **[AB 610](#)** (Holden) Free Youth Transit, **[AB 745](#)** (Bryan) Reentry Housing and Workforce Development Program, **[AB 793](#)** (Bonta) Privacy: reverse demands, **[AB 920](#)** (Bryan) to make the unhoused a protected category, **[AB 1690](#)** - CalCare, **[SB 252](#)** (Gonzalez) Part of the Senate Climate package to divest state pensions from risky Fossil Fuel investments, **[SB 238](#)** (Weiner) Child mental health care coverage: independent medical review, **[SB 466](#)** (Wahab) Costa-Hawkins Reform, and **[ACA 4](#)** (Bryan) Elections: Eligibility to Vote

by Leah Pressman



¡SI SE PUEDE CULVER CITY!

Celebrar La Cultura de
Latino América

<https://SiSePuedeCulverCity.eventbrite.com>

Event

We are thrilled to invite you to the inaugural event, ¡Si Se Puede Culver City! – Celebrar La Cultura de Latino América, hosted by CCUSD. Join us for a vibrant celebration that pays homage to the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and contributions of Latin America. This event promises to be the grand finale of all our celebrations throughout Latinx/Hispanic Heritage Month.

Save the Date

Mark your calendars and join us for this unforgettable experience. Stay tuned for more information and further event updates as we get closer to the date.

Highlights

Cultural Performances

from local artists including youth will perform, present poetry, and showcase their art

Educational Workshops

thought-provoking discussions on Latin American history, heritage, and social justice issues

Family-Friendly Fun

activities for kids, including storytelling sessions, piñata making, and loteria



Event Details

Date

Saturday, October 21, 2023
[closing the month]

Time

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Location

Stoneview Nature Center



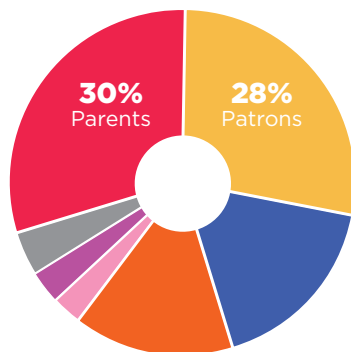
CENSORSHIP

BY THE NUMBERS

In 2022, the American Library Association tracked the highest number of attempted book bans since ALA began compiling data about censorship in libraries more than 20 years ago; 2,571 unique titles were challenged last year, up from 1,858 in 2021. [Learn more at ala.org/bbooks](https://www.ala.org/bbooks)



WHO INITIATES CHALLENGES?



17% Political/religious groups

15% Board/administration

3% Librarians/teachers

3% Elected officials

4% Other
(Includes non-custodial relatives, nonresidents, community members without library cards, etc.)

Statistics based on 1,207 cases with known initiators.

WHERE DO CHALLENGES TAKE PLACE?



48%

Public libraries



41%

School libraries



10%

Schools



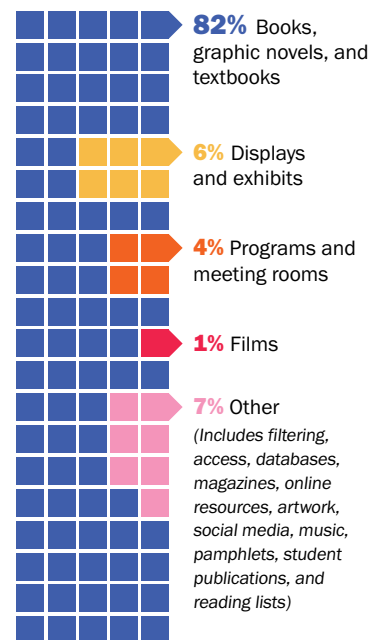
1%

Higher education libraries and other institutions

Statistics based on 1,264 cases with known locations.

BOOKS AND BEYOND

ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom tracked **1,269 challenges** in 2022. Here's the breakdown:



CENSORSHIP ON THE RISE

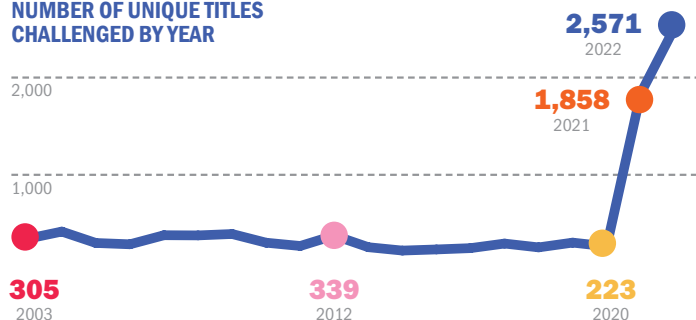
The unparalleled number of reported book challenges in 2022 nearly doubled the number reported in 2021. The number of unique titles targeted marked a 38% increase over 2021.

CENSORSHIP
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American Library Association

NUMBER OF UNIQUE TITLES CHALLENGED BY YEAR



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MOST CHALLENGED BOOKS OF 2022

The American Library Association tracked **1,269 challenges** to library, school, and university materials and services in 2022. Of the **2,571 unique titles** that were challenged or banned in 2022, here are the top 13 most challenged.



1



GENDER QUEER

by Maia Kobabe

REASONS: LGBTQIA+ content, claimed to be sexually explicit

2



ALL BOYS AREN'T BLUE

by George M. Johnson

REASONS: LGBTQIA+ content, claimed to be sexually explicit

3



THE BLUEST EYE

by Toni Morrison

REASONS: rape, incest, claimed to be sexually explicit, EDI content

4



FLAMER

by Mike Curato

REASONS: LGBTQIA+ content, claimed to be sexually explicit

5



LOOKING FOR ALASKA

by John Green

REASONS: claimed to be sexually explicit, LGBTQIA+ content



THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER

by Stephen Chbosky

REASONS: claimed to be sexually explicit, LGBTQIA+ content, rape, drugs, profanity

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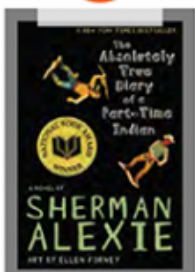


LAWN BOY

by Jonathan Evison

REASONS: LGBTQIA+ content, claimed to be sexually explicit

8



THE ABSOLUTELY TRUE DIARY OF A PART-TIME INDIAN

by Sherman Alexie

REASONS: claimed to be sexually explicit, profanity

9



OUT OF DARKNESS

by Ashley Hope Perez

REASON: claimed to be sexually explicit

10



A COURT OF MIST AND FURY

by Sarah J. Maas

REASON: claimed to be sexually explicit



CRANK

by Ellen Hopkins

REASONS: claimed to be sexually explicit, drugs



ME AND EARL AND THE DYING GIRL

by Jesse Andrews

REASONS: claimed to be sexually explicit, profanity



THIS BOOK IS GAY

by Juno Dawson

REASONS: LGBTQIA+ content, sex education, claimed to be sexually explicit



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2023 California Moms Demand Action Legislative Priorities

California continues to lead the way with holistic, comprehensive solutions to the gun violence crisis. This year, Everytown for Gun Safety, California Moms Demand Action, and Students Demand Action's top legislative priorities listed here have become law. They are:

☐ **SB 2 (Portantino) - Carrying Firearms In Public**

- The Supreme Court's *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen* decision invalidated a key provision of California's concealed carry license system. This comprehensive bill will address the dangers created by the *Bruen* ruling by strengthening requirements for concealed carry licenses, including raising the age to carry a handgun in public from 18 to 21, ensuring concealed carry licenses are not granted to people who are found to be a danger to themselves or others based on a thorough background check, improving training requirements, and prohibiting guns from sensitive areas where they don't belong like playgrounds, preschools, polling places, hospitals, or bars.

☐ **AB 28 (Gabriel) - Gun Violence Prevention and School Safety Act**

- AB 28 will establish the Gun Violence Prevention and School Safety Fund to provide vital resources to life-saving programs. This transformative bill will deliver millions of dollars in sustainable funding to important programs like the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) grant program, school safety and mental health programs, firearm relinquishment programs to get guns out of the hands of people not legally allowed to have them, programs to support equitable improvement of firearm homicide and assault investigations, firearm safety programs, support services for mass shooting victims, and gun violence research. The bill is funded by a modest industry tax on gun dealers and manufacturers based on their retail sales of firearms and ammunition.

☐ **SB 452 (Blakespear) - Microstamping**

- California law requires new models of firearms to use microstamping technology, which enables law enforcement to recover ballistic information at the scene of a shooting to quickly identify the gun used to commit the crime. Even though this available technology will help solve crimes, stop retaliatory cycles of violence, and bring closure for survivors, the gun industry has skirted these legal requirements for years by refusing to introduce new, safer models of firearms for sale in California. SB 452 will help ensure California's microstamping law is finally and fully implemented.

☐ **AB 301 (Bauer-Kahan) - Gun Violence Restraining Orders: Body Armor**

- AB 301 adds acquisition of body armor to the list of factors a court may consider when evaluating whether to issue a gun violence restraining order. Body armor leads to greater damage by making it more difficult to disarm an active shooter and has become an increasingly common accessory worn by extremists and mass shooters.

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- ☐ **[AB 762 \(Wicks\)](#) - Break the Cycle of Violence Act / CalVIP Reauthorization**
 - AB 762 will renew and extend the Break the Cycle of Violence Act, which would otherwise end next year. This bill expands the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) grant program and ensures program funding is accessible and impactful.
- ☐ **[SB 241 \(Min\)](#) - Dealer Training Requirements**
 - SB 241 requires gun dealers to train employees on how to avoid selling guns that fuel crime, including how to spot signs of straw purchases and gun trafficking, and how to prevent theft of firearms from their stores. Businesses that sell deadly weapons need to put basic protections in place to keep communities safe.
- ☐ **[SB 417 \(Blakespear\)](#) - Gun Dealer Warning Signs**
 - SB 417 is an important public health measure to educate consumers about the risks of firearm ownership, and the availability of resources to people who are in crisis and may consider harming themselves or others.
- ☐ **[AB 1420 \(Berman\)](#) - Dealer Inspections**
 - AB 1420 strengthens implementation of existing law regulating firearm dealers by expanding the authority of the California Department of Justice to conduct firearm dealer inspections to ensure compliance with all applicable state laws and regulations.
- ☐ **[AB 1587 \(Ting\)](#) - Firearm Retailer Merchant Category Codes**
 - AB 1587 will ensure that financial institutions are using available tools to recognize suspicious firearm transactions.
- ☐ **[AB 1089 \(Gipson\)](#) - Gun Manufacturing Machines**
 - AB 1089 will strengthen and update California's ghost gun laws to better prevent extremists and people prohibited from possessing firearms from making homemade guns with milling machines to get around California's strong background check laws.
- ☐ **[AB 732 \(Fong\)](#) - Firearm Relinquishment Procedures**
 - AB 732 will strengthen California's relinquishment procedures at the time of conviction and ensure that state and local law enforcement agencies communicate regularly about removing illegal guns when a person becomes prohibited from possessing firearms.
- ☐ **[AB 574 \(Jones-Sawyer\)](#) - Dealer Records of Sale: Confirmation of Current Firearms**
 - AB 574 will require dealer records of sale to include confirmation that the purchaser has checked and confirmed possession of all their firearms within the past 30 days.
- ☐ **[AB 1483 \(Valencia\)](#) - Firearm Private Party Transfers**
 - AB 1483 will narrow the legal exemption that allows individuals to purchase more than one firearm per month in a private party transaction.

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.



Di's Corner:

by *Diane Rosenberg*

Update: Charlotte Gunther is still in rehab. She is always with a positive attitude and misses everybody.

On Saturday, September 2, I celebrated my 80th birthday at George Petrelli in Culver City. Thank you to everyone who helped me celebrate it.

On September 28, President Joe Biden spoke about the threat to democracy posed by Donald Trump and the MAGA movement. It was at an event in Arizona honoring the late Senator John McCain

[Video of Biden's speech on YouTube](#)

[Transcript of Biden's speech](#)

Join or renew your Culver City Democratic Club membership for the remainder of this year and all of next year for a \$45 donation

[To Join the Culver City Democratic Club CLICK HERE for the Club's ActBlue page.](#)

Join the Culver City Democratic Club for the rest of 2023 for a \$30 donation! For more information on becoming a member of the Culver City Democratic Club, call Diane Rosenberg at (310) 398-5328.

LA County Department of Public Health study of the health impacts of living near the Inglewood oil fields has expanded its sampling plan

Anyone living within 1.5 miles of the oil fields can participate. Previously, the study was limited to an invited sample of

residents. The new study flier is attached, as well as the study area map [\[next page\]](#). Using this larger sample, the study stat-

isticians will then adjust the sample in analysis to get population neighborhood level estimates. —*Jeanne Black*



NOTICE TO INGLEWOOD OIL FIELD COMMUNITIES

STUDY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is sponsoring a study to understand possible health impacts on residents that live near the Inglewood Oil Field. The study will be conducted by researchers from UCLA and they are seeking the public's participation with this effort.

All households within 1.5 miles of the oil field can participate in the study. Participation is completely voluntary and confidential. Should you agree to participate, your contributions will include:

- Completing a health questionnaire
- Taking a blood pressure measurement
- Taking a lung function measurement

To learn more, please contact Ha Luong

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This study is being conducted as required by the Baldwin Hills Community Standards District Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release and has been approved by the UCLA Institutional Review Board for the protection of human subjects (IRB # 21-001613).

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