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General Meeting on Zoom — 7p.m. Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Program: To be determined

President's Message by Jeff Schwartz

Truth is marching in

Dear Readers,

On November 4, election eve, musicians in five cities will simultaneously perform Albert Ayler's song "[Truth is Marching In](#)." Viewers online will be able to switch between [live streams of all five renditions](#). I have the honor of leading the west coast contingent; we'll be streaming live from the Wende Museum's new A Frame Theater.

This project was organized by New York saxophonist Jeff Lederer to convene an artistic community at a tense moment. The musicians and listeners will be united by this music and what it represents to us.

This is not quite popular music. Albert Ayler was part of a group of jazz musicians in the 1960s who pushed the music to extremes, chasing their personal visions and expressing the spirit of the times. If you listen to his original recording, you'll hear that the composed parts are ridiculously simple, built from the major scale and two or three chords, and that they're played with such intensity that the musicians seem to be trying to blow their instruments apart. It's no wonder this music appealed to punks a decade later.

This project is at the center of my [Venn diagram](#), intersecting my [academic](#), political, and [creative](#) work, but this is the end of the self-promotional part of this essay.

Instead, the theme of this online performance offers an excellent opportunity to discuss the idea of truth. I do not believe you should vote for Kamala, Isaac, Sameen, or any of our other endorsed candidates because they represent the

truth, in that everything they say is true, but because they maintain the possibility of truth, that we can understand the universe better through observation, analysis, and criticism. Their conservative opponents seem to believe that they can not only ignore inconvenient truths, but vote them out of existence.

The breakdown of consensus reality and the rise of "alternative facts" and [epistemic closure](#) on the right is too large a topic for this space. Kurt Andersen's [Fantasyland](#) is one place to start reading, as are Richard Hofstadter's [Anti-Intellectualism in American Life](#), [The Paranoid Style in](#)

[American Politics](#), [Uncollected Essays 1956-1965](#) and, as usual, [Rick Perlstein](#). However, here are two key moments which many of us may recall.

First, consider Ronald Reagan's March 4, 1987, speech on the Iran/Contra scandal. It followed the release of the [Tower Commission report](#), which documented that the Reagan administration had violated international and US law by trading weapons to Iran for hostages, transferring them through right-wing rebels in Nicaragua (the Contras) to Israel, who sent them to Iran, while the US was si-

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The Culver City Democratic Club, the Americans for Democratic Action Foundation of Southern California, and the West Los Angeles Democratic Club Present:

Cocktails and Candidates

Please join us for a pair of evenings to share political fellowship, angst, fears, hopes, and dreams. On the Friday night prior and the Friday night following Election Day! 7pm to 9pm.

We have no designated speakers for these twin events. We aspire instead just to have a VERY lightly moderated free flowing conversation, among politically knowledgeable and engaged citizens, about what you are DOING, what you are THINKING, and what you are FEELING about this extraordinary moment in American history.

RSVP please to ADA Board Member Dr. Nancy Niparko, WorldSaversinLA@gmail.com. That's not required but we'd love to know if you are coming please. Even just a "maybe?"

Roll Call! Who's In?

**Zoom link for Friday night, November 1
and Friday night November 8**

Starting at 7pm

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/81084135610>

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multaneously selling weapons to Iraq, which was at war with Iran.

In this speech, Reagan argued that, as Truman said, the buck stopped with him as President, while also passing that buck, claiming both to take responsibility and that all the bad things were done by others without his knowledge. [The complete text is online](#), but these two sentences show its contradictions: “A few months ago I told the American people I did not trade arms for hostages. My heart and my best intentions still tell me that’s true, but the facts and the evidence tell me it is not.” The world was presented exhaustive proof that members of his administration had committed crimes and that these crimes were not incidental errors in the execution of a policy which was otherwise legitimate but that the policy was illegal, yet he could not bring himself to change his “heart” based on the facts and evidence.

Second, on October 17, 2004 the *New York Times Magazine* published “[Faith, Certainty, and the Presidency of George W. Bush](#),” by Ron Suskind. This may be the essential text of the Bush years. Its most famous passage is:

The aide said that guys like me were “in what we call the reality-based community,” which he defined as people who “believe that solutions emerge from your judicious study of discernible reality.” I nodded and murmured something about enlightenment principles and empiricism. He cut me off. “That’s not the way the world really works anymore,” he continued. “We’re an empire now, and when we act, we create our own reality. And while you’re studying that reality—judiciously, as you will—we’ll act again, creating other new realities, which you can study too, and that’s how things will sort out. We’re history’s actors . . . and you, all of you, will be left to just study what we do.”

The aide is [generally considered](#) to be Karl Rove. He seems to have read [Michel Foucault](#) backwards. To severely oversimplify, the unifying theme of Foucault’s major works is that systems of knowledge-production are inseparable from those of social power. While most of Foucault’s readers have applied his

work to historicize oppressive systems as a step towards transforming them, recognizing them as human products rather than universal truths, “Rove” has done the reverse. If what a society accepts as true is shaped by who has power, then when his group gets power, they can control reality.

However, accepting that our understanding of the world is socially constructed does not mean that there is no material world behind it, simply that we can only apprehend that world through our consciousness, which is formed by society. Florida’s leaders may have banned discussion of climate change, but the climate doesn’t care.

Suskind’s article opens with a less famous scene, between the 43rd President and the Senator who would become the 46th:

Joe Biden was telling a story, a story about the president. “I was in the Oval Office a few months after we swept into Baghdad,” he began, “and I was telling the president of my many concerns”—concerns about growing problems winning the peace, the explosive mix of Shiite and Sunni, the disbanding of the Iraqi Army and problems securing the oil fields. Bush, Biden recalled, just looked at him, unflappably sure that the United States was on the right course and that all was well. “Mr. President,” I finally said, ‘How can you be so sure when you know you don’t know the facts?’”

Biden said that Bush stood up and put his hand on the senator’s shoulder. “My instincts,” he said. “My instincts.”

Biden paused and shook his head, recalling it all as the room grew quiet. “I said, ‘Mr. President, your instincts aren’t good enough!’”

Our current situation in Culver City includes all three of these elements: Bush’s naive trust in his “instincts” over others’ expertise, Reagan’s inability to change when faced with overwhelming evidence, and “Rove’s” nihilistic solipsism.

The City just named its second Official Historian. Both holders of this office have been the President of the Historical Society. I have had pleasant acquaintances with both, but neither is a professional historian. That may not be necessary to

be either Official Historian or President of the Historical Society, but consider how actual professional historians have been treated by the current conservative City Council majority.

Culver City resident Kelly Lytle Hernandez is a Professor of History at UCLA with tenure and an endowed chair. She is the author of three books (two from academic presses, one from Norton) and was awarded a MacArthur “genius grant” in 2018. She also created the [Million Dollar Hoods Project](#), which measures the impact of mass incarceration on communities. Assembly Member Isaac Bryan, a Lifetime Member of this club, worked on this project while a UCLA student. Million Dollar Hoods [contributed a report](#) to the City’s Public Safety Review. It has been ignored.

Dr. Lytle Hernandez was also part of the [Rethinking Public Safety Technical Advisory Committee](#) for the General Plan Update, as were five diverse and accomplished community members and myself. You may consider me historian-adjacent: my doctorate is in American Studies. Last November 13, the conservative City Council majority of Albert Vera Jr, Dan O’Brien, and Göran Eriksson [voted to discard](#) the [report](#) we and the consultants from Raimi and Associates created without discussing its substance.

The 2020 reckoning around race and equity also included retrospective work. On June 17, 2021, [the City Council voted](#) to authorize an official apology for the City’s historic racist practices, to explore possibilities for reparations, and to commission a historical study in which to ground this work. Yasmine-Imani McMorrin, Daniel Lee, and Alex Fisch voted in favor, Vera and Eriksson against. In January 2022 the City Council hired Architectural Resources Group, who have a professional specialty in justice and the history of the built environment; they returned their report [this March](#). It was, however, [edited to omit the names of elected officials and City employees responsible for many of the historical wrongs it cataloged and concluded by celebrating police “reforms” which had already been reversed](#). No Council Member voted against accepting this censored text, but Mayor McMorrin abstained.

Consider also the abuses of truth in the

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Move Culver City project. The City's Transportation Department, with multiple groups of consultants, compiled [a report on the measurable effects](#) of the city's first complete street. No one, in or out of office, has seriously challenged its findings or methodology, not even the second group of consultants hired to take a critical look at the study. Instead, opponents asserted, like Reagan, that findings did not match their feelings. The conservative Council majority of Vera, O'Brien, and Eriksson ordered [a public opinion poll, then pointed to its results](#) rather than the empirical study to justify voting to remove the protected bike lanes over the evidence-based objections of McMorrin and Puza.

This vote by Vera, O'Brien, and Eriksson then led to the City spending over \$200,000 to fight a lawsuit asking for a California Environmental Quality Act report. Agreeing to produce a CEQA report would have been faster and less expensive than going to court. Why fight the suit unless they feared what studying the environmental impact of adding lanes of cars through downtown would show? The conservatives prevailed, then [their supporters dishonestly claimed the judge had ruled on the merits of Move](#) rather than on whether reverting a pilot project towards its prior state required a CEQA report.

Because the conservative Council majority partially dismantled Move, LA's Metro [has revoked a grant of nearly \\$435,000](#) given Culver City to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety, because Move no longer does that. Vera, O'Brien, and Eriksson ignored Metro's warnings and now this money will come out of an already short City budget. Metro states unequivocally that:

The removal of the Class IV bikeway, bus-only lanes, and bus boarding islands along Washington Blvd between Landmark and Helms Avenues will decrease the level of protection and space prioritization for active transportation users. The Class IV bikeway provided a fully separated route for bicyclists away from vehicle traffic. The shared bus/bike lane will place bicyclists and buses in the same lane, decreasing the safety of the bicyclists.

The removal of the bus boarding islands negatively impacts the level of protection and access provided to transit users and active transportation users.

During Albert Vera Jr's previous City Council campaigns, a losing one in 2018 and a successful one in 2020, he drew on decades of goodwill, earned through his generosity with his inherited wealth. Any community group who asked would get a check or trays of food then, when he ran for office, those favors were called in. He clearly felt entitled to endorsement and election as his patrimony and resented needing to prove himself. [His performance at our 2020 forum](#) showed a lack of curiosity and critical thinking skills—a Bushlike trust in “instinct” over research. He has never won this Club's endorsement and did not even show up for our forum this year.

“Instincts” and “common sense” almost always mean unexamined beliefs. As in Bush and Biden's 2003 conversation, they signify that the speaker is done thinking and learning. Compare this to the Western intellectual tradition which runs from [“the unexamined life is not worth living”](#) through [“a ruthless criticism of everything existing.”](#) Less abstractly, it means that, like Reagan in 1987, the speaker won't or can't absorb new information or develop new interpretations.

This is a formally conservative worldview because resisting new input is a barrier to change, but many of us on the left also recognized Vera as ideologically conservative. Many on the right agreed. Organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, the Police Officers Association, the California Apartment Association, and the Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles endorsed him because they understood that he shared their values.

They, and we, were correct. Culver City residents could maintain their belief in Vera as “a nice guy” with “common sense” rather than a reactionary ideologue until he took office. Now that he is running for re-election, he has a voting record, which an anonymous source (who I assure you is not me) has compiled and documented at [albertvera.com](#). Voters can see for themselves how “nice” and “sensible” he has been.

Every claim on that site is backed up with at least one link to a journalistic or

primary source. In contrast, the charges against progressive candidates on the mailers we have received from the Police Officers Association give parenthetical references such as “City Council Minutes 2022-23.” The point of a citation is to allow the reader to verify the author's claim by directing them to its source. Referring to an entire year of minutes mocks this goal. A reference needs to go to the exact page, not an entire book or library.

[As I've written before](#), the root word of “authority” is “author.” A claim's authority comes from multiple sources, including the author, the publisher, and the evidence. We have access to the greatest quantity and widest range of quality of information in human history, so critical reading skills are more important than ever.

Discussions of media literacy often focus on bias more than credibility. Watching both MSNBC and Fox may be ideologically balanced, but one will consistently have more accurate reporting, analysis, and forecasts. Fox will help you know what conservatives are thinking, but that's about all. As Stephen Colbert said, [reality has a liberal bias](#). [Albertvera.com](#) backs up every claim with a link to specific evidence. In contrast, the police not only give insultingly vague references in the campaign literature their PAC paid their consultants to produce but have never provided a bit of evidence or documentation in their endless requests for more money, weapons, technology, and power. When a community member asked former Chief Cid in 2022 about the [overwhelming research](#) that militarization erodes public trust in the police and escalates violence, he dismissed it, claiming only police can understand policing. That's not authority, that's authoritarianism.

Vera's slate-mates Denice Renteria and Jeanine Wisnosky Stehlin have not held elected office, so they don't have public voting records. However, if their endorsements from the city's old guard and their funding from landlords, developers, realtors, and police don't tell the story, their performances at our forums do.

Renteria skipped our forum this year, but attended during her unsuccessful 2022 campaign. At that forum, each candidate was asked about the City's public

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safety review. Renteria [declined to answer](#), claiming she was unfamiliar with the project, which had been the subject of several marathon Council meetings, copious writing, rallies and protests, etc.

At this year's forum, each candidate was asked about the texts produced during that process: the Center for Public Safety Management report on police operations, the Solidarity Consulting report

on public safety and social justice, the Million Dollar Hoods report, a UCLA Law School Criminal Justice Program study of CCPD pay, and the Rethinking Public Safety General Plan element. Stehlin said [she was not aware of any of these documents](#).

The issue is not simply that these folks did not do the homework, but that they don't think they need to. It's not that they have different ideas, it's that they think

they don't have ideas and don't need to - that "common sense" and "instincts" are better than expertise and research - and that they are not engaged in the kind of constant reflection, examination, and ruthless criticism necessary to learn and grow. Truth is not possessed but only continuously sought.

That's what I'll be playing for on the 4th and hoping for on the 5th. See you on the other side.

Wednesday, November 20

Culver City State of the City address



Reception with light refreshments followed by Culver City Mayor Yasmine-Imani McMorrin's State of the City Address.

Date and time: Wednesday, November 20 · 5:30-7:30pm

Location: The Wende Museum, 10808 Culver Boulevard, Culver City

The Culver City community is invited to enjoy a reception with light refreshments followed by Culver City Mayor Yasmine-Imani McMorrin's State of the City Address in the Garden at the Wende Museum, 10808 Culver Blvd, on Wednesday, November 20. The event lasts 2 hours. We encourage you to use alternative forms of transportation to access the event. Culver CityBus Line 7 offers service along Culver Blvd. On-site parking at the Wende Museum is limited. Parking is available at the Veterans Memorial Park and the Culver City Senior Center, a few minute walk from the Wende Museum. If you have questions regarding this event, please call (310) 253-6000.

5:30 PM - Reception

6:30 PM - Mayor's State of the City Address

6:50 PM - Post Presentation Reception

7:30 PM - Event Ends

[Please RSVP using Eventbrite.](#)







RE-ELECT
Yasmine-Imani
McMORRIN
 to CULVER CITY COUNCIL 2024

I want to thank the
 **Culver City**
 DEMOCRATIC CLUB
 for their endorsement.

I am honored and hope to
 continue furthering the policies that
 represent the progressive values
 embraced by Club members.

I am most proud of these accomplishments:

-  Led the Council to approve \$1.5M for Culver City's first Mobile Crisis Unit
-  Championed the need for a Parks Master Plan to serve our city equitably
-  Initiated DEI training for council members and senior city staff
-  Advocated consistently for care over criminalization of our unhoused neighbors

ALSO PROUDLY ENDORSED BY



Holly Mitchell
 LA COUNTY SUPERVISOR,
 2ND DISTRICT



Lindsey Horvath
 LA COUNTY SUPERVISOR,
 CHAIRPERSON, 3RD DISTRICT



Sydney Kamlager-Dove
 CONGRESSWOMAN
 CONGRESS DISTRICT 37



Lola Smallwood Cuevas
 STATE SENATOR
 SENATE DISTRICT 28



Isaac Bryan
 ASSEMBLYMEMBER
 ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 55



Freddy Puza
 CULVER CITY
 COUNCILMEMBER





Nancy BARBA

FOR Culver City Council

Nancy is the bold, experienced leader we need on the city council!

As a community member she has served Culver City with dedication and expertise in various roles, including:

- ✓ Planning Commission, Member & Chair
- ✓ Finance Advisory Committee, Member
- ✓ Culver City For More Homes, Founder & Organizer
- ✓ Walk 'n Rollers Committee at El Marino Language School, Co-Chair
- ✓ MOMS Club of Culver City East, President and Moms Collective Culver City Member
- ✓ Rancho Higuera Neighborhood Association, Member & Secretary

Nancy will serve Culver City as a data-informed policy maker with a clear vision of the sustainable place our city can become.

- ✓ Create plentiful housing opportunities with access to jobs and essential services
- ✓ Lead a care-centered budget approach, balance the budget and identify new revenue sources
- ✓ Decriminalize poverty and homelessness
- ✓ Take bold policy steps to transform our city into a walkable and bikeable community, connected to mass transportation
- ✓ Continue working to solve our homelessness crisis



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SAMEEN Ahmadnia Culver City School Board

Sameen, an immigration attorney and mom, is dedicated to equity and justice. She's running for the Culver City School Board to advocate for **access, wellness, and achievement for all students.**

Her plan to achieve this includes:

- Modernizing and improving our schools
- Addressing climate change with bold action
- Creating and enhancing mental health programs
- Expanding opportunities for Spanish-speaking and multilingual students
- Focusing on student inclusion, including students with disabilities

Together, let's build schools where every child is valued, supported, and empowered to thrive.

Our most trusted leaders and organizations endorse Sameen:



Yasmine-Imani McMorris,
Mayor of Culver City



Freddy Puza,
Culver City Council Member



Dr. Kelly Kent,
President, CCUSD School Board



Triston Ezidore,
Vice President, CCUSD School Board



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Paula Amezola,
Member, CCUSD School Board



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Former Mayor of Culver City



Alex Fisch,
Former Mayor of Culver City



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- ✓ **Housing for all incomes**
- ✓ **Healthy streets and a climate-resilient city**
- ✓ **City budget rooted in services and care**



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BY NOV.
5TH**



ENDORSEMENTS

Federal

President/Vice President: Kamala Harris/Tim Walz

Senate: Adam Schiff

Congress: Ted Lieu (CD36), Sydney Kamlager (CD37)

State of California

Assembly: Isaac Bryan (AD55)

Sade Elhawary (AD57)

Proposition 2: YES

Proposition 3: YES

Proposition 4: YES

Proposition 5: YES

Proposition 6: YES

Proposition 32: YES

Proposition 33: YES

Proposition 34: NO

Proposition 35: YES

Proposition 36: NO

Los Angeles County

District Attorney: George Gascón

Superior Court Office 39: George A. Turner

Superior Court Office 48: Erika Wiley

Superior Court Office 97: La Shae Henderson

Superior Court Seat 135: Georgia Huerta

Measure A: YES

Measure G: YES

Culver City

City Council: Nancy Barba, Bryan “Bubba” Fish, and
Yasmine-Imani McMorrin

School Board: Sameen Ahmadnia

Measure O: YES

City of Los Angeles

City Council: Jillian Burgos (Seat 2), Heather Hutt (Seat 10),
Ysabel Jurado (Seat 12)

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OR IN-PERSON VOTING!*



RE-ELECT GEORGE GASCÓN

Los ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Endorsed by
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- L.A. County Federation of Labor
- Planned Parenthood Los Angeles
- L.A. County Democratic Party
- The Los Angeles Times
- Asian Democrats of Los Angeles County
- Democrats For Israel Los Angeles
- Feel the Bern Democratic Club of San Fernando Valley
- Muslim Democratic Club of Southern California
- Westside Young Democrats
- Burbank Democratic Club
- Santa Clarita Valley Democrats
- Miracle Mile Democratic Club
- Glendale Democratic Club
- Progressive Democrats of the Santa Monica Mountains
- L.A. County Democratic Party
- Stonewall Young Democrats
- San Fernando Valley Young Democrats
- Black Los Angeles Young Democrats
- California Black Women's Democratic Club
- Stonewall Democratic Club
- California Working Families Party
- Dolores Huerta
(Labor Leader and Civil Rights Activist)
- Mike Bonin
(Former LA City Councilmember)
- Meghan Sahli-Wells
(Former Culver City Mayor)
- Cara Robin
(President, West LA Democratic Club)

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Native American Heritage Month

November 1 and 8 - 7-9 PM

Cocktails and Candidates
"We need to talk."

A Zoom gathering and conversation about the election [LINK](#)

November 4 - 5:30-6:30 PM

TRUTH IS MARCHING IN jazz combo led by Club President Jeff Schwartz
livestreamed from five locations, including the Wende Museum

November 5

Last day to vote in 2024 general election

November 11 - 7 PM

Culver City Council Meeting

November 11

Veteran's Day—*Lest we forget*

November 12

CCUSD School Board Meeting

November 13 - 7 PM



CCDC Membership Meeting on Zoom



November 20

Trans Day of Remembrance

November 20 - 5:30-7:30 PM

Reception with light refreshments followed by
Culver City Mayor Yasmine-Imani McMorrin's State of the City Address
[Please RSVP using Eventbrite.](#)

December 7

Club fundraiser at the Village Well bookstore
"Do your holiday shopping at the Well!"

Culver City Democratic Club's Endorsements for Judge:

Superior Court Office 39:

George A. Turner

Superior Court Office 48:

Erika Wiley

Superior Court Office 97:

La Shae Henderson

Superior Court Seat 135:

Georgia Huerta

Di's Corner:

by Diane Rosenberg

Update on Club member Charlotte Gunter: She is still at Bentley Manor in Mar Vista, is doing well, and hoping eventually to go home. Her attitude is extremely positive as well as her outlook on everything. She misses everyone, and looks forward to the day when she can see everyone in person.



Legislative accomplishments: keeping families whole, ending poverty and supporting communities

Laws Passed

AB 2716 (2024) Fees on Under Producing Oil Wells—Stops the operation of low-producing wells near communities and directs funds back into the communities that are negatively impacted by the drilling.

AB 1810 (2024) Menstrual Equity for All—Ensures menstrual products are readily available in California prisons.

AB 2906 (2024) Foster Care Justice: Preserving Survivor Benefits for Foster Youth—Protects the survivor benefits owed to foster youth from mishandling by county agencies.

AB 1986 (2024) Accountability & Transparency for Prison Book Bans—Ends the indiscriminate banning of books in California's prison system.

AB 2684 (2024) Extreme Heat Planning—Requires cities and counties to include extreme heat in their hazard mitigation plans so they are better prepared to protect residents and can qualify for federal funding programs.

AB 3145 (2024) Foster Care Justice: Meaningful Assistance for Parents—Requires that all court-ordered services or courses are evaluated to ensure families are connected to effective, proven resources that support reunifying families.

AB 2664 (2024) Foster Care Justice: Fair Reunification Timelines—Ensures California's courts provide fair and reasonable timelines for parents to complete court-ordered programming so they can reunite with their children.

AB 3258 (2024) Protect Refinery Workers—Amends safety codes so all refinery workers receive the same level of workplace protections.

AB 2531 (2024) In-Custody Deaths of Youths—Ensures that the death of a youth while in custody of the state is properly reported.

AB 3265 (2024) Environmental Leadership: Media Campus Projects—Streamlines environmentally beneficial construction and ren-

ovation projects on film and television media campuses.

AB 3235 (2024) Department of Justice (DOJ) Equitable Certification Act—Expands access to professional certifications for justice-involved Californians.

AB 2046 (2024) Educational Opportunity for All—Protects the operation of single-gender schools that support the representation of women and minorities in the STEM fields until 2035.

AB 2484 (2024) Foster Care Justice: Remote Expert Testimony—Removes a financial and technical barrier to expert testimony so all parties can benefit from this resource.

AB 2215 (2024) Pre-Booking Diversion Programs—Clarifies that police officers can connect individuals in custody with community-based services if that is in the best interest of justice.

AB 60 (2023) Restorative Justice for Victims—Ensures that victims of crime are informed of restorative justice programs that are available to them in their county.

AB 954 (2023) Reduce Barriers to Family Reunification—Ensures that a parent who is following all aspects of their case plan will not be denied family reunification simply because they are too poor to pay for court ordered services.

AB 421 (2023) Direct Democracy Protection—Protects voters by requiring the top funders be listed in the state voter information guide for a referendum measure, requiring clear phrasing of referendum vote choices on ballots, and allowing additional time for proponents of a statewide referendum measure to withdraw the measure.

AB 764 (2023) Local Redistricting Standards—Ensures greater equity in the drawing of voting boundaries for special districts, school districts, community college districts, and county boards of education.

AB 1400 (2023) Financial Aid for HBCU Students—Creates financial support for California Community College students who

transfer to a Historically Black College or University (HBCU).

AB 424 (2023) ALS Registry—Established the collection of information on amyotrophic lateral sclerosis disease (ALS/Lou Gehrig's disease) cases to support medical research toward future treatment.

AB 507 (2023) Presidential Election Protection—Protects California presidential elections from being disrupted by states of emergency by ensuring a safe, alternative location for presidential electors to meet.

AB 1735 (2022) Language Services for Foster Youth—Ensures foster youth receive services and materials in their native language.

AB 1848 (2022) End Prison Gerrymandering—Ensures that incarcerated Californians are counted as part of their home communities for the purpose of drawing district lines.

AB 1686 (2022) Remove Financial Barriers to Reunification for Foster Families—Ensures that family reunification is no longer disrupted by the financial burdens placed on families who have been impacted by the foster care system.

AB 2159 (2022) Ensure Reunification Services—Ensures that parents who are incarcerated pretrial shall not be bypassed from receiving family reunification services solely for the reason of being incarcerated.

AB 1823 (2022) Quality Health Insurance for Students—Ensures students insured by student blanket policies benefit from the same regulatory oversight and consumer protections as other health plans.

AB 1798 (2022) Digital Campaign Disclosures—Simplifies digital disclosure requirements.

AB 1043 (2021) Acutely Low Income Households—Added a new category to state housing law recognizing people with "Acutely Low Income". These are families earning less than \$17,000 a year.



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Vote YES on Measure O

Support Culver City Unified School District Retain qualified teachers and maintain excellent education, without increasing taxes

by Mila Moraga-Holz and Meredith Johnson, Co-chairs of Measure O campaign

CCUSD is proud of our excellent public schools, highly-qualified teachers, and staff that work hard to ensure local students are prepared for college and future careers.

Since 2018, our students have relied on locally controlled parcel tax funding from Measure K to protect and improve the excellent education of our local schools. However, Measure K is set to expire soon, meaning CCUSD schools would face significant budget cuts, threatening teachers and academic programs.

Skilled teachers are one of the most important elements of our strong educational program. Without renewed local funding, we are at risk of losing these highly-qualified teachers to neighboring districts.

That's why we need Measure O. By renewing our current funding source, **without increasing taxes**, we can ensure that CCUSD schools maintain quality education and provide students with excellent teachers to set them up for success.

YES on O will support Culver City students by:

- Attracting & Retaining Expert Teachers
- Supporting Math, Science & College Readiness Instructional Programs
- Up-to-date technology and Hands-On Science
- Career-Readiness
- Supporting student success in and out of the classroom
- Supporting our Music & Arts programs

Financial accountability and local control

- All funds will be used only to upgrade local Culver City schools, the State cannot take any away
- Citizens' oversight, public spending disclosure, and annual audits ensure responsible spending
- Senior citizens will continue to be exempt

A YES vote on Measure O will provide funding, **without increasing taxes**, to attract and retain skilled teachers, ensuring local students receive quality education and are prepared for future success.

Join local parents, teachers, businesses, and community leaders in voting YES on O so all Culver City students can continue to receive the quality education they deserve!