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ACT and ADC Summer Potluck Meeting



Thursday, July 12, 6:30 p.m.

at the home of

Bobbie and Henry Moon

1961 Mar Vista Avenue, Altadena



We're excited to report that this year's Annual Summer Pot Luck also serves as the kick off to our efforts to **FLIP THE HOUSE**. We now know which Democrats have landed on the November ballot in the two closest **CURRENTLY** Red Congressional Districts adjoining the San Gabriel Valley, CD 25 to our Northwest (Democrat Katie Hill will be working to defeat incumbent Republican Steve Knight) and CD 39 to our Southeast (Democrat Gil Cisneros is running to replace the seat vacated by Republican Ed Royce).

We have invited both Katie Hill and Gil Cisneros to be our guests and make presentations to our membership. We also are inviting members of Swing Left 25 and Swing Left 39, which have become coalitions of local clubs that will focus on Districts 25 and 39 in the run-up to the November General Election. Representatives from those organizations, as well as Hoyt Hilsman (for our Pasadena Area United Democratic Headquarters) and ACT, will be making presentations -- offering opportunities for us to be involved in the campaigns and coordinate our efforts to **FLIP CA25 & 39**.

Many of us have already been working on these districts. We've canvassed, enrolled new voters and sent GOTV post cards. The sprint from our July 12 Pot Luck to the November finish line figures to be the most exciting political four months ever as we play an integral role of resistance in returning Congress to a **PROGRESSIVE** direction. Come ride the **BLUE WAVE** and meet some new allies in this important cause.

Here are our Potluck Food Assignments:

A-F...Dessert, fruit or wine

G-L...Salad, vegetable or side dish

M-Z...Main dish

Please bring enough for 5 or 6 people and provide serving utensils for your dish. The Potluck begins at 6:30 p.m. with the Meeting following at 7:45 – 8 p.m. See you there!

Political Memorabilia Wanted for July 12 Meeting!

Buttons, bumper stickers, magnets, yard signs and more... Where are you on the memorabilia spectrum? An avid collector? Or are you someone who wonders "Why do I still have all this stuff?" If you are closer to the latter end of the spectrum, maybe you'd like to recycle your "stuff." **Bring it to our July 12 Potluck Meeting** and find a good new home for it. We think this could be fun. And your closets, drawers and shelves will thank you!



UDH News



The UDH steering committee met on June 8. Arthur Congo, who many of us know due his previous stints with both UDH and Senator Portantino, was introduced as the UDH Campaign Director for this election cycle. Prior to the formal opening of UDH headquarters sometime around Labor Day, he will be working out of CTRL Collective (a shared workspace building) at 45 S. Arroyo Parkway, Pasadena. Look to the UDH web site for contact information.

While UDH will be providing services for all Democratic Candidates both local and state-wide, the primary emphasis this year will be to flip Congressional Districts. Over the next few weeks as the picture for November shakes out UDH will make the determination of where it can be the most effective. Hoyt Hilsman the UDH Leader will be making a presentation at ACT/ADC's July 12 meeting/potluck at which time I expect we'll hear a more comprehensive plan for the General Election.

John Gallogly is putting together an August fundraising event featuring Congressman Adam Schiff. Bruce Wright has agreed to be the UDH Recording Secretary.

Post Card Help Needed in the 25th and 39th CDs

I need your help. I'm recruiting volunteers to write and send "GET OUT THE VOTE" post cards targeting Democrats in the 25th and 39th Congressional Districts for the November election. Besides ACT, I belong to a number of other local Progressive groups that I have already engaged in this project but I am looking for additional organizations to contact. If any of you can provide information and invitations for me to other groups I would appreciate it. You can send information to me at ronagarber@yahoo.com or call me at 626 359-6143.

Thank you.

— Ron Garber



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Wonderings and Wanderings

By Inman Moore



“One Huge Error”

I am in the midst of reading James Comey's book, [A Higher Loyalty](#). At this point in my reading I presume Comey's book was basically written to support his action as FBI Director in announcing a reopening of investigation into Hillary Clinton's usage of emails. His announcement was made just days before the presidential election in 2016 which, by the way, was an investigation that did not prove anything. So, if the book is to justify his announcement of Clinton being investigated then his book is a dismal failure.

There is no getting around the probability that he destroyed Hillary Clinton's campaign for President. To make a statement just days before the presidential election in 2016 that the FBI was reopening an investigation of Clinton and her email usage was the height of poor judgment. Surely he should have known what a cloud this would put over her campaign. Donald Trump immediately jumped on Comey's announcements and started his campaign's practice of shouting “Lock her up” at all his rallies. In my opinion it cost Clinton the presidency. Comey's announcement of the Clinton investigation is one of the most ill-timed statements of all time. Any person who did what Comey did should not be Director of the FBI. If an investigation was warranted it should be a private affair until it was completed. Investigations by law officials should always be private affairs until they are complete. If there is reason to arrest someone after an investigation then that is when the announcement is made. Law officials don't go around announcing who is under investigation.

Yes, it is also true that Comey's firing by Donald Trump was done for a very personal petty reason, and that was because Comey re-

fused to become a lackey to the president. For that stand Comey is to be commended. We don't need the Director of the FBI acceding to do whatever the President requests. But we do need a Director with better judgment than James Comey used in a crucial moment in the history of our country. His error in judgment changed the future of our country and indeed of the world. And it definitely has proven to be disastrous.

— Inman



Announcing the 2018 Judy Boggs Memorial Internships

ACT is now accepting applications for the 2018 Judy Boggs Memorial Internship Program. Contributions are needed and welcome. If you'd like to give, or to be part of the recruitment and selection process – or if you know of a potential applicant – please contact Fred Register at: fred.register@charter.net -- or call 626-791-5345. Here's more detail about the internships:

In memory of our long-time Executive Director, Judy Boggs, ACT will award stipends of up to \$3,000 to two outstanding students to intern at the 2018 Pasadena Area United Democratic Headquarters. This year UDH will be focusing on electing Democrats in targeted Congressional districts in Southern California. The interns will work in the three months leading up to the November general election.

The goals of the internship program are: to give interns experience in all aspects of a local campaign in a non-presidential election year; to provide an opportunity to meet and work with candidates and elected officials; and to develop potential future leaders in local politics.

Preference will be given to students in good

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Political Notes



Wednesday, June 13

With two sets of primaries in the past two weeks, it's mostly good news for Democrats – not completely, but on balance, mostly good.

Evidence of a blue wave nationally continues to pop up. In Wisconsin, a State Senate seat in a district that President Trump carried by 17 points, and that had been held by Republicans since the 1970's, was flipped. In Nevada, Democratic Senate candidate Jackie Rosen pulled 110,000 votes in her primary; GOP incumbent Dean Heller pulled only 100,000 votes in his primary. When the Democrats outpoll the GOP in a lower-turnout primary election, the GOP candidate might just as well pack up and spend the next 5 months on the beach in Hawaii, because their chances in November look grim indeed. In Virginia, Republicans nominated Corey Stewart, who is ideologically in lock-step with the President and displays the same tendencies to shoot himself in the

foot (as when he was photographed with white supremacists after the Charlotte demonstrations).

It is worth noting, in many of these elections where the GOP seems to be following the President like lemmings off the cliff, how few voters are actually driving these decisions. In Virginia, for example, President Trump received 1.77 million votes in 2016 (although losing the state). In 2012, Romney received 1.8 million. So there seems to be a base of about 1.8 million voters likely to support GOP candidates state-wide. In the Tuesday GOP primary, only 304,000 voters cast ballots – about 17% of their overall base. Of that small slice, Corey Stewart received 45% of the vote, while his mainstream establishment opponent (a former Green Beret) got 43%. So Stewart won with 7.5% of the overall GOP voter base, while his opponent captured only 7.3% of that base.

The importance of Stewart's win is that the GOP is already writing Virginia off. The Republican Senate Campaign Committee explicitly said they have other states that look more promising, so they won't spend any funds on Stewart's race, and other major donors are likely to take their cues from the RSCC. That weakens the GOP effort state-wide, and it is likely to have repercussion down ballot in the four Congressional seats where Democrats have some significant chances of winning red seats.

In California, the President endorsed and campaigned for John Cox for Governor, and it appears the President's endorsement was largely responsible for Cox capturing second place in our top-two primary. As I write, there are still 1.2 million votes to be counted, so it's a bit difficult to draw tight conclusions. But even extrapolating for those additional ballots, Cox won barely more than one-third of the Republican voters in the state. So while the President's supporters may be more passionate and enthusiastic than some mainstream

Republicans, they clearly represent a small slice of the overall electorate.

Over the last few election cycles, though, the relative turnouts of Democrats and Republicans in Congressional and legislative primaries in California has been predictive of the winner in the November general election. Looking at the “targeted” Congressional districts in California, only one – the 49th CD – showed a clear Demo edge in turnout in last Tuesday’s primary. The other key districts, like the 25th, 39th, 45th and 48th, all showed slim to medium edges for Republicans in aggregate turnout. Will that be predictive of results guess is that they will not.

I think we will see in California the same surge of enthusiasm among Democrats that has powered victories in special elections and regular primaries across the nation. The GOP did succeed in getting their candidate for Governor on the ballot, which was a critical minimal goal for them. But they do not have a candidate for U.S. Senate, or one for Lieu-



tenant Governor, and in the other State Constitutional Officer races where they do have candidates; the candidates have little name recognition state-wide and even less funding. Further, the latest voter registration figures show the Republican Party trailing, for the first time in history, not just the Democrats, but even the No Party Preference voters.

The only other major attraction for their voters state-wide is the measure to repeal the gas tax, and while anti-tax measures remain popular among the GOP voters, I don’t sense voters have the fear of economic insecurity that has powered some past tax repeal measures. With unemployment low, wages creeping up, inflation low and the stock market and real estate prices climbing, I don’t see the

anti-tax drivers that might feed a real frenzy of turnout.

Another element that I believe will power Democratic turnout in a host of districts is the exceptionally high number of women who are being nominated for Congressional, Senatorial or Gubernatorial races. Nearly half of all winning Congressional candidates for open seats are women, an historically high percentage, and 114 women have won their primary elections (for either open seats or against incumbents), another historic high. This reinforces the appeal of the Democratic Party to women voters across all economic strata. Further, a

number of those women candidates are either veterans (like Amy McGrath in Kentucky, the first woman Marine pilot to fly an F-18 in combat) or have served in the CIA or other “macho” government agencies, giving them more crossover appeal than typical Democratic candidates have. As the Oldsmobile ads used to say, this is not your father’s Democratic Party, and we’re the better for it.

So, overall, where do we stand? Are we still on track to take back the House? My guess is yes, we are; indeed, I’m thinking closer to 60 seats. President Trump’s polling may vacillate a bit up and down, and the generic ballot preference for Democrats may cycle from 5% to 10% and back down, but the enthusiasm of Democratic voters seems in every poll – and nearly every special election – to be holding steady. Further, the President continues to blunder through the affairs of state, alienating and appalling additional segments of the electorate each month. Hence I remain confident that voters will rein in the President and give us a Democratic House and Senate just five months from now.

— Jon Fuhrman

**From
25th District
State Senator
Anthony
Portantino**



Dear ACT Members,

There is some exciting news to report this month! As the budget negotiations came to a close, I'm excited to report that several of my proposals made it in. Since the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) was created, many school districts have wanted the base funding level of LCFF to increase. This year, the Governor proposed fully funding LCFF sooner than anticipated. Although this is welcomed news, it's not enough. The Senate Education Budget Sub-Committee that I chair, pushed to increase the base funding level even higher than the Governor proposed in January. We were successful in adding over \$600 million dollars to the base. The budget also includes \$300 million dollars targeted to low performing students that don't receive supplemental or concentration grant funding. This proposal was championed by Assemblymember Shirley Webber from San Diego. Both the Senate's LCFF increase and Ms. Webber's budget proposal will have a positive benefit for the PUSD.

Creating more partnerships and pathways for students has been a passion of mine for over a decade. This year, I was able to help create two exciting opportunities for California students. The budget includes \$10 million dollars to initiate P-Tech in California. P-Tech is an academic partnership between business, high schools and community colleges. IBM has been the leader in bringing P-Tech to fruition around the country to create a pathway into "new color" technical jobs. The P-Tech partnership guides students to acquire high school diplomas and Associates Degrees simultane-

ously. I am also extremely proud to be continuing cooperative efforts between Historically Black Colleges and the University of California. This year, the budget includes 18 Hastings law school scholarships for California Students who attend Historically Black Colleges. Each scholarship is worth about \$180K and will increase diversity on the Hastings campus as well as make a tremendous difference in the lives of 18 HBCU students. I worked collaboratively with Dean Faigman from Hastings along with Bob Davidson and Wes Coleman to create the scholarships.

There has been a lot of focus lately on the Upper Arroyo Working group and the Arroyo Seco tributary due to the tremendous work of the Arroyo Seco Foundation's Managing Director Tim Brick. Last year, Tim sounded the alarm to legislature when the Arroyo Seco was left off the list of tributaries to be studied in a recent Assembly Bill signed by the Governor. I've been pleased to be working with Tim on legislation to rectify the oversight. The bill, SB 1126, to include the Arroyo Seco has now passed the Senate and is headed to the Assembly. In the mean time I'm also very happy to report that I have nominated Tim to receive a Senate appointment to the current working group. I consulted with Mayor Tornek as to who would be the perfect person to appoint and we both agreed that Tim is the right person for the job. I anticipate SB 1126 will pass and become law shortly.

And, my week ended with the announcement from Pro Tem Toni Atkins that I will be chairing the Senate Appropriations Committee effective this week. I am looking forward to this new challenge and am grateful for this honor from our new Pro Tem.

On the family front, I had the opportunity to take Bella on her first college visit to Sonoma State. Where did the time go?

Respectfully,

— Anthony

**From
41st District
Assemblymember
Chris Holden**



Dear ACT Friends,

It has been a busy month in Sacramento as we approach the legislative recess. Most recently, six of my bills cleared the Assembly Floor. Overall, 10 bills I introduced this year are now in the Senate.

Four of these bills that recently cleared the Assembly floor include Assembly Bill 2370 that aims to ensure lead-free drinking water in childcare centers; Assembly Bill 2599 which requires courts to tell a person what expungement or record sealing options are available to them upon completion of probation or case dismissal; Assembly Bill 2747 that protects college athletes from abuses by the NCAA; and Assembly Bill 2819 that will commission the University of California to develop a report on the outreach, recruitment, retention, and promotion of underrepresented groups in leading tech companies to diversify the technology workforce.

Unfortunately, Assembly Bill 3146, that would have created transparency measures on pollution from idle and abandoned oil and gas wells that are located in close proximity to homes and businesses, was killed by the oil lobby last week.

Across California, there are thousands of families living nearby cancer causing, smog forming and global warming producing idle or abandoned oils wells. It's frustrating when the public interest takes a back seat to the interest of a powerful lobby, especially when the most vulnerable communities are hit the hardest. Aliso Canyon shows what happens when wells get older and aren't maintained - they

leak and present a hazard for communities and first responders. Without a statewide policy, there is no certainty around how many idle or abandoned oil wells are leaking harmful pollutants, and how much, or the extent of health impacts to the surrounding communities.

As you may know the Legislature and Governor Brown, after a robust negotiation process, reached a budget agreement. I believe this budget is balanced, reflects our strong economy and increases our rainy day fund, but also protects and expands California's progressive gains to meet the challenges we face. I am pleased to report increased funding to ease the homelessness crisis, lift families out of poverty, and keep college affordable for California students. Early last year, I fought to increase reimbursement rates for developmental disability service providers in cities that had minimum wage laws that outpaced the State's. Now with a \$25 million dollar increase in our budget, that would be matched with federal funds, we have \$50 million dollars to keep these vital services for individuals and families living with disabilities including autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, and intellectual disabilities.

In the first week of June, I had the pleasure to recognize the Flintridge Center as the 41st Assembly District's Nonprofit of the Year. Flintridge Center is a nonprofit organization based in Pasadena that I have worked very closely with over the years. The organization supports formerly incarcerated adults and at-risk youth to break the cycle of poverty and violence through community planning, innovation and action. Working with a network of service providers and public agencies to change lives, I believe Flintridge Center's successful reintegration services should be modeled throughout the state. Their continued support to individuals of high-risk, high-need circumstances helps transform the lives of those

in our community.

Lastly, I want to thank you for your ongoing support in my election. I truly appreciate our relationship and am proud to represent you and your values in Sacramento. I look forward to keeping you up to date in the next *Phoenix*.

Sincerely, — Chris R. Holden

Assemblyman Holden represents some 420,000 people in the foothills communities of Altadena, Pasadena, South Pasadena, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, San Dimas, La Verne, Claremont, and Upland. He can be reached via his website at: www.asm.ca.gov/holden and fill out the contact form.



Region 11 Demo Quarterly Meeting Report

Region 11 of the California Democratic Party held its quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 9, 2018 from 10 am – 1 pm at UFCW Local 1428 in Claremont, CA. Region 11 is comprised of DSCC (Democratic State Central Committee) delegates from Assembly Districts 41, 43, 51 and 53. Region 11 delegates come from the following sources: (1) elected through the Los Angeles (or San Bernardino) County Committee, (2) appointed by elected officials, or (3) elected through their Assembly District election meetings (ADEMs). Mark Ramos serves as Region 11 Chair for the 2017-2019 term.

Speakers included St Sen Kevin DeLeon, ASM Chris Holden, ASM Wendy Carrillo and staff from St Sen Anthony Portantino's office. Each gave a legislative update and thanked delegates for their activism, particularly considering efforts in the recent statewide primary election. Alex Villanueva spoke about his candidacy for Los Angeles County Sheriff, and expressed thanks for the support provided by numerous Democratic clubs throughout the region as he moves on to the general election in November. The final speaker was Dan

Gordon (a delegate from AD 53) who talked about the donor-funded organization, *Swing the Seven*, and their "red to blue" focus.

Mark Ramos arranged to have the results of local elections projected during the meeting for discussion purposes, and entertained a lively discussion on efforts to repeal *Costa Hawkins*, California's rent control law which currently limits the types of rent control policies cities can impose. Mark also announced plans for a Region 11 unity picnic to be held this summer as we come together to support voter-nominated Democratic candidates in November.

Mark will join other regional directors and members of the Executive Board of the California Democratic Party at their meeting in Oakland July 13-15, 2018. The meeting agenda includes the potential endorsement of voter-nominated Democrats who were not endorsed by the DSCC at its meeting earlier this year, as well as caucus meeting and workshops.



Judy Boggs, *continued from page three*

standing at a local college, community college, university or graduate school; but recent graduates will also be considered. Applicants must demonstrate an interest in good government and electoral politics; possess a commitment to progressive issues and grassroots participation; and commit to working at least 20 hours a week in the United Democratic Headquarters from early August through early November, 2018.

Interested students will be asked to submit a resume and a cover letter, to be followed by an interview. **Applications must be received no later than Thursday, July 26, 2018.** For further details, e-mail Fred Register at: fred.register@charter.net -- or call 626-791-5345.

Homelessness and Mental Illness go Hand in Hand

by John Grula & Louis Santilena

There is now widespread agreement that we have a major homelessness problem in Los Angeles County, including Pasadena. The county now has almost 58,000 homeless, many of whom are living on the streets, in encampments, transitional housing, and sometimes in their vehicles. As the Pasadena Weekly reported in March, the number of homeless in Los Angeles County in 2017 was 57,794, and about three-fourths of these people were living on the streets with no shelter.

The number of homeless in Pasadena has risen by 18 percent over the past year, and many are over 50 years old, according to a report in the Pasadena Independent. These poor souls are destitute and often cling to life by a thread. It's a situation that we would otherwise deplore if it existed in other countries.

New jobs programs and the creation of more housing, such as building more so-called granny flats and converting motels and National Guard armories into housing for the homeless, are ideas that all have merit. City-sponsored housing funded with various bonds also holds promise. And Pasadena's Union Station Homeless Services is an example of a wonderful agency that offers a helping hand. They should all be encouraged and supported to the greatest extent possible.

But they overlook an unfortunate fact: Most chronically homeless people are dysfunctional at best and mentally ill at worst. Many could not hold down a job even if one were created for them, and many have difficulty handling routine daily chores, such as paying bills on time. Many also have drug and/or alcohol

problems that compound the obstacles that keep them homeless. They need help to improve their conditions.

To its great credit, the city of Pasadena is at the forefront in confronting these harsh realities. Available at the Pasadena Public Library, the city has created Homeless and Mental Health Services which partners the library and the Pasadena Public Health Department to address the needs of library patrons and others who are afflicted by homelessness and behavioral health issues.

The main goal of the partnership is to keep the library accessible and safe for all of its patrons. It offers free homeless and mental health-related services to all library users, including mental health education, peer counseling, case management, information and referrals, and connections to community resources. Additional information is available at the Pasadena Central Library, 285 E. Walnut St.

Also to the city's credit, the Pasadena Central Library, Pasadena Public Health Department and the Pasadena Mental Health Advisory Committee sponsored a Pasadena Mental Health Day 2018 in May. The goal of the event was "to raise awareness about mental health, to decrease the stigma, and to increase knowledge and access to quality mental health services and resources in the community."

It is fair to ask what got us into this situation, with ever-increasing mentally ill homeless people and other troubled individuals on the streets. It goes back to then-Gov. Ronald Reagan in the 1960s and 1970s and other Republicans. When he was running for governor of California in 1966, Reagan over-simplified issues relating to poverty and (in)famously remarked, "send the welfare bums back to work." Later, he would rail against "welfare queens," referring to low-income women who needed Aid to Families with Dependent Child-

ren (AFDC). When he became governor, Reagan continued his war on the weak by engineering the closure of multiple state mental hospitals.

A stark example of the devastation that occurred under Reagan was the closure of the Metropolitan State Hospital in Norwalk, which at one point, over the lifetime of the facility, housed approximately 40,000 mentally ill Californians. Closures such as this forced the mentally ill onto the streets, and thus our huge homeless problem was born. At least some of these mental hospitals should be revived. It would be a big step toward resolving our homelessness crisis.

It is ironic that Reagan was shot by a mentally ill man, but never wanted to deal with the issues related to mental illness. Nor did he want to deal with the mentally ill veterans who make up a large portion of our homeless population. When he became president in 1981, one of Reagan's first acts was to eliminate former President Carter's task force on mental health which recommended federal funding for state mental health programs.

The Republican war on the vulnerable continues to this day. If you depend on Social Security or Medicare and Medicaid, look out. The GOP has long wanted to dismantle these crucial programs, which save many millions of Americans from destitution. It appears the GOP does not care about most Americans, only their rich friends.

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Congratulations Nellie & Inman

We congratulate our good friends Nellie and Inman Moore, who celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary on June 8.

They are a remarkable couple.

Foothills Democratic Club's July 4th Picnic BBQ Celebration

"Life, Liberty, and Pursuit of Happiness"

at the home of

Alec and Tina Fredericks
3576 Milton St, Pasadena 91107

Wednesday, July 4, 2-4 p.m.

Featuring:

- * Elected Officials & Activists
- * Chili Cook-Off
- * Oratory Contest "Poetry Slam"

Sponsor Levels (# of tickets): \$500(4) - \$300(4)
- \$150(3) - \$76(2) - \$25(1) - \$10(1)

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Questions about tickets? Contact Anne (626)
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Event Volunteers Welcome

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4eacab2fa46-volunteers>

Ticket sales and donations support Foothills Club's election year activities and participation in the United Democratic Headquarters.



2018 Membership Renewal

A **RED CHECK** () on your address label on this Phoenix tells you that we have not yet received your 2018 ACT and/or Arroyo Democratic Club membership dues. Please use the form below to send in your membership check right away. Or join or renew on-line at www.actpasadena.org.

However you do it, we deeply appreciate your continued support as we fight for progressive ideals in the Foothills area. And many thanks to those who have renewed already!



P.S. If you have any questions about your membership contact Jon Fuhrman at 626-864-5255 or at jon_fuhrman@outlook.com.

I'd like to join both groups for one low price! (Checks payable to ACT/ADC)

\$40 Single	\$70 Single Sustaining
\$25 Each additional member per household	\$90 Double Sustaining
\$15 Student or limited income	\$150 Patron
	\$275 Benefactor

I'd like to join ACT (Checks payable to ACT)

\$35 Single	\$60 Single Sustaining
\$20 Each additional member per household	\$85 Double Sustaining
\$15 Student or limited income	\$125 Patron
\$20 Gift Membership (NEW!)	\$275 Benefactor

I'd like to join the Arroyo Democratic Club (Checks payable to ADC)

\$35 Single	\$60 Single Sustaining
\$20 Each additional member per household	\$85 Double Sustaining
\$15 Student or limited income	\$125 Patron
	\$275 Benefactor

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\$ _____ Political Account (for endorsed candidates and issues)
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Information provided will be available to other members and endorsed candidates upon request.



Calendar

- July 4
Wednesday
2-4 p.m. Foothills Democratic Club BBQ Picnic Celebration at the home of Alec and Tina Fredericks, 3576 Milton St., Pasadena. Details inside.
- July 6
Friday
9-10 a.m. Progressive Discussion Group at Dupar's Restaurant, 214 S. Lake Ave. Pasadena. Call Dale Gronemeier for info at dlg@gronemeier.com. Also 7/20, 8/3, 8/17.
- July 9
Monday
7 p.m. UDH Steering Meeting at the home of Karen Wingard, 737 Magnolia, Pasadena.
- July 12
Thursday
6:30 p.m. ACT/ADC Summer Potluck Meeting at the home of Bobbie and Henry Moon, 1961 Mar Vista Ave., Altadena. See front page for details.



Where Have You Been?

Whether you have been near or far, vacationing or otherwise, please send us a high resolution photo (of you) to Chuck for *The Phoenix* at hains27@sbcglobal.net.



July Phoenix Deadline

The deadline for the July *Phoenix* is Sunday evening, July 15. Please send items for publication to Chuck Hains hains27@sbcglobal.net. Preparing *The Phoenix* for mailing will likely be on Thursday, July 19 at a location to be determined.



Future Meeting Notice

There will be no ACT Steering/ADC meeting in August and no August *Phoenix*. (The Phoenix is published eleven months of the year.) Our next meeting after July will be on Thursday, September 6.



ACT's Webpage

Bruce Wright, our website manager, has added a lot of good information on the Orange County CDs Democrats hope to flip in November. He has also provided us easy access to Swing Left's Calendar for the 39th CD via the webpage. Check it out: www.ACTpasadena.org!

You will also find the current on-line edition of *The Phoenix* (in color and often with items that couldn't be fitted into the print edition) on our webpage.

Contact Bruce at brucewright@sbcglobal.net.



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ACT ENDORSEMENT BALLOT

for November 2018



Endorsement Ballot Instructions

The membership of ACT recognizes that ACT is a democratic organization dependent on the goodwill of its members. Towards this end, the following rules shall govern the election procedures for ACT endorsements. The purpose of these rules is to prevent the manipulation of the endorsement process, to safeguard the voting privileges of members, and to further the democratic principles and procedures of ACT.

Who can vote? Year 2017 and 2018 ACT & ADC members who are 18 years of age or older can vote. **If you have not renewed for 2018 you can do so on-line or enclose your renewal along with your ballot.** Each member on your address label is entitled to one vote and only one vote (if there is one name on the label, you have one vote; two names, two votes. If a person casts more votes than authorized, those votes are voided.

How do I vote? Mark and return your ballot in the enclosed envelope with the label attached. Or, if you desire a secret ballot, you may enclose it in an additional unmarked envelope. Each completed ballot sent by mail shall be submitted in the ACT envelope. Each voting member must sign the outside of the ACT ballot envelope. If there is no enclosed envelope, please send the ballot in an envelope with your name and return address to: ACT, Attn: Endorsement Election Committee, P. O. Box 40074, Pasadena CA 91114-7074.

Ballot rules No proxies or duplicated ballots may be used in voting in ACT endorsement elections. If your ballot is damaged, write "void" on it and send it along with a note indicating how you voted.

Ballot Deadline Ballots must be in the ACT Office by 5 p.m. Wednesday, **July 11, 2018.** Further endorsement election information can be found in this *Phoenix*.

Why do we vote? ACT's endorsement can mean access to donor files, computer data, and such financial contributions as are voted by the Steering Committee.

Endorsement Requirements

1. A 60% majority of ballots cast is required to endorse a candidate or either the "Yes" or "No" side of a proposition. Abstentions will not be counted, i.e. only ballots cast in each race will be counted as part of the percentage.
2. No quorum is required.

Example: (family has 3 ACT members qualified to vote), Member #1 supports Candidate X; Member #2 supports Candidate Y; Member #3 decides to vote "No endorsement":

Vote for one	Voter: #1	#2	#3
Candidate X.....	X		
Candidate Y.....		X	
No Endorsement.....			X

This is actually a double ballot, one for ACT and one for the Arroyo Democratic Club. Following each candidate's name, the first set of check boxes are for ACT voters and the second set are for ADC voters.

The ADC guidelines are identical to ACT with the exception that the ADC portion of the ballot has only boxes for vote check marks for Democratic candidates.

