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Next ACT and ADC Meeting - May 6 Via Zoom

Program: Tammy Godley on Threats to Public Education

Please come to our Thursday, May 6, meeting of the ACT Steering Committee and the Arroyo Democratic Club via Zoom. Special **guest speaker is Tamerlin (Tammy) Godley** who served as lead attorney on the lawsuit against a Nevada voucher bill that would have financially devastated Nevada's public schools, and also as lead attorney in the NAACP v. DeVos lawsuit that would have unfairly diverted significant COVID emergency relief funds from public schools to charter schools. Tammy was a Partner at the Munger, Tolles and Olson law firm, and is now a Partner at the Paul Hastings firm, and you may recall that she ran for Pasadena's City Council from District 6 last year.



Tammy notes that public education is a cornerstone of our democracy. Yet there are well-organized, well-funded forces actively working to privatize education in America that most people don't even know exist. In 2015, those forces convinced the then Republican Nevada legislature to pass a sweeping voucher bill in the middle of the night that would have gutted Nevada's already underfunded public schools. Privatization advocates around the country were watching excitedly to see its fate. A lawsuit on behalf of parents and children permanently blocked the program before it got off the ground. Out of those efforts Public Funds Public Schools (PFPS) was founded to combat school privatization efforts of all types. Tammy Godley led the lawsuit and is a co-founder of PFPS. She will talk about that lawsuit, the NAACP v. DeVos lawsuit (2020, with the Southern Poverty Law Center and the Education Law Center also representing the plaintiffs), the various efforts to privatize education, the threats to and successes of the pro-public education forces, and the ongoing efforts of PFPS.

Equitable school funding is close to the hearts of many ACT/ADC members, who are staunch supporters of the primacy of our public schools. We urge members to **join ACT**

and ADC at the May 6 Zoom meeting on this vital topic. Look for an ACT email near the end of April with the Zoom link to attend.



New Pasadena City Council Members Met with ACT



The three newest members of the Pasadena City Council were guests at the April Steering Committee Meeting. **Felicia Williams**, who won outright in the March (2020!) primary, and **Victor Gordo**, who won a November run-off for Mayor, were both seated in December. **Jess Rivas** was appointed in March to fill Gordo's unexpired Council term. All three spoke briefly and answered questions.

Mayor Gordo noted his ongoing efforts to promote Pasadena's many unusual and attractive features; expressed concern about the disturbing nation-wide rise in racist attacks on Asian-Americans; and discussed the severe impact of Covid-19 on Pasadena's budget – roughly \$30 million in lost revenue and about the same amount in additional expenses.

During questions he noted that Federal relief funds (@\$53 million) should ultimately cover most of the budget shortfall -- and that proposed infrastructure funding could mean substantially more for Pasadena. He also responded to questions about the severe shortage of affordable housing, expressing enthusiasm for the city's new Housing Task Force and mentioning some specific opportunities -- like converting vacant office space to new housing.

Even after years of working on city issues, **Council Member Williams** has been surprised by the job's complexity and how much there is to learn. She enjoys it, especially interacting with consti-

tuent, but confessed to struggling to find the right balance between work, family, and city obligations. She cited her Field Deputy, Darla Dyson, as a great asset. They've focused on transparency and public outreach – like recruiting a diverse slate of city commissioners, including many first timers.

Williams faced several critical comments and questions on her recent vote against mandatory "Hero Pay" for grocery workers. She said this was a difficult decision and one that divided her district pretty evenly. Responding to charges of siding with wealthy corporations against low-income workers, she noted her concern that the city's poorest residents could face higher prices and the potential loss of grocery outlets in their neighborhoods. In the end, she said she decides issues like this not on a partisan basis but on what she believes is best for the city and for her district.

Council Member Rivas has been working hard to get up to speed after her recent appointment. She has been engaged in a series of meetings with her new constituents and mentioned an especially helpful meeting with County Supervisor Kathryn Barger. She too has been concentrating on recruiting district residents to serve on city commissions, with a special emphasis on women and people who have never served before.

Asked about rising crime in the city, and in her district, Rivas indicated that local residents are strongly supportive of additional patrols by police – and that she is working to make sure that happens. She expressed disappointment at the outcome of the "Hero Pay" vote, saying it saddened her that the city had not been able to act in support of people whose work was both essential and high-risk.

ACT is grateful to all three council members for taking the time to meet with us. We look forward to working with them in the years to come.

~ Fred Register.

Coming in May: Fund Drive for Judy Boggs Memorial Internships

One of ACT's most successful projects ever is the Judy Boggs Memorial Internship program. Every election year outstanding local young people are given paid internships to learn grass-roots political organizing while helping run the United Democratic Headquarters.



The results have surpassed all expectations: Interns have made invaluable contributions to UDH, never more so than in 2020 when many of you met and worked with Sosse Krikorian, Madeline Pena and Mya Taylor. Just as important, many interns have gone on to key roles in state and local politics – including the current Chair of the LA Democratic Party and multiple staff members for local legislators and members of Congress. ACT's longtime Executive Director, Judy Boggs, who so loved working with young people, would be very proud.

2022 will mark the 20th anniversary of the internship program. We plan to fund two internships at a cost of @\$9,000. To avoid competing with Democratic candidates and causes during an election year, we hope to raise our entire budget with a special month-long fundraising drive that will begin with the May edition of the Phoenix.

Please think about making a gift to this worthy cause. Also, volunteers are needed to make follow-up calls. If you can help, please notify Fred Register at: fred.register@charter.net



Stop the Republican Recall of Governor Gavin Newsom

At our April meeting, Arroyo Democratic Club members voted to endorse the following 'Stop the Recall' resolution:

Whereas, the effort to recall Governor Newsom is a partisan power grab spearheaded by Donald Trump's National Republican Party, the California Republican Party, and top Trump donors advocating to overturn fair elections, having already worked to delegitimize the American electoral process; and frivolously using California taxpayer dollars to fund this partisan ploy to derail the progress Governor Newsom has made to save lives, provide a safety net for struggling Californians as we are making significant strides returning our lives to normal; and

Whereas, the pro-recall ranks are filled with a coalition of anti-vaxxers, Q-Anon conspiracy theorists, and militia groups whose aim is to disrupt and distract from California's progress on COVID-19 recovery, equitable mass vaccinations, and school reopenings while their leaders disseminate anti-vaccination and anti-immigration propaganda on social media sites, actively work-against public interest and advocate for the microchipping of immigrants, and

Whereas, by uniting, Democrats will prevent Trump's Republican Party from taking over the California government and will stand united against any candidate who seeks the office and helps Republicans succeed.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Arroyo Democratic Club opposes the recall of Governor Gavin Newsom.



"If there is a wrong way to do something, then someone will do it."

- Edward A. Murphy

Political Notes

by Jon Fuhrman



Tuesday, April 6.

We're coming up to the 100-day mark in the Biden Administration. The Reps are frantically trying to find something substantial to complain about – immigrants sneaking in across the Mexican border (not exactly a new problem), uncontrolled spending (and where were they these last four years?), Democrats eschewing bipartisanship (and whose fault is that, exactly?), and the specter of higher taxes on the rich (after they basically gave a tax holiday to all their friends for four years). But they're not getting much traction. Probably that's because, perhaps remarkably, nothing major has gone wrong.

In fact, quite the opposite: the COVID relief legislation, with \$1400 checks and child credits, is now law (without a single GOP vote in either House); vaccinations are moving apace, with the President's goal of 100 million shots in 100 days already exceeded; the rate of new infections is

pretty low, though edging back up a bit, particularly in places that eschew wearing masks; the public's acceptance of vaccinations has ticked up at least several points in most polling; we had solid job growth in March, with a bullish stock market, despite the clear prospect of higher corporate taxes and higher taxes on the wealthy; many local schools are reopening; and the Congress is moving forward on a massive infrastructure plan. The voters seem to be paying attention, and they like what they see. The President's job approval and personal favorability ratings are all solidly above 50%, something that President Trump never achieved in his entire four years in office.

Even on the far left, the grumbling has been somewhat muted. They worry that the Administration is not moving fast enough or boldly enough, but the President seems entirely comfortable moving at his own pace. Judicial appointments were a particularly worrisome area for progressives, but the Administration last week finally announced its first set of eleven appointments, with heavy focus on diversity, not just in race and gender, but also expertise, favoring backgrounds ranging from criminal defense to patents and intellectual property, instead of the traditional prosecutorial background.

Interestingly, judicial appointments have been considered one of President Trump's most lasting and impactful achievements, but a close analysis suggests the impact will not be as great as feared. Analysts have tallied up the total number of Federal judges and the number of actively serving judges (subtracting out those judges who have opted for "senior status", a sort of semi-retirement where they can hear occasional cases but don't carry a full load, and which allows the President to appoint a full-time successor to the seat while the "senior" judge still serves). Looking at all judges, 779 have been appointed by Republican Presidents (229 by Trump), with 610

appointed by Democratic Presidents, which appears to be a pretty big edge. But looking just at full-time active judges, 413 were appointed by Republican Presidents while 393 were appointed by Democratic Presidents – hardly an edge at all. Further, there are now 60 open seats on District Courts, and 9 more on appellate courts, so the GOP advantage will soon be overcome in the judicial system as a whole. Further, although judges appointed by GOP Presidents other than Donald Trump may be conservative, they generally are not fire-breathers, and even an occasional Trump appointee has delivered rulings against Trump or the GOP agenda.

It remains true that President Trump appointed three new Justices to the Supreme Court, and the assumption is that they will vote in lockstep as a conservative majority on all sorts of issues. Surprisingly, though, that seems not to be happening, or at least not yet. It's still very early, but Justice Amy Coney Barrett in particular seems to be the target of serious discontent on the right. The Court is moving slowly on a number of important cases, and some signs suggest the Court may be far more cautious on issues like choice than enthusiasts on the right had expected.

The former President still retains a strong grip on the Republican electorate. Over 70% of GOP voters say they continue to support Mr. Trump with few reservations. However, that grip just may be loosening a bit. It turns out that President Trump was not only Commander-in-Chief, but also Grifter-in-Chief. The **New York Times** has done some marvelous research into the Trump campaign's on-line fundraising, and the news is pretty startling.

The campaign had a particularly heavy focus on

on-line fundraising, using WinRed, which was built to be the GOP alternative to ActBlue. But the campaign had a voracious appetite for money, so they started getting clever. They introduced a “money-bomb”, an option for the donor to double their contribution. Contrary to all the best practices, however, this box was “pre-checked”; a donor could uncheck the box, and opt out of doubling their contribution, but they would have to find the box and realize that they needed to uncheck the box. Legitimate fundraisers might offer such a box, but would always require the donor to check the box themselves.



Then the Trump fundraisers turned to repetitive donations, again adding a pre-checked box committing the donor to multiple donations. By September, when the Trump campaign realized they were being massively outraised by the Biden campaign in on-line giving, they changed their repetitive donations from monthly to weekly and further obscured the check box to make it less and less likely the donor would opt out.

Well, it worked, perhaps too well. Now, every campaign has to refund some donations. Donors can give no more than \$2,800 total to any one Presidential or Congressional candidate. Automatic repeat contributions can often push someone over the limit, and others change their mind about repeat donations. The Biden campaign, during the last 10 weeks of the campaign, issued 37,000 refunds for \$5.6 million. But the Trump campaign and the RNC, over that same time period, had to issue 530,000 refunds, totaling over \$64.3 million. And the Trump campaign's repeat billings didn't end with the election; they continued on until the middle of December, even after he lost.

A sizeable amount of the millions Trump raised after the election, in response to his allegations of election fraud, were actually used to pay the refunds of all those contributions he gained through the fraud his own campaign perpetrated. Over the entire year, Trump and the RNC raised \$1.2 billion through the WinRed platform, but they had to refund \$120 million. Banks and credit card companies were inundated with fraud complaints and disputed charges in the last three months of the year.

This is not merely greed and graft. It is political malpractice of the highest order. Those donors who unwittingly got hooked into making multiple repeat donations were core GOP supporters. They represent the lifeblood of future GOP campaigns, the heart of the vaunted Trump mailing list. How many of them have been permanently soured on ever again responding to on-line solicitations? How many have sworn off any more political contributions, to any candidate for any office, ever again? Mr. Trump and his cronies may well have poisoned their own well and substantially disadvantaged any future GOP national or state candidate.

WinRed, their accomplice in this scheme, seems unperturbed by this fiasco and merrily banked their substantial profit. WinRed is a for-profit company (unlike ActBlue, which is a non-profit). WinRed charges \$0.30 per transaction, plus 3.8% of the gross. ActBlue, on refunded contributions, returns their fee; WinRed, in contrast, kept their fees and forced the campaign to make up the difference. So, on the \$120 million in donations that Trump and the RNC were forced to refund, WinRed nonetheless made a hefty \$5 million profit – yet another example of the GOP's unflinching support for private enterprise.

~ Jon Fuhrman



Letter-to-the-Editor



On Monday, March 22, the Pasadena City Council failed to pass the hero pay act which would have required certain retailers to pay additional wages to their employees during the corona virus epidemic, not to exceed 120 days. The vote was four in favor and four opposed. Our friend and fellow ACT member Felicia Williams voted 'nay.'

Sources who follow important votes of the Pasadena City Council inform me that more often than not Felicia comes down on the conservative side of these issues. ACT is a progressive organization and we need to remind our friend that we supported her council bid because we assumed she would vote 'yes' on progressive initiatives.

Ron Garber, ACT member



KIDS' SUMMER CHOICES

<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">SOCCER, OR BAND CAMP?</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">SWIMMING LESSONS, OR ARTS 'N' CRAFTS CLUB?</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em; text-align: center;">STAY HERE AND BE FORCED TO JOIN A BLOODTHIRSTY DRUG GANG, OR RISK A PERILOUS THOUSAND-MILE JOURNEY POSSIBLY ENDING WITH US SEPARATED AND YOU LOCKED IN A MIGRANT CHILD CAGE?</p>
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**From
25th District
State Senator
Anthony
Portantino**



Dear ACT Friends,

Recently, I did a podcast where I repeated something I've been saying since the pandemic began, "Wearing a mask isn't a political statement but rather a sign of loving your neighbor." I was disturbed when a constituent, incensed by my statement, condemned me with vitriol and outrage. His comments caused me to wonder about people who condemn love. Have we truly descended into such dark places? Did Donald Trump succeed in turning every convention on its head? During his term, he led the assault on science, reason and common decency but when his supporters attack love it goes beyond anything I could have imagined.

Frankly, it's easy to get depressed and cynical. America is struggling with how best to confront the rise in hate crimes against our API friends and neighbors. It seems like every day there is a new violent and deadly shooting of innocent people while the live TV broadcast of the trial of Derek Chauvin brings us back to tragic death of George Floyd. But, for every reason to get down, there are ten reasons to be optimistic. First and foremost are President Biden and Vice President Harris. Their positive outlook and earnestness are contagious and the perfect anecdote for the past four years. As many of us celebrate Easter and Passover we pray together for a better time and a better America. Countless activists and everyday people across California are rejecting the actions of these extremists and reemerging from the pandemic with a renewed sense of positiveness. Dr. King once said that "Love is the only force

capable of transforming an enemy into a friend." Though it's difficult to embrace enemies I do draw on the inspiration from positive friends, neighbors, activists and young people who are rejecting Trumpism for a better California.

In California, the Trump world is endeavoring to recall Governor Newsom. This has presented us with another reason to unite and send a strong message that we won't stand for lame political efforts that push partisanship above the best interest of our state. Closer to home, I was able to beat back a recent effort to delay the implementation of my school start time legislation passed two years ago. At a time when our children's mental health and well-being should be a top priority, it makes no sense to roll back an initiative that benefits our children and is backed by three decades of science. School districts should be using the current truncated school year to plan for healthy start times that actually improve mental health for students rather than trying to curtail it.

My mother used to say that every now and then its healthy to just let it out. Thanks for indulging me this month with my rant.

Warmest and Best,

~ Anthony

*Senator Anthony Portantino
represents California's
25th State
Senate District,*



**From
41st District
Assemblymember
Chris Holden**



Dear ACT Friends,

I just received my first dose of the COVID-19 Vaccine and feeling great knowing that the end of this Pandemic is in sight. Of course, in this final stretch, we must be vigilant to prevent another surge while we try to get all eligible individuals vaccinated as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, there is still a lot of vaccine hesitancy from misinformation that is spreading online. There are also folks that want the vaccine but have questions about when they qualify and how to make an appointment. That is why in early March I held a Facebook Live Vaccine Town Hall. We were fortunate to be joined by Dr. Timothy F. Brewer, a Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology at the University of California, Los Angeles; Susan Chaides, Project Director in the Division of Student Support Services at the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE); and our very own Dr. Ying-Ying Goh, Director and Health Officer of the City of Pasadena Public Health Department. If you missed the town hall you can still view it on my website.

In Celebration of Women's History Month, I had the honor recognize Fran Robertson as the 41st Assembly District's Woman of the Year. Fran is a La Verne resident and Director of Sowing Seeds for Life, a non-profit dedicated to eliminating hunger in the communities they serve and responding to emergencies for those in need. Fran was a hero before the Pandemic, now she is a superhero with the impact she is making to help families put food on the table. In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Sowing Seeds for Life expanded its capacity to serve people and families in need and assembled a team of volunteers who served over 200,000 people

in 2020 – more than double their pre-COVID-19 monthly average of about 9,000 people. Sowing Seeds for Life grew their capacity to serve both their faithful corps of volunteers who transitioned to a contactless drive thru food pantry and from a successful partnership with the Fairplex.

In the Capitol my police reform legislation, AB 26, passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee, and my legislation to extend and expand Dual Enrollment, AB 102, passed the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

California law requires police officers to intercede when observing another officer using force that is beyond that which is necessary, but there are no universal measures used to determine that an officer has in fact interceded. AB 26 provides a selection of techniques to establish that an officer has in fact attempted to intercede. The bill also expands on current law to disqualify a person from being a police officer if they used excessive force that resulted in great bodily injury or death or to have failed to intercede in that incident. If AB 26 becomes law, police officers would be required to intercede when witnessing excessive force under the updated guidelines and report the incident in real time to dispatch or the watch commander.

Dual enrollment increases the number of college graduates, reduces time and money spent for college, and helps close the achievement gap. Making dual enrollment permanent means more school districts will be able to invest in creating these partnership agreements that benefit their students and prepare them for college. AB 102 would eliminate the 2027 sunset date for College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnerships, making the program permanent. The legislation also increases access to dual enrollment opportunities for students in juvenile court schools.

It will be a busy month in April while the rest of my legislation will be heard in their first policy committees. I look forward to keeping you up to date in the next ACT Newsletter.

Sincerely,

~ Chris R. Holden

My Two Cents

By Ron Garber



The only lottery I ever won was the 'Draft Lottery.' December 1, 1969; 365 balls with dates of the year from 1/1 through 12/31 were placed in a bowl with each being drawn and assigned a number from 1 to 365. My lucky number based on my date of birth was '10' and ultimately anyone with a number between 1 and 180 was subject to being drafted. Failing my bid for conscientious objector status because I objected to the Viet Nam war, but not all wars, and passing my physical, my only choices to avoid going to Viet Nam were to either flee the country or enlist in a way that would keep me at home. I enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve, serving four months active duty and drilling locally for the next six years. Outside of six weeks boot camp in Tennessee I never left the West Coast. Twice I cruised outside the country. Once to Victoria, British Columbia, Canada and once to Mazatlán, Mexico.

I was assigned as a lowly Seaman on a destroyer escort. The purpose of a destroyer escort, being relatively smaller and more maneuverable than an aircraft carrier or a battleship, is to get between those ships and an oncoming torpedo to take the hit thereby saving the far more militarily valuable ships, but I digress. When out at sea the watch group I was in would serve two 6-hour sessions where we would rotate to six different stations, one of which was the helm. For two hours a day I controlled where a vehicle with 200 sailors on it would go. Well, actually the Captain or the Officer of the Day determined the route; I just steered.

If you were sitting on the fan tail, you could tell how experienced or inexperienced the helmsman was by observing the wake of the ship. If it was

straight you had someone who knew what they were doing, but in my case, it zig-zagged. You'd be given a course to steer ranging between 1 and 360 degrees and as the ship veered to the right or left, you'd have to use the helm to make a correction. An experienced helmsman would gently turn the wheel bringing the ship back on course, but if you didn't know what you were doing, you'd overcorrect and you'd find yourself bouncing back and forth with each turn requiring a greater adjustment. Where the hell am I going with all this?

I came of age during the late 60's and early 70's when the two political parties worked surprisingly well with each other to keep this ship of nation moving on a relatively straight course. When the Democrats were in power, we moved a little to the left and when the Republicans were in power to the right. The tools that Congress employed to do this were conference committees for when the House and Senate were not in sync, log rolling where Senators and Representatives could secure votes for their bills by promising to vote for someone else's pet project, and earmarks which could garner pork for your district in exchange for your vote. The last of those is considered pejoratively, but in essence was a good tool to move legislation along.

Move forward to 2021 and our thoroughly polarized nation. Unless you score 100% liberal or conservative by the powers that keep those scores, you get primaried which, I know, is not a word, but should be. In a gerrymandered district or even in one that isn't, someone further to the left or right of you could come along and brand you as a RINO or DINO and you're gone. Compromise is a dirty word and comity no longer exists. Foreign countries, both friendly and not, know that any agreements they come to with us, like the Paris environmental accords or the Iran deal are only good until the other party whipsaws us out and then back in.

To this point of the column, I've placed both parties in the same mold but here is where they diverge. Barack Obama and Joe Biden both made working with the Republicans a priority, but Mitch McConnell and Donald Trump make no bones about it. They, under no circumstances were going to cooperate. Now we have exceedingly slim majorities in both Congressional houses while also occupying the White House. There is very little leeway and a moderate like West Virginia Senator Joe Manchin literally can hold his own party hostage unless he gets what he wants.

The 1.9 trillion-dollar virus relief package and potentially a 4 trillion-dollar infrastructure bill are wonderful, but the most important legislation we must pass is the voting rights bill the House has already sent to the Senate. Demographic changes in the country show a bright future for the Democratic party but, without this bill, democracy (little d) is in jeopardy. The President and all the other 49 Democratic Senators need to lean on Manchin because this bill will define our future. Pass the bill, steer the ship straight.

Last month I challenged all of you to write "Letters to the Editor" and get them published. My dear friend, Kris Ockershauser took it to heart and on a subject very important to her, Pasadena Policing, got one published in the Pasadena paper. Congratulations, Kris. Her letter follows and she's working on an action she hopes to have ACT/ADC endorse next month.

For those of you who are following my weight loss journey, I passed an important milestone on April 1 (no fooling). I tipped the scale at 199 lbs. which puts me under 200 for the first time in 25 years. I've now lost 66 lbs. and, as my ideal weight is 160 lbs., I'm now less than 25% overweight, which takes me out of the category of being obese. I feel good, keep walking.

~ Ron out

Kris Ockershauser's Letter in the Star-News

Reports on law enforcement's handling of the George Floyd protests last summer have found police forces that were poorly trained, heavily militarized and shockingly unprepared for the possibility that large numbers of people would fill the streets — a widespread failure in policing nationwide.

By contrast, Pasadena community organizations and churches mobilized hundreds of people in peaceful protests, calling for a Bill of Rights for minorities, and for a community oversight commission of police, long proposed and now underway. The Mayor and City Council, including the Police Department, responded positively to the community call. All involved are to be commended and recognized for creative, inclusive civic engagement. The Pasadena Way.

Kris Ockershauser



Flags of Seditious, Losing Insurrections in U.S. History



From Pasadena Councilperson Felicia Williams



Dear ACT Friends,

I wanted to respond to some feedback I have received regarding my ‘no’ vote on hero/hazard pay. Throughout my campaign, during my ACT interview, and at the candidate forums, I reiterated my commitment to being thoughtful and making informed decisions. That is the process I used to inform my hero/hazard pay vote, and I will use a similar process for future votes.

With LA County’s unemployment rate 40% higher than the State, we have a lot of residents struggling with under/un-employment. Even a small risk to them of store closures or increased prices was too great. I only wish my colleagues could have created a proposal that was a compromise between giving people just pay while mitigating the impacts to others. That is what I tried to do by expanding City assistance programs, but it didn't get any traction.

I was elected to the City Council, which is non-partisan, and the only group that I am beholden to is the citizens. I have a duty to represent everyone, to bring together different points of view, and create a compromise that works for most of the people. As one of my elected official friends says, “If anyone leaves the Council chamber happy, we have not done our jobs as a Council!” No one will be happy, that is not the goal, but everybody should get a piece of what they want through compromise.

Throughout my time as an activist in ACT, we have agreed and disagreed on many things. Now, as a Councilmember my role has changed: I am committed to always be thoughtful and comprehensive in my decisions; to listen to different points of view; to not be reactive, and instead

think about the unintended consequences, the alternatives, and what’s best for the City.

If you embrace the spirit of compromise, I invite you to join me in this challenging endeavor and sit at my table. But ...keep in mind, “compromise” is the only item on the menu.

Felicia Williams, District 2

P.S. Just a reminder that all City business needs to be conducted through my City email to provide transparency and accountability to the public: (fwilliams@cityofpasadena.net).



California Democratic Party 2021 State Convention



Thursday, April 29 – Sunday, May 2

This year, the California Democratic Party will be hosting its 2021 Convention while highlighting the strength of ALL Californians. Leaders from across the Golden State will convene to discuss the groundwork that was put in place to take back the White House, flip the Senate and maintain a majority in the House. More importantly, Democrats will highlight the road to recovery and the work to protect California Democratic values.

CADEM’s 2021 Convention will be hosted on a digital platform – much like the organizing and grassroots work done over the past year. Although delegates will not assemble in one physical space, all will gather “virtually” for a user-friendly, engaging and unique 2021 virtual convention.

For participation details, register at: <https://cdpconvention.org>.

Pasadena Housing Task Force and Housing Advisor Appointed

Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo has appointed a housing advisor and a 17-member Housing Task Force.

He named Rick Cole, a former City Council member, special housing advisor to the mayor on Monday, April 5. Cole is a 12-year veteran of the City Council, including a term as mayor, and has been city manager in three cities over the course of his career: Azusa, Ventura and Santa Monica.

The task force will be chaired by former Mayor Bill Bogaard.



Welcome New & Returning ACT Members:

Ross Erlich, Pasadena
Patrick Hare, Los Angeles

Special Thanks to Sustaining Members

Lucy Allen
William & Edith Byerly
Janice Dangerfield
Frank & Marianne Dryden
Judith Harris
Dolores Hickambottom
Ruth Judkins
John & Ann Scheid

Special Thanks to Patrons

Louise Brinsley
Herb & Karin Meiselman
Ann Munger
Thomas Seifert & Dianne Philibosian

Really special thanks to Benefactors

Susan & John Caldwell
Dale & Temetra Gronemeier
Shirley Spencer

And Thanks for Additional Contributions to ACT's Operating Account

Charon & David Sandoval
Edie Taylor

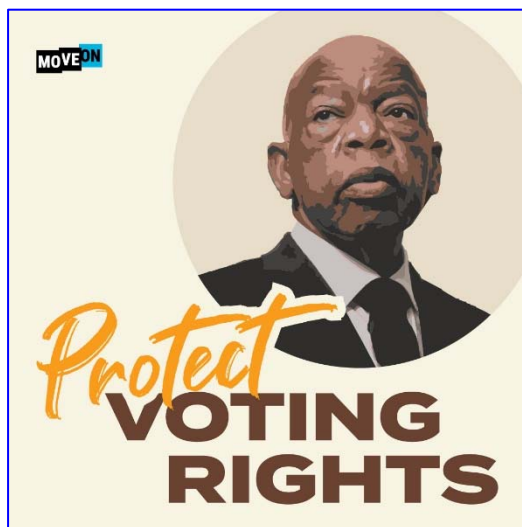
And Thanks for Additional Contributions to ACT's Political Account

William & Edith Byerly
Dolores Hickambottom



Phlunte' Riddle Appointment

Congratulations to ACT member Phlunte' Riddle whose appointment to the California Board of Juvenile Hearings was recently unanimously approved by the state Senate.



2021 ACT and ADC Membership Renewal

Is there a **Red Check** ✓ on your address label on this *Phoenix*?
If there is, it is to remind you that we are still eagerly looking for your 2021 ACT and/or ADC membership dues!

Please renew today! You may use the form below, or renew online at www.ACTpasadena.org.



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

Grateful thanks to all the folks who have renewed already!

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$40 Single | <input type="checkbox"/> \$70 Single Sustaining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Each additional member per household | <input type="checkbox"/> \$90 Double Sustaining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Student or limited income | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150 Patron |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> \$275 Benefactor |

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Single | <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Single Sustaining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Each additional member per household | <input type="checkbox"/> \$85 Double Sustaining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Student or limited income | <input type="checkbox"/> \$125 Patron |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Gift Membership (NEW!) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$275 Benefactor |

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Single | <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Single Sustaining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Each additional member per household | <input type="checkbox"/> \$85 Double Sustaining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Student or limited income | <input type="checkbox"/> \$125 Patron |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> \$275 Benefactor |

Extra Contribution

- \$ _____ Political Account (for endorsed candidates and issues)
- \$ _____ Operating Account (for organizational costs) \$ _____ **Total enclosed**

 Name

Home Phone

 Address

Office Phone

 City

ZIP

 Email address

Mail to ACT, P. O. Box 40074, Pasadena, CA 91114-7074

Information you provide will be available to other members and endorsed candidates upon request.



Calendar

- Apr 29 - CADEM Party 2021 State Con-
May 2 vention. For details go to
Thurs -Sun <https://cdpconvention.org>.
- May 6 ACT and ADC Meeting via
Thursday Zoom. Guest speaker is Tammy
7 p.m. Godley. Socializing at 7 p.m.;
meeting, 7:30 p.m.



May Phoenix Deadline

We expect the deadline for the May *Phoenix* will be Monday evening, May 9. (Note that this is our usual deadline - the first Monday night after our monthly meeting.) Please send items for publication to Chuck Hains at hains27@sbcglobal.net and Sally Beer at sally.beer125@gmail.com. (Chuck will continue to contact regular contributors with a deadline reminder.)



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ACT's and ADC's Website

Our website manager, Bruce Wright, asks you to **PLEASE** send him your items for the website calendar. Reach him at brucewright@sbcglobal.net.



Count on Bruce and Marcus Green to continually keep the site updated.

Remember, you can always find the current *Phoenix*, plus a newsletter archive on the website at www.ACTpasadena.org.



Your Photo in The Phoenix

Please share a photo (of you) at an interesting place with *Phoenix* readers. Send it to Chuck at hains27@sbcglobal.net for inclusion in an upcoming issue.

