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DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF CLAREMONT MEETINGS

DEMOCRATIC ELECTION SLAM – Monday nights at 7 until the election: a 30-45 minute Zoom meeting presenting information about the coming election will run through November 2. Open to all members on the club mailing list.

FRIDAY issues 'lunches' – Zoom Meeting, Mel Boynton Organizer

MONTHLY 'LUNCHEON' – Friday October 9: Zoom Meeting: Speakers from Claremont Change

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – Zoom Meeting, Saturday October 17

MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING – Monday, October 26: Zoom Meeting: Merrill Ring leads a discussion of current polling about important electoral races

OTHER MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Campaign Trail

Monday October 5: California ballots mailed

Wednesday Oct 7: Vice-Presidential Debate, University of Utah, Moderator: Susan Page of USA Today

Thursday Oct 15: 2nd Presidential Debate, Miami, Moderator: Steven Scully of CSPAN

Thursday Oct 22: 3rd Presidential Debate, Belmont University, Nashville, Moderator: Kristen Welker of NBC

Other Events

Monday October 12: Senate opens SCOTUS confirmation hearings

Thursday, Oct. 1, 7-8:30 PM Healthcare Reform Zoom Forum. This forum will be a facilitated discussion, with health reform advocates Anthony Wright (California Health Access) and Jodi Reid (California Alliance for Retired Americans). Both have been asked to discuss a Public Option expansion of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and Single Payer (aka improved and expanded Medicare for All) as a means to address the current healthcare crisis. For information and registration go to: <https://bit.ly/351CSuc> . Sponsored by the Davis area League of Women Voters.

.Wednesday, Oct. 7, 6 PM: VP Debate watch party. Want to get together with friends to watch Kamala Harris and Mike Pence square off? Join Claremont/Inland Valley Indivisible online at 6 p.m. to watch the only debate scheduled for these candidates. The link to register will be sent out closer to the date.

Gil Cisneros Postcard Project

Reminder: Please mail out your postcards on October 1, 2020 and e-mail Linda at valueofscience@gmail.com to let her know that you have mailed them.

GOTV ideas

Here are other opportunities to write, call, or text voters in swing states, either on your own or by meeting online with others:

For an overview of local GOTV events: <https://www.mobilize.us/>

Vote Forward: <https://votefwd.org/>

Postcards to Voters: <https://postcardstovoters.org/volunteer/>

Swing Left Inland Valley organizes numerous group and individual GOTV events: <https://swingleft.org/group/swing-left-claremontinland-valley/join>

Environmental Voter Project: <https://www.environmentalvoter.org/>

California Democratic Party (CDP) Coordinated Campaign, CCS computerized Dialer training every Tuesday, register here: <https://www.mobilize.us/cadems/event/298267/>


Weekly phone bank for Christy Smith (CA-25): Tuesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 PM, hosted through Indivisible CA25/Simi Valley Indivisible: <https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/307364/>.

Indivisible: <https://indivisible.org/campaigns/>

Mobilize to Win (with MoveOn.Org)--contact 10 voters in swing states: https://act.moveon.org/survey/mobilizetowin?source=dailykos&link_id=0&can_id=1b1b658c951c96253451bdf8b6248901&email_referrer=email_935865&email_subject=is-anyone-else-feeling-anxious-about-how-close-election-day-is-please-read

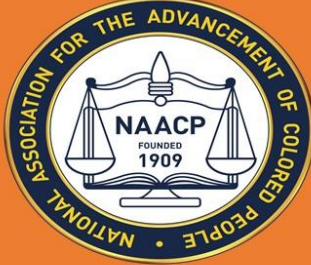
Tuesday October 6: Pomona Valley Branch of the NAACP

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020

The Los Angeles County District Attorney (DA) decides how to treat people accused of crimes. DAs decide if someone should be charged with a crime and what charges to file. They can also

- Recommend jail, prison, or death penalty sentences.
- Support alternatives to jail and prison, such as rehabilitation or community mental health
- Decide whether to charge police officers accused of brutality or corruption.



DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF CLAREMONT NEWS

From the Editor

This issue of the Voorhis Voice is much slimmer than the previous one. There is an explanation for that. First the September issue covered the three previous months and the club and its members were very busy creating material for the VV. The month of September, however, has seen the club and its members busily working on matters concerned with the looming election and not producing material that could find a home in the VV.

I hope that you all have been devoting yourself to those activities that will end the Presidency of DJT – anti-democracy, fascism and personal rule are increasing late in his administration.

There will be one more issue of the VV prior to the day on which votes must be cast.

In October increase your support for Democrats.

Club September On-line Activities

By Carolee Monroe

The Democratic Club of Claremont's election year information series, "DEMOCRATIC ELECTION SLAM" presented four programs during September. Regular presentations will continue, through a Zoom link on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM, until the November 2nd Presidential election. Sam Pedroza is the Zoom Host while Merrill Ring is the Program Host. Each presentation, of about 45 minutes in length, focuses on a specific topic within the gamut of election matters: candidates, ballot propositions, measures, interest groups, volunteering opportunities, etc.

The September programs, available to be viewed on the Democratic Club of Claremont's YouTube Channel are:

September 7: Lauren Stoebel of Swing Left and John Forney, DCC Corresponding Secretary and Progressive Christians Uniting Pomona Valley Chapter, discussed opportunities to volunteer, including letter-writing and phone banking for both candidates and issues and getting out the vote.

September 14: Democratic candidates were interviewed. For Claremont Unified School District Board of Education: Kathy Archer, Bob Fass and Chris Naticchia; for Claremont City Council District 5: Michael Ceraso.

September 15: Democratic candidates were interviewed. For Claremont City Council District 1: Zachary Courser, Christine Margiotta and Ethan Reznik; for Citrus College Board of Trustees: Laura Bollinger and Joe Salas; and for Claremont City Council District 5: Donell Clark.

September 21: Merrill Ring discussed the California State Propositions on the November ballot, titling each and explaining his recommendations.

September 28: General Membership meeting - Endorsement of Democratic candidates for local offices.

To all New Democratic Club of Claremont Members

By Murray Monroe

Wow! This election cycle has been the BEST membership recruitment campaign ever. Whatever your reason for joining the DCC: to cast a vote in our endorsement process; to strengthen the “Progressive Voice” of local Democrats; to be made more aware of the concerns and opinions of fellow Democrats; or any other reason....

WELCOME!

Though the club is unable to hold in-person meetings so that we can meet face-to-face, well, mask-to-mask, your participation is appreciated. The near future, beyond the coming election, has several Club events for you to be not only aware of, but also to involve yourself in:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS;

Club officers are elected at the beginning of odd-numbered years. A Nominations Committee will be formed shortly to prepare a slate. All seats on the Executive Board are up for election. If you would like to become an officer or know of someone who, you think, would be such, please contact President Sam Pedroza.

ANNUAL PARTY

Although, because of the pandemic, our usual in-person dinner and awards event will be virtual, but it will still happen? Not only does the event provide you an opportunity to renew your membership for 2021, it is the venue at which we recognize local activists with the Helen Myers Leadership Award. Helen was a Claremont resident who, along with Senator Alan Cranston, invented the California Democratic Council which is the origin of California's unique Democratic Clubs (including the DCC). Helen became the Co-Chair/Director of Southern California of this all-volunteer organization that

led to grass-roots organizing in California. We are honored to be able to recognize so many progressive activists who follow in Helen's footsteps! Finally, no matter what the outcome of the November election, there will continue to be many important and ongoing issues that will need our attention.

Please stay involved.

DCC Endorsements in Local Races

Our charter from the Los Angeles County Democratic Party requires that we do not provide a platform for members of other parties. Hence we provide candidate' endorsements only for registered Democrats. We make endorsements as a guide to Democratic voters, to provide them with information about the relative strengths of the Democratic candidates.

The Executive Board asked all Democratic candidates for Claremont offices to submit answers to a questionnaire that we constructed. All candidates did so. We then scheduled Zoom interviews, over a period of two nights, for all the candidates (all but one was able to participate). The Board then deliberated, given the question-aires and the interviews, as to whether and who to recommend to the membership for endorsements. Members in good standing in the club voted at a Zoom meeting for their choices.

The resulting endorsements are as follows:

City Council District #1: Christine Margiotta

City Council District #5: Michael Ceraso

Claremont Unified District Board: Chris Naticchia

Citrus College Trustee: no endorsement

Three Valleys Water District: Danielle Soto

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Yard Signs

LINKS FOR SIGNS & SWAG

For signs, contact:

San Bernardino County Dem HQ

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/nov2020yardsigns>

For other Swag:

Use our special link <https://bit.ly/DemocraticClubOfClaremont>

Please share this link with others too!



Essays Etc. by Club Members

Proposition 15 and Rent Control

By Merrill Ring

In arguing about both splitting the roll and about rent control, I realized that there is a large similarity between Prop 13 (with some small adjustments) and the issue of rent control.

Let me strip out of Prop 13 the application to commercial property and deal only with residential property. The announced aim of Prop 13, and what led to its being passed, was the claim that residential property owners were in serious danger of having their property tax rise so much that they could no longer afford it and thus be in danger of losing their homes. Of course, Howard Jarvis had another motive: that of squeezing government so that it wouldn't have enough money to do good things – but for now just consider that the limits, i.e. the controls, on residential property were proposed and adopted in order to avoid the (claimed) suffering of homeowners.

Rent control is basically the same: an attempt to limit a rise in rents in order to protect renters (who cannot pay more) from losing their residence.

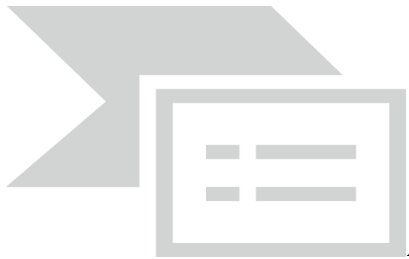
Prop 13, restricted to residential property and in light of its announced *raison d'être*, is best called Property Tax Control.

Conservatives support Property Tax Control but not Rent Control. We on the left may or may not support Property Tax Control (given the above restrictions) but do support Rent Control.

Question: Progressives support Proposition 15 which strips the Jarvis' extension of Property Tax Control to commercial property. But do we oppose the remainder of Prop 13 and want it to vanish (sooner rather than later)? That question is needs to be discussed – once Proposition 15 passes.



Letters from Club Members



Now YOU write!

Do so! Of course, newspapers have so many restrictions (especially space) that very worthwhile letters do not get published. But try! And if it doesn't get published there, send it to the VV and it most likely will be published here. (Or if it does get published, send it here also and have it published again.)



Or call & Complain (or Praise)

MEMBERSHIP: JOIN THE DCC or RENEW

We have no corporate sponsors. Your membership dues pay all DCC's expenses which include our meeting expenses, P.O box, club charter, storage space for our booths, publicity, political donations, support for the CHS Young Democrats, and events such as Claremont's July 4th celebration and Village Venture,. Take this opportunity to renew if you haven't already done so. *Just complete and mail this form.*

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