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ACT / ADC Endorsement Ballot Results

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Here are ACT and ADC's endorsement ballot results from our first ONLINE ballot process. This time significantly more members took part than do in our usual mail-only ballot process.



Pasadena Unified School District

District 2:	ACT		ADC	
Michael G. Crowley	3	2.2%	2	1.7%
Wayne Hammack	5	3.8%	5	4.2%
Jennifer Hall Lee	117	88.6%	106	89.1%
No Endorsement	7	5.3%	6	5.0%

District 4:	ACT		ADC	
Patrick Cahalan	117	86.0%	104	86.7%
Scott Harden	9	6.7%	9	7.5%
No Endorsement	10	7.4%	7	5.9%

District 6:	ACT		ADC	
Milena Albert	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Crystal Czubernat	83	62.9%	75	62.0%
Tina Wu Fredericks	40	30.3%	40	33.1%
Priscilla Hernandez	3	2.3%	2	1.7%
No Endorsement	6	4.6%	4	3.3%

Pasadena Unified School District:

Measure O:	ACT		ADC	
YES	119	89.5%	109	91.6%
NO	7	5.3%	4	3.4%
No Endorsement	7	5.3%	6	5.0%

Altadena Library District:

Measure Z:	ACT		ADC	
YES	121	91.0%	108	91.5%
NO	1	0.8%	0	0.0%
No Endorsement	11	8.3%	10	8.5%

State of California:

Measure 15:	ACT		ADC	
YES	123	93.3%	109	94.0%
NO	3	2.3%	3	2.6%
No Endorsement	5	3.8%	4	3.5%

State of California:

Measure 16:	ACT		ADC	
YES	126	93.3%	113	94.2%
NO	3	2.2%	2	1.7%
No Endorsement	6	4.4%	5	4.2%

Note: The endorsed candidates and positions are shown in **Bold** type.

Addendum:

- 95 Electronic ballots submitted
- 12 Paper ballots/e-mailed ballots submitted

ACT/ADC Political Contributions

The Steering Committee approved the following contributions to our endorsed candidates and ballot measures for this election cycle:

For the Pasadena Unified School District Board of Trustees: \$2,000 each to our endorsed candidates: Jennifer Hall Lee in District 2; Patrick Cahalan in District 4; and Crystal Czubernat in District 6.

For the PUSD School Bond – Measure O: \$4,000 to the YES on Measure O campaign.

For the Altadena Library Tax – Measure Z: \$2,000 to the Committee to Support Altadena Libraries – YES on Z campaign.

For the City of Pasadena Mayoral Campaign: \$1,000 to Mayor Terry Tornek (whom ACT and the ADC endorsed earlier this year during the primary campaign).



ACT and ADC Endorsements for the November 3 Election

Congressmember Judy Chu, 27th Congressional District.

Congressmember Adam Schiff, 28th Congressional District.

State Senator Anthony Portantino, 25th State Senate District.

Assemblymember Chris Holden, 41st State Assembly District.

Mayor Terry Tornek, for Pasadena Mayor.



Steering Committee Recommendations for LA Superior Court

Office 72 – **Steve Morgan**

Office 80 – **David Berger**

Office 162 – **David D Diamond**

ACT / ADC Recommendations on State Ballot Measures:

The ACT and ADC Steering Committees made the following recommendations on State and local Ballot Measures in this November's election (with the Steering Committee vote in parenthesis next to each measure):

State Ballot Measures:

Measure 14: Bonds for Stem Cell Research: No Position (20 – 4 – 1).

Measure 15: Prop. 13 Split Roll: YES position endorsed by membership.

Measure 16: Repeal of Prop. 209 / Allow Diversity Considerations – YES position endorsed by membership.

Measure 17: Restores Right to Vote after Prison – YES (25 – 0 – 0).

Measure 18: Allow 17-year olds to vote in primaries – YES (17 – 5 – 1).

Measure 19: Modify property reassessment rules – No position.

Measure 20: Tightens parole rules – NO (25 – 0 – 0).

Measure 21: Allow expanded local rent control – YES (15 – 3 – 5).

Measure 22: Exempt App-based transportation cos. (like Uber) from AB5 – NO (12 – 7 – 2).

Measure 23: Further regulate kidney dialysis clinics – NO (10 – 6 – 6).

Measure 24: Amends consumer privacy laws – NO (21 – 0 – 1).

Measure 25: Referendum on replacing money bail system – YES (24 – 0 – 0).

Local Ballot Measures:

County Measure J – invest in alternatives to incarceration – YES (19 – 1 – 2).

City of Pasadena Measure P – using Public Utility profits for the General Fund – YES (20 – 0 – 2).

Nancy E. Warner, MD

We note the death of Dr. Nancy Warner on August 17 at age 97. She and her late wife, Christine Reynolds, had been ACT members for decades. She was a physician, pathologist, teacher and pioneer for women in medicine and academia. And she was a progressive, and an enthusiastic traveler, photographer and environmentalist.



One of only seven women admitted to the University of Chicago Medical School in 1944, she earned her MD in 1949. About 1966 she was recruited to the USC (now Keck) School of Medicine where she stayed for her entire career. At USC she was a surgical pathologist specializing in endocrine pathology. She published her work in scientific journals and in a textbook that was widely acclaimed as state of the art for many years.

Dr. Warner was appointed Chair of the Department of Pathology of the USC School of Medicine 1972 and subsequently named the Hastings Professor of Pathology. She was not only the first woman chair at the USC School of Medicine, but was also the first woman chair of a pathology department in a co-ed institution in the United States. After serving eleven years as Pathology Department Chair, she chose to step down, but continued practicing surgical pathology at the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center. She officially retired in 1993, but remained active teaching and serving as a board member for the MFWA Research Fund, the Edmondson Faculty Center and the Retired Faculty Association.

Her family suggests that memorial contributions may be made to the Nancy E. Warner Fund at the USC Keck School of Medicine – contact Molly Gervais (mgervais@usc.edu) or the USC Emeriti Center Endowment Fund – contact 213-740-7121 or the Warner-Reynolds

Fund in the Center of the Study of Gender and Sexuality at the University of Chicago.

We thank Janice Nelson for letting us know of Dr. Warner's death and for her generous contribution in Dr. Warner's memory.



Dear ACT:

I am sending this \$250 donation to ACT in memory of my boss, mentor, political confidant, and role model, Dr. Nancy E. Warner who passed away on August 17th. She was a progressive in every sense of the word and a long time ACT member.

I am sure that if Dr. Warner had one regret, that would be that she did not live long enough to vote in the 2020 presidential election!!!

Dr. Warner will be missed, but her many contributions, particularly in support of women physicians and liberal candidates/causes, will live on for years to come.

Sincerely, ~ Janice M. Nelson, MD



In Her Own Words

...Supreme Court Justices are guardians of the great charter that has served as our nation's fundamental instrument of government for over two hundred years. It is the oldest written constitution still in force in the world. But the Justices do not guard constitutional rights alone. Courts share that profound responsibility with Congress, the president, the states, and the people. Constant realization of a more perfect Union, the Constitution's aspiration, requires the widest, broadest, deepest participation on matters of government and government policy...

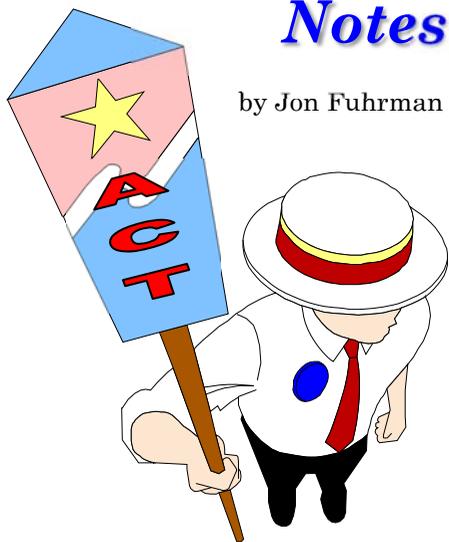


Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Supreme Court confirmation hearing statement to the Senate Judiciary Committee, July 20, 1993.

Political Notes

by Jon Fuhrman



Monday, September 28.

One day till the first debate, 35 days to Election Day, surprises still coming, but the election looks pretty stable despite all the last-minute machinations.

During the confirmation hearings for Justice Brett Kavanaugh, as he talked about saving all his calendars from years ago and meticulously maintaining them, Saturday Night Live had a skit showing Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's calendar for the month, with one lone entry – “Don't die.” Sadly, that skit now is not as funny as it was. Her death, and the GOP's shameless, bold-faced hypocrisy in pushing forward a new nominee certainly helped President Trump change the conversation and perhaps further motivate his base. Yet, that controversy also motivated the opposition, and in very tangible ways. ACTBlue reported the biggest fundraising hour, and day, and week in its history,

processing nearly \$100 million in new donations to Democratic candidates collectively that weekend. Further, the polling so far remains relatively steady – Biden is holding a steady 5 – 10% lead, depending upon whether the pollsters measure all voters or likely voters and the turnout model they are using. Critically, though, Vice-President Biden is typically above 50% in all the polls, suggesting an absolute majority of voters are supporting him. Also, pundits like the FiveThirtyEight forecast and the Economist have raised the probability of a Biden victory to the 75 – 85% range

The fundamental question nagging at pollsters is whether there is a “hidden” or “secret” Trump vote out in the hinterlands. Are Trump supporters not responding to pollsters' inquiries, or not disclosing their true feelings? Can the President find new voters to add to the turnout model and swing the election by running up huge majorities in rural areas? He did it in 2016, but this time it would have to be a substantially bigger effect, given the erosion of support for the GOP in suburban and metropolitan areas. So far, there really is no evidence for that, nor is there any evidence that the GOP campaign operation is positioned to take advantage of that potential even if it were there.

The relative poverty of the GOP campaign, as the campaign comes to a climax, is one of the more surprising twists this year. The President started with a substantial cash advantage, but they frittered away much of the money. This week, for example, as the Biden campaign is investing heavily in traditional and digital media in Ohio, the Trump campaign has gone dark, presumably to save money. They have similarly gone dark in Iowa and Nevada.

The Dem's took in an enormous \$365 million (between Biden's Presidential committee, the DNC, and associated national campaign committees) just in August, while the GOP took in a bit over \$200 million. That put the two sides

on an equal footing financially, but it appears Democrats have continued to surge in September. ACTBlue, the primary fundraising engine for most Democratic campaigns, posts its aggregate fundraising total – from its beginning in 2006, for all campaigns and committees and measures combined – on its banner page. Back in July, it hit the \$6 billion mark – the total for all 14 years it had been working. Just tonight, it hit \$6.8 billion. So, after raising about \$425 million a year, on average, it collected \$800 million in less than 10 weeks this summer. And that doesn't include funds sent by check to Democratic campaigns, or merchandise bought from them on their own websites.

This financial deluge has enabled the Biden campaigns, and other Democratic candidates, to surge on media and on the ground in these last few weeks. Sen. Lindsey Graham, from South Carolina, was plaintively wailing on Fox News that he was being deluged by the Jaime Harrison campaign and begged viewers for help. Democrats are effectively competing in deeply red states and districts which helps the ticket from top to bottom.

So, will the nomination of Judge Barrett successfully move the conversation away from COVID and the President's failures to his success at nominating conservative judges? Will that bring back some evangelical or pro-life voters who had started to stray? Will the New York Times reporting on his tax returns undermine that and return the focus to the President personally? Will the debate tomorrow, which a surprisingly large number of voters apparently intend to watch, further focus attention, on either candidate?

My guess is that no matter what happens, opinions are pretty strongly fixed already, and as voters in many states have already started

voting, or are about to start voting, it's getting late to change opinions. Now it may just be a matter of an extended GOTV operations, or absentee ballot sweep operation. Interestingly, Mayor Bloomberg just announced donations of \$4 million to groups in Florida focusing on GOTV operations on the ground, while he is simultaneously spending (so far) over \$40 million on advertising, just in Florida. Of course, if Florida goes Democratic, as most polls are suggesting (albeit by slim 2 – 4% margins), that pretty much dooms the President's re-election chances.

Since this is the last Political Notes column before the election, I have to end with my final predictions: Biden wins with 413 electoral votes (winning Texas, Ohio, Iowa, Florida, Georgia and North Carolina, as well as all the traditional Dem states and holding Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin); 57 Democrats in the Senate (losing Alabama, but winning in Maine, Colorado, Arizona, Iowa, North Carolina, Kansas, Montana, Alaska, Georgia, South Carolina and Texas); and Democrats pick up 20 more seats in the House.



There are those who may scoff at these projections as utterly unrealistically optimistic, so we invite you to submit their own forecasts (to jon_fuhrman@outlook.com), and we'll publish those that are closest to the final outcomes.

One further point deserves comment. There has been much speculation that the Reps might try to "steal" the election by having state legislatures which they control certify GOP slates of electors regardless of the apparent outcome of the state vote. This depends upon their maintaining control of the various state legislatures they now control in swing states like Florida, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Arizona and North Carolina. But there seems to be a

reasonably strong likelihood that the Dems will capture control of at least several of these legislative houses. So if, for example, Dems take control of the Wisconsin State Senate, by flipping 3 seats, or the Michigan State House, by flipping 4 of the 58 GOP seats, then that plan would fall apart, at least for that particular state (unless the current legislature can act before the new legislature is seated, which varies from state to state: in Pennsylvania, the newly elected Legislature takes office in early December, before Electors submit their votes; in Michigan and Wisconsin, the new Legislature takes office in January, after Electors cast their votes but before the Congress meets to receive their votes). Further, in states with Democratic Governors or Democratic Secretaries of State (like Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin), the legitimately elected slate of electors would be certified, and the GOP “pretender” slate would be contested in the Congress (with Democrats certainly controlling the House, and likely also controlling the Senate). Thus, all the normal built-in checks and balances would likely thwart any GOP attempts to “steal” the election. It is possible, in theory, that the GOP retains all its state legislative majorities, and holds on to the Senate, and the Electoral College is close enough that the GOP could contest it, but that seems, at least now, to be vanishingly unlikely, as unlikely as President Trump winning re-election outright. Stranger things have happened (see 2016), but they tend not to happen twice in a row.

~ Jon Fuhrman



Welcome New ACT Members:

Dino Barajas and Patricia Tavera, Pasa.
 Maya Barajas-Tavera, Pasadena
 Crystal Czubernat, Sierra Madre
 Lupe Tavera, Pasadena
 Linda Tovar, Pasadena

Ways to Reach a Democratic Victory November 3

Here are some places where you can engage and focus your efforts in winning the Presidency, taking back the Senate, and winning some key Governorships (which will be particularly important due to redistricting). Please do your part and let's win and take our country back!

Site that allows you to target donations to most critical races:

<https://www.forcemultiplierma.org/>.

Volunteer at:

<http://www.pasadenademocrats.com/>

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT:

Joe Biden and Kamala Harris <https://joebiden.com/>.

Merchandise available at

<https://bit.ly/PasadenaUDH>.

US SENATE

Best pickup opportunities easiest win to most uphill (assuming Democrat Doug Jones loss in Alabama, and a win of the Vice Presidency. Democrats need to pickup 4 seats to win control of the Senate)

1. **Arizona** - Mark Kelly <https://markkelly.com/>.
2. **Colorado** - John Hickenlooper <https://hickenlooper.com/>.
3. **North Carolina** - Cal Cunningham <https://www.calforncc.com/>.
4. **Maine** - Sara Gideon <https://saragideon.com/>.
5. **Iowa** - Theresa Greenfield <https://greenfieldforiowa.com/>.
6. **Montana** - Steve Bullock <https://stevebullock.com/>.
7. **Georgia** - John Ossoff <https://election.com/>.
8. **South Carolina** - Jaime Harrison <https://jaimeharrison.com/>.
9. **Kansas** – Barbara Bollier <https://bollierforkansas.com/>.

To support all candidates prioritized based on the latest data, give to: Democratic Senatorial Cam-

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From 25th District State Senator Anthony Portantino



Dear Act Friends,

Are you ready for November 3rd? Like many of you, I'll be glued to the TV on Tuesday night for the first presidential debate. I am incredibly pleased with our ticket and how Vice President Biden and Senator Harris are campaigning thus far.

Though we have only 36 days to go, there is so much to do. I hope you are all helping the UDH efforts and finding opportunities to help with targeted seats outside of our area.

I am optimistic about the State Senate's pickup opportunities. Given how the Senate Republicans conducted business in the final days of the session it would be sweet to turn additional seats blue.

I was disappointed that SB 1299 was not brought up for a vote in the Assembly. At a time when the state of California needs affordable and workforce housing SB 1299 was a bipartisan effort that enjoyed significant labor and business support. I worked closely with local governments to craft this incentive-based housing production plan and I will reintroduce it next year.

I have been doing several Zoom calls with cities, school districts, non-profits and local chambers of commerce. Our district continues to struggle with helping our small businesses and with individual EDD claims. I was pleased the Governor engaged in the EDD discussion and there is a plan in place to improve the system. It needs it. My office identified 9 chronic issues with processing EDD claims and I forwarded those issues directly to the Secretary to add to

the effort to find solutions. Please try to focus on local businesses in need as you venture out safely or order your takeout meals. Shop Local!

During these times of social distancing we need to continue efforts to be sensitive to impacts on family and individual mental health. We also need to wear our masks and be neighborly with one another. I was in a park just this week where I saw two families engaged in a shouting match over mask wearing. A mask is a prevention for spreading Covid-19. It is not partisan. Please be safe everyone.

Respectfully,

~ Anthony



NOTE TO BOOK LOVERS:

VROMAN'S is now open seven days a week from 10:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. at both locations (with face masks and social distancing, of course), and also online. Or call in an order and have it mailed to your house.

Pick up those books you have been wanting to read or to gift to friends and relatives! Alert everyone you know who loves Vroman's. Our favorite local bookstore needs our support now!



Chant "I Love the Post Office" Heard Nationwide

And, we were there. Approximately 50 supporters rallied at the Sierra Madre Post Office, Saturday, August 22. Temperature-Hot!! My Portantino hand fan came in handy; hope member Anthony did not mind the publicity. Teresa Lamb Simpson and Barbara Paul, ACT co-chairs, joined on Save the Post Office Day.



Approximately 700 planned, nationwide events occurred. In Sierra Madre demonstrators lined Baldwin Avenue on both sides. Thank you, Sierra Madre, for supporting your post office!

~ Barbara Paul

**From
41st District
Assemblymember
Chris Holden**



Dear ACT Friends,

As I write to you today, the deadline for Governor Newsom to sign or veto legislation is days away. My legislation that requires diversity on corporate boards in California is waiting on his signature.

I am proud to report that a bill I have co-authored, SB 793, was signed into law. This legislation prohibits the sale of flavored tobacco products in stores, including vapes and menthol cigarettes. With vaping among teens skyrocketing and concerns about respiratory health amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, the new law is a timely victory against the tobacco industry.

In the district, I am pleased to announce the Social Justice Advocacy Project as the 2020 Nonprofit of the Year. This organization provides empowerment tools to marginalized communities for better access to self-determination. They are at the front lines in our communities making a positive impact for disenfranchised individuals through both direct support and advocacy.

At this time, we are seeing a groundswell of public support for racial justice and equality, but it's important to recognize organizations and individuals who are doing the difficult work at the local level to dismantle systemic racism and lift communities to their full potential. The Social Justice Advocacy Project hosts programs, workshops, seminars, training, events, classes, and anything else within their capacity to meet the needs of the community.

I am also pleased to announce that the census response rate for the 41st Assembly District,

and statewide, has outperformed the self-response rate from the 2010 census. With all the difficulties around executing the census during the pandemic, this is quite an accomplishment. Lastly, I want to thank the firefighters battling the Bobcat fire who put their lives on the line to protect the foothill communities in the San Gabriel Mountain.

I look forward to keeping you up to date in the next ACT newsletter.

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.



Special Thanks to Sustaining Members

Don and Wendy Cobleigh, Pasadena
Michael Werner, Pasadena

Thanks for Additional Contributions to ACT's Political Account

Marie Stuart, Sierra Madre

And Thanks for Contributing to the Judy Boggs Memorial Internship Fund

Pamela and Martin Miller-Hessel
Pasadena Area United Democratic
Headquarters



Next Meeting

Our next ACT/ADC Steering meeting via Zoom will be Thursday, November 5. The program will be analysis of the election. Everyone is welcome.

Election Updates from the United Democratic Head- quarters



With voting already begun in many states, the election season is in full swing. The campaign staff and dedicated volunteers at the UDH are hard at work making phone calls and texts, sending out postcards and delivering Biden/Harris lawn signs. In this year of virtual campaigning, the UDH is reaching out not only to our local voters in support of our elected officials, but also is contacting voters in swing states around the country.

We are working closely with the Biden campaign to help with their voter contacts and volunteer training. In fact, through the work of our volunteer coordinator Caitlin Gallogly, field coordinator Michael Barth and campaign manager Jose Barrera, the UDH has become a key component of the Biden effort in Southern California and throughout the state. Through the efforts of our postcarding team led by Karen Rowinsky, Katie Dempster, and Ron Garber, we have sent over 40,000 handwritten postcards to voters around the nation.

If you have seen Biden/Harris lawn signs popping up in your neighborhood, that is because a team of volunteers have been providing signs at delivery points and directly to folks' houses. We have already sold nearly 2500 lawn signs and expect to sell another 2500 by the time election day rolls around. If you would like to order a lawn sign or purchase Biden hats, bumper stickers or lots of other campaign merchandise, be sure to visit our campaign store link at pasadenademocrats.com.

Most importantly, we need volunteers to step up to ensure that we take back the White House and Senate, hold onto the House and elect our Democratic candidates up and down the ballot, especially in our local election. This

could be the most significant election of our lives, and you will want to be sure that you have done all you can to ensure our nation's future. To sign up to volunteer, go to pasadenademocrats.com.

Onward to victory! ~ Hoyt Hilsman
Chair, UDH Steering Committee



Volunteer to Make America Sane Again on November 3rd!

The pandemic may have kept us from opening a store-front office this year, but the **United Democratic Headquarters** is running at full-throttle. All we need to win the election on November 3rd is **YOU!**

To volunteer, just visit the UDH Website: pasadenademocrats.com. Scroll down the page and click on the calendar of "[weekly events](#)". That's your ticket to a wide range of volunteer activities. You can:

- phone for Biden/Harris locally or in crucial swing states;
- help elect a Democratic Senate and protect endangered Congressional seats;
- send text messages and write postcards to urge Democrats to vote;
- help deliver lawn signs or doorhangers to Democrats;
- reach out to voters through social media;
- help recruit other volunteers;
- and much more!

Hundreds of people are already helping, but we need thousands more for these last critical weeks: We need you!

So go on-line and get started today!

~ Fred Register

Biden/Harris Lawn Signs and More Available

Get your campaign signs and other merchandise at the Pasadena Area United Democratic

Headquarters (UDH) Online Store. Use the special link: <https://bit.ly/PasadenaUDH> OR reach the store via the UDH website at pasadenademocrats.com.

OR here's the direct order link for lawn signs: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/UDH2020lawn>

There are masks for kids and adults, campaign buttons, bumper stickers, tote bags, tees, hats, and more! And a portion of your purchase will go to the UDH as a donation.



Meet ACT's Judy Boggs Interns:

Our Judy Boggs interns, Mya Taylor, Madeline Peña, and Sosse Krikorian (left to right):



These three extraordinary young women were chosen as 2020 Judy Boggs Interns and their work for the United Democratic Headquarters is already drawing stellar reviews. All three are Pasadena residents, recent college graduates and experienced activists.

Mya Taylor graduated from CSULA and is passionately engaged as an activist, journalist, and organizer here in Pasadena. Mya is a former intern for Joe Biden's Presidential Campaign, Chair of the We Must Breathe Advisory Committee (working with Black Lives Matter and other community organizations to promote social justice), and a volunteer reporter for Pasadena Media.

Madeline Peña is a graduate of NYU and a graduate student at Columbia University. She's also an All American in Soccer and a sought-after volunteer for community projects in her field: architecture, urban planning and their impacts on minority communities. She's a well-organized, disciplined person.

Sosse Krikorian attended P.C.C. and finished her degree at UC Berkeley. She's a former intern in the office of our future Vice-President, Sen. Kamala Harris, and also interned for State Senator Maria Elena Durazo. Sosse has also been extremely active in the Armenian community, using her outstanding communications skills to help organize at local, state and national levels.

Altadena Town Council Election

The annual Altadena Town Council election will be held on November 3 (early voting) and November 7. There is one seat in each of the eight census tracts up for election. Incumbents are running in only two of those eight tracts, 4611 and 4613. The remaining six tracts (4601, 4602, 4603.01, 4603.02, 4610 and 4612) have no incumbents running. October 5 is the deadline to apply to be a candidate. Complete candidate information may be found on the Town Council's website <http://altadenatowncouncil.org/2020ATC-election/> and on the Altadena Election website: www.altadenaelection.org.

~ Monica Hubbard

My Two Cents

By Ron Garber



So here's an exercise in trying to understand from where the other guy comes. There's a concept in law called protected class which is paramount in the fields of housing, education, employment as well as other areas. So who's in a protected class? The largest group would be women, who make up at least 51% of all those living in the United States. Of the remaining group the next largest is a combination of race and national origin. That encompasses Black, Brown, Asian and Native American. Next we have children who are supposed to be the most protected. People with disabilities have protection. In the employment field you can't be discriminated against based on age, which for statutory purposes means over 40. Most states, not the Federal Government yet, protect those with sexual orientations other than heterosexual. Many people belong to multiple protected classes but that's not relevant to this exercise.

So it's easier to define who is "not" protected. Basically, that comes down to White, straight, non-disabled males between the ages of 18 and 40. Breaking that down even further, that group would either be college-educated or not. Those with college degrees can pretty much write their own ticket in our society so, for the most part, can also be eliminated from this exercise. That leaves us with White males without college degrees. This group overwhelmingly see our current President as their savior. This President, unlike any other in my lifetime, strictly limits his beneficence to his base; never seeking to expand that base, and these young men make up the core of that population.

One thing the two viable political parties agree on is that discrimination is a serious problem in the U.S. However, their definition of dis-

crimination is diametrically opposed. Ask a Democrat what groups she believes are being discriminated against and she sees color. Ask a Republican the same question and he sees White. Now put yourself in the shoes of the young non-college-educated White male.

Whether it's true or not, and in some cases it is, he sees everyone other than him doing well. And he's told by groups of the Alt-Right that it's because everyone other than he is protected. People who are alienated seek each other out and are joiners. There are dark places on the web that seek these estranged, disaffected young men out and it would only take a small percentage of this group in today's political environment to set off a conflagration of civil unrest.

If either Presidential candidate wins in a landslide, I feel confident that there will be a peaceful transition or continuation, but if this election is close enough to be contested god help us. I have empathy for the group I've identified, but that won't be enough. Someone on the left needs to speak to the needs of those who are not protected by current law. We can't afford to leave anyone behind.

Woe Is Me

I watch a lot of TV. While I'm not proud of it, surprisingly it can be educational. There is an episode of everyone's favorite 'progressive' show "The West Wing" where a Senator, presumably Democrat, is bemoaning the failure of legislation to get passed and complaining to his fellow Senator, blames the opposition party. His partner responds that the opposition party is not the enemy; the House is.

We hold in excess of 2/3 of all seats in both the California Senate and Assembly and often it doesn't seem to matter. The legislative session just ended had multiple legislation for both 'housing' and 'police reform' left on the table literally as the clock hit midnight. On top of these, one important environmental bill on

plastic waste was actually defeated. The Republicans are naturally a lost cause, but in some circumstances, the Dems are no better.

Call me a skeptic, or even worse a cynic, but I believe the Democrats have colluded to make sure that specific legislation does not get through, so that it looks like all our Democratic legislators wanted something passed. I've had it in for special interests and money in politics for a long time and especially since the Supreme Court's "Citizen's United" ruling in 2010. Police unions, real estate developers and builders pour fortunes into politicians' campaign war chests because they know that the return is exponentially greater than the contribution. Republicans are no better, taking money from oil and the pharmaceutical industries as well as other business interests.

There appears to be a feud between the Assembly Speaker and the Senate President Pro Tem, but I don't believe it. It's awfully convenient that each house comes up with different versions of the same legislation and surprise, surprise, there is not enough time to reconcile their differences. When the new session starts in December there is a procedure where these bills can be fast tracked and I'll be interested in seeing whether our leaders are sincere in fulfilling the 'progressive' promises made to their voters. Further, I'm going to make it my mission in two years when the ACT/ADC Research Committee meets, to hold the candidate's feet to the fire in regards to accepting both funding and endorsements from specific special interests.



One of the first things drilled in to us during my 32-year career with the IRS was, upon receipt of ANY postal delivery you have to firmly staple the envelope to its contents. Filing date, payment date and statutes of limitation dates are all pegged to the postal cancellation stamp. On April 15 there is usually a designated post office in every community that will stay open until midnight - where you can walk

in and watch as they use the cancel stamp on your envelope that has your tax return in it.

I can't imagine anything more important than to have one's vote for President be counted and I don't understand any state that would not count a vote that was delivered to the post office by close of business on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November.

~ Ron Garber



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paigned Committee: <https://www.dscc.org/>.

You can track polling in these races at :

<https://www.electoral-vote.com/senate/>.

And <https://projects.fivethirtyeight.com/2020-election-forecast/senate/>.

GOVERNOR - easiest win to most uphill

1. **North Carolina** – Roy Cooper (Democratic incumbent seeking re-election in state with Republican lean) <https://roycooper.com/>.
2. **Montana** – Mike Cooney (seeking to succeed Democrat Bullock) <https://www.cooneyformontana.com/>.
3. **Vermont** – David Zuckerman (running against popular Republican incumbent in a Blue state) <https://www.zuckermanforvt.com/>.
4. **New Hampshire** – Dan Feltes (Democratic nominee) to run against popular Republican incumbent in a swing state. <https://danfeltesnh.com/>.

Congress – 6 California Republican seats that turned Blue in 2018 (easiest win to most uphill).

1. **Congress 49** Mike Levin <https://mikelevin.org/>.
2. **Congress 45** Katie Porter <https://katieporter.com/>.
3. **Congress 10** Josh Harder <https://www.harderforcongress.com/>.
4. **Congress 48** Harley Rouda <https://harleyforcongress.com/>.
5. **Congress 39** Gil Cisneros <https://www.cisnerosforcongress.com/>.
6. **Congress 21** T.J. Cox <https://tjcoxforcongress.com/>.
7. **Congress 25** Christy Smith (this seat was won by Katie Hill who resigned, Christy Smith lost the

special election to fill the seat through November, and is now running to take the seat back)

<https://www.christyforcongress.org/>.

Congress – California best chance for new pickup

Congress 8 – Chris Bubser running for open seat

<https://www.chrisbubser.com/>.



Calendar

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| October 5
Monday | UDH Steering Meeting via Zoom. 7 p.m. |
| October 18
or 25
Sunday | UDH Virtual Fundraiser featuring the biopic, RBG. Details to come. |
| November 3
Tuesday | General Election. Vote by Mail starting in early October. |
| November 5
Thursday
7 p.m. | ACT Steering and ADC Meeting via Zoom. Election analysis. Socializing 7 p.m.; meeting 7:30 |



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November Phoenix Deadline

We expect that the deadline for the November *Phoenix* to be Monday evening, November 9. Please send items for publication to Chuck Hains at hains27@sbcglobal.net. (Chuck will continue to contact regular contributors with a deadline reminder.)



ACT/ADC Webpage

Check our webpage, ACTpasadena.org for information about activities, links and events leading up to the November 3 General Election. It is continually updated and has a link to the UDH campaign store for Biden/Harris lawn signs and more.

The current issue of *The Phoenix* (and past issues) can also be found there. They are in color and sometimes with extra items that we couldn't fit in the print version.

Please remember that Bruce Wright, our website manager, [wants your suggestions or comments](#) (at brucewright@sbcglobal.net).



2020 ACT and ADC Membership

A **RED CHECK** (✓) on your address label on this *Phoenix* tells you we are still looking for your membership renewal check for 2020. Use the form below or renew online at our web-site: www.ACTpasadena.org. *We need you!*

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



P.S. *Grateful thanks to all of you who have so generously renewed and contributed this year.*

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"/> \$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**

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