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## *ACT and ADC Endorsements*

The results are in! The ACT and ADC (Arroyo Democratic Club) members have made the following endorsements for the March 10 City and PUSD election:

Pasadena City Mayor: **Terry Tornek** (64.4%)  
PUSD Board District 4: **Patrick Cahalan** (85.7%)  
PUSD Board District 6: **Lawrence Torres** (89.7%)



Additionally, the Arroyo Democratic Club members voted to endorse **Pixie Boyden** (76.8%) in Pasadena's City Council District 1 race, though she narrowly failed to win the ACT endorsement in that race. Finally, the membership also endorsed **Gloria Molina** (74.3%), a lifetime member of ACT, in the Los Angeles City election on March 3 for Council District 14. The full ballot results for all candidates and races are posted on the ACT website, [www.actpasadena.org](http://www.actpasadena.org).

Based on these endorsements, the Steering Committee voted to contribute \$2,000 to Mayoral candidate Terry Tornek, \$500 to PUSD candidate Patrick Cahalan, \$2500 to PUSD candidate Lawrence Torres, and \$700 to LA Council candidate Gloria Molina.

**Remember to Vote – March 10th**

### *Welcome 2015 ACT and ADC Officers and Steering Committee*

Welcome to Jeanne Register and John McLean, elected to 2-year terms as ACT Co-Chairs (2015/2016) at the February general membership meeting. (Linda Centell continues as our third Co-Chair.) Our other continuing officers are Barbara Paul (Recording Secretary), Beth Gertmenian (Corresponding Secretary) and Ed Washatka (Treasurer). Bill Hackett was re-elected President of the Arroyo Democratic Club. Thanks to these able folks for serving.

We continue to look for others who want to get active in ACT and ADC. We need Chairs for the new Issues committee, the Program committee and the Communications committee. Other committees need new people too. (ACT committees include Computer/Webpage, Election Procedures, Fundraising, Membership, Mailing, Outreach-Coalition Building, *The Phoenix*, and Research.)

Please contact Executive Director Jon Fuhrman at [jon\\_fuhrman@charter.net](mailto:jon_fuhrman@charter.net) to discuss any of these Steering Committee jobs.

### ***Our Guest Speaker at the February ACT Meeting:***

William Huang—Director of Pasadena Housing

Mr. Huang's presentation was an overview of the specific housing services provided by Pasadena's housing development – what is being done today and what is on the horizon. He began with the City's definition of Core Housing Values: 1) Access to decent, safe and affordable housing is a right; 2) A dynamic city is a diverse city. Housing needs for LA County, whose population is the largest in the US, leads the pack as the least affordable homebuyer market nationwide, causing a tremendous strain on cities to keep up with the demand of people from all walks of life. These cities experienced a decline in available resources: staff, redevelopment and HOME funds, affordable housing funds, etc. He has juggled a 93% loss in funding for affordable housing alone.

Pasadena supports several housing programs including: Section 8, Homeless Prevention, Affordable and Inclusionary Housing, First Time Homebuyer, Under One Roof. Good news re affordable housing: Heritage Square Senior Apts. has finally been funded, ready to commence construction. Mar Vista Apartments (serving former homeless families and operated by Union Station) also received a green light. Inclusionary requires 10 or more units on newly constructed sites to be set aside for low income. Pasadena is the most successful city with 430 inclusionary units. For info see [PasadenaHousingSearch.com](http://PasadenaHousingSearch.com).

Mr. Huang's focus is to end homeless plight and future prevention with innovative programs. Over the past 3 yrs, 60 of our most vulnerable have been housed. Homeless programs in place to serve 666 individuals are: Homeless Prevention, Rapid Re-Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing and Innovative Homeless Programs – one is Real Change

Movement which uses monies from several orange meters around town (instead of giving to a panhandler, give to an orange meter) all monies go to care for homeless ([RealChange-Movement.org](http://RealChange-Movement.org)). United Way makes a huge difference. He emphasized the desire to generate business community involvement.

Mr. Huang comes to Pasadena with an impressive educational background: Master's in Architecture from Harvard, Bachelor's Southern California Institute of Architecture, and PCC. His work background includes: City of Pasadena for 6 years as Director, National Trust for Historic Preservation, designed/developed hundreds of units of affordable housing as deputy director of LA Community Design Center, Director-Community Development Commission for LA County, startup of several successful nonprofit development corporations, as well as serving on various boards Under his leadership in 2014, Pasadena received several recognitions including best senior housing project and best affordable housing rehab project, along with his many local, state and national awards received over the years.



### ***Housing Commission to be Discussed at OUR Next Steering Committee***

Advocates have asked ACT formally to endorse the reactivation of a commission in Pasadena to deal with affordable housing issues. According to City planners, approximately 40% of Pasadena's households are in need of affordable housing. A Housing Commission could be responsible for making recommendations to City Council on the production and preservation of affordable housing. The pros and cons of the reactivation of such a commission will be on our next Steering Committee's agenda. All members are invited to attend as we decide if this issue should be submitted to the membership for their support.

## Wonderings and Wanderings

By Inman Moore



### Vaccinations — Yes or No?

Seemingly the answer should be very clear. Of course we should vaccinate. The jury has been out on this issue for many decades. There are no federal laws regarding vaccinations, but most states, including California, require vaccinations for all children entering kindergarten, elementary, and secondary schools. This includes vaccinations for Polio, Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough (Pertussis), Measles, German Measles (Rubella), Hepatitis B, and Chicken Pox (Varicella). Most doctors and respected medical schools, such as Johns Hopkins, highly recommend mandatory vaccinations for school children. So it would seem that the case is closed. Mandatory vaccinations are necessary.

However, recently, there have been rumors that vaccinations cause other health problems. This appears to be a “red herring,” much like the controversy that went on years ago about Fluoride added to our drinking water being dangerous.

I have also heard that vaccines are just a ploy to make more money for the pharmaceutical companies. Well, of course the drug companies make money. The makers of Penicillin have certainly made a lot of money, just as auto manufacturers make a lot of money. But their money comes from the distribution of products that contribute to the well-being of individuals and society as a whole.

Another argument against mandatory vaccinations is that “We are tired of the government telling us what to do.” There are laws about driving, such as: insurance coverage; speed limits; seat belts; and special seats for children. Also, many people riding motor scooters and motorcycles complain about having to

wear helmets. But, while riding my motor scooter years ago, I hit a car and was thrown over it, landing on my head. I had a concussion and passed out. The doctors said that the mandatory helmet I was wearing saved my life. There are prohibitions about smoking in public places, and building fires in national parks. Dennis Prager, a popular radio talk show host, once said several years ago, “Why should the government tell me I can’t smoke my cigar in a restaurant or bar?” I’ll tell you why Dennis. It made those bars and restaurants smell like pig pens, not to mention the inhaling of tobacco fumes. I used to smoke a pipe and an occasional cigar years ago, and I was guilty of smoking them in restaurants. I can’t believe I did that!

So, in response to these arguments against mandatory vaccinations, let me get historical for a few moments. I am a senior citizen who grew up in Mississippi where it is very humid with lots of water, both running streams of water and stagnant water that breeds mosquitoes. As children both my sister, Sara, my wife, Nellie, and I had nearly every communicable childhood disease you can possibly imagine, including: Malaria, Measles, Mumps, Whooping Cough, and Rubella (German Measles). A number of children also had Diphtheria, Small Pox, Tetanus, and Polio. Some died from complications arising from these diseases. A number were crippled for life by Polio. Since all these diseases are very communicable you can understand how most children had these diseases, especially in their close proximity at school. My wife, Nellie, and I have four children. They were born in the forties and fifties and had several of the same diseases that Nellie and I contracted years earlier for the same reasons. There were no vaccines available

Then along came vaccinations that, to be effective, needed to be mandatory for all school

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## Political Notes



Monday, February 9.

Campaigns are now in high gear as Pasadena's March 10 election approaches. Absentee ballots will be mailed over the next few days to the "PAV" – permanent absentee voters – who likely will cast over half of all ballots. Hence candidates essentially have to run two campaigns, one aimed at PAV and absentee voters, and the other aimed at those traditionalists who vote in person on Election Day.

The Mayoral race is particularly tough to forecast, but the latest financial disclosure reports show what campaigns have raised and spent up through January 24<sup>th</sup>. Jason Hardin and Allan Shay expect to raise and spend less than \$1,000 each, so they won't make much of an impression on the electorate. PCC Trustee Bill Thomson got a relatively late start, raising less than \$4,000 so far. He'll really have to crank up the engine if he hopes to be seri-

ously competitive.

Councilwoman Jacque Robinson has raised \$34,000 so far, with \$28,000 in the bank as of the end of the reporting period. But both Councilmember Terry Tornek and Don Morgan have substantially outraised her; each has raised nearly \$80,000, though Tornek has spent more to date, so Morgan's \$48,000 was the largest cash balance at the end of the reporting period.

At first blush, it would seem like Morgan and Tornek should be able to dominate the mailboxes based on their contributions to date. However, when we had our last truly competitive Mayoral race back in 1999, each of the three serious candidates – Bill Bogaard, Chris Holden, and Anne Marie Villacana – raised over \$200,000. And that was 16 years ago. In reality, then, the campaign spending to date on the Mayoral race is quite modest.

Further, the spending in the City Council District 1 race and the PUSD races seems to be equally modest by historical standards. Calvin Wells has raised the most money -- \$12,500 – in the District 1 race, and most PUSD candidates have raised less than \$10,000 so far, with Roy Boulghourjian being the exception at \$14,000. These modest numbers suggest the campaign season will be relatively subdued.

So what does all this lead one to predict about the Mayoral and other races? In the Mayoral race, Councilman Tornek started early and has walked a good part of the city, and will probably have walked the whole city by Election Day. He has already mailed at least two solid pieces and has probably identified a substantial core of committed voters. He should do well in his own District 7, and pull votes from the Carolyn Naber side of District 6 and from voters who like his relatively fervent opposition to further development. He's a Democrat, and he prominently featured his commitment to the public schools in his first cam-

paigned piece, so one might expect him to pull votes from that community as well. And finally, with the help of his campaign manager Martin Truitt, he might pull some votes from Tea Party Republicans, since they don't really have any other candidate to support.

That should have been a potent combination, and it will almost surely be enough to get him a slot in the likely run-off election. But other candidates kept entering the race, peeling off potential constituencies and fracturing the lines. Bill Thomson is the only Republican in the race, with Republicans accounting for about ¼ of all voters and somewhat more of the voters likely to vote in March. He also represented District 7 on the Council in the 1980's and 90's and still has a cadre of supporters in that area. Further, he is Community College Trustee and has been President of the Pasadena Educational Foundation, so he may draw significant support from the education community. Lastly, he has worked closely with the Tournament and business community as a Board member of the Rose Bowl Operating Company, so those connections should translate into some electoral support.

Councilwoman Jacque Robinson is the only woman on the ballot, and the only candidate endorsed by the County Democratic Central Committee, which provides the "official" Democratic endorsement. She should do well in her own District 1, as well as Districts 3 and 5 as well, but unfortunately those Districts typically do not turn out in large numbers. Complicating her problem, and further reducing turnout, there is no Councilmanic race in Districts 3 or 5, and only part of those Districts have a PUSD race on the ballot. Nonetheless, with Democrats accounting for over half the voters in the city, and nearly half the



likely voters, the official Democratic endorsement might carry significant weight.

Lastly, Don Morgan is, to a degree, the wildcard candidate. He was unknown in political circles prior to his run, and his donor list reflects a group of supporters that have not traditionally been active in other political campaigns. He has raised the most money, and his campaign has probably been the most active in using e-mails and social media. Will that really connect with voters? He lives in District 7, which means he'll likely split that area with Tornek and Thomson. But can he move beyond District 7? And why would voters choose him among all the other candidates?

Thus, while Councilman Tornek originally seemed to have strong appeal across an excellent cross-section of constituencies in the City, now Robinson and Morgan are eating away on the left, Thomson is eating away on the right, and Morgan and Thomson will split District 7 three ways with Tornek. The one clear advantage Tornek retains is that he has walked much of the City,

which no other candidate has done or is likely to do. Will that personal connection with voters prove decisive?

One of the unknowns in this cycle is how the recent City Hall embezzlement scandal will impact voters' choices. Are voters looking for a new face, someone outside of City Hall, to bring new ideas and new accountability to the system? If so, both Thomson and Morgan could benefit. On the other hand, Councilman Tornek argues that the Council's questions uncovered the embezzlement, so voters might think he would be a good choice for Mayor. Others contend that Tornek is exaggerating his own role in uncovering the scandal, and voters might react negatively to that.



It is fair to say that the political establishment was rocked to its core by the scandal, all the more because relatively straightforward accounting checks and balances that should have been in force were blatantly ignored, and no one thought it amiss – neither middle management, nor upper management, nor our independent auditors. Will voters seek some accounting at the polls? If there is such a desire, voters may be frustrated, because three of the four Councilmembers up for election are unopposed, so they are effectively immune to challenge. My take, though, is that voters have already pretty much forgotten about it.

My guess, then, is that we're looking for a run-off with Councilman Tornek and either Trustee Thomson or Councilwoman Robinson, and my guess is that Thomson has a slight edge, but only if he can raise enough money quickly to be competitive. It will be an interesting night at City Hall on March 10<sup>th</sup> – come and watch the ballots be counted if you like a little excitement.

-- Jon Fuhrman



### ***ACT Coalition-Building & Outreach Committee Report***

**Pasadenans for a Livable Wage:** The coalition working to increase and expand the Pasadena Livable Wage Ordinance has adopted the name Pasadenans for a Livable Wage ("PLW"). A number of ACT members, including Mark Maier, Ed Washatka, Peter Dreier, Ed Honowitz, Mike Babcock, Jen Suh, Skip Hickambottom, and Dale Gronemeier have been actively involved in PDLW's organizing work; Mark Maier prepared the PDLW's White Paper on a Pasadena Livable Wage (which we emailed to the membership), spoke at the PLW Forum, and functions as the PDLW's de facto chair when regular chair, Rev. Francisco Garcia from All Saint's, is unable to attend its weekly meetings.

The PLW's January 24 forum on a livable wage at Madison Elementary School attracted an audience of between 150-200 persons. ACT member and Councilmember Victor Gordo gave a welcoming analysis of the need for expanding and increasing the existing Pasadena Livable Wage Ordinance. ACT members and mayoral candidates Terry Tornek, Jacque Robinson, and Jason Harden, along with candidate Don Morgan, expressed their support for expanding the existing ordinance and creating a pathway to \$15 per hour; only mayoral candidate Bill Thompson indicated he did not support either. District 1 candidate and ACT member Pixie Boyden and candidate Brian Biery both communicated their support for expanding the existing ordinance and a pathway to \$15.

Nearly half of the January 24 attendees signed up to engage in future activities. Ed Washatka is developing a petition to the City Council. PLW intends to hold (on Saturday March 14 or March 21) a follow-up meeting at Madison Elementary School to plan petition-solicitation, obtain additional organizational support, engage with the new Mayor (if no run-off) and Councilmembers, and other actions to move forward on expanding the Pasadena Living Wage Ordinance to include all Pasadena employers and increase its minimum wage level.

**Huntington Nurses vigil:** On January 20, Huntington Nurses held a prayer vigil and march at Huntington Memorial Hospital in support of their fight for union recognition and higher quality patient care. We promoted the event in an email blast to the membership, and a number of ACT members participated. ACT member Victor Gordon was one of the speakers, and ACT's support was recognized by the moderator.

**McDade OIR Report lawsuit/CICOPP.** The Court of Appeal has ordered briefing on

the Pasadena Police Officers Association's appeal of the trial court order; ACT's attorneys Gronemeier & Associates (G & A) will be filing their brief by February 20. G & A has proposed that it would accept a substantial discount on its potential attorneys' fees if the City will do a re-run of the 2005-2006 PARC survey of the Pasadena community. The City has indicated that it will undertake a new survey, and the City and G & A are currently negotiating over the amount the City will pay for its attorneys' fees. If attorneys' fees are recovered, G & A will first reimburse those who have paid for costs – ACT paid \$500 – and distribute the rest of the recovery to its clients in the case and to other organizations supporting the effort to increase civilian oversight of the Pasadena PD.

ACT member Kris Ockershauser is the convener of the Coalition for Increased Civilian Oversight of Pasadena Police ("CICOPP") and other ACT members including George Van Alstine, Michelle White, Dale Gronemeier, and Skip Hickambottom are active participants in CICOPP. CICOPP has been working over the holidays to get municipal candidates familiar with the Independent Police Auditor ("IPA") proposal endorsed by the ACT membership by a 93% vote and to insure that candidate forums include the issue. After a lengthy dialogue, All Saint's Church has now endorsed CICOPP's and ACT's proposal.

- Dale Gronemeier



### **Training On How To Get Appointed To A Board Or Commission**

Save The Date: Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Altadena Library Community Room, 600 E. Mariposa Avenue, Altadena

#### **GET ON BOARD!**

Hosted by the National Women's Political Caucus of the Greater Pasadena Area, the

League of Women Voters, and others.

For more information call Marguerite Cooper, 626-796-6573, or [marguerite9@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marguerite9@sbcglobal.net).



### ***Let the Sunshine In – The Role of the Press in Transparent Governing***

*presented by the League of Women Voters  
Pasadena Area*

For citizens to play an active role in their government at all levels they must have access to substantive and reliable information that makes their lives better and their communities stronger. Panelists will discuss transparency and the public's right to know what its government is doing, and why.

Thursday, March 5, 2015

Women's City Club, 160 N Oakland Ave,  
Pasadena, CA. Parking off Madison Ave.

9:30 a.m. Registration, 10 a.m. Program,  
Noon, Lunch (optional)

Moderator:

Val Zavala, Vice President of News and Public Affairs at KCET.

Panelists:

Ann Erdman, former PIO, Beverly Hills and Pasadena

Karen Foshay, senior investigative reporter,  
Al Jazeera

Noelia Rodriguez, chief communications officer, Metro Los Angeles

(and former press secretary to Laura Bush)

Keri Stokstad, executive director, Pasadena Media.

Limited seating. RSVP by 2/27 to secure a seat. Call 626-798-0965 or e-mail [office@lww-pa.org](mailto:office@lww-pa.org).

*This League Day program is free and open to the community. Lunch reservations (optional) are \$25 per person.*

- Monica Hubbard

## From 25<sup>th</sup> District State Senator Carol Liu...



### Sacramento Update

January has been a busy month in the State Senate as my colleagues and I get to know the newly elected members and we all put together our legislative agendas for the year. We also enjoy frequent visits from our District constituents who are participating in “Lobby Days” sponsored by various organizations and associations.

It was also my pleasure in January to introduce constituent Geoffrey Baum to the Senate Rules Committee for confirmation of his appointment by the Governor to the California Community Colleges Board of Governor (BOG). Geoff was elected President of the Board by his fellow Board Members last year.

So far I have introduced about a third of my legislative package. I am awaiting others still being drafted by Legislative Counsel for introduction by the end of February deadline. Among the bills I’ve introduced are:

- SB 38 to establish and California Earned Income Tax Credit for low income working individuals and families;
- SB 64 to amplify the California Transportation Plan focus on sustainability, mobility and goods movement;
- SB 118 to expand the School Based Health Centers program;
- SB 114, which for now is a “spot” bill to advance a school bond and streamline the facilities construction approval process; and
- SB 172 to suspend the High School Exit exam.

My other bills include measures to provide basic materials for homeless students in

schools, improve bicycle safety, promote community schools, and implement recommendations of the Senate Select Committee on Aging and Long Term Care. I’ll report on those in my next missive.

New leadership, new members, and higher than projected revenues are generating a positive atmosphere around the Capitol which I hope will continue as we move through this legislative session.

*Sen. Liu represents about 930,000 people in the 25th Senate District, which includes Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena, La Cañada Flintridge, Atwater, Los Feliz, Sunland-Tujunga, La Crescenta-Montrose, Altadena, San Marino, South Pasadena, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, Bradbury, Duarte, San Dimas, La Verne, Claremont, Glendora, and Upland.*



## From 41<sup>st</sup> District Assemblymember Chris Holden



Dear ACT Friends,

As you may have seen in news reports, I am taking steps to introduce a school facilities bond of \$1.8 billion. It will not come as a surprise to ACT members that our public schools are in bad shape lacking proper air conditioning and heat, toilets that work or up-to-date classrooms. Building classrooms and modernizing facilities must be a statewide priority, especially for poorer districts that lack the ability to raise funds on their own.

You may have heard me discuss “concurrent enrollment” – I’m bringing it back this session because it’s obvious that high school students can benefit from taking college and tech courses while still in high school. Concurrent enrollment isn’t just for high-performing students, studies show that underachievers bene-



fit significantly when they are exposed to college courses and college life. For many it opens a door to higher education they never anticipated.

I'm also introducing a bill to help consumers who turn to Buy-Here, Pay-Here auto loans as a last resort. Many of these car buyers have poor credit histories and no other way of purchasing a car. They often end up paying tremendous interest rates, payments they can't make and repossessed autos if they are even 48 hours late with their payment.

Finally, I want to let you know that I have chosen longtime Pasadena resident Joan Williams as our honoree for Black History Month. You may have read Joan's story in local news reports when it was learned she was denied a spot in the 1958 Rose Parade because of the color of her skin. Some 67 years later, Mayor Bill Bogaard apologized for the city and Joan rode in this year's parade. She said she never let the sadness of that time hold her back from a career and a lifetime of volunteer efforts. For her remarkable courage and fortitude, I am proud to recognize Joan Williams, a hero in the civil rights struggle.



-- Chris 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](http://www.asm.ca.gov/holden) and fill out the contact form.*

### Congratulations Monica

ACT Steering Committee member Monica Hubbard has just been named Citizen of the Year by the Altadena Chamber of Commerce. We offer Monica our heartiest congratulations. Well Done.

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children. And they have been very effective. Most children today do not have any of these common communicable diseases. What a medical breakthrough! Some of the young Moms today are resisting vaccinations for their children. Since they themselves never had all these childhood diseases, they tend to forget the reason why they didn't. They were vaccinated.

Like most adults today Nellie and I have had our shots this year for the Flu, Tetanus, and Pneumonia. We feel pretty good about ourselves! Oh! Wait a minute! Our doctor told us recently to be sure and get vaccinated for Shingles. We have resisted because of the cost. But writing this column has convinced me we should. By golly, I am going to try to persuade Nellie to go with me and get those Shingle Shots this week!

-- Inman Moore



### Some Upcoming Candidate Forums

#### East Arroyo Residents Association

Saturday, February 14  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
6 Westmoreland Place

#### Greater Pasa. Affordable Housing Group

Mayoral Candidates Debate on Economic Justice  
Wednesday, February 18, 6:30 p.m.  
Pasadena Central Library  
Donald R. Wright Auditorium  
285 E. Walnut Street  
Free Admission, Light Refreshments  
Call 626-296-3100 for more information

#### Greater Pasa. Affordable Housing Group Thursday, February 19, 6:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Church  
301 N. Orange Grove Blvd.  
626-296-3100 for more information

### ***Welcome New and Returning ACT Members:***

Lucy Allen, Portland, OR  
 Andrea Beal, Pasadena  
 Ken Chawkins, Pasadena  
 Martha Coleman, Pasadena  
 Board Member Renatta Cooper, Pasa.  
 Jill Davis, Pasadena  
 Juanita DeV Vaughn, Alhambra  
 Peter Dreier, Pasadena  
 Vannia De La Cuba, Pasadena  
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 Gordon Hamilton, Pasadena  
 Betina Kyle, Pasadena  
 Ken Miedema & Julie Reiz, Pasadena  
 Margaret Sedenquist, Pasadena  
 Tarek Shawky, Pasadena  
 Paul & Pat Trivers, Altadena  
 Gerrel Watson, Altadena

### ***Special Thanks to Our Sustaining Members***

Joan & Andreas Aebi, Pasadena  
 Mel & Renate Cohen, Arcadia  
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### ***And really special thanks to Our Benefactors***

Juan & Joanne Lara, Pasadena  
 Councilmember Steve Madison, Pasadena  
 Ed Washatka & Linda Centell, Pasadena  
 Bruce Wright & Marilee Marshall, Pasa.

### ***And Thanks to Members for Additional Contributions to ACT's Operating Account***

Michael Duran & Suzanne Spillane, Pasa.  
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 John Gula & Joan Depew, Pasadena  
 Jim Haight, Pasadena  
 Cheryl Kane, Pasadena  
 John & Virginia Kimball, Pasadena  
 Connie O'Donnell, Altadena  
 Neal Wrightson & Laurie Taylor, Pasa.

### ***And to ACT's Political Account***

Roberta Cole, Shadow Hills, CA  
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 Connie O'Donnell, Altadena  
 John & Harriet Robinson, Pasadena  
 Ed Washatka & Linda Centell, Pasa.  
 Bruce Wright & Marilee Marshall, Pasa.



**Have You Renewed Your Membership(s) for 2015?**

If not, please send your renewal check ASAP. Use the form below and mail your check c/o ACT/ADC, P. O. Box 40074, Pasadena, CA 91114-7074 or renew online at [www.ACTpasadena.org](http://www.ACTpasadena.org). ACT and ADC dues are still a bargain, especially if you join both organizations. Your continued support is critical to our getting important work done at all levels of government.



Many thanks to those who have already renewed. Your generous response is heartwarming!

P.S. If you have any questions about your membership contact Jon Fuhrman at [jon\\_fuhrman@charter.net](mailto:jon_fuhrman@charter.net) or 626-795-5255.

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

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|---|------------------------|
| \$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)

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|---|------------------------|
| \$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)

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

**Extra Contribution**

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

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## Calendar

- February 20 Progressive Discussion Group  
Friday at Dupar's Restaurant, 214 S.  
9 a.m. Lake Ave., Pasa. Call Inman  
Moore for info at 626 795-2201.
- February 24 C-B/Outreach Committee Mtg  
Tuesday at the home of John McLean,  
7:30 p.m. 224 E. Howard St., Pasadena.
- March 6 & 20 Progressive Discussion Group.  
Friday Details same as 2/20.
- March 10 Local Primary Election Tuesday
- March 12 ACT Steering Committee/ADC  
Thursday Meeting at Monica & Tom  
7 p.m. Hubbard's home, 1843 Pepper  
Dr., Altadena. Candidates in  
uncontested races for City  
Council have been invited to  
speak , we will discuss election  
results and possible runoffs.  
Coffee at 7 p.m.; meeting begins  
at 7:30 p.m.

March 15 The *Phoenix* deadline. Send  
Sunday eve items to [hains27@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hains27@sbcglobal.net).

April 21 Local Run-off Election in races  
Tuesday where no candidate received  
50% + 1 vote or more.



### March Phoenix Deadline

The deadline for the March *Phoenix* will be Sunday night, March 15. Please send items to Chuck Hains at [hains27@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hains27@sbcglobal.net). Mailing preparation will Thursday, March 19 at 7 p.m. at a location to be determined.

### Wanted: A Photo of you in a Special Place

Where have you been recently? Please send your high-resolution photo to Chuck at [hains27@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hains27@sbcglobal.net).



### Movie review: American Sniper

I didn't particularly like the movie. According to a write up on Wikipedia, the sniper loved to kill. He had more than 250 kills unconfirmed. That makes him a certifiable nut case in my book. He also thought of Iraqis as trash. The huge funeral is apparently true, and the murder trial is pending because of DNA evidence.

- Ralph Hurtado



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