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ACT / ADC Endorsement Ballot Results

The results are in! ACT members have endorsed Victor Gordo and Andy Wilson in their City Council races, and also endorsed Kim Kenne, Michelle Richardson-Bailey and Elizabeth Pomeroy in their races for the School Board.

Separately, the Arroyo Democratic Club has endorsed all those candidates with the exception of Andy Wilson (because he is not a Democrat); in that race, the ADC has made no endorsement.

The full ballot results for all races are posted on the ACT website, www.actpasadena.org.

Remember to Vote – March 7th
(Absentee ballots are available now!)

	ACT		ADC	
District 5, Pasadena City Council:				
Victor Gordo	51	75%	40	87%
Aida Morales	0	0%	0	0%
Krystal Lopez Padley	17	25%	0	0%
No Endorsement	0	0%	6	13%

District 7, Pasadena City Council:				
Phil Hosp	11	15%	0	0%
Alejandro Menchaca	7	10%	8	33%
Sheena Tahilramani	0	0%	0	0%
Andy Wilson	51	71%	0	0%
Bryan Witt	0	0%	2	8%
No Endorsement	3	4%	14	58%

	ACT		ADC	
District 1, Pasadena Unified School District:				
Kimberly Kenne	59	87%	40	93%
Rita Miller	5	7%	2	5%
No Endorsement	4	6%	1	2%

District 3, Pasadena Unified School District:				
Adrienne Ann Mullen	7	11%	4	9%
Michelle Richardson-Bailey	56	85%	39	89%
No Endorsement	3	5%	1	2%

District 5, Pasadena Unified School District:				
Matthew Baron	3	4%	2	5%
Elizabeth Pomeroy	56	82%	39	91%
No Endorsement	9	13%	2	5%

*Note: Endorsements in **Bold***



Campaign Contributions

The ACT Steering Committee voted the following campaign contributions to endorsed candidates at our February 9 meeting. In Pasadena Council District 5, Victor Gordo will receive a \$1,000 campaign contribution (15-2-0). In Pasadena Council District 7, Andy Wilson will also receive a \$1,000 contri-

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contribution (14-0-3).

In Pasadena Unified School District 3, Michelle Richardson Bailey will receive a \$2,000 campaign contribution (17-0-0). In PUSD District 5, Elizabeth Pomeroy will receive a \$500 contribution (16-0-0). The Steering Committee did not vote a contribution to endorse Kimberly Kenne in PUSD District 1 because she is self-funding her campaign.



LA County Measure H

L A County Measure H is a county-wide measure that would authorize a 10-year ¼ cent increase to the sales tax to fund assistance and services to L A County's homeless population. At our February 9 meeting ACT members present voted to recommend voting for Measure H (23-0).



March Steering Committee and ADC Meeting

ACT's next Steering Committee and ADC meeting is on Thursday, March 9 (after the local election) at the home of Tom and Monica Hubbard, 1843 Pepper Drive, Altadena. (North of New York Drive.) Joanne Wendler will chair the meeting.

Agenda items include: (1) discussion of access to and use of our membership list (including email addresses), (2) the process for selecting and finalizing Research Committee interview questions, (3) confidentiality of Research Committee interviews and discussions, and (4) revisit the process for taking stands on issues with input from the Ad-hoc committee on the issues process.

As always coffee and conversation begin at 7 p.m., with the meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

UDH Plans for the Future

Our Pasadena Area United Democratic Headquarters (UDH) Chair, Patty Horton, has proposed that we experiment with keeping a part-time fundraiser, as well as a part-time online communications specialist, on payroll between elections. The goal would be to maintain a strong presence and build an on-going fundraising base, *making* UDH less dependent on the highly-variable proceeds from a presidential campaign store every four years.

The UDH Steering Committee voted to try this on an experimental basis through the end of March, at which point we will assess the results and the prospects before deciding whether to continue.

– Fred Register



Welcome New and Returning ACT Members:

Tina Fredericks, Pasadena
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Wonderings and Wanderings

By Inman Moore

“Indivisible. With Liberty and Justice for All”



With a troubled mind I walked down this week to the “Garden of the Associates” at Caltech and sat down beside Tin Jen, my old 9th Century Japanese Philosopher friend. Living just a block from Caltech I have developed quite a friendship with Ten Jin. He looked up from reading some tome while sitting astride his water buffalo. “Hello, my friend,” he said. “What brings you here today?” “Ten Jin,” I replied, “I am searching for peace and tranquility in the midst of a very troubled time. I have just reread our country’s ‘Pledge of Allegiance.’ Let me read it to you.

I pledge allegiance To the Flag
Of the United States of America,
And to the Republic For which it stands
One Nation under God, indivisible,
With liberty and justice for all.”

“What’s the problem?” Ten Jin asked. I replied, “The problem is that the pledge talks about indivisibility. Yet America is very divided at the present moment. We are divided over our president who wants to ‘bring us back to some utopian time in the past when America was truly great.’ He is speaking as though we are not presently great. We are divided about our religion. We are divided about the acceptance of immigrants. We are divided about women’s rights, including abortions. We are divided about climate change. We are divided about the treatment of the LGBT Community. We are divided about our tax structure. We are divided about wages and employment issues. I could go on and on. We are divided about so many things.

America is certainly divided about religion. We have representatives of all the major

faiths. Many people refer to America as a Christian Nation, but America has no official religion and her citizens are members of all the major religious faiths. Christians, Jews, and Muslims are sometimes known as the Abrahamic Faiths because all three reference back to Father Abraham. Within the Christian Faith there are many denominations.

President Trump professes to be a Christian with ties to the Presbyterian Church. However he does not attend a Presbyterian Church. He says he attends church services at Marble Collegiate Church in New York City, where Norman Vincent Peale was the pastor for many years. But their church records indicate that Trump attends very seldom. In church circles he would identify as an “Easter-Christmas” Christian.

Ten Jin, our president is under some false assumption that we are worse off today than yesterday and he will work to make us great again. What he doesn’t understand or want to understand is that women have more rights and freedom today than any time in the past. Gays and Lesbians are more accepted and can marry today. In fact the whole LGBT community is more accepted than ever before. Blacks are far more accepted today than in the past. Youths have more opportunities than at anytime in the past. In fact most minorities are better off today than they were at any time in the past. We are far from perfect, but better than in the past and, with an understanding president, we can be a better society tomorrow. I wish that President Trump would recognize our progress in the past and build on it rather than condemning the past.

The economy is basically good. Not great, but good. Under Obama mine and Nellie’s small investments greatly gained in value. In addition to a stable economy we are working to make higher education more affordable than in the past. Healthcare for seniors is great.

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Political Notes

by Jon Fuhrman



Sunday, February 12.

We are now three weeks into the Trump Presidency, and the rumor mills are churning away. Will NSC Advisor Mike Flynn be boot-ed (as if there should be any doubt on that one)? Will spokesperson Sean Spicer also get the boot? And perhaps Reince Priebus as well?

President Trump is only now really discovering the awesome complexity of the Federal Government and the intricacy of policy making. It seems he truly believed that if he just said something, it would happen. I don't think he ever conceived that a random judge in faraway Washington State could challenge, and successfully impede, his immigration plan. But he is now gaining an awareness of how policy should not be made, and he also seems to be learning how to do it better. (Not sure if that's good or bad – a new executive order on immigration might address enough of

the weaknesses of the first order to squeak by judicial review, which generally tends to defer to executive branch assertions on national security when they have at least some facially plausible underpinning.)

The President is also discovering that Washington is really gossip central. And it's not just Obama holdovers who are spilling the beans; core Trump personnel have the knives out for each other and are spilling to the press on a daily basis, to the President's immense annoyance. Part of his anger at Reince Priebus seems to be centered on Priebus' inability to stop these leaks. If so, the President is likely to cycle through quite a few Chiefs of Staff. The President's style in encouraging independent loci of power within his organization simply catalyzes and feeds this leaking behavior, as the separate power centers compete against and attempt to weaken one another.

Say what you will about the Obama Presidency, but his White House staff was remarkably disciplined. There were no stories about Valerie Jarrett trying to expand her territory, or about White House staff challenging Departmental Secretaries, or about the President being unhappy with senior staff. There has been more drama among White House staff in President Trump's first three weeks than in practically all of President Obama's two terms.

But moving beyond the Peyton Place quality that seems to pervade the White House, the Trump Administration is slowly finding its footing. Cabinet Secretaries are being confirmed, if slowly. They are beginning to work their wiles on the Departments, and the transition may be rough and uncomfortable, though there is little we can do about it.

On the Supreme Court front, Judge Gorsuch is likely to be confirmed in a few weeks. Democratic Senators, and the Democratic Party, will have to make a fundamental tactical decision as to whether this is a hill to die on. My

hope is that we collectively recognize it is not and that Senate Democrats do not filibuster the nomination. Gorsuch unquestionably has the education and qualifications and ability to be Supreme Court Justice. He's just on the wrong side of the ideological divide, although I think he's actually not all that far over on their side. (We could have had a much worse nominee.) His eminent qualifications would make it much easier for Majority Leader McConnell to gather a 50-vote bloc for a nuclear option, if the Democrats were to filibuster successfully. But with that 50-vote majority, McConnell would likely simply eliminate the filibuster in its entirety, rather than just for Supreme Court Justices. That would open the floodgates for a host of policy initiatives (defunding Planned Parenthood, Republican tax cuts, privatizing Social Security, rolling back gay rights, funding missile defense systems, and who knows what else) that are off the table now because of the Democrats' ability to filibuster policy issues.

Absent the driving force of the Supreme Court nomination, three Senators (McCain, Graham and Collins) who had been part of the Gang of 14 that forestalled Republican efforts to eliminate the filibuster back in 2005 (when the Reps had a 55-45 edge – sound familiar?) might well once again deprive McConnell of the 50 votes he would need. But in the context of a thwarted nomination of an unquestionably eminent and qualified candidate, almost certainly the pressures would be enough so that at least one of those Senators would jump ship and vote to eliminate the filibuster. (The fact that the GOP spent a whole year blocking an equally eminent and equally unquestionably qualified candidate seems not to be a factor in their equation; I know this is infinitely annoying for

Democrats, but that argument seems just to roll off the backs of Republicans. They seem to have lost their genetic coding for irony perception.)

On the policy front, President Trump is finding tough sloggong on his two key issues: repealing Obamacare, and immigration. On Obamacare, despite Speaker Ryan's earlier predictions that we'd have some solid action by the end of January, it is clear that nothing is happening anytime soon. The President is talking early next year, at best. Individual GOP House members are taking heat in their local districts, and none seem eager to forge ahead until some well-designed replacement is articulated. The problem, of course, is that no one can agree what that should be.

Republicans do face some internal deadlines, however, as health insurance companies are deciding this spring whether to stay in the ACA market and what policies to offer for the 2018 year (which also happens to be the mid-term elections). Without some clear guidance that the market will be stable and they will be able to

make a profit, many companies may withdraw, leaving many voters stranded (and unlikely to look fondly upon their GOP Congressmembers). Meanwhile, now that Tom Price is Secretary of Health and Human Services, the HHS web team is hard at work scrubbing any mention of ACA from their web sites. Price is also likely to grant any waiver or exception requested by a state, and he is likely to attempt to undermine the ACA administratively in any way he can (and the law gave the Secretary some considerable discretion). One of the first changes is likely to be making funding for contraceptive services optional rather than mandatory. There may also be movement adminis-



tratively to waive the tax penalties for non-participation (except the insurance companies really don't want to do that, because they are depending upon broader enrollments to make the system work financially).

But the core provisions – no denials due to pre-existing conditions, no lifetime caps, insuring young adults under their parents' policies – are fixed in law, and they also happen to be the most broadly popular provisions. So until the GOP actually replaces Obamacare with something else, those provisions continue to bind insurers.

On the immigration side, it's hard to know what's really happening. There seems to be an increase in immigration raids, and under one of the President's Executive Orders, it would seem that ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) could target almost any undocumented person for deportation. But it's hard to discern if this apparent increase in raids is real or whether the normal pattern of activity is now simply drawing more intense reportage. There is clearly more focus on "the wall", with the cost spiraling and the President arguing that he will negotiate the cost downward. Interestingly, Sen. Cornyn, the senior GOP Senator from Texas, and the No. 2 GOP leader in the Senate, just said that most Texans don't think they need a wall between them and Mexico – which you can read as meaning the wall is not a priority of mine, and therefore is not likely to go very far in the Senate if I have anything to say about it, which indeed he does.

The fact that President Trump is not making much progress on his key campaign promises is cold comfort for most Democrats, who continue to be outraged by one thing after another from the President's administration. The dilemma for Democrats is what to do about it. There is a great groundswell of anger and opposition, yet in reality there is not much we can constructively do. The marches in Wash-

ington and Los Angeles and elsewhere drew enormous crowds, much larger than those at the Trump inauguration. And they served an important purpose, giving participants some internal validation and feeling of being part of a larger movement. Further, calls to Congressmembers and protests at their town halls do have an impact.

Yet we are unable to defeat even the most unqualified of the President's Cabinet appointees, and we are likely to lose again and again on appointments and as Cabinet Secretaries learn how to harness their administrative authority to advance their ideological agendas. It's hard to tell our base to take a breath, to sit back for a bit, and to save our collective energy for one or two big policy battles while looking towards, first, the New Jersey and Virginia state elections this November, and then the mid-term elections in 2018. We don't want to lose the widespread energy and outrage, but we don't want to hold out unrealistic expectations of what we, as a minority party now, can accomplish. We have to walk a thin line, and be able to explain that cooperating with the Trump Administration, on some issues and in some situations, may be the right thing to do (either for the good of the country or to get half a loaf of what we want), even though much of our base wants to adopt the Republican approach of implacable opposition to anything the Administration wants. We need to husband our energies, while not losing the enthusiasm generated by the immediacy of the President's actions. That's a tough challenge for our Party leaders and elected officials, and we collectively need to give them a little room to navigate.

– Jon Fuhrman



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listed here.

2017 Arroyo Democratic Club Officers:

President – Bill Hackett

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*Our list has grown very long in these 40+
years. Please let us know if you see mistakes –
especially in your committee assignment(s). Or
if we have left your name off. Also please let us
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March Phoenix Deadline

The deadline for the March *Phoenix* will be
Sunday evening, March 12. Please submit
your *Phoenix* items to Chuck Hains & Sally
Beer at hains27@sbcglobal.net by that date.

The February ACT Steering Committee Meeting

Our speaker for the February meeting was Kristin Maschka, Regional Organizing Co-Leader in the Pasadena & San Gabriel Valley for Hillary for America. She was joined by members of the leadership team, Avery Cross, Harry Lieberman, Ari Louie, & Margie Power.

She spoke of: Overview of the campaign mobilization in our area,

Who our volunteers were, how they got to us, why they stayed,

How we interacted with the state level of the campaign,

How we partnered with UDH,

How our volunteers are staying connected and involved post-election.

Other significant points she included were:

The 65 to 80 phone banks from April to Election Day.

August to November called Nevada voters where we helped win Nevada and elect Senator Catherine Cortez Masto.

During four days of Get Out the Vote in battleground states, we had a staging location at a private home in South Pasadena and had 1000 volunteers through the location calling multiple different states.

California as a whole made 50% of the GOTV calls for the Clinton campaign in those last four days.

Kristin volunteered countless hours with the Clinton Kaine campaign. She is also the Chair of the Board of Planned Parenthood Advocates Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley. She is a member of ACT/ADC.



Thanks for Additional Contributions to ACT's Political Account

Connie O'Donnell, Altadena
Dr. Janice Nelson & Doug Hayes,
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I just wish healthcare was better for youth and the middle-aged.

Ten Jin looked at me with a quizzical look and said "If your president wants to really make things better and more united in the future, why doesn't he work with immigrants and the minorities in making tomorrow better than today?"

"Ten Jin," I replied. "You have just asked the \$64,000.00 question." With that I arose from my bench and walked out of the garden. On my way home I thought about the question Ten Jin asked as to how great it would be if President Trump included in his plan for tomorrow a viable plan for including all immigrants in a marvelous future, and let America take its rightful place as a nation, not only with a powerful economy, but also a nation with a big heart! Now wouldn't that be something? Okay, I know it may be wishful thinking, but I can dream can't I?

-- Inman



Phone Bank for Andy Wilson

ACT has endorsed Andy Wilson for Pasadena City Council. If you have a couple of hours to spare to help Andy please call Bill Hackett at 626.705.2180. We have phone banks on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 4 PM till 8 PM and walks every Saturday morning at 9 AM.



Conversation with Congressman Schiff

Congressman Adam Schiff will host an important conversation about the status of the refugee program on Friday, February 24, 7 pm to 8:30 pm, at Glendale Community College, Mainstage Theatre/Auditorium, 1500 N. Verdugo Road, in Glendale. Info: 818-450-2900. RSVP to: Schiff.RSVP@mail.house.gov.

**From
41st District
Assemblymember
Chris Holden**



Dear ACT Friends,

I am excited to share with you the introduction of my latest bill, Assembly Bill 287, that finds a solution to the State Route 710 corridor between the I-10 and I-210 freeways and prohibits the construction of a freeway tunnel.

Over the years I gave myself the opportunity to hear all sides on this issue and during the public comment period on the draft I-710 North Environmental Impact Report, I submitted nearly two-dozen questions and comments about the project, and inquired as to whether or not any of the proposed alternatives would truly ease congestion or simply redirect it to other parts of the San Gabriel Valley.

Now, in light of California's landmark climate legislation mandating our greenhouse gas emissions, the passage of Measure M, and a lack of evidence for traffic relief, it is clear that the 710 tunnel project is a misguided and obsolete solution.

Constructing a tunnel could cost tax payers up to a billion dollars per mile. Compare that to the recent extension of the Gold Line which cost less than a billion dollars for 20 miles.

As our state and cities integrate smart growth initiatives and transit oriented development into our rapidly evolving transportation infrastructure, we need an approach that reflects the way we travel today and in line with future transportation trends.

My bill creates an opportunity for all relevant stakeholders to craft a solution that solves

critical mobility issues facing the area today while protecting our environment and enhancing the quality of life for future generations. Specifically it would create the I-710 Gap Corridor Transit Study Zone Advisory Committee that includes representation from the Alhambra, Los Angeles, Pasadena, South Pasadena, Caltrans, Metro, and legislators representing the 710 corridor gap communities. Assembly Bill 287 also clearly prohibits the department of transportation from constructing the tunnel.

Assembly Bill 287 has the potential to set a precedent for what transportation can be in California. Our state led the way by building one of the most advanced freeway systems in America, we should lead the way now by taking a 21st century approach to addressing our transportation needs.

I look forward to keeping you up to date on this bill and my entire legislative package.

In celebration of Women's History Month in March 2017, I am honoring outstanding women whose service & work have made a positive impact in the 41st Assembly District. I hope you will join me at my Annual District Office Open house to celebrate this year's Woman of Distinction on Thursday March 2, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm at my District Office. Please RSVP by Monday, February 27th at (626) 351 – 1917.

Holden can be reached at: www.asm.ca.gov/holden



LWV Community Forum

"Women on the March"

Thursday, March 2, 8-11 a.m., Pasadena
Women's City Club, 160 N Oakland Ave.
(8 a.m., check-in; 8:30 a.m., breakfast;
9 a.m. program)

RSVP online by Feb. 24 or by sending e-mail
to office@lwv-pa.org.

Breakfast & program, \$20. Prog. only, free.

Defending the Immigrants

The new reality of immigration enforcement under President Trump has begun in earnest as Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents conducted raids in cities across the US recently. More than 150 arrests were made in Los Angeles in a weeklong operation, ending Saturday, February 11, according to ICE official quoted in the LA Times.

This does not come as a surprise to those who have been attending the semi-monthly meetings of the Progressive Discussion Group (PDG) at Dupar's Restaurant. In fact, it is just these raids that local immigration activists have been preparing for by regularly conducting immigrant rights training at the Worker Center run by the National Day Laborer Organizing Committee (NDLON).

The promise of the Trump administration's hostile actions towards immigrants has energized advocates in Pasadena, who are seeking ways to turn back the President. The turnout for the December 2 Progressive Discussion Group breakfast meeting was the largest of 2016 and attendance at successive meetings on the subject has been robust as well.

At the December meeting, Pablo Alvarado, Pasadena resident and Executive Director of the National Day Laborer Organizing Network (NDLON) stood up and spoke louder so the audience could better understand his message. Some of the real threats posed by the Trump administration are local.

"The only way Trump can deport the two-three million immigrants he is talking about," Alvarado said, "is by enlisting local police. This sends waves of fear into the community. We all know what this looks like. Local police become agents. People don't report when they are victims or witnesses to crimes."

Describing newly approved Attorney General, Senator Jeff Sessions, as the "most anti-immigrant" person in Congress," the normally soft spoken Alvarado became animated as he went on to say the goal of the Trump administration is to create a "climate of fear" and "a level of persecution we haven't seen in generations. The intention is to make life so miserable [that] people will self deport."

Joining Alvarado at the center table were Pasadena Council Members Victor Gordo and Steve Madison to discuss what can be done in Pasadena to protect migrants and the undocumented. All three speakers made clear their support for immigrants in the

Pasadena community.

"I believe that every family, parent, and child should have the right to be a contributing member of society," Gordo began, "and that right is being challenged."

Council member Madison said the threat is "very real and terrifying for people." He suggested later in his comments that the Council might direct the Pasadena Police not to enforce certain laws.

Pasadena Police Chief Philip Sanchez was in attendance and said his officers "don't enforce immigration laws. We focus on behavior, not color. All officers receive training on how we approach people in the community." He went on to say, that the Department has a long standing practice of not inquiring as to a person's residency, immigration or citizenship when interacting with the public.

However, Chief Sanchez pronouncements are not reassuring with the revelation on February 12, that the Pasadena Police Department signed a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) with ICE on November 15, 2016 that compels the department to assign dedicated officers to participate in any joint operation or investigation with ICE.

At the latest PDG meeting on February 3, the Chief stated the department had no contacts with ICE during 2016. The disclosure of the MOU was learned through a public records request and suggests the Chief has been somewhat disingenuous when speaking about Police Department intentions on the issue of immigration law enforcement going forward.

For activists like Pablo Alvarado, civil rights attorneys Dale Gronemeier and Skip Hickambottom, and Pasadenans Organizing for Progress – POP! (of which I am a member), current City policy on immigration and assurances by the Chief are hollow. As a counter, we will be calling on the Pasadena City Council to declare itself a Sanctuary City by adopting a policy that would essentially prevent the use of Pasadena police resources from engaging with federal immigration authorities except where absolutely required by law.

During the December 2, PPG meeting, Council Member Gordo said, "To be thoughtful, we need to have a public discussion with all the information so that we can tailor a policy that affects everyone."

Now is the time.

-- Ed Washatka

Progressive Discussion Group

Friday Morning Progressive Discussion Group meets every first and third Friday of the month from 9-10 a.m. in the back room of Dupar's Restaurant, 214 S. Lake Ave., Pasadena. Parking is available in the big lot behind the restaurant. (The next meeting is Friday, March 3.)

The third PDG session on protecting immigrant communities took place on February 17. Pasadena Police policy was discussed. The

March 3 discussion will be about Pasadenans Organizing for Progress (POP!) moderated by Peter Dreier. On March 17 there will be an update on the status of women and girls in Pasadena by Charlotte Bland, Chair of the Pasadena Commission on the Status of Women.

Come and join the discussion. Everyone is welcome. Order breakfast, coffee, etc., or not. Check with Dale Gronemeier at 323 254-7600 or dlg@dgronemeier.com for additional information.

Membership Renewal Time is Here

Watch for your renewal letter and please reply as soon as you can. (Dues have stayed the same again this year and you know how much we need your continued support!) Or you may use the form below, or renew online at www.ACTpasadena.org.

If you have any questions about your membership please contact Executive Director Jon Fuhrman at 626 795-5255 or jon_fuhrman@charter.net.



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

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

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

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

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

\$35	Single	\$60	Single Sustaining
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		\$275	Benefactor

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Feb Calendar Mar

February 23 Thursday
7 p.m. United Democratic Headquarters planning meeting at the home of Karen Wingard, 737 Magnolia Ave., Pasadena.

Feb. 24 Friday
7 to 8:30 pm Conversation with Congressman Schiff on the status of the refugee program, at Glendale Community College. RSVP to: Schiff.RSVP@mail.house.gov

February 26 Sunday
12 to 2 p.m. Senator Portantino Community Swearing In Ceremony, with State Controller Betty Yee. Glendale Community College.

February 28 Tuesday
7:30 pm Democrats of Pasadena Foot-hills meeting at Villa Gardens Solarium room. (changed date) Hoyt Hilsman hoyth75@gmail.com.

March 3 Progressive Discussion Group

Friday
9 a.m.

at Dupar's Restaurant, 214 S. Lake Ave., Pasa., Act member and Occidental College Professor Peter Dreier and POP!'s new full-time organizer Lizbeth Mateos will discuss the newly-formed POP! (Pasadenans Organizing for Progress.)

March 7
Tuesday

Local Elections for Pasadena Council and PUSD Board seats.

March 9
Thursday
7 p.m.

ACT Steering Committee and ADC Meeting at the home of Tom & Monica Hubbard, 1843 Pepper Drive, Altadena. Coffee at 7 pm; meeting follows at 7:30

March 16
Thursday
6-8:30 p.m.

Pasa. Commission on the Status of Women hosts "First 100 Days: Impact on Women", All Saints Church. Speaker, Caroline Heldman, Ph.D., Ass. Professor of Poli- Sci, Occidental College.

Senator Anthony J. Portantino Community Swearing In Ceremony

State Senate Swearing In
with
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February 26, 2017

12:00 to 2:00 PM

Refreshments & Music 12:00 to 1:00 pm

Program Ceremony 1:00 to 2:00 pm

Glendale Community College
GCC Community Auditorium
1500 N. Verdugo Road Glendale, CA

Please RSVP: team@anthonyportantino.com

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