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ACT Candidate Forum

Wednesday, January 8, 6:30 p.m.

Creveling Lounge in Building CC at PCC
1570 E. Colorado Boulevard, Pasadena



ACT's Candidate Forum provides an early look at local candidates for PCC Board of Trustees, Pasadena City Council and Mayor, and LA County Supervisor, 5th District. Don't miss this chance to hear from the candidates in person.

Find PCC parking in Lot 1 (SE corner Colorado Boulevard and Hill Street) next to Creveling Lounge, or in Lots 10 and 11, both entered from Green Street just west of Hill Street. Everyone is welcome and urged to attend.

NOTE: Ballots are due January 9. If you haven't already mailed your ballot (preferred so they can be counted prior to the January 9 meeting) you may turn your ballot in at the forum.

ACT/ADC January Meeting – Jan. 9

Our January meeting will be on Thursday, January 9 at 7 p.m. at Tom and Monica Hubbard's home at 1843 Pepper Drive, Altadena. This is east of Allen Avenue and north of New York.

Socializing begins at 7 p.m. with the meeting following at 7:30 p.m. This will be a General Membership meeting so that we can elect officers for both ACT and the Arroyo Democratic Club. The agenda includes endorsement ballot (printed in this *Phoenix*) results. Also, we will consider campaign contributions to candidates that the membership has voted to endorse.

ACT and ADC Meeting Calendar

ACT and ADC meetings are usually on the first Thursday. Meetings are called to order at 7:30 p.m. after time for socializing beginning at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 8 (Candidate Forum at Creveling Hall, PCC)

Thursday, January 9 (ACT Steering & ADC election of officers & endorsement decisions)

Monday, February 3 (Mock Iowa Caucus at El Torito)

Thursday, March 5 (Super Tuesday analysis and more)

**From
25th District
State Senator
Anthony
Portantino**



Dear ACT Members,

I hope everyone had a terrific Thanksgiving. It was nice to get the four of us in our family together for a great day. Prior to Thanksgiving, my office was able to partner with Golden State Water Company to donate 128 turkeys to laudable non-profits in my district. Golden State has a tremendous community presence during Thanksgiving and they helped kick off the holiday spirit. I cannot believe that Christmas is less than three weeks away. And no, I have not done my holiday shopping yet.

During the past month, your Senate office has been very busy as we have engaged in several Emergency Response town halls, our annual Women in Business luncheon and community events across the district. I was also able to bring a representative of each city in my district together for a robust conversation about homelessness. We had state, county, and local presentations on strategies and resources available to help address the issue. Pasadena and Monrovia shared their efforts with the attending cities to create partnerships to reduce the number of homeless in each community. It was an excellent conversation hosted at Union Station facility in Altadena.

Across the country and in nearby Saugus, we continue to see communities facing deadly and tragic gun violence. Come January, I will double my efforts to bring sensible gun safety laws to fruition. Following up our comprehensive gun storage success this year we will be working to address some of the computer issues with implementing our existing legislation. We have to ensure that our existing

policies succeed.

On the campaign front, we had the Democratic Convention in Long Beach where most of the Presidential candidates gave passionate speeches. Our very own Adam Schiff brought the house down with his comments. In convention business, I was able to have received the California Democratic Party endorsement for my upcoming reelection. In addition, several labor organizations and Democratic Clubs are also endorsing me for my second term. It has been a tremendous honor to serve our district and I'm looking forward to continuing my efforts to increase school funding, author and pass sensible gun laws and work collaboratively with many community stakeholders on mental health issues.

Locally, communities are preparing for the upcoming holidays and building a positive spirit in spite of the divisiveness coming from the Trump administration. Clearly, the best way to end the mean and misplaced rhetoric is to replace the man in the White House with someone with actual and real values along with a respect for our rich history and the propriety that goes with that history. Respecting the rule of law would also be a huge plus but I know I'm asking way too much.

Sofia is finishing up working on visual effects for her third movie in a row and Ellen continues to do well. Bella has been busy as she has completed all of her college applications. We've even heard from two colleges already so it appears that come August we'll be empty nesters. This is not sitting well with me, though I'm excited for Bella.

January will be here before we know it. I'll be rolling out our legislative package shortly. If you have any good ideas, please don't hesitate to send them my way.

Warmest & Best Wishes for the holiday season.

~ Anthony

**From
41st District
Assemblymember
Chris Holden**



Dear ACT Friends,

I hope you enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday and are full swing into the holiday season! Earlier this month we had a great turnout for my Holiday Open House and Shoe Drive in my District Office. In the spirit of the holidays we teamed up with Shoes That Fit (based in Claremont) and collected over 200 pairs of shoes and socks! Shoes That Fit tackles one of the most visible signs of poverty in America by giving children in need new athletic shoes to attend school with dignity and joy. We also welcomed our 2020 class of Young Legislators who will start with my office this January. These high school seniors from the 41st Assembly District will have a front row seat to the public policy and political arena.

In the Capitol, I am already putting together my legislative agenda even though session doesn't reconvene until January 6th. I am excited to announce my plans to re-introduce legislation to provide free transit passes for all students in California. These passes will reduce our state's greenhouse gas emissions, help students and their families financially, and create more sustainable communities.

Climate change is already having a direct impact on California and we need policies that will make the biggest cuts in our greenhouse gas emissions, and the ability to implement them immediately. California's transportation sector accounts for thirty-seven percent of our global warming pollution, making it the largest source. Twenty-five percent of California's greenhouse gas emissions come from our cars and trucks alone, more than our entire in-

dustrial sector.

The simplest solution is to get people out of cars and on to public transportation. It turns out that students are one of the largest drive-alone populations. Providing student access to quality public transit options during school-age years helps acquaint students with transit and develop lifelong ridership habits. This could foster a cleaner and greener future for our state and alleviate the high cost of college education that is driving many students to basic needs insecurity. Additional benefits of transportation passes would result in increased access to important resources such as healthy food, healthcare services, and opportunities for physical activity.

I also plan to introduce new legislation that would lay the groundwork to extend construction of the Metro Gold Line all the way to Ontario Airport. The climate crisis, poor air quality, gridlock traffic, and an expanding population necessitate the extension of the Metro Gold Line to Ontario Airport. The question is not if we should do it but how soon can we build it.

My proposal would create a new construction authority that would be responsible for designing and building the extension. As a former City Council Member and Mayor of Pasadena, I championed early efforts to establish the Metro Gold Line, which turned out to be more successful than anyone anticipated – just like the recent extension to Azusa. I have no doubt that extending the Gold Line to Ontario Airport will increase transit ridership, connect communities, and reduce our carbon footprint.

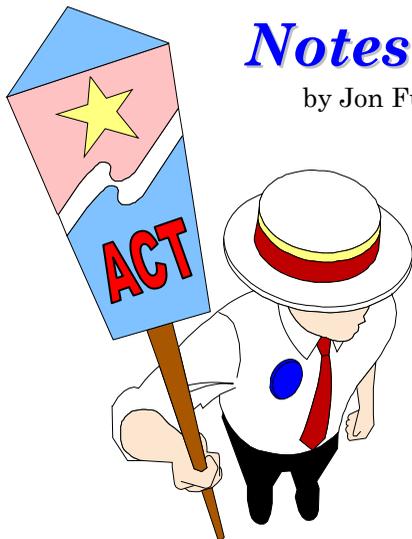
I am looking forward to passing these bills next year and keeping you up to date for my entire legislative package. I hope you enjoy the holiday season with your friends and family. Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

~ Chris R. Holden

Political Notes

by Jon Fuhrman



Sunday, December 8

Notwithstanding the House's deliberate and thoughtful pace, impeachment is now inevitable. The only issues in doubt are exactly when the final vote will be taken; how many Articles of Impeachment will be drafted; whether every single Democrat will be on-board, or if two to five Democrats may choose not to vote for the bill; and if even a single Republican will dare support the impeachment articles.

There are still a few loose threads. Former National Security Advisor John Bolton, who probably knows all sorts of juicy tidbits, awaits a resolution by a court of the conflict between the subpoena from Congress and the order from the White House not to testify. Other current senior officials as well have refused to testify, and indeed those refusals may contribute to one article of impeachment. But even if these issues are not resolved before an impeachment vote, there would be

time to deal with them during the actual Senate trial. If those individuals were called to testify, many of the arguments put forward to avoid testifying – questioning the authority of the House to issue subpoenas, asserting broad executive privilege – would fall by the wayside, as a formal impeachment trial is the single venue where Congress is most strongly positioned against the Executive.

For the legal wonks and theorists among us, imagine a Federal court asked to enforce a subpoena from the Senate during an impeachment trial. Would the Chief Justice, in his capacity as presiding officer, sign the subpoena? Might the Supreme Court assert original jurisdiction, and deal directly with the subpoena? Or, if the subpoena worked its way up from District Court to a Court of Appeals, might the Chief Justice recuse himself, because he is presiding over the trial? A tie vote in the Supreme Court would leave the ruling of the lower Court of Appeals (most likely upholding the subpoena) intact. That would not be good for the Court, or the country, but it might keep lots of attorneys, and many of the rest of us, glued to our TV sets.

It seems the Democratic caucus hoped to complete the vote on impeachment by the holiday recess. However, that's only two working weeks from now, as I write this column. The Judiciary Committee is still looking at the evidence, and still deciding which the appropriate articles are. Do they focus narrowly on the "Ukrainian Affair" and the obstruction of Congress' investigation, or include obstruction of justice allegations from the Mueller Report?

Further, with every day, we get closer to the inevitable release of President Trump's income tax and financial data from his CPA and bank firms. The District and Appellate Courts have already ruled for release of the documents; the Supreme Court has granted a routine stay, but their final decision is likely to come quickly, perhaps even before year-end. That informa-

tion could change the Judiciary Committee's decision, or they could decide to issue two articles and continue deliberation on additional articles that might be informed by the tax and financial data.

But whatever the decision, the Judiciary Committee will need some time to discuss and debate the exact wording of the articles and then, with appropriate notice and grandstanding by the minority, vote. After that, the Rules Committee sets guidelines for debate on the House floor. Then, finally, the House as a whole will hear and debate the articles, with significant time for the minority to pillory the paradigm, the process, the participants, and pretty much everything else under the sun. The Judiciary Committee may attempt to finalize the Articles and vote on them by Friday, Dec. 13. But given that the House is, as of now, not planning to be in session on that Friday or the following Monday, and it will recess over Christmas and New Year's week, it seems more likely the formal impeachment vote will happen early next year rather than this year.

In the end, I suspect no more than one or two Democrats will fail to support the impeachment, and between one and five GOP members will support the articles, including Rep. Justin Amash, who used to be a Republican but deserted the party over his disgust with the President's behavior. It's sad, and unfortunate for the country, that the Congressional Republicans are so impervious to the obvious, even when a number of former GOP members are publicly admitting that the evidence is so evident and overwhelming. As the stakes and the drama ramp up, and a Senate trial begins, is even I am beginning to lose hope that the Republican Senators will display any measure of intellectual honesty or moral fortitude.

Here in Pasadena, we seem to have a record

crop of aspiring officeholders. The Research Committee has done an outstanding job interviewing nearly all the candidates, and their extensive report is included in this Phoenix. So I'll keep my note short and refer you all to the Research Committee's report. But over and above candidates, local voters will see several really interesting initiatives on the March ballot, at the State, County and City level.

My favorite is the marijuana initiative. The City has gone to court to block it because it would legalize previously "non-conforming" retail shops and grandfather them in, thereby overriding the regulatory scheme the City advanced in last year's ballot measure. The City



had the option of simply accepting the initiative (submitted with 12,000 signatures, of which over 9,000 were validated, thus qualifying for the ballot), proposing an alternative ballot measure, and/or putting the initiative on the ballot. Apparently, Councilmembers concluded that two competing ballot measures would simply confuse the issue. So assuming the courts don't block the initiative (which

seems most likely), then Councilmembers are set to campaign against it. But it may be a tough sell. Even though the initiative would totally upset the City's regulatory scheme, the fact is, eighteen months after Measure CC, we still have not approved a single marijuana dispensary for the city, and our process is mired in administrative and court challenges. When voters approved Measure CC, did they really want all the detailed regulations and limits (which are turning out to be simply unworkable), or did they merely want to be able to buy marijuana conveniently somewhere in the city? If it's the latter, as I suspect, voters are likely to approve the initiative, to the great disappointment of the City Hall bureaucracy. We'll know in a few short months.

~ Jon Fuhrman

In Memoriam – Jo Raquel Stoup

We sadly note the death of Jo Raquel Stoup on November 22 at age 72. She was born in Boise, Idaho and raised in Las Vegas where she began her musical career. She earned a Masters in Music at Temple University. In Pasadena she taught music at every grade level in the PUSD and was a full-time music faculty member at PCC until her retirement.

“Jo was a mighty force,” recalls Bobbie Moon. “Funny, smart, caring, compassionate, creative, demanding of excellence, she became my very good friend when I volunteered to help with the uniforms for the John Muir High Marching Band. She insisted that I sing in the choir she directed and that I take a beginner woodwind class from her at PCC. She fed us deliciously cooked dinners and served as one of my first grandchild’s godmothers. Jo was a never to be forgotten light in my family’s life.”

We extend deepest sympathy to Jo’s husband, Joel and the Stoup family. They have long been loyal ACT members. Memorial services for Jo were held on December 7.

The family suggests that memorial gifts may be made to the Jo Raquel Stoup Memorial Scholarship at PCC. (Checks, made payable to the PCC Foundation with “Jo Raquel Stoup Memorial Scholarship” on the memo line, may be sent to the PCC Foundation, 1570 E. Colorado Blvd, CDC 204, Pasadena 91106 or you may donate online at give.pasadena.edu.)



Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is working to find ACT and ADC officers and committee members for 2020-21. To start, we need two new ACT Co-Chairs to replace Joanne Wendler and Darla Dyson who have finished their two-year terms. (Barbara Paul will continue as a Co-Chair for another year.)

The Committee also is asking current officers if they are willing to continue, and if not, looking for replacements. (ACT traditionally has three Co-Chairs and three Recording Secretaries, a Corresponding Secretary and a Treasurer. ADC has a President and Vice-President, with the ACT Secretaries and Treasurer performing the same jobs for ADC.)

Can you step up to fill any of these offices? If you are willing, please contact Joanne’s EMail at [|joannewendler85@gmail.com](mailto:joannewendler85@gmail.com), Darla Dyson at [|darla.dyson@gmail.com](mailto:darla.dyson@gmail.com) or Jon Fuhrman at [|jon_fuhrman@outlook.com](mailto:jon_fuhrman@outlook.com).

Also, please let them know if you’d like to serve on any of the ACT committees: Computer/Webpage, Fundraising, Mailing, Membership, Program, Phoenix, or Research. We always want new folks.



6th Democratic Debate

The 6th Democratic Debate, hosted by PBS News Hour and Politico is scheduled for Thursday, December 19. It will take place at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, hour uncertain (as of 12/6.) So far (12/4) the qualified candidates are six: Biden, Buttigieg, Klobuchar, Sanders, Steyer, and Warren.

Booker, Yang, and Gabbard are seen as possible; they have until the end of the day 12/12 to make the cut.



My Two Cents

By Ron Garber



I have a tendency to meander so bear with me. In today's (11/24) newspaper there's a story about six states, of which five are considered to be Republican, that are refusing to cooperate with the Census Bureau's public relations campaign to have everyone counted. The most prominent of those states is Texas. Their population has grown so fast over the last ten years that they figure to gain three Congressional districts. I found it perplexing that any state, much less one that is on the conservative philosophical front line like Texas would not welcome such a large increase in Congressional influence, until I read further and learned what their distress was. It seems that virtually all of that population growth was in their urban areas and as they already are gerrymandered to the max it would be impossible to engineer any map that would deny those new districts to the Democrats.

While California has also gained population over the last ten years our gains haven't kept pace with that of the rest of the nation on the whole. We actually figure to lose one seat but that loss could come in an agricultural community like the Central Valley and perhaps the seat lost will be that of Kevin McCarthy or Devin Nunes. That thought brings a smile to my face.

Even if the President, with the advice of Stephen Miller, successfully reduces the pace of immigration both authorized and unauthorized, the complexion of America will change and as early as the middle of this century will become a majority/minority country. John McCain, Marco Rubio, Jeff Flake and even Lindsey Graham, understanding this in 2013, partnered with the Democrats to pass compre-

hensive immigration reform in the Senate. McCain believed that a good proportion of Latinos would join the Republican Party because social values (abortion and gay marriage) of the Catholic Church aligned with that of the Republican Party. Under the influence of Stephen Miller that ship has sailed and the only message now coming out of the Republican Party is unless you're white you're not welcome.

Based on the new census which has population growing in urban areas and on the fact that gerrymandering will not be eliminated, but will be modified to be less favorable to the Republicans, I predict that Democrats will safely hold the House of Representatives for a long time. On top of that you can control the outcomes of the House with a simple majority. My concern is with the Senate because of the mercurial makeup of its membership. The population of California, the state with the greatest population has 68.5 times more people than that of Wyoming with the least population. Each state gets two Senators. That means a voter in Wyoming has 68.5 times more influence in the U.S. Senate than someone from California and it gets even worse when you consider that the twenty-one least populous states have a total population of 43 million and the twenty-nine most populous have 282 million. Due to cloture rules in the Senate, states with 1/8 the population can thwart any legislation proposed by the other 7/8ths.

In President Obama's first term for an approximate 'metaphorical' five minutes he had sixty votes in the Senate and was barely able to squeak the Affordable Care Act through. We may get to sixty votes again sometime in the future but if and when that happens, we need to very seriously consider what we do with it because, whatever it is, the backlash means we only have two years maximum.

~ Ron Garber

Poll Workers Needed

ACT Members:

I received a call from the County Clerk's Office for Los Angeles. As you may know, a new voting procedure will be showcased for our March 3 primary election. Voting will begin on February 22, 2020 and end on Election Day. Poll workers are greatly needed, as the procedure and the number of voting days has changed.

There are several work options available. I have chosen the option to do all 11 days. I am very excited about this entire new process for LA voters and will love to be a part of it. In addition, Democrats are working hard for another Blue Wave to hit, so I have chosen to help in any way I can, and this is a good start. My contact has assured me that everyone will be placed at a location near where they reside.

Please, anyone who is interested, respond to this message as quickly as possible and provide me with your phone number. I will give your name and number to the county clerk's office and they will contact you.

Thank you for considering being a poll worker in the Primary Election!!!

~ Barbara Paul, seasideatdelmar@gmail.com



Welcome New and Returning ACT Members:

Margaret Carter, Pasadena

Councilmember Victor & Kelly Gordo, Pasa.

Marcus Green, Pasadena

January *Phoenix* Deadline

The January *Phoenix* deadline is Sunday evening, January 12. Please send items for publication to Chuck at hains27@sbcglobal.net. (Chuck will continue to contact regular contributors with a deadline reminder.)

Progressive Discussion Group



PDG meets every 1st and 3rd Friday from 9-10 a.m. at Dupar's Restaurant, 214 S. Lake Avenue, Pasadena in the back Sun Room. Parking behind the restaurant can be entered from Cordova or Mentor. Please arrive a bit early to place a breakfast order; separate checks are provided.

Ed Washatka is the convener and Ron Garber is in charge of programs. Contact Ed at Email ed.washatka@gmail.com, Ron Garber at ronagarber@yahoo.com. Please let Ed know if you would like to receive meeting notices.

We look forward to seeing you at any or all meetings.



Ed Washatka and Ralph Hurtado join Julián Castro, former HUD Secretary and Democratic presidential candidate, at a recent Boyle Heights campaign event.



Research Committee Report¹

The Research Committee's first session was attended by Beth Gertmenian, Dolores Hick-ambottom, Monica Hubbard, Jeanette Mann, Marilee Marshall, Denise Robb, George Van Alstine, Ed Washatka, Tim Wendler and Bruce Wright.

Mayor of Pasadena

All candidates were invited to participate or reasonable efforts were made to invite them. Jason Harden, who is now a Democrat, declined an interview.

Candidates were asked about policing, which included questions on civilian oversight and racial profiling. They were also asked about development, traffic congestion, affordable housing, tenant protection, solutions to the homeless population, marijuana dispensaries and public schools. Victor's and Terry's answers were similar and in the range of what would be considered progressive. Both are strong supporters of the public schools. Neither support "rent control," as commonly thought of, such as the Santa Monica model, but both support the new state tenant protection measure. Both supported the emergency measure that the City Council passed to prevent evictions prior to the new law going into effect in January. Victor abstained from the vote on the advice of the City Attorney regarding a possible conflict of interest and because he knew it would pass without him. Their views on police issues differ and are explained below as those differences appeared to be a deciding factor for some but not all. Both Terry and Victor, however, agree our new police chief is a significant improvement.

Victor Gordo, a Democrat and successful

¹ In two instances, which are noted in the report, separate votes were taken by ADC as the Democratic Club can endorse only Democrats.

labor lawyer, has served on the City Council since 2001 and has worked throughout his tenure on improving the quality of life in District 5 where he lives with his wife and two young children. He was most recently reelected in 2017. Born in Mexico he arrived here at age five and attended

Madison Elementary. He later delivered the Pasadena Star News. The first person in his family to attend college, he worked his way (waiting tables) through Pasadena City College and Azusa Pacific. On the City Council, he has led efforts to combat liquor stores which were negatively affecting residential neighborhoods and has replaced them with affordable housing. He is a strong advocate for affordable housing, economic growth and stability in the local business districts. He supports getting people out of their cars, improving public transportation, and appropriate development along the inner corridor. He is not in favor of more assertive civilian oversight of the police because he believes it is best handled by elected representative, primarily the Public Safety Council Sub-committee. Victor does not believe that there is systemic racial profiling of drivers in Pasadena and believes the police are simply responding to inappropriate behavior on the part of minority youth who have not been provided with proper vocational training. Victor is endorsed by Bill Bogaard, Bill Thomson, Bernard Melekian (the former Pasadena Police Chief) and the Pasadena Firefighters IAFF Local 809.

Terry Tornek, a Democrat, served on the city council from 2009 until he was elected Mayor in 2016. If elected, this would be his second and final term. He has been particularly active in the areas of affordable housing, environmental protection and public education. He has been treasurer of LIN Housing, a non-profit affordable housing provider that has built 7,000 affordable units around the state and provides tenant services to their units.

Prior to that, he served for 20 years as a Board Member of Pasadena Neighborhood Services which improved housing in Northwest Pasadena. His environmental activities include modifying the Hahamonga Master Plan to relocate soccer fields away from environmentally sensitive areas, protecting the Central and Lower Arroyo, reducing homeowner water use through an educational brochure that he produced as well as supporting a City program to conserve water and energy. His efforts have been recognized by the Arroyo Seco Foundation. With regard to public education, he has worked on the creation of Collaborate Pasadena, a joint City/PUSD effort to develop an ongoing process of public, private and faith-based agencies on behalf of children. Terry supports more assertive police oversight but states that there are not sufficient votes on the council for it to pass. He also acknowledges that the police engage in racial profiling of drivers. He believes bias training is essential and has, himself, gone through training three times. Terry is endorsed by Judy Chu, Anthony Portantino, and Kathryn Barger.

Major Williams, a Republican, was born and raised in Dallas, Texas. Major moved to Los Angeles in 2001. He began his work in the Mental Health industry as a youth counselor for the Erikson Mental Health Center in Van Nuys. Also, Major was able to acquire more training and experience serving the residents at the Gower Teenage Shelter in Hollywood. He launched Major Media Inc., a boutique social media company. The company brokered millions in revenue for clients, fostering relationships with brands all over the country. Major has been working with various charities over the past 15 years. Most recently, he co-founded Fly Kicks For Kids, a non-profit 501-(c)3 that provides sneakers to low-income kids, teenagers in need, and academic achievers. Currently Major is the marketing director and cofounder of Eye Heart Art, which focuses on

successful strategies and generate passive income. He also spends time public speaking about entrepreneurship and creative solutions for small business owners.

The Research Committee voted 6-4-0 to recommend endorsing Terry Tornek.

The Steering Committee voted 18-10-5 to recommend endorsing Terry Tornek.

The people who voted “no” on Terry preferred to recommend Victor. Some of those who voted for Terry liked Victor and would support him for Mayor in the future but felt that there was no good reason to deny Terry a second term. Some felt that Victor would be better at building consensus and would be more responsive to his constituents than Terry has been. Others commented that they have found Terry very responsive. Some people who supported Terry did so because they did not like the fact that Victor did not believe stronger civilian oversight was necessary and did not share their views that there is systemic racial profiling of drivers on the part of the Pasadena police.

STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICES

State and Federal officers, who were previously interviewed and endorsed by ACT, were considered by the Research Committee without the requirement of an additional interview.

Assembly District 41

The Research Committee voted 9-1-0 to recommend endorsing Chris Holden.

The Steering Committee voted 34-1-0 to recommend endorsing Chris Holden.

Senate District 25

The Research Committee voted 10-0-0 to recommend endorsing Anthony Portantino.

The Steering Committee voted 34-1-0 to recommend endorsing Anthony Portantino.

Congressional District 27

The Research Committee voted 10-0-0 to recommend endorsing Judy Chu.

The Steering Committee voted 34-0-1 to recommend endorsing Judy Chu.

Congressional District 28

The Research Committee voted 10-0-0 to recommend endorsing Adam Schiff.

The Steering Committee voted 35-0-0 to recommend endorsing Adam Schiff.

PCC TRUSTEE AREA 4

The candidates were asked general questions designed to test their knowledge and commitment. They were questioned regarding the diversity of student and faculty, food and housing insecurity for many students, how they would support the work of the Foundation, and their views on the purpose of community college.

Hoyt Hilsman, a Democrat, was elected in November 2015. Hoyt is a graduate of Columbia College and Columbia Law School. Hoyt has also been an active participant in the national, state and local political scene. He has been a delegate to the Democratic National Convention and a member of the California Democratic Party's Central Committee. Currently he chairs the United Democratic Headquarters. He has been a director at the Hope Street Group, a national nonpartisan policies think tank, a member of the Pacific Council on International Policy and is a founder of the Institute for Intentional Conversation. He has served on numerous boards, including as Chair of Pasadena Community Excess Corporation and on the Advisory Board of Marymount California University. Since Hoyt's election to the Board, the college has made tremendous progress. Full accreditation status was restored after a period of turmoil and for the past two years PCC has been named by the prestigious Aspen Institute as one of the

top ten community colleges in the nation. Hoyt's experience in education public policy and community engagement along with his dedication to the values of educational diversity has enabled him to make significant contributions to PCC. Hoyt is dedicated to providing students with a safe, supportive environment. Hoyt's many endorsements include Judy Chu, Chris Holden, Jack Scott, Bill Bogaard, and PCC Foundation President Bill Hawkins.

Tammy Silver, a Democrat, is a successful small business owner and Long-time Pasadena resident. She has a degree in business administration from USC with an emphasis in entrepreneurship. Tammy currently serves as the President of the Oak Knoll Neighborhood Association and sits on the South Lake Parking Place Commission. She also serves as the Chair of the Finland subcommittee with Pasadena Sister Cities and is a Tournament of Roses, Formation Area Committee member. Tammy is a volunteer tutor with Reading Partners and is active with College Access Plan. She is a Guardians Steering Committee chair of the Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center and is part of the Leadership Circle of Planned Parenthood. She is endorsed by Larry Torres, current president of the school board.

We did not feel that Tammy had sufficient knowledge of PCC to be seriously considered at this time. She seemed to believe that the college was not doing well, when it has been lauded nationally for its success in the past two years.

The Research Committee voted 9-0-0 to recommend endorsing Hoyt Hilsman.

The Steering Committee voted 33-0-1 to recommend endorsing Hoyt Hilsman.

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DISTRICT 5

The candidates were asked to address the homeless crisis, mass incarceration, County

jails, the relationship between the Sheriff and Board of Supervisors, the sanctuary county policy, gun violence, the County's goals for becoming carbon neutral by 2050, the recent murders of children (who were under CFS jurisdiction in the Antelope Valley), and whether the County exercised appropriate oversight over the expenditure of Local Control Funds designated to promote academic achievement for disadvantaged youth.

Kathryn Barger, a Republican, is a resident of San Marino. She holds a BA in Communications from Ohio Wesleyan University. Prior to being elected in 2016 to the Board, Kathryn worked for 28 years in the office of the County Board of Supervisors and during the last 15 of those years she had been Antonovich's Chief Deputy, managing the Supervisor's Office and serving as the official liaison with community and local business groups. Her answers to our questions were, for the most part, well focused and, with the exception of the immigration issue, were within the range of what one would expect from a moderate Republican. She cast the sole vote against the sanctuary county policy. Her endorsements include Anthony Portantino, and Sheila Kuehl. She has many law enforcement endorsements and significant labor endorsements including the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor.

John Harabedian, a Democrat is a lifelong resident of the 5th District. Born and raised in Sierra Madre, he has served on the Sierra Madre City Council since 2012 and as Mayor since 2015. John attended Sierra Madre Elementary and St. Rita Elementary Schools and subsequently graduated from Loyola High School in Los Angeles. He earned a B.A. from Yale in Political Science, a Masters in Comparative Social Policy from Oxford University, and a J.D. from Stanford Law School where he served as a certified student-attorney in Stanford's Immigrants' Rights Clinic. He was admitted to the bar in 2011, and worked as a

Deputy District Attorney in Los Angeles. He is currently an Associate Investment Manager and Legal Counsel for Bentham IMF, a litigation finance company. He is an ADEM delegate for Assembly District 41 and is active in local Democratic politics. He also serves on various regional boards, including the Clean Power Alliance. John is endorsed by the Los Angeles Democratic Party, the San Fernando Valley Democratic Party, and will be formally endorsed by John Chiang in January. John's answers to our questions were well focused and his views consistent with Democratic values. He would prioritize solving homelessness, protecting our immigrant communities, reforming our criminal justice system, protecting our environment, improving the quality of life for all county residents and especially the most vulnerable, including those lacking health care coverage and our children in foster care.

Darrell Park, a Democrat, is a resident of Altadena. This is his second run for the Board of Supervisors. He holds a graduate degree in Public Policy from Georgetown University and an M.S. in Management from Stanford's Graduate School of Business. He served for a decade, under two Presidents, in the White House Office of Management and Budget. Since moving to Los Angeles County fourteen years ago, he has primarily worked on helping clean energy start-up companies. Darrell seemed far less able than Katherine or John to confine himself to the specifics of the questions being asked, often venturing into his visions of how things could and should be better. While his views or visions are progressive, he appeared unfocused and was not seriously considered. To his credit Darrell said nothing negative about John.

Discussion:

Those who did not vote to endorse John wanted to endorse Kathryn. It was noted that ACT, when appropriate, likes to support female can-

didates and Kathryn has been an improvement over her predecessor. She has been responsive to our members on issues involving the foster care system and expressed concern regarding the proper expenditure of funding directed to the education of disadvantaged youth. Barger has a wide range of endorsements, across the political spectrum. It is, however, worth noting that many of the Democratic endorsements may have been made before John emerged as a viable Democratic option and once made endorsements are difficult to withdraw. District Five, though strongly Democratic, has been represented by a Republican for more than three decades. Some people would not support Kathryn against a qualified Democrat like John and some people would not support her because of her stance on immigration or a combination of both these things. Barger did not support Los Angeles being a sanctuary county and appears unconcerned with the plight of immigrants. Given that this is a presidential election year, as one person put it, John is the right person at the right time (to turn our county blue).

The Research Committee voted 5 -3 -1 to recommend endorsing John Harabedian,

The Steering Committee voted 21-10-3 to recommend endorsing John Harabedian

The ADC Steering Committee voted 24-8-2 to recommend endorsing John Harabedian.

PCC TRUSTEE AREA 2

The Research Committee meeting to consider this race was attended by Marguerite Cooper, Jon Fuhrman, Ron Garber, Monica Hubbard, Jeanette Mann, Marilee Marshall, Denise Robb, Tim Wendler, and Bruce Wright.

The candidates were asked general questions designed to test their knowledge and commitment. They were questioned regarding the diversity of student and faculty, food and housing insecurity for many students, how they would support the work of the Foun-

dation, and their views on the purpose and appropriate goals of community college.

Jim Osterling, registered as Decline to State, is the current Board Chair/President. He was first elected to the Board in 2015. He also sits on the Association of Community College Trustees and is an Executive Board Member, Past President, Vice-President and Program Chair of the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association, a county wide association of K-12 and Community College board members, providing educational programs and best practices exchanges with peer board members. Jim is also a past board member and treasurer of the Arroyo Foothills Conservancy (AFC) a land trust that is preserving wildlife habitat by acquiring important wildlife corridors in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains. Jim started his career as a Certified Public Accountant with a large accounting firm in Chicago, IL. During that time he attended classes in the evening and obtained his MBA from Northwestern University. He worked for seventeen years, managing budgets for prominent Southern California real estate corporations and then started his own real estate industry business which is ongoing. He was an Associate Adjunct Professor for ten years at the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy. Jim is passionate about teaching the next generation and assisting them to obtain internships and jobs. He retired from teaching after being elected to the PCC Board of Trustees to dedicate the time necessary to the governance of PCC.

Kenny Rotter, a Democrat, is from Tempe, Arizona where he attended Arizona State University and graduated Summa Cum Laude, with an Honors Marketing degree and Philosophy minor. Afterwards, He moved to Washington DC to attend law school at the George Washington University Law School. After graduating in 2010, he returned to Arizona and worked with UMOM New Day Centers,

providing free legal advice to victims of domestic violence. He was subsequently hired at the Arizona Attorney General's Office where he worked in Child Support Services. Upon moving to California in 2015, he was hired by the California Correctional Peace Officers' Association, representing prison guards in administrative hearings. Kenny unsuccessfully ran against Chris Holden in June 2018 for the 41st District Assembly seat. While Kenny seemed to be very well intentioned, he was lacking experience and, more importantly, knowledge of the community college system and PCC in particular. We could not, therefore, seriously consider him at this time.

The Research Committee voted 8-1-0 to recommend endorsing Jim Osterling.

The Steering Committee voted 29-5-2 to recommend endorsing Jim Osterling.

The ADC Steering Committee voted 31-1-3 to recommend no endorsement in this race.

The Research Committee's last meeting, for City Council candidates, was attended by Marguerite Cooper, Ron Garber, Jon Fuhrman, Dolores Hickambottom, Monica Hubbard, Susan Kane, Jeanette Mann, Marilee Marshall, Denise Robb, Ed Washatka, Tim Wender and Bruce Wright.

Council candidates were asked to distinguish themselves from their opponents, to address citywide and district issues, civilian oversight of police officers, racial profiling of drivers, development, affordable housing, tenant protection, homelessness, the minimum wage, and support for public schools.

PASADENA CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

Alex Heiman, a Democrat, is currently a law student at Loyola and will take the bar examination next year. He obtained a BA in English in 2012 and an AA in English from Glendale Community College in 2009. He has volunteered with the ACLU, and the Verdugo Valley Convalescent Center. He is passionate

about constitutional and environmental law, affordable housing and tenants' rights. While we hope Alex continues to be interested in public service, a law student does not have time to serve on the City Council and therefore did not receive serious consideration at this time. Heiman did not file.

Tricia Keane, a Democrat, has a BA in English and German from Wittenberg University, in Springfield Ohio and a law degree from U.C.L.A. She was admitted to the bar in 1998. Keane is a deputy director of the City of Los Angeles' Planning Department and a member of the Rose Bowl Operating Committee's board of directors. She has served on Pasadena's Recreation and Parks Commission, Planning Commission, and served as chair of the Design Commission. She is endorsed by Margaret McAustin, the incumbent who is not seeking reelection.

Felicia Williams, a Democrat and a former co-chair of ACT, has a BA in Urban Studies and Public Policy from Stanford, an MA in urban planning from UCLA and an M.B.A. in finance from the University of Michigan Ross School of Business. Her employment includes 8 years in investment banking, seven years at Southern California Edison and six years as a city financing consultant. Her background with Edison has enabled her to develop a strong understanding of the utility industry which, as she states, is important for the City Council's oversight of Pasadena Water and Power. Similarly, her financial background provides her with an understanding of the city financial structures, laws and best practices. Felicia has been a city Commissioner Since 2006 and is currently on the Planning Commission. She was previously the treasurer of the Pasadena Center Operating Company and the Rose Bowl Operating Company. She has been chair of the Environmental Advisory Commission and has served on the Transportation Advisory Commission. She is a Board member and former treasurer of Planned Par-

enthood Pasadena & San Gabriel Valley. Felicia's memberships include Pasadena Heritage, Sierra Club, Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy, National Women's Political Caucus, and the League of Women Voters.

The Research Committee voted 12-0-0 to recommend endorsing Felicia Williams.

The Steering Committee voted 31-0-0 to recommend endorsing Felicia Williams.

PASADENA CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

Charlotte ("Char") Bland, a Democrat, is a longtime Pasadena resident, community advocate and corporate leader. She has extensive experience as a results-oriented Senior Account Executive for several Fortune 500 companies, supporting Government Accounts in their acquisition of technology. As Chair of the Pasadena Commission on the Status of Women, she led efforts to produce and distribute a free public report that examined the quality of life of women living and working in the City of Pasadena. In collaboration with Mount Saint Mary's University, the report culminated in findings from key city agencies and nonprofit groups to detail women's status on housing and homelessness, domestic violence and human trafficking, pay equity and the status of women veterans. Char also serves on several boards: Los Angeles City College, LA CARES Mentoring Movement, Haven House, YWCA Pasadena, and Peace Over Violence. She is endorsed by Jacque Robinson Baisley, Jan Perry (retired LA City Councilmember), Mayor Marina Khubesrian of South Pasadena, Curren Price (LA City Councilmember), Robin McCarthy of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce and Michelle Richardson Bailey (PUSD Board Member).

Joe Baghdadian moved to California from Lebanon in 1973. He worked hard at fixing cars and was soon able to start his own business, expanding it into one of the premier providers of auto body works in Pasadena.

Today, his family operates Symes Collision Center (part of the Symes Cadillac and Land Rover automotive family) and Joe's Auto Body Collision Center (part of the Thorson Buick GMC automotive family), both on Colorado Boulevard in District 4. Joe is an advisory board member to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Temple Station) and works on community relations and homeland security issues. Joe's dedication to improving our neighborhoods led to involvement with his local homeowner association, where he currently serves as a Block Captain.

Gene Masuda, registered as Decline to State, graduated from CSU, LA with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He was elected to the Pasadena City Council in April 2011. Gene is dedicated to maintaining the City's fiscal discipline while protecting police and fire services. As a longtime neighborhood and quality of life advocate, Gene has a record of working to fight overdevelopment and traffic in order to maintain the character and beauty of residential neighborhoods. Gene is a leader in Pasadena's open space movement, dedicated to preserving and protecting Pasadena's natural open space. Gene was a Director of the Pasadena Educational Foundation, which raises millions of dollars for the PUSD. He is a strong supporter of the PUSD, where his own son was educated.

The Research Committee voted 11-0-1 to recommend endorsing Char Bland.

The Steering Committee voted 29-0-1 to recommend endorsing Char Bland.

PASADENA CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 6

Ryan Bell, a Democrat, has a Masters degree from Andrews University and a Doctorate from Fuller Theological Seminary. He began his career as a pastor and served a number of congregations on both coasts of the United States for twenty years. After leaving pastoral ministry in 2013 Ryan served as the Direc-

tor of Community Engagement at PATH (People Assisting the Homeless), building working relationships between community activists, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies, to find solutions to homelessness in the Los Angeles County. Today Ryan works as the program director at the Secular Student Alliance, a national, higher education nonprofit based in Pasadena, and serves as humanist chaplain at USC. He is a member of the Pasadena Tenants Union and on the steering committee for the Pasadena Tenants Justice Coalition. For the past 15 years he has fought for affordable housing, tenants' rights, rent control, and ending unjust evictions and homelessness both locally and nationally. We would like to see more of Ryan but felt that he was not as qualified as other candidates in the race so we did not seriously consider him at this time.

Tamerlin Godley, a Democrat, was born and raised in the Napa Valley but has lived in the greater Pasadena area for thirty years, moving into District 6 in 2008. She graduated from UCLA in 1987 with a BA in political Science and English and then taught public school in Los Angeles for two years. She subsequently completed a Masters in English from Cal State Northridge and a law degree from USC. In 1997, even before she was admitted to the bar in 1998, she was hired by Munger, Tolles and Olson. She clerked for a federal judge for a year and then began working at the firm. She was made a partner in 2005. Currently her work is focused on entertainment law. In her early days with the firm, she served on the Rampart Commission investigating corruption within the LAPD. She also served as one of six Deputy General Counsels of the Citizens Commission on Jail Violence, investigating and making recommendations for the LA County jail system.

Thereafter, she served on the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Inmate Welfare Commis-

sion, overseeing the expenditure of funds to curb recidivism. On the education front, she served on the South Pasadena School Board from 2001-2005. She has been a leader within the Pasadena Educational Foundation (PEF), serving as VP of Community Engagement, VP of Board Affairs and currently head of Strategic Planning. She also leads the 50th Anniversary Committee. Tamerlin is a founder of the national organization Public Funds Public Schools, focused on protecting funds for public education.

However, she has two adult children 18 and 25 who did not attend public school in Pasadena. In addition to PEF, she is a past president of the Armory Center for the Arts and remains active on the Board, currently serving as VP of Development. Her endorsements include former Sheriff Jim McDonnell, and Lawrence Torres, President, PUSD School Board, Congressman Ted Liu (33rd District), and PUSD School Board Members Scott Phelps, Patrick Cahalan and Elizabeth Pomeroy. Tamerlin stated that Steve is too pro police, and in particular that he is representing the Sheriff against the County.

Steve Madison, a Democrat, is a practicing trial lawyer and a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers, Steve is a partner at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP in Los Angeles. He joined the firm after spending nine years as an Assistant United States Attorney, where he prosecuted federal criminal cases including major narcotics, political corruption and defense contracting United States Attorney, where he prosecuted federal criminal cases including major narcotics, political corruption and defense contracting fraud matters. Steven appears most proud of his role in prosecution of *United States v. Koon* (the federal criminal civil rights case arising out of the beating of Rodney King). Steve taught for 10 years as an Adjunct Professor of Law at the USC Law School, and he has serv-

ed as a Judge Pro Tem of the Los Angeles County Superior Court. Steve was raised in Northern California by a single mom who received public assistance. He did not meet his father until he was an attorney. Steve attended public schools and graduated from the University of Santa Clara with a B.A. in English before attending Boston College and USC Law School. He also holds a Master of Public Administration from USC. Steve was first elected in 1999. While a Council member, Steve has served as Vice Mayor, on the Council's Economic Development & Technology Committee, Public Safety Committee and Legislative Policy Committee, the Pasadena Center Operating Company Board, the Multimodal Operations and Development Entity Board, the Youth Development and Violence Prevention Task Force, and on the Council's special committee overseeing the recovery of over \$5 million in embezzled funds, and he is one of Pasadena's three appointees to (and former President of) the Burbank/Glendale/Pasadena Airport Authority Commission. During his 19 years on the Council, Steve has championed neighborhood protection and the preservation of Pasadena's high quality of life, a vibrant commercial environment in the Central District, high quality municipal services, especially in the area of public safety, Pasadena's "Green City" environmental initiatives and assisting the Pasadena Unified School District in ensuring every child in our community reaches his or her full potential. In 2000, Steve authored and secured adoption by the City Council of a resolution opposing the extension of the 710 Freeway. He repeatedly urged Council colleagues to oppose the 710 tunnel, ultimately succeeding in 2015 when his motion passed and in May 2017 when the LA Metro board killed the tunnel project. Steve was the first Council member to advocate for a General Plan Guiding Principle in support of public education. During his time on the Council, Steve has hosted scores of district

town hall meetings and numerous community-wide forums on climate change, El Niño, growth and development in Pasadena, homelessness, the 710 freeway, alternatives to the 710 tunnel and public safety. Steve stated he is running on his record but that his opponent is using Martin Truitt and he expects the campaign may get unpleasant. Steve is endorsed by Bill Bogaard, Anthony Portantino, Adam Schiff, and various labor organizations.

Discussion:

In the discussion that ensued, it was noted that ACT likes to support women candidates and that Steve has held the office a long time (20 years)...perhaps too long. Some thought it would be nice to have someone new and others saw no reason to turn out an incumbent who was doing a good job. One person did not like that Tamerlin said her children had not attended public school. At least one person was more than a little offended that Tamerlin, an attorney herself, would use Steve's current representation of the Sheriff against him.

Depending on the nature of the litigation, various firms and County Counsel frequently represent the sheriff and in any event lawyers are not defined by their clients or more accurately by their firm's clients. It just seemed like a really low blow for her to attack him in that matter, knowing that the current Sheriff is not popular with progressives right now. It was also noted that Steve has raised tens of thousands of dollars for United Democratic Headquarters and it would be thankless to not support him now.

The Research Committee was unable to agree on a recommendation so there is no motion to present. (A motion to recommend endorsing Tamerlin failed 5 - 6 - 1; a motion to recommend endorsing Steve failed 4 - 7 - 1; a motion to recommend no endorsement failed 3 - 7 - 2).

The Steering Committee voted 24-8-1 to recommend endorsing Steve Madison.

Important Campaign Opportunity in the 25th CD



Last month I reported that the Governor would be setting dates for a Special Election to fill the Congressional seat in CD 25 left vacant by the resignation of Katie Hill. At that time it was assumed that there would be a primary this December and if needed a runoff using the Mar. 3 primary. Instead, the Presidential Primary on Mar. 3 will serve as the primary for the Special Election with a runoff if needed in May. I also speculated that the best candidate for our retention of the seat would be Assemblywoman Christy Smith and on that count I was right as the entire Democratic Party has lined up behind her.

She will appear on the ballot not once but twice, as it will also serve as the primary for the next Congressional cycle beginning in 2021. We believe that because this primary is much more important to Democrats than it is to Republicans we may be able to avoid the runoff as the assemblywoman may be able to get an outright majority.

I'm in touch with her campaign manager Brandon Zavala and we've agreed to partner on a GOTV postcard campaign very similar to the one we undertook last year when we elected both Katie Hill and Gil Cisneros. I have postcards, a script and addresses. There are at least a dozen groups that are getting together to write the postcards. You can contact me to either be set up with one of those groups or to start your own group or to get a package from me to get started on your own. While I made no promises of how many postcards we could write and send, in a comparable period last year we exceeded 40,000 combined for Katie and Gil. Please contact me to get started at: ronagarber@yahoo.com.

~ Ron Garber

More on the Christy Smith Campaign...

On Friday morning, December 6, Kunal Atit, Deputy Campaign manager for Assemblywoman Christy Smith in the CD 25 race, made an amazing presentation to the Progressive Discussion Group. A few points he made need to be addressed here:

Our best opportunity to retain this seat is for us to win this election outright on March 3 - which doubles as the Democratic Presidential Primary - when we figure to outdraw Republican turnout because their Presidential candidate is literally a foregone conclusion. If there has to be a runoff it would happen in May and the turnout could then favor the Republicans. Further, Republicans would pour a fortune into that race as it would have major National implications. Should they flip the seat back, they could and would leverage that all the way until the November general election.

Pay attention to canvassing, post-carding and financial contribution opportunities for the Christy Smith for U. S. Congress campaign.

~ Ron Garber



Special Thanks to Sustaining Members

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ACT ENDORSEMENT BALLOT for March 2020 Primary Election



Endorsement Ballot Instructions

The membership of ACT recognizes that ACT is a democratic organization dependent on the goodwill of its members. Towards this end, the following rules shall govern the election procedures for ACT endorsements. The purpose of these rules is to prevent the manipulation of the endorsement process, to safeguard the voting privileges of members, and to further the democratic principles and procedures of ACT.

Who can vote? Year 2019 and 2020 ACT & ADC members who are 18 years of age or older can vote. **If you have not renewed for 2019 you can do so on-line or enclose your renewal along with your ballot.** Each member on your address label is entitled to one vote and only one vote (if there is one name on the label, you have one vote; two names, two votes. If a person casts more votes than authorized, those votes are voided.

How do I vote? Mark and return your ballot in the enclosed envelope with the label attached. Or, if you desire a secret ballot, you may enclose it in an additional unmarked envelope. Each completed ballot sent by mail shall be submitted in the ACT envelope. Each voting member must sign the outside of the ACT ballot envelope. If there is no enclosed envelope, please send the ballot in an envelope with your name and return address to: ACT, Attn: Endorsement Election Committee, P. O. Box 40074, Pasadena CA 91114-7074.

Ballot rules No proxies or duplicated ballots may be used in voting in ACT endorsement elections. If your ballot is damaged,

write "void" on it and send it along with a note indicating how you voted.

Ballot Deadline Ballots must be received by noon **Thursday, January 9, 2020, or be delivered to the ACT Forum Wednesday.** Further endorsement election information can be found in this *Phoenix*.

Why do we vote? ACT's endorsement can mean access to donor files, computer data, and such financial contributions as are voted by the Steering Committee.

Endorsement Requirements

1. A 60% majority of ballots cast is required to endorse a candidate or either the "Yes" or "No" side of a proposition. Abstentions will not be counted, i.e. only ballots cast in each race will be counted as part of the percentage.
2. No quorum is required.

Example: (family has 3 ACT members qualified to vote), Member #1 supports Candidate X; Member #2 supports Candidate Y; Member #3 decides to vote "No endorsement":

Vote for one	Voter: #1	#2	#3
Candidate X.....	X		
Candidate Y.....		X	
No Endorsement.....			X

This is actually a double ballot, one for ACT and one for the Arroyo Democratic Club. Following each candidate's name, the first set of check boxes are for ACT voters and the second set are for ADC voters.

Arroyo Democratic Club Endorsement Ballot

Endorsement Ballot Instructions

The ADC guidelines are identical to ACT with the exception that only Democratic candidates have boxes for vote check marks.

41st State Assembly District

Research Committee recommends endorsing Chris Holden (9 - 1 - 0).
Steering Committee recommends endorsing Chris Holden (35 - 1 - 0).

	ACT Voter: #1	#2	#3	ADC: #1	#2	#3
Chris Holden .....				.....
Other: _____				.....	
No Endorsement .....				.....

5th Supervisorial District, LA County:

Research Committee recommends endorsing John Harabedian (5 - 3 - 1).
ACT Steering Com. recommends endorsing John Harabedian (21 - 10 - 3).
ADC Steering Com. recommends endorsing John Harabedian (24 - 8 - 2).

	ACT Voter: #1	#2	#3	ADC: #1	#2	#3
Kathryn Barger .....				.....
John Harabedian .....				.....
Darrell Park .....				.....
Other: _____				.....	
No Endorsement .....				.....

Pasadena City Mayor:

Research Committee recommends endorsing Terry Tornek (6 - 4 - 0).
Steering Committee recommends endorsing Terry Tornek (18 - 10 - 5).

	ACT Voter: #1	#2	#3	ADC: #1	#2	#3
Terry Tornek .....				.....
Victor Gordo .....				.....
Major Williams .....				.....
Other: _____				.....	
No Endorsement .....				.....

Pasadena City Council District 1:

Tyron Hampton is unopposed, so there will be no balloting for this office.

Pasadena City Council District 2:

Research Committee recommends endorsing Felicia Williams (12 - 0 - 0).
Steering Committee recommends endorsing Felicia Williams (31 - 0 - 0).

	ACT Voter: #1	#2	#3	ADC: #1	#2	#3
Tricia Keane .....				.....
Felicia Williams .....				.....
Other: _____				.....	
No Endorsement .....				.....

Pasadena City Council District 4:

Research Com. recommends endorsing Charlotte Bland (11 - 0 - 1).

Steering Com. recommends endorsing Charlotte Bland (29 - 0 - 1).

ACT Voter: #1 #2 #3 ADC: #1 #2 #3

Gene Masuda

Joe Baghdadian

Charlotte Bland

Other: _____

No Endorsement

Pasadena City Council District 6:

A Research Com. motion to endorse Tamerlin Godley failed (5 - 6 - 1).

A Research Com. motion to endorse Steve Madison failed (4 - 7 - 1).

A Research Com. motion to recommend No Endorsement failed (3-7-2).

The Steering Com. recommends endorsing Steve Madison (24 - 8 - 2).

ACT Voter: #1 #2 #3 ADC: #1 #2 #3

Steve Madison

Ryan Bell

Tamerlin Godley

Other: _____

No Endorsement

Pasadena Area Community College Area 2:

Research Com. recommends endorsing Jim Osterling (8 - 1 - 0).

ACT Steering Com. recommends Jim Osterling (27 - 5 - 2).

ADC Steering Com. recommends No Endorsement (31 - 1 - 3).

ACT Voter: #1 #2 #3 ADC: #1 #2 #3

Jim Osterling

Kenny Rotter.....

Other: _____

No Endorsement

Pasadena Area Community College Area 4:

Research Com. recommends endorsing Hoyt Hilsman (9 - 0 - 0).

Steering Com. recommends endorsing Hoyt Hilsman (33 - 0 - 1).

ACT Voter: #1 #2 #3 ADC: #1 #2 #3

Hoyt Hilsman.....

Tammy Silver

Other: _____

No Endorsement

Pasadena Area Community College Area 6:

John Martin is unopposed. so there will be no balloting for this office.



Calendar

- December 19 6th Democratic Debate at
Thursday Loyola Marymount University
hosted by PBS News Hour and
Politico.
- December 20 Progressive Discussion Group
Friday at Dupar's Restaurant, 214 S.
9 a.m. Lake Ave., Pasadena. Also 1/3
and 1/17.
- Jan 8 ACT Candidate Forum in
Wednesday Creveling Lounge at PCC.
6:30 p.m. Parking: Lot 1 (SE corner Hill
and Colorado or Lot 10 or 11 on
E. Green St. near Hill.
- January 9 ACT Steering and ADC General
Thursday Membership Meeting at the
7 p.m. home of Tom & Monica Hub-
bard, 1843 Pepper Dr., Alta.
(North of New York; east of
Allen.) Election of officers and
candidate endorsement decis-
ions. Socializing at 7 p.m.;
meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.
- January 13 UDH Steering Meeting at the
Monday home of Karen Wingard, 737 S.
7 p.m. Magnolia Ave., Pasadena.
- February 3 Mock Iowa Caucus at El Torito.
Monday
- March 3 Primary Election. (Super Tues-
Tuesday day.)
- March 5 ACT Steering/ADC Meeting
Thursday featuring Super Tuesday elec-
tion analysis.

ACT/ADC Webpage News

See a link to information about impeachment on our webpage at actpasadena.org. It provides links to major news stories and documents and can be accessed from the menu on the main page.

The menu item "Events and News" shows a further dropdown menu that includes the ACT/ADC Calendar that lists official ACT and ADC events as well as related political events. Included here are fundraising and other events in support of local candidates. This is not intended as an endorsement of any of these candidates. It is regularly updated.

The dropdown menu "Recent Political News" contains important legislative news relating to Pasadena area lawmakers, Pasadena City political news and a list of candidates for local offices. It also includes links to recent publications of the California Democratic Party and the Los Angeles County Democratic Party Weekly Reminder of items relevant to the LACDP.

Please send any suggestions or comments or items to be included to Bruce Wright, our website manager at brucewright@sbcglobal.net.



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The Metamorphosis of a 2019 Democratic Voter

As I'm writing this segment it's the day after Kamala Harris has announced that she is suspending her campaign. Read this only as a human interest thought process not as an attempt to persuade you to my way of thinking. Back in January my first choice for a candidate was Amy Klobuchar. While she still would be my first choice, she hasn't caught fire but still may. At that time I also liked Cory Booker and felt that the two of them would make a wonderful ticket in either order. Like many, maybe even most Democrats, my first criterion is 'who the hell can rid us of this nightmare of a President currently inhabiting the White House'. With that in mind I changed my choice to my Senator, Kamala Harris who looked to be catching fire. But no, that was only a temporary aberration and now she's gone. Enter choice number three, Elizabeth Warren. I'm ready for a female President and until a month ago she had the hot hand.

Then, after being pressured to announce how she would pay for her Medicare for All plan, she made the mistake of candidly complying. That scared the hell out of everyone and now her numbers are retreating. My 4th choice, currently but not necessarily my final choice, is Mayor Pete Buttigieg. My two favorite Presidents are Barack Obama and John F. Kennedy. I like(d) their youth, intelligence and manner of speaking. I see a lot of each in Mayor Pete and he's currently one of the four viable candidates. I recognize his problem with the African American vote and I don't mean his sexual orientation, but rather some unfortunate history in his political background, but I'm praying he can win them over. How do I feel about the rest of the field? I like all the candidates except one and I'm not going to share who he or she is. I will naturally support whoever comes out of the convention but I'm hoping that it's not a white male who is older than I am (70), or a billionaire. As for the rest, if any of them catch fire, that would thrill me.

~ Ron Garber

Membership Renewal

A red check on your address label on this *Phoenix* means we are still looking for your 2019 membership renewal check!

In order to vote on our December endorsement ballot in this *phoenix*, your membership must be current. (If you pay your 2019 dues now, you will be credited for 2020 membership as well.)

Renew online at www.ACTpasadena.org.

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

