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ADEM 41st District Preliminary Results

The turnout for the Democratic 41st District meeting (in Claremont on January 27) far exceeded past turnouts - 800 Democrats voted! The waiting line was daunting. The ballot counting went on until late in the evening.

Assembly District Election Meetings (ADEM) are held every January in odd-numbered years to elect seven men and seven women to represent their Assembly District to the Democratic State Central Committee. Over 50 folks sought to be convention delegates. Tina Fredericks, an ACT member, was the top vote-getter with about 500 votes.

There were four candidates in the race for E Board (state Executive Board). Robert Nelson, also an ACT member, was elected. Congratulation to all.

The following results are labeled preliminary. We don't know when they will be official. Go to [www.cadem.org/our party/adem](http://www.cadem.org/our_party/adem) for results from all the assembly district meetings.

Female

Tina Fredricks
Mindy Pfeiffer
Aida Dimejian
Unalee Jost
Margurite Rennek
Julie McKune
Pamela Casey Nayier

Male

Jordan Vannini
Rick Jordon
Joseph Suelas
Robert Nelson
Michael Boos
Sam Berndt
Jason Schadewald

EBoard

Robert M Nelson



Save the Date!

Fundraising Party to celebrate ACT's 46th Anniversary

(and to begin work on electing the nation's 46th President!)

Sunday afternoon (2-4), June 9, 2019

Details to follow

Where Should We Focus for Election Day 2020?

You can start with ACT/ADC!! It takes INVOLVEMENT at the Committee level to sustain this organization. This election will be historic. These Committees require a small amount of time and bring you together with people of like minds. Sometimes we even have fun!!!

Computer: WWW.ACTPASADENA.ORG. Most informative website; provides political information at local, state and federal levels. We need knowledgeable folks to assist the Chair with updating the site.

Chair: Bruce Wright

Fundraising: We need “worker bees” to assist with these events. We usually host one big fundraiser every 2 years. Money raised from the events is what enables us to contribute to local candidates running for various offices.

Chair: Bill Hackett

The Phoenix: Our monthly newsletter, a great resource for what is going on at all levels of politics. Submit items of interest to members.

Chairs: Chuck Hains, Sally Beer

Mailing: Help prep *The Phoenix* for mailing 11 times per year (usually 2 hours of work) and help with additional mailings once or twice a year.

Chair: Sally Beer

Membership: We are fortunate to have a large base of members who step up to the plate and renew in response to our yearly membership letter. In addition, we are presently developing ways to outreach into local communities-in turn, attracting new members. We need your ideas.

Chair: Barbara Paul

Program: Always on the lookout for potential speakers, forum panels, relevant topics. Committee meets usually once a year in January to discuss programs for our monthly meetings for the year, all members invited! Would love your involvement. (We all have a cause or know of someone who could inform members.)

Chair: Susan Kane

Research: Opportunity to get to know local candidates. Candidates address committee members, Q&A follows, discussion ensues, vote taken. Research recommends to Steering Committee. Same process for Ballot Propositions. Meetings on weekends.

Chairs: Marilee Marshall, Tim Wendler

To join a Committee(s) that interests you, email seasideatdelmar@gmail.com with your selection, and we will then contact you.

— Barbara Paul



Partnering with Vote Center Placement Project

The LA County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk has reached out to community-based organizations to facilitate the second round of community meetings for the Vote Center project. This next phase will utilize these organizations to engage the public regarding the selection of potential vote centers and raise awareness to the new voting experience to be rolled out for the 2020 election. Our January edition of *The Phoenix* had a very informative article regarding this process. If you missed the article, please visit our website WWW.ACTPASADENA.ORG and read it.

On February 7, the ACT Steering Committee voted unanimously to support partnering with LA County regarding these procedures to reach out and raise awareness to the Vote Center Placement Project.

My Two Cents

By Ron Garber



It's common knowledge that Clinton's popular vote totals exceeded Trump's by 2.9 million and we've learned that in the most current election Democratic House candidates outpolled Republicans by 8.6 million but to date no one had done a study of popular vote totals for the Senate. Until now.

I researched the last elections of each of the 100 Senators that make up the current Senate. As Senate terms are staggered the most current elections for each span 2014, 2016 and 2018. Two of the current senators, one from Minnesota and the other from Arizona, were not seated by election but were appointed to fill vacancies. They're both states with comparable smaller populations and one is a Democrat and the other a Republican so not including them in the study does not skew the results. Another complication was California. In the 2016 and 2018 general elections no Republican was on the ballot because of our weird 'Jungle Primary' rules. I didn't feel it right to either add the total votes to the Democratic total or to assign the votes of the losing candidate to the Republicans so I used the primary totaling all the Democratic votes for the Democrats and all the Republican votes for the Republicans. This slightly helps the Republicans as more voters vote in the General election than vote in the primary but for this study I felt it was the fairest way to handle the situation.

While the current Senate favors Republicans over Democrats by a 54/46 margin the vote totals for all those elected were:

Democrats	104,414,914
Republicans	96,574,639

Bottom line is more Americans voted for a Democrat for President and a Democratic Senate which means that we should have a Liberal Judiciary, but we're getting just the opposite of what we voted for. We can't blame gerrymandering for this but rather another (see electoral college) anti-democratic article of the U.S. Constitution. We live in a country where the majority of the population is Liberal but for the most part is being controlled by Conservatives. So much for Democracy.

— Ron Garber



Progressive Discussion Group

PDG meets every first and third Friday of the month from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the back room of Dupar's Restaurant, 214 S. Lake Avenue, Pasadena. Park in the big lot off Shopper's Lane behind the restaurant.

In 2019 Ed Washatka will be the convener, Ron Garber will be in charge of programs, and Monica Hubbard will maintain the list and send meeting reminders. Contact Ed at ed.washatka@gmail.com, Ron at ronagarber@yahoo.com, and Monica at consulting@mjhubbard.com. Please let Monica know if you would like to receive meeting notices.

Upcoming meetings:

March 1, Larry Wilson, Columnist and editorial board member of the **Star News**: "The Press under Siege."

March 15, Marina Khubesrian, Mayor, South Pasadena, tentative topic: Her 18 out of 21 commission appointments made to women - bringing the percentage of women on commissions to 54%.

Everyone is welcome. (If you plan to order breakfast, coffee, etc., please try to arrive by 8:45 a.m.)

See more dates and future topics, *continued on page twelve.*

Political Notes



Thursday, February 14.

Democratic Presidential contenders are popping up fast and furiously. The only problem is that no one candidate really seems to have struck a chord with Democratic voters. Each candidate has some attractive qualities and each has some support, but the party is miles away from any consensus. And several of the big dogs have yet formally to announce.

Former Vice-President Joe Biden is probably the biggest and most formidable potential candidate out there. While he is clearly a sentimental favorite, and arguably the most experienced and one with a strong tie to the sorts of voters we lost in 2016, he's also widely seen as simply too old. He can afford to wait some months before entering the race, given his near-total name recognition, but one gets a sense that he also feels his time may have passed. Perhaps he is waiting to see if any other candidate gels, and might decide to run

if no one else becomes a convincing front-runner. Rumors swirled multiple times that he was about to jump in, but nothing happened. Today, again, rumors say he is 95% certain to enter the race and is recruiting long-time donors; if he were to run, he would probably start with the largest number of supporters in this highly fractured race.

Beto O'Rourke also has yet to commit. Many see him as too junior – having served just three terms in the House and then losing a Senate race (albeit in a really close race in deep-red Texas) – yet he undeniably has a unique charisma and personality that seems not merely to connect with, but to thrill and excite, voters. If we Dems have a rock star, it's Beto. Can that translate to the national stage? He's starting to test the waters, but he's also being wooed to consider the Texas Senate race against John Cornyn. It's impossible to predict which way he'll go; part of his unique style is that he eschews advice from traditional pollsters and campaign managers.

Finally, still a bit under the covers, is Ohio Sen. Sherrod Brown. He is a traditional full-bore progressive candidate who nevertheless wins in Ohio, which, in a Presidential election, would pretty much be game over for the GOP. Just elected to his third term in the Senate, he previously served for 14 years in the House where he voted against the Iraq war authorization and, in 1996, was one of very few Representatives to vote against the Defense of Marriage Act. He advocated restoring the Glass-Steagal Act, which would force the break-up of the largest banks and financial industry conglomerates. He's consistently received a grade of "F" from the NRA, and he has had a long-time focus on standing up for working class families. So he has a consistent and documented record of standing for virtually every issue important to our resurgent progressive movement, but will that be enough to let him break through the competition?

Sorting out these numerous candidates will be a messy process. The Democratic National Party is about to announce the schedule for the first two of six Presidential debates this year, and, more importantly, the criteria that will need to be met to earn an invitation to the debates. It's a guarantee that there will be much grumbling by those not invited, and accusations of bias and unfairness, but realistically you just can't have a debate with 20 candidates. Yet these debates will be one of the key means, and perhaps the most important forum, for Democrats to measure and weigh candidates and eventually come to consensus on whom to nominate.

The nomination process itself will be dramatically different than in past Presidential elections. The first test, the Iowa caucuses, may be radically redesigned. The Iowa Democratic State Chair, Troy Price, is proposing that Iowa Democrats be allowed to register their ranked preferences by phone over six nights prior to the caucus night. This possibility of absentee voting could dramatically expand the participation rate, but the absentee ballot results would likely not be available the night of the caucuses. (I infer that the plan is the absentee votes would be recorded by the state party, then tabulated and allocated back to the voters' home precincts and then combined with the in-person caucus votes. But as any Californian knows, tabulating the absentee ballots can take weeks, and the results can change the election-day vote count. Yet, with the New Hampshire primary only days after the Iowa caucuses, the immediate results from the in-person caucuses might be the ones which influence public opinion and the next primaries, and thus start the ball rolling for one or another candidate.)



This absentee-ballot plan still has to be approved by the Iowa State Party and then by the Democratic National Party, but it responds to the perceived need to open our nominating process and facilitate participation by as many Democrats as possible. So my guess is that, in some form or another, this plan is likely to be approved, even if we can't really anticipate its effects on the nominating process.

So we have candidates, and we have (or are putting together a process) to choose a candidate, but what exactly are we running on? Is it just NOT Trump? Do we have more specific, new proposals other than a rehash of traditional liberal or progressive policies?

We do have the Green New Deal. The problem is that many of the details are excessive and simply unrealistic – we can't transition to renewable sources for all our power demands by 2030 or get to a net-zero generation of greenhouse gases in that short a period; but it does capture the urgency and impatience that so many feel, and argues clearly that just

tinkering here or adjusting there is woefully short of what our goals should be. Speaker Pelosi has established a special Climate Change Panel to try to move from the aspirational goals embodied in the Green New Deal to specific policy initiatives that, implicitly, balance the long-term aspirations with short-term practical and achievable goals. Certainly, we can at least reverse many of the actions the Trump administration has taken, like eliminating subsidies for electric vehicles, that take us backwards rather than forwards. But a significant segment of the party will be pushing strongly for "stretch" goals, and the details on these goals might become a differentiating point among Presidential candidates.

On a local note, freshman Congressman Mike Levin, newly elected from California's 49th CD, and a candidate whom our United Democratic Headquarters helped support, has been appointed to the Climate Change Panel by Speaker Pelosi, a rare achievement and mark of respect for a freshman legislator in an arena where there was great competition from more senior peers.

On another front, Democratic Congressmembers John Larson, Conor Lamb and Jahana Hayes have introduced the Social Security 2100 Act, which would significantly reform Social Security and make it actuarially stable – and guarantee full benefits -- through the year 2100. Larson had introduced this in prior Congresses, but it died an ignominious death. Now, however, Larson chairs the relevant Ways and Means Subcommittee, and has the support of Committee Chair Richard Neal, and already has over 200 Democratic co-sponsors. The essence of the bill would set the minimum Social Security monthly payment, regardless of the recipient's actual earning history, at 25% above the federal poverty level. It would also raise the income level at which Social Security benefits begin to be taxed, and it would switch the index used to calculate cost-of-living increases to one more sensitive to increases in health care costs, which again would benefit low income seniors. Finally, and perhaps most critically, it would pay for these improvements, and make the entire system solvent through the year 2100, by increasing both employer and employee tax rates by 1.2% each (going from 6.2% to 7.4%), phasing those tax increases in over 24 years, and taxing all wages above \$400,000. Currently, wages above \$134,000 are exempt from Social Security taxes, so this would create a “doughnut” hole where wages between \$134,000 and \$400,000 are not taxed, but those above \$400,000 are taxed. However, that \$134,000 cap, under current law, increases each year, so

eventually, the doughnut hole would close.

This sort of plan gets to the core of the traditional, classic Democratic platform; protecting working families and their future reliance on Social Security, protecting senior and those less well-off, and beginning to address income inequalities by fully taxing high-level wages. The GOP will strongly oppose this, and even if the Senate passed the bill, the President would likely veto it. The traditional GOP strategy has been to ignore budget deficits when they are in power, but then use the high deficits to try to handcuff Democrats when they are in power and strangle domestic initiatives. This plan will spark particular GOP opposition, however cynical it may be, because Social Security is one of the two major entitlement programs, against which the GOP constantly rail (but never really do anything about). The other entitlement program is Medicare, which is even more fraught politically. But making Social Security solvent through 2100 (versus the current 2034 date at which time the system will have used up all its accumulated surplus and when its benefit payments will significantly exceed its annual tax revenue) robs the GOP of one of its biggest talking points and campaign issues. Similarly, the drive to increase the minimum wage to \$15 an hour aligns with this traditional focus on working class families (and kudos to the Pasadena City Council for voting, by 7 – 1, to continue the city's planned progress toward a \$15 minimum wage, and kudos to POP, ACT and all the other community organizations that came together to advocate for that progressive initiative).

The third major campaign point has to be health care, with the single-payer plan being particularly contentious – again, not because we disagree on larger goals, but on the practical details of implementation. Improvements in the Veterans Administration health care system, and potentially lowering Medicare

eligibility to age 55 or 60, are transitional changes that might draw wide support across the Democratic spectrum.

The final set of issues that may impact the Presidential primaries are the House oversight hearings and activities. Our own Congressman Adam Schiff seems to be at the head of this activity, with his Committee coming to an agreement with Congresswoman Maxine Waters' Banking and Finance Committee on how jointly to investigate the possible money-laundering and foreign influence schemes involving, in particular, Deutsche Bank's loans to the Trump Organization. This can be extremely dangerous territory for the President. He clearly implied that if Special Prosecutor Mueller crossed into that territory, he'd fire Mueller, so Mueller avoided that particular line of inquiry. But the President, as much as he wishes he could, can't fire Chairman Schiff or Chairwoman Waters. So this joint inquiry, and numerous others planned by the House leadership, could undermine the President but also force Democratic Presidential candidates to react to the oversight hearings or subpoenas or reports, and provide another axis along which to differentiate candidates.

So, for all of us political junkies, 2019 will be an exciting and a fascinating year, as we see how our party eventually comes to a consensus on both our Presidential candidate for 2020 and the key platforms on which we want to campaign.

— Jon Fuhrman



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Our Next Meeting

The next meeting of ACT and the Arroyo Democratic Club is on Thursday, March 7 at the Altadena home of Tom and Monica Hubbard, 1843 Pepper Drive. (East of Allen Avenue; north of New York Drive). Socializing will begin at 7 p.m. The meeting will be called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Our program will celebrate Women's History Month. Watch for information about our speaker(s) in the email meeting reminder, several days before the meeting.

We hope to see you there. Everyone is welcome.



ACT & ADC 2019 Meeting Calendar

Our meetings will continue to be on the first Thursday of the month, with just a few exceptions*. Meetings are called to order at 7:30 p.m. after time for socializing beginning at 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 7	Thursday, August 1
Thursday, April 4	Thursday, Sept. 12*
Thursday, May 2	Thursday, October 3
Thursday, June 6	Thursday, November 7
Thursday, July 11*	Thursday, December 5



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



Dear ACT members,

As always, a lot is going on in the district and in the capitol. We recently held two successful 8-hour workshops on Mental Health First Aide with First District PTA and several health care organizations. Thank you to Eliot Middle School and the City of Glendale for providing the space for them. Over 250 parents, educators and administrators came out to take the course which underscores just how topical and important the issue of mental health is in our current society. Following up on the first aide workshops, I am jointly authoring legislation with Dr. Richard Pan to bring the eight-hour mental health course statewide as part of the teacher credentialing process. We must collectively do more to help our children in our ever more complex world. Having as many people trained to identify problems early is an important part of creating healthy families, schools and communities.

I am continuing my work to enact more reasonable firearms legislation and authoring several bills this year. I am reintroducing the one firearm purchase per month effort and I am working with a number of stakeholders on a comprehensive bill to ensure safe storage of firearms in homes and in senior residential care facilities. We must make sure that dangerous weapons don't fall into the hands of children at home and the wrong people in care settings. I am also working with the Department of Justice on a bill to clarify dealer licensing requirements for all firearms.

To address student homelessness, I am work-

ing with former Senator John Burton on a bill to help homeless students in California. The California Small Business Association has asked me to author a bill to provide a minimum franchise tax structure to help small businesses. And, of course there will be a continued effort to increase school funding in addition to the special education proposal that we unveiled last week.

On Monday March 4th, the Legislature is honoring one woman from each of the 120 districts as our Woman of the Year. I am very excited that Louise Deser Siskel has agreed to be recognized as our 25th Senate District honoree. Louise is a dynamic young person. A senior at Sequoya School she is headed to the University of Chicago armed with science and research experience extremely impressive for a high school senior. And yes, she is the 2019 trailblazing Rose Queen whose "firsts" are notable and exemplary.

On the family front, Bella has completed her soccer season at LCHS and is focusing on the SAT's and every other thing teens do. All good!

— Anthony

Senator Anthony Portantino represents California's 25th State Senate District, which includes Sunland/Tujunga, Atwater Village, and the Griffith Park areas of the city of Los Angeles, Burbank, Glendale, La Crescenta, Montrose, La Cañada Flintridge, Pasadena, Altadena, South Pasadena, San Marino, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, Bradbury, Duarte, Upland, Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, and Claremont.



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**From
41st District
Assemblymember
Chris Holden**



Dear ACT Friends,

Happy New Year and I hope you enjoyed the holiday season. After spending much needed quality time with family and friends, I'm ready to continue my efforts to best represent our community.

So far, in addition to my affordable housing and 710 legislation, I introduced a bill to ensure dual enrollment remains available to all California students. Dual enrollment programs benefit a wide range of students with encouraging results including lower dropout rates and lower costs of a college education by decreasing the time and the number of credits that students need to graduate. Most importantly, dual enrollment opens doors of opportunity for kids who may never have thought it possible to go to college.

As Chair of the Utilities and Energy Committee, addressing the aftermath of last year's deadly wildfires will be a top priority for me, Governor Newsom, and my colleagues in the Legislature. Maintaining a reliable, safe, and affordable utility service for all Californians continues to be our ultimate goal. I will be organizing a town hall early next year and will be sharing the details once they are established.

Last week, Governor Gavin Newsom presented his proposed 2019-2020 Budget and I believe his proposal lays out a balanced and responsible budget that also reflects California's progressive gains in these challenging times. I look forward to working with the Governor and my colleagues in the legislature to expand our rainy day fund while investing in shared

priorities such as education, affordable housing, and public safety.

The Governor proposes continuing the state's commitment to increase early childhood education funding, including funding for universal preschool for all income-eligible four-year-old children. His budget would grow per-pupil funding for K-12 schools to more than \$12,000. He also proposes \$1.4 billion of new investments to support increased enrollment and a continuing tuition freeze at public universities.

His plan to address affordable housing and homelessness offers a great starting point which includes expanding the state tax credits to help spur development of low- and moderate-income housing and \$500 million in new, one-time General Fund investments for local governments to build emergency shelters and navigation centers.

Lastly, I opened up the nomination process for my annual 41st Assembly District's Women of the Year and Women of Distinction celebration. For 30 years, in recognition of Women's History Month, the Legislature has honored the achievements of women throughout California during the annual Woman of the Year celebration. I invite you to visit my website and nominate a woman who you believe should be honored for her positive impact in our community.

The district's Woman of the Year will be invited to the State Capitol to be introduced on the Assembly Floor and be given a special resolution honoring her contributions to the community and the state. A Women of Distinction from each city in the 41st Assembly District, and the Woman of the Year, will be recognized at my Annual Spring Open House in March. Nomination forms are available at <https://a41.asmdc.org/2019-women-distinction>.

Sincerely,

— Chris R. Holden

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*Note: All former ACT Co-Chairs are Steering
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listed here.*

2019 Arroyo Democratic Club Officers

President: Tim Wendler

Vice-President: Bruce Wright

Secretaries and Treasurer: Same as ACT

*Our list has grown very long in these 40+
years. **Please let Beth Gertmenian at
bgertmenian@gmail.com** know of any mis-
takes – especially in your committee assign-
ment(s). Or if we have left off your name!*

*Also, **please let Executive Director Jon
Fuhrman at jon fuhrman@outlook.com**
know if you would like to serve on an ACT
committee (and thus become a Steering Com-
mittee member.)*



Welcome New and Returning ACT Members:

Simeon Popoff, Pasadena

Special Thanks to Sustaining Members

Pixie Boyden, Pasadena

2019 Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your ACT and/or ADC membership(s). (Join both at a bargain rate!) You may use the form below or renew online at www.ACTpasadena.org. Or watch for and respond to your renewal letter.

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



Thank you to everyone who has already renewed. Your generous response is heartwarming!

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

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Calendar

- March 1
Friday
9-10 a.m. Progressive Discussion Group
at Dupar's Restaurant, 214 S.
Lake Ave. Pasadena.
Also 3/15, 4/5 and 4/19.
- March 7
Thursday
7 p.m. ACT Steering and ADC Meeting
at the home of Tom and Monica
Hubbard, 1843 Pepper Dr.,
Altadena. Women's History
Month program. Socializing 7
p.m.; meeting 7:30 p.m.
- March 11
Monday
7 p.m. UDH Steering Meeting at the
home of Karen Wingard, 737
Magnolia, Pasadena.
- May 31 –
June 2 2019 California Democratic
Party State Convention,
San Francisco.
- Fri – Sun
- June 9 SAVE THE DATE for ACT's
46th Anniversary Fundraiser.



March Phoenix Deadline

The deadline for the March *Phoenix* is Sunday evening, March 10. Please send items for publication to Chuck at hains27@sbcglobal.net.



ACT's Website – The current online edition of *The Phoenix* and previous editions (in color and often with items we couldn't fit into the print edition) are available on our webpage.

Bruce Wright, our website manager, keeps the site updated with items of interest to ACT and ADC members. Check it out at:

www.ACTpasadena.org.

Contact Bruce with your ideas, photos, or comments at brucewright@sbcglobal.net.

More Upcoming PDG Programs,

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March 15, Marina Khubesrian, Mayor South Pasadena, tentative topic: Her appointment of 18 out of 21 commission appointments made to women bringing the percentage of women on commissions to 54% (Women's History Month) Ron Garber moderating.

April 5, Cynthia Liu, Public Education advocate, topic: Pending legislation to assist Public Education in its struggle against its deteriorating funding due to the Charter School movement's encroachment Potential 2nd speaker from Senator Portantino's office to report on the status of the pending legislation. Ed Washatka moderating

April 19, Melanie P. Ochoa from the ACLU, topic, New California transparency law regarding police disciplinary files. Pending litigation to determine if it applies retroactively before Jan. 1 and an explanation of what it is and how it will be used. Ed Washatka moderating.

May 3 or May 17 Jill Shook, Affordable Housing advocate, Topic: An area of 'affordable housing' TBD by what's hot at the time. Ed Washatka moderating.

May 3 or May 17 Una Lee Jost, Attorney and progressive activist. Topic: Asian Pacific Heritage Month, specific topic TBD. Ed Washatka moderating.

June 7 Robert (Bobby) Nelson and a female delegate to be named. Topic: Report on the California Democratic Convention.

Ed Washatka moderating.

June 21 Speaker to be named from Lambda Legal (confirmed). Topic: Gay Pride Month, specific topic TBD. Ed Washatka moderating.

Other topics for later in the year include, The Bail Project, Swing Left plans, The YIMBY movement, the 2020 Presidential primary field and UDH 2019/20 plans.