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## ACT Needs Your Current Email Address!



In this home-bound era on-line communication is more important than ever! We have email addresses for 80+% of our members, but don't want to risk losing touch with the remaining 15-20%. So please help ACT keep in regular contact by giving us your email address if you have one. If you do not have email, please provide us with the phone number where we can best reach you by calling 626 864-5255.

If your copy of *The Phoenix* has special message by the label, we have no valid email address on file for you. So please email your address to Jon Fuhrman at [jon\\_fuhrman@outlook.com](mailto:jon_fuhrman@outlook.com).

No in-person meetings or events for a while, but remember these options for staying current:

- Check out our website: [ACTpasadena.org](http://ACTpasadena.org). You'll find copies of current (and past) editions of *The Phoenix*, as well as a calendar of local events, political news and much more.
- *The Phoenix* will continue to be mailed so long as we can find safe procedures for doing so. One reason we need everyone's email is in case we must temporarily suspend the mail edition.
- The monthly Steering Committee meeting is now being held via Zoom. All members are welcome to attend. We will let you know how to join the meeting via [ACTpasadena.org](http://ACTpasadena.org), our webpage, or via email as the date approaches.



### Next Meeting – Zoom on June 4 Steering Committee to Consider Endorsing Joe Biden for President

All members are welcome to attend and take part but only Steering Committee members may vote on the endorsement.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m., with time for socializing preceding the meeting at 7 p.m. We hope

to have a guest speaker from the Pasadena Health Department on Pasadena's response to the coronavirus pandemic and the problems of Pasadena's vulnerable homeless community and a report from an ACT/ADC ad hoc committee on a letter and/or petition to presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden, with our advice on platform policy positions to help unite all the factions of the party to assure a November victory.



## Democratic Virtual House Parties

The Arroyo Democratic Club is being asked by the Democratic Party to host Virtual House Parties from now through Labor Day! House Parties are a way to connect friends, family members, club members, and Democrats and to engage on issues, experiences and strategies that are going to help us win in November. This is an opportunity for all of us to build and expand our volunteer bases, as well!

I will host a house party, will you? CADEM Coordinated Campaign Staff will help guide each leader through their house party!

Signup at <https://www.cadem.org/take-action/-host-a-virtual-house-party>

~ Tim Wendler



## Upcoming Meeting Programs

Please note that this listing and some of our meeting dates are tentative at this time.

June 4 – Steering Committee consideration of endorsing Joe Biden; Pasadena's response to the coronavirus pandemic including the homeless population and an ad hoc committee report on letter or petition to Biden  
 July 2 or 9 – UDH report by Chair Hoyt Hilsman and the (still to be hired) UDH campaign chair and (maybe) State party Chair Rusty Hicks

Mid-August – The Research Committee's report (the RC will meet soon after the close of filing on August 12)

Mid-September – Report of ACT/ADC ballot results and voting of any campaign contributions

(Another topic we are considering is the nationwide struggle to make voting by mail available to everyone in every state.) We would like to hear your suggestions, too.



## Melba Macneil



We are sorry to note that Melba Macneil, a longtime ACT member, died on April 12 at age 93. Missouri born Melba moved to Los Angeles with a girlfriend in 1949. She was a highly trained secretary, having chosen a practical career over her interest in art and she soon got a job with Pacific Electric/South Pacific Railway. She moved to O'Melveny and Meyers in 1962 and was Hugh Macneil's secretary for eight years. Hugh was a widower and he and Melba married in 1972.

Melba was enthusiastic and artistic. She was a supporter and board member of Haven House and Union Station and a busy hostess and traveler. The Macneils moved to Villa Gardens in 2000 and Hugh died in 2004.

We extend sympathy to Melba's three nephews, six stepchildren and their families. They suggest that any remembrances be made to Union Station Homeless Services, 825 E. Orange Grove Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91104.



## Welcome New and Returning ACT Members:

Linda Elyad, Monrovia

## UDH Activity During Covid-19

Pasadena Area United Democratic Headquarters (UDH) continues virtual operations in the lead up to the November 3, 2020 general election.

- Recruiting for campaign staff has begun.
- We also hope to involve one or more interns in campaign operations, primarily a Judy Boggs Intern selected by ACT/ADC.
- The UDH Steering Committee has been meeting monthly. ACT/ADC's representatives are Dolores Hickambottom, Sally Beer and Ron Garber. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2020 at 7:00pm using the password-protected Zoom meeting platform.
- A physical location for the UDH is uncertain at this time due to COVID-19 impacts to volunteers and the fact that campaign offices are not considered essential businesses. It is possible that an office could open on a limited basis in August to allow for pick-ups of campaign materials and merchandise. This will be predominantly a socially distanced campaign, which means phone calls, texting, e-mail, and postcard efforts.
- Caitlin Gallogly has done an excellent job with social media and technology for UDH. Please follow the UDH on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
- Please check the UDH website, [Pasadena-democrats.com](http://Pasadena-democrats.com), for updates on our efforts, and be sure to complete the UDH Volunteer Survey which is being circulated now to all past volunteers. <https://bit.ly/VolunteerUDH>.

~ Joanne Wendler and Hoyt Hilsman



## Applications for UDH Staff

Recruiting for campaign staff has begun, and the Personnel Committee expects to conduct interviews on or before June 15. Positions include Campaign Manager, Volunteer Coor-

inator and Merchandise Manager. See the recruitment flyer at [ACTpasadena.org](http://ACTpasadena.org) and share it with any potential campaign employees you know. Positions start July 15 and extend through November 8, 2020.

Resumes should be sent to the email address [2016udh@gmail.com](mailto:2016udh@gmail.com). The Personnel Committee is chaired by Jeanette Mann.



## UDH Volunteer Opportunities

The 2020 election is right around the corner and the stakes have never been higher! If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to fill out the **UDH Volunteer Survey**, letting them know what volunteer activities and local/national issues most interest you. It's quick and it's easy, and it should help them identify the best ways to keep you as involved as you'd like to be! The link with the form for volunteering can be found at <https://bit.ly/VolunteerUDH>.



## Letter to the Star News

It's going to be a brave new world and I'm looking forward to seeing how it plays out with, I admit, a little trepidation.

I'm over 70 with an underlying condition and I see it changing for me substantially but my grandchildren, all under 10, will notice no difference, so it's a matter of one's perspective.

Nature abhors a vacuum, so all the businesses and industries that will be lost will be replaced by new businesses and new industries, but that's no different than what I've seen in my lifetime, only now it may be accelerated.

Some people seem to always land on their feet and opportunities will magically fall into their laps while others, not paying attention, will crash and burn. I'm comfortably retired and have an easy chair in which to observe all the changes and indeed I will be watching.

~ Ron Garber

# Political Notes

by Jon Fuhrman



Monday, May 11.

Sometimes pundits shy away from talking about good news. Of course, the election is still six months away, and that's an awfully long time politically, and things can change, and who knows what tricks the President may still have up his sleeve. So particularly when polling and recent elections point to a dominating win by one side, pundits shrink back. But not me! I think there is compelling evidence suggesting an Electoral College blow-out for Vice-President Biden, with Dems easily holding the House and decisively taking back the Senate.

The evidence that convinces me is two-fold: current polling, and recent electoral results. On the polling side, one of my favorite political blogs is [www.electoral-vote.com](http://www.electoral-vote.com), which tracks the Presidential race daily state by state based on the two or three most recent polls from each state. They eliminate "internal" polls done by candidates' committees and polls from less

reliable firms. Their current count, based on these most recent polls, shows Biden with 352 EV's to 148 for President Trump, with Texas' 38 votes a tie. This count has Biden winning not only in the "blue wall" states of Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin, but also expanding his margin by winning Arizona, North Carolina, Florida and Ohio, with Georgia and Iowa going Rep by only 1 or 2 points.

The polling suggesting these wins has been remarkably consistent, as has Biden's lead in nationwide polling. It is also consistent with other polling in those states; for example, in North Carolina, Gov. Roy Cooper is running at least 10 points ahead of his GOP opponent, and the Democratic candidate for Senate, Cal Cunningham, is running 7 – 10 points ahead of the GOP incumbent, Thom Tillis.

What seals the deal for me, though, are the recent electoral results. Let's focus on last month's Wisconsin State Supreme Court race for some detail. In April, 2019, there was another Supreme Court race pitting a conservative GOP, Trump-endorsed candidate against a liberal Dem for an open seat that had been held by a liberal Justice. Although Wisconsinites had just elected an entire Democratic slate of state-wide officers in November 2018, from Governor to AG to Secretary of State to Treasurer, the conservative candidate eked out a 5,000-vote win (50.2% to 49.1%) out of 1.2 million votes cast (a 35.4% state-wide turnout).

But this time, against an incumbent, conservative GOP judge strongly endorsed by President Trump (which should have made the race even more daunting), the Democratic challenger, Jill Karofsky, won a smashing victory with almost a 163,000 vote margin out of 1.55 million votes cast (a 55.2% vs 44.7% margin). Virtually all observers expected another nail-biter with the thinnest of margins, but Karofsky blew away her opponent.

Digging a little deeper into the race, it's interesting (at least for some of us data wonks) to

ask if this was simply the Democratic base getting out when the GOP base wasn't really interested, or if this suggests a deeper and broader shift in voter behavior. Wisconsin unfortunately does not track party affiliation when voters register, so we can't get the sort of party-based analysis that we're used to in analyzing California races. Further, the Democratic Presidential primary was on that same election. So it's fair to question whether the greater interest in the Democratic primary boosted turnout disproportionately, even though Sen. Sanders had essentially already abandoned his race weeks earlier as Vice-Pres. Biden swept both Super-Tuesday and the subsequent primaries a week later and garnered endorsements from all the other contenders except for Sanders and Warren.

Without data showing voter turnout by party, we have to use "proxies" for that data. If this smashing victory was due to disproportionate Democratic turnout, then the Democratic strongholds of Dane County (with Madison and the Univ. of Wisconsin campus) and Milwaukee County



(with the City of Milwaukee) should show a greater contribution to the overall state vote. In 2019, Dane County's vote amounted to 12.6% of the state total; Milwaukee County was 12.4%. In 2020, with the sweeping Democratic victory, Dane County was 12.7% of the state total, and Milwaukee County was 12.9%. The differences, clearly, are miniscule.

We can also look at the Supreme Court vote compared to the votes in the Presidential primaries. (Voters in Wisconsin, since they don't register with a party, can vote in either primary on Election Day, so they can switch between parties with no legal barriers.) In 2020, 925,000 voters cast votes on the Democratic ticket (63% for Biden, and 32% for Sanders).

That's about 75,000 votes more than Jill Karofsky, the liberal candidate, got for Supreme Court. Similarly, 630,000 voters cast votes in the Republican Presidential primary, about 65,000 fewer votes than the conservative Court candidate received.

Thus, about 75,000 voters switched sides between the Presidential and the Supreme Court races, most likely due to GOP voters voting in the Presidential race (either for Biden as the preferable alternative, or for Sanders as the candidate more vulnerable in November) but went back "home" to the GOP candidate for the Court race. But those 75,000 voters represent a relatively modest share of the electorate. It

would appear that many more formerly GOP voters – voters who had gone for Trump in 2016, for the GOP Court candidate in 2019 – now are voting Democratic. Further, this seemed to be the case throughout the state, with the Democratic candidate doing far better even in deeply red rural areas as well as in suburban areas and core Democratic areas, and in down-ballot races as well, as Democrats captured a number of traditionally GOP county offices.

This thesis – that we are seeing a broadly based disavowal of President Trump and the GOP brand generally – is not something that would be unique to Wisconsin. I think it correlates with Democrats' success in winning the House in November 2018, with Democrat Andy Beshear winning the Kentucky Gubernatorial race in 2019, with Democratic down-ballot successes in the Philadelphia suburbs and other suburban areas in that same 2019 election, and with Vice-President Biden's consistent out-performance in suburban areas in the South and Mid-west. Further, it explains the current polling results across the country, which, to the amazement of most pundits, puts Biden well out ahead of President Trump. It's also, I think,

not something likely to turn around within the next six months, even if we recover substantially from the economic damage we're suffering from now.

Thus, I'm sticking to my prediction of 350 – 400 electoral votes for Biden, with the Vice-President bringing along with him a decisively Democratic Senate. Yes, there is still a lot of work to be done, and it is all the more challenging in this new social distancing environment. And not everything is turning up roses. We have a special election tomorrow right here in our backyard, and at the moment it looks like the GOP has a good shot at picking up a seat. The absentee ballots turned in so far for the CD-25 race are distinctly more Republican than Democratic, by a solid 8%. Of course, it is not clear how many registered GOP voters might vote Democratic instead, but in a lower turnout special election, we tend to see the more loyal voters on each side turning out. That would suggest we might well see the GOP flip the seat, only to lose it back in November as Democratic low-propensity voters flock back to the polls.

In addition to our CD-25 race, there is a special Congressional election in Wisconsin's CD-7, which used to be a rural GOP stronghold. In past years, the GOP incumbent routinely ran up 60% margins, but this time, there is an unusually strong Democratic challenger. If the Dems come within even 10% of the GOP, in this strongly red district, that would be further evidence of a tidal shift among voters. The final results for both these elections will be delayed as we wait for last-minute absentee ballots mailed on Tuesday to come in, but the results should be out by the time you read this *Phoenix*.

~ Jon Fuhrman



## PCC COVID-19 Update

Dear Fellow ACT Member,

I hope this email finds you and your family safe and healthy! The world has changed so drastically in the past month, and we are all finding ways to cope with the whirlwind of disruptions in our lives. Here at Pasadena City College, the Board of Trustees continues to meet monthly to conduct important business of the College. Some key developments at the College during this period are the following:

1. Closed the PCC campus to all students and the public. Custodial and facilities staff remain on campus, along with police officers and cadets, the Superintendent-President, and two Vice Presidents. All other staff and administrators are working largely from home using VPN and other technology to continue the work of the college. In several areas, key staff are present in the office on a rotating basis to ensure that paperwork is processed.
2. Moved all instruction to remote/online delivery for the remainder of Spring 2020.
3. Providing student support (distance learning, technology, counseling, tutoring, mental health counseling, emergency and basic needs aid).
4. Postponed the Spring 2020 graduation to June 2021.
5. Finalizing Summer and Fall class schedules to include both online and face-to-face classes, with a plan to transition all classes to remote/online if necessary due to another COVID-19 outbreak.
6. PCC will be receiving \$15.2 million of CARES Act funds, to be split evenly between direct student support and support for the college. We have developed a process to distribute \$5 million in emergency aid to our students, and we are beginning to contact students now to assess their needs. The remaining dollars will be reserved to help students in Summer

and Fall, especially if our economy continues to struggle.

In this time of great challenge, I am touched by the coming together of the community and the support of community members like you. I plan to provide more updates as needed to keep you informed. If you have any questions or comments, please feel to contact me or visit PCC's website, which has up to date information. <https://pasadena.edu/>

In closing, I would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to Hoyt Hilsman for his service as a fellow PCC trustee and will miss his guidance and compassion on the PCC board.

Warmest regards, ~ Sandra Chen Lau  
Trustee, Pasadena Area  
Community College District- Area 1



## My Two Cents

By Ron Garber



Continuing last month's theme of journalism, I'll relate a story that gives you a little more insight into me. I'm certain we all have memories of that particular teacher who motivated us, and I have fond memories of my Junior High School Journalism teacher Ms. Hirshon. In Junior High School Journalism, 56 years ago, I learned a very basic journalism rule which stands out for me until this day; write your story in the form of an inverted pyramid. Imagine an equilateral triangle with the point at the bottom. The concept is that when writing your story, you're going to start with the most important facts first and as you get farther and farther down, the information, while hopefully still interesting, is not as important to the story as anything written above. Editors who have to meet time deadlines and juggle space on page formats need to trim

stories so they just lop off the excess from the bottom of what you've submitted and if you've done it right everything that's been cut has less importance than what remains.

I often used this concept not only in writing, but when making presentations or speaking. In my long career with the IRS I spent several years as a Program Manager in the Los Angeles District's Equal Employment Opportunity Office. The three programs I managed were the Selective Placement Program which was responsible for hiring people with disabilities and the procurement of reasonable accommodations for people who had disabilities, The Federal Women's Program and the Asian/Pacific Heritage Program. I also was responsible for monitoring the EEO Counselors who did initial investigations of EEO discrimination complaints. In those capacities I was often called upon to make presentations and the time allotted for those speeches would vary so I organized them in the inverted pyramid format.

Why am I bringing this up in this column? Being sequestered I find that I have lots of time and this month's column figures to be a long one unless Chuck and Sally have cut it which wouldn't surprise me. To that end the following segments are in the order of what I consider to be the most important and want you to read. Anything at the bottom, while hopefully still interesting, is not as important.

### 2020 Election Volunteer Opportunity

At the end of last month's column, I mentioned that we (a network of postcard writing volunteers) had completed our program of writing and mailing postcards for Christy Smith's May 12 runoff to complete the Congressional term vacated by the abrupt resignation of Katie Hill. Over 15,000 postcards have been mailed to Democratic voters in CD 25 and I want to pay tribute to my partner Karen Rowinsky and the leaders of prolific postcard volunteer groups, Suzanne Goldberg and Susan Bosch. Since last

July I've been courting the Mark Kelly campaign to initiate a GOTV postcard program for Arizona and soon after the April 13 finish of our Christy Smith Campaign I again made contact with them, but was asked to be patient as they were not certain that they wanted to do a postcard program and if they did, they wanted time to consider what form it might take. In the meantime, we're all sitting at home twiddling our thumbs.

April 28, I get an intriguing email from ACT Member Gail Bardin who's a friend of Jeanette Mann. She very kindly mentioned my April column and related that she's the team leader for Swing Left, South Bay San Diego and if I'm having difficulty landing a new GOTV postcard program she would be happy for me to join their organization in writing letters for "Vote Forward" a companion organization to Swing Left. I've been aware of the fine programs that Swing Left and Vote Forward have conducted over the last year and have participated in sending letters that were targeted to unregistered voters falling into 3 distinct classes, 1. single women, 2. potential voters of color, and 3. potential voters who are Gen X'ers, all from targeted states. The criteria for those targeted states are the potential to flip a Senate seat, flip the electoral college votes and end gerrymandering by flipping their legislatures and Governorships. To qualify as a targeted state, they would need to meet two or three of those criteria.

I was not aware that this new program was a GOTV letter that would be completed currently, but not go out until October 27 to arrive within in few days of the election. This is exactly what we've been looking for and exceeds the goal of just working for a Senate candidate. These letters which will be sent to Democrats who have a spotty record of actually getting to the polls, figure to deliver not only the U.S. Senate but also the White House and reduce gerrymandering. On top of that each volunteer can pick one or more of 12 targeted

states.

Now for the good news and the bad news. Postcards have messages of between 50 and 70 words and are tedious to write whereas these letters are already written but - and this is important - leave a space for the volunteer to tell the voter why the volunteer always votes. The handwritten envelope and this personal message prominently placed in the letter, which is brief and to the point, ensures that the recipient will read the letter. You get to design your own personal message which is in a space following this message:

"I'm writing to you today to urge you to vote and to share my story with you. I vote in every election because:"

"I'm concerned about my grandchildren's future!" \*

\* *That's my personal message.*

The bad news; instead of 70 words my message only has 6 words and I can complete many, many more of these letters than the postcards I'm used to writing. If you've been reading my column you know that I have committed to writing 10,000 postcards by November 3 but now I have calculated that between the postcards I have already completed and these letters I can complete 20,000 instead of 10,000. The problem is, postcards carry 35 cent stamps while letters require 55 cent stamps and 20,000 times .55 equals 11,000 dollars. My 'Better Half' also known as 'My Boss' told me that I'm not writing 20,000 letters. So I've calculated that I can do 200 letters a week which will keep me busy for about 15 hours a week, for the next 25 weeks and those 5000 letters will set me back 2,750 dollars which, when added to what I have already done, come to a little over 3 grand which puts me back in the ballpark of my initial commitment.

Anyway if any of you are interested in this project send email to [ronagarber@yahoo.com](mailto:ronagarber@yahoo.com) or

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**From  
25<sup>th</sup> District  
State Senator  
Anthony  
Portantino**



Dear ACT Friends,

What an amazing time. I hope everyone is social distancing and staying healthy. The four of us in our household have been doing our best to cohabitate and make the best of our time together. Believe it or not, we've been playing a lot of Charades to pass the time and keep us all sane. Sofia returned from Germany and Bella has joined too many young people in the Class of 2020 with the strangest of senior years. From my family to yours we wish you well during this unprecedented pandemic.

The County of Los Angeles and the State of California have done an excellent job of keeping everyone up to date on the public health issues and the general behavioral expectations. Governor Newsom's daily briefings have been thorough and have led the nation. California was the first state to initiate a stay at home policy which the Governor began to relax this week. Consequently, our curve has flattened. Before the legislature went on recess, we gave the Governor additional resources to combat the virus and we endeavored to help our schools, too. The State Senate Budget Committee has been maintaining its oversight role and endeavoring to hold the Governor accountable.

Sadly, the upcoming budget is not going to be pretty. In particular, our schools will face significant fiscal challenges. In an effort to focus on the pandemic, Senators have significantly reduced our bill packages. The Senate has three main goals for the balance of the legislative year. Help the Governor directly stem

the tide of the virus, maintain our oversight responsibility and create and implement an economic recovery effort that compliments the Federal Government's efforts. Obviously, housing, homelessness and healthcare are all part of these efforts.

My staff has been fielding significant casework. We have helped as many residents of the 25th Senate District as we could, and we have been there in spirit where we were unable to bring positive resolutions. Recently, my entire staff took part in an EDD webinar given by the Secretary of Labor. We don't have all the answers but we will try to the best of our ability to help you if you need it. Please don't hesitate to call my Glendale office if you are having issues for which you need our support.

I don't know how to write about COVID-19 and not comment on the upcoming presidential election in November. Frankly, America won't be America under four more years of the Trump administration. This is truly the most important election in our lifetime. Even George Bush created a video calling for unity and was swiftly maligned by 45. It's staggering just how much time this insensitive, weak man spends discussing himself, his petty squabbles and misleading the public. We have to get Vice President Biden elected!

On an even more serious note, mental health issues have become even more of a concern and priority for families. I brought together four Marriage and Family Therapists for a robust discussion to help families cope with COVID-19. The entire conversation is available on my state webpage. It's worth a listen, as we covered many topics that were on people's minds.

I am headed back to Sacramento this week to focus on the issues I mentioned above. Please stay safe.

Respectfully,

~ Anthony

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



Dear ACT Friends,

I hope you and your family are well. As you all know, the challenges during this pandemic continue to mount. From increasing unemployment rates to our struggling economy, it can be difficult to stay positive or to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Thankfully, we are on the path to reopen California. Governor Newsom has laid out a four-stage reopening framework that will guide how and when businesses and public spaces may open in a modified way that follows public health guidelines. Since most Californians have adhered to the stay at home orders, we have been able to “flatten the curve” allowing us to move into Stage 2. Now, lower-risk workplaces such as retail curbside pickup, manufacturing, logistics offices, and expanded public spaces may begin reopening. Stage 3 will mean higher-risk workplaces open, followed by Stage 4 which would be the end of the stay at home order.

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, the Assembly reconvened with strict social distancing measures in place for a now much smaller list of bills to be heard in policy committee hearings. As of now, three of my own bills will be heard in committees in the next month – AB 1994, AB 2019, and AB 2983. I am also working on new legislation to relieve smaller cities and counties struggling financially from the pandemic.

AB 1994 would make healthcare more accessible for juvenile inmates coming out of incarceration by prohibiting the termination of Medi-Cal benefits for those who are eligible. Continuity of care is critical for improving health outcomes for vulnerable populations, decreasing need for costlier health care services later

down the road, and increasing rates of successful community reintegration.

AB 2019 would increase access for dual enrollment for students in juvenile court. If passed, students in juvenile court schools, like foster and homeless youth who experience high rates of educational instability, will be able to benefit from dual enrollment opportunities just as any other student in California.

AB 2983 strengthens regulations around automatic refills for prescription medication that can lead to improper practice of medicine. The bill would stop pharmacies from automatically requesting prescription refills for more than one week. The purpose of the legislation is to ensure that the practice of automatic refills is not driven by economic incentive but instead, what is best for the patient.

I am also proud to coauthor ACA 5, a California Legislative Black Caucus Priority. This measure would initiate a ballot initiative to officially repeal Proposition 209, California’s ban on affirmative action, thereby creating a more equitable playing field for disadvantaged groups to have greater access public contracting, public employment, and public education.

Lastly, I was alarmed to hear that Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva planned to close the Altadena Station. I have asked him to reconsider his decision as this closure will certainly have a negative impact on the safety and security of Altadena citizens, and cause a regression of local participation in local programs by the Sheriff. Hopefully, with enough community pushback, we will not see the closure of this important station.

Looking forward to keeping you up to date in the next ACT newsletter and maybe soon to see you all in person.

Sincerely, ~ Chris R. Holden

Editor’s Note: Thanks to the County Supervisors and Assemblyman Holden, the Altadena Sheriff Station will stay open.

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call me at 626 359-6143 and I'll set you up with either Gail or Karen or San Gabriel Valley Swing Left and you can either print your own letters or we can print them for you with very easy to understand instructions. You will need to provide the envelopes and the stamps. Amazon has a fine envelope that can be purchased in boxes of 500 for about \$15 which works out to 3 cents an envelope.

**Progress Report** -- In regards to my commitment to write 10,000 postcards, that has been reduced to 6336 combination postcards and letters as discussed in the 2nd segment of this column. As far as my weight loss program this month I've lost another 8 pounds and am down to 228 pounds which represents a total weight loss since the first of the year of 37 pounds with 48 to go.

~ Ron out

**Since this column was written new post-card opportunities have emerged. Please contact Ron at [ronagarber@yahoo.com](mailto:ronagarber@yahoo.com).**



## June Phoenix Deadline

We expect that the June *Phoenix* deadline will be Monday evening, June 8. Please send items you wish to have published to Chuck Hains at [hains27@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hains27@sbcglobal.net). (Chuck will continue to contact regular contributors with a deadline reminder.)



## ACT/ADC Webpage

Check out our webpage, [ACTpasadena.org](http://ACTpasadena.org) for information about online meetings and political news and views – especially now in the throes of the coronavirus pandemic. Also, you will find the current issue of *The Phoenix* (and past issues too) on the webpage.



## Calendar

- May 18 Monday UDH Steering Meeting via Zoom. 7 p.m.
- June 4 Thursday ACT Steering and ADC Meeting via Zoom. Topic: Pasadena's response to COVID-19. Check [ACTpasadena.org](http://ACTpasadena.org) for details. Socializing 7 p.m.; meeting 7:30p.m.
- July 2 or 9 ACT Steering & ADC Meeting.
- Mid-August Research Committee Meeting soon after the August 12 close of filing.
- Mid- August ACT Steering and ADC Meeting via Zoom after the Research Committee meets.
- August 17 Democratic National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin the week of August 17.



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## Membership Renewal for 2020

Renew your membership in ACT and/or ADC today! Use the form below or renew online at [www.ACTpasadena.org](http://www.ACTpasadena.org). We need your support. And thanks to all of you who have generously renewed for 2020 already.

Note also: We need your **Email address!**

Please contact Executive Director Jon Fuhrman if you have any questions about your membership at [jon\\_fuhrman@outlook.com](mailto:jon_fuhrman@outlook.com) or 626 864-5255.



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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$40 Single                               | <input type="checkbox"/> \$70 Single Sustaining |
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### I'd like to join the Arroyo Democratic Club (Checks payable to ADC)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Single                               | <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Single Sustaining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Each additional member per household | <input type="checkbox"/> \$85 Double Sustaining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Student or limited income            | <input type="checkbox"/> \$125 Patron           |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$275 Benefactor       |

### Extra Contribution

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

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