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A New Generation of Women Leaders On Local Governing Boards

At the January Steering Committee meeting ACT members heard from three women newly elected to local public office. By happy coincidence, the theme continued that evening when the Pasadena City Council selected a woman to complete the Council term of new Mayor, Victor Gordo.

The new Council Member is ACT member **JESSICA (JESS) RIVAS**. Her selection doubles the number of women, and also the number of Hispanics, on the City Council. Jess is an attorney for L.A. County who is active in her neighborhood association and has served on several City Commissions. She was a unanimous selection.



We wish Jess well and hope to hear from her at a future Steering Committee meeting, just as we heard from these new leaders in January:

JENNIFER HALL LEE was elected to the PUSD School Board in November. A documentarian and writer, with a child at Blair HS, Jennifer is a former member of the Altadena Town Council. In her remarks she noted that 45% of local students do not attend the PUSD. She sees this as a loss not only for the schools but for all residents – contributing to social isolation and needless divisions in our society. A major focus of her work on the School Board will be to publicize the many attributes of PUSD, help attract new parents and students, and make the schools a strong unifying factor for our community.



TINA WU FREDERICKS was also elected to the PUSD Board in November. An engineer and a former math teacher, she is a long-time PTA activist and has two children who have attended PUSD schools. Tina reported on progress toward reopening the schools, noting that about 10% of employees have been vaccinated thus far. She also expressed gratitude for voters passing Measure O which will allow upgrades in technology, infrastructure and “curb appeal” projects. Tina puts an emphasis on making the PUSD and its budget more transparent. She hopes this will lead to reordering budget priorities to better serve the needs of parents and students. She is also an advocate of building stronger



public-private relationships that could leverage Pasadena's many assets to strengthen public schools.

New PCC Trustee **TAMMY SILVER** has worked in the educational supplies business most of her life – including founding Mari Inc., which was for a time one of the nation's largest women-owned businesses.



Tammy is active in Pasadena's civic life, serving as a city commissioner and president of her local neighborhood association. She was elected last March, just as PCC was hit by the pandemic, and is especially proud of how quickly and flexibly the college met the challenge. She notes that PCC continues to receive recognition and awards for excellence and is a strong draw for students from all over the region. At the same time, she is focused on improving outreach to local students -- citing the successful mini-campus at Muir HS as an example of how PCC can work with local school districts.

~ Fred Register



Ellen Coles



Our dear friend, Ellen Coles died on January 27 just ten days after her 98th birthday in Tacoma, WA where she was staying with her daughter Betsy.

Ellen Searight was an Indiana native, raised on

the ancestral farm of her father's family. She entered Purdue University in 1940 and graduated in 1946, having spent two WWII years working as a chemist in the testing lab of a munitions factory. Upon graduation, she went to work as an editorial assistant at the University of Minnesota Press and met Donald Coles through mutual friends. They married in 1947 and moved to California so Donald could attend graduate school at Caltech – where he stayed his entire career. In 1955 they moved to their Altadena home, raising their four children there.

Ellen attended Cal State L A part time for several years, earning a secondary teaching credential and completing work for a Master's degree in English Literature. She taught in Highland Park and substituted in the PUSD. A local public-school advocate, she volunteered many hours at John Muir High School, particularly supporting the AFS foreign exchange program.

The Coles were long-time members of ACT. Ellen served as Membership Chair, Recording Secretary and Co-Chair while generously supporting fundraisers. She also worked in many local political campaigns and was a stalwart participant in the weekly (at the corner of Lake and Cordova) protests against the US attack of Iraq.

Ellen was an avid reader, a kind and charming friend, and both erudite and self-deprecatory. (Of her children, all National Merit Scholars, she once said, "they were probably just good test-takers." We suspect they were much more than that!)

Our sympathy goes to the Coles children: Chris, Betsy, Ken (Priscilla) and Janet (Kathy Carsey), two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. They suggest that any memorial contributions may be made to Union Station Homeless Services, 875 E. Orange Grove Blvd., Pasadena 91104. A service of remembrance will be held in Pasadena at a later date.

Nellie Moore

Our good friend, Nellie Rogers Moore died of Covid-19 on February 6 at age 95. Nellie was an engaged citizen always; bright, caring, and funny, who gave solid support to Rev. Inman Moore, her husband of seventy-three years, and their four children and extended family. (Inman called her both his chief critic and chief promoter.)



The Moore family moved from their Mississippi home to Southern California in 1963 after the publication of the statement “Born of Conviction” signed by twenty-eight young United Methodist Church Ministers, including Inman. “Born of Conviction” said in part, that all human beings were born free and equal, opposed racial discrimination, and opposed the building of private schools with state tax money to avoid school integration. It received nationwide publicity and caused an uproar in the South. Many of the twenty-eight ended up in California after having to leave Mississippi over their statement. Inman was appointed pastor of the Palmdale United Methodist Church and the family settled in the Antelope Valley. We are very glad they eventually arrived in Pasadena and became members of ACT.

In addition to being a minister’s wife, Nellie had many years of success as a Pasadena businesswoman and before that as an administrative assistant at Jet Propulsion Laboratories.

Both Moores were ACT Steering Committee members. Nellie was a faithful Mailing Committee member, joining in the monthly folding, sealing and labeling of hundreds, if not thousands, of copies of *The Phoenix*.

On June 9, 2019, Nellie and Inman were honored by ACT for their decades of ethical leadership in and around Pasadena. At the ceremony, Con-

gressman Adam Schiff remarked, “When I think of ethical leadership on a national level, I think of (legendary civil rights leader) John Lewis. When I think of ethical leadership on a local level, I think of Inman Moore and Nellie Moore.” Nellie’s health had begun to fail by then and she had trouble walking, but she proudly walked to the podium that day and graciously thanked Schiff and the others for the honor. She was beaming.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Inman, the Moore children Linda, Patricia, Robert and David and the six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Donations can be made in Nellie’s memory to her favorite charity, the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s research, MichaelJFox.org.



Laqueta Scott

Laqueta Scott, long-time ACT member and beloved wife of Dr. Jack Scott, died of Covid-19 on February 6th after a brief illness. She was 86. Laqueta taught English at Cerritos College for more than 20 years. A talented writer, she was a frequent columnist for local newspapers. We so enjoyed the columns she wrote for the Pasadena Star-News. Her viewpoint - and the subjects she chose - was totally unique, relevant and welcome.



Laqueta Isbell Scott grew up in rural Texas before meeting and marrying Jack at Abilene Christian College. Later on, she completed her BA at Pepperdine before earning a Masters from CSULA. Laqueta and Jack were a powerhouse team throughout his career as a minister, P.C.C. President and State Senator. Many friends felt she was the more gifted politician of the two.

Laqueta was a warm and gracious presence in our community, always working to help others and

supporting causes like the Foster Care Project at All Saints Church. She is survived by Jack and by four of their five children: Sharon, Sheila, Amy and Greg, eleven grandchildren and many great grandchildren. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to them.



Betty Sandford

Our friend and loyal ACT member, Betty Sandford died on January 13 at age 93. Betty was born in Monrovia and lived there for most of her years. She was an energetic activist for the nuclear freeze, for school integration, for fighting climate change and for assisting those in need. She was also a longtime Monrovia School Board member and founder of the Foothill Unity Center.



Always physically active, she was a traveler (to nearly every continent), read voraciously, was a runner, and even took up jazz drumming.

We extend sympathy to her children Randy, Leslie and Kevin Sandford, her seven grandchildren, five great grandchildren and family friend Liz Burby. To honor Betty, they suggest donating to a favorite charity, or writing a letter-to-the-editor, or volunteering; doing something to make our world, our country, our community a better place.



ACT's and ADC's Website

Bruce Wright, our website manager, assisted by Marcus Green, keeps our website constantly updated.



You will find the current *Phoenix* newsletter and a newsletter archive there, breaking political news and links to other relevant items. Our web address is <https://www.ACTpasadena.org>.

Political Notes

by Jon Fuhrman



Tuesday, February 9.

I suppose it's a bit like being in recovery. No elections, no tweets, no outrages, no excessive drama. What's a political junkie to do?

For the next week, at least, we have the impeachment. President Trump never tires of being the first, the biggest, the best – the first to have been impeached twice, the first ever to have been tried after leaving office. Can't wait to see those entries in the Guinness Book of Records.

While ex-President Trump is overwhelmingly likely to avoid conviction, the "over-under" betting seems to be around 60 – will there be more than 60 votes for conviction (which requires votes by 2/3 of the members present). Six GOP Senators already voted to support proceeding with the trial and will likely vote to convict. Is it possible another 4 or 5 will vote to convict? Several of those votes – like Richard Shelby of

Alabama and Rob Portman of Ohio – have already announced they are not running for re-election, liberating them from political pressures and allowing them to vote their conscience. My guess is that we might pick up two or three more votes, but five or six would really be pushing the envelope. Nonetheless, 56 – 62 votes to convict is a pretty convincing repudiation of the ex-President’s conduct, not that it’s likely to have any real impact on Mr. Trump.

But the Senate trial will likely be over pretty much by the time you read this column. Then it will be back to the mundane life of President Biden – jobs, stimulus, and COVID. Of those, COVID is the issue most immediately apparent and palpable to Americans. The vaccinations are proceeding apace, but the pace is still too slow. California, for example, is vaccinating about 1 million people a week. That sounds like a huge number. But with 40 million people (give or take) each needing two shots, it would take 20 months at that pace to inoculate to every citizen – flatly unacceptable. The bottleneck, pretty clearly, is supply. Mayors, Governors and other local leaders around the country are screaming for more vaccine. The distribution and inoculation structure is scalable – it can handle more or less as much supply as we can feed into it. But it’s the manufacturing of the vaccine that’s holding things up. If the Biden Administration can dramatically boost supply, so that California, for example, inoculates 4 million people in a week, then voters are likely to judge the Administration a roaring success and support all sorts of other initiatives about which they might normally be skeptical. But if the Administration is not able dramatically to increase supply, and we drag the inoculation period past summer and into fall, there will be

tough times ahead, both in Congress and in the 2022 mid-term elections.

The irony is that this vaccination program – the implementation of Project WarpSpeed – was supposed to be President Trump’s crowning achievement. Vaccines were in fact successfully developed in record time, against all conventional scientific expectations, and the military was called in to organize and oversee the management and logistics sides. Yet, after the November election, suddenly no one cared, and it appears that planning and implementation efforts pretty much stopped dead in their tracks. So the Biden Administration is left with a legacy of lost opportunity and not much time to rectify the situation.

Fairly or not, this will make or break the Administration. Eventually getting it right won’t do – if this stretches much past Memorial Day, voters’ patience will have worn out and the Administration, in their eyes, will be permanently tarnished.

While the Administration is scrounging up more vaccines and more manufacturing capacity, it’s also hard at work scrounging up votes for the stimulus package.

While Sen. Joe Manchin and a number of centrist GOP Senators have expressed concern about a blanket additional \$1,400 payment, the Administration seems entirely willing to find some compromise by which the stimulus payments are directed more exclusively to those most needy, possibly by lowering the income cap to qualify for the stimulus. Further, the Administration seems resigned to having the minimum increase dropped from the reconciliation package, especially since it really doesn’t meet the rules that limit what can be included in reconciliation packages. However, the Administration is likely to come back to this issue – if not with a straight



hike to \$15 (from the current level of \$7.25), then perhaps a “path to \$15”, similar to what California adopted, with smaller hikes staged over a multi-year period.

My guess is that the stimulus package will be passed by early March, with votes to spare in the Senate. The Administration was quick to signal willingness to work with Sen. Mitt Romney as he proposed a more generous child “allowance” for families – one that could include outright monthly payments, administered by the Social Security Administration, with families from the lower end of the economic spectrum all the way up to upper middle class eligible to receive the payments. The eligibility will likely be lowered considerably – Romney proposed allowing families earning up to \$400,000 to receive some credits. But by sharing credit for this and other provisions supported on both sides of the aisle, the President is likely to round up a good number of GOP votes in the Senate.

On the jobs front, the President doesn’t really need to do anything – other than pass the stimulus bill and get the country vaccinated. If we can return to some semblance of normalcy by this summer, the economy will rescue itself. But if we’re still distancing and quarantining ourselves, there’s probably not much anyone can do to create new jobs – or recreate old ones that were lost during the virus / recession. So here’s to manufacturing more vaccine and getting us all immunized and hoping that, by this fall, we can go back to indoor dining, gyms, theaters, travel and all the other activities that, for so long, we took for granted.

~ Jon Fuhrman



Next ACT and ADC Meeting Via Zoom

Thursday, March 4, 7 p.m.

Join ACT and ADC at our March Zoom meeting. Our featured guest is **ACLU-SoCal staff attorney Mohammad Tajsar on ‘Police Surveillance Practices.’** How does technology, especially facial recognition technology by government and private entities impact police policy and civil rights?



The mass collection and use of your personal data by city governments, police departments, and private companies has become a threat to individual civil liberty and the right to privacy in the digital age. This “invasive” topic will be the subject of ACT’s Steering Committee program on Thursday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Mohammad Tajsar, a senior staff attorney at the ACLU of Southern California will be presenting and leading a discussion of recent revelations regarding the widespread use of surveillance technology by the City of Pasadena’s police department including face recognition and automated license plate readers.

Tajsar, who is also a resident of Pasadena, will review what these technologies are, the concerns about their use, and most importantly what we can do in response. He works on police misconduct, government surveillance, and protecting individuals’ and organizations’ rights in the digital world.

Keep an eye out for an ACT email the week of March 1 with the Zoom link to attend.

Socializing begins at 7 p.m. with the meeting following at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

~ Ed Washatka



Upcoming ACT / ADC Meetings

MARCH: (See previous). ACLU attorney Muhammad Tajsar, will address the topic of police surveillance practices, especially use of facial recognition technology, by government and private entities.

APRIL: City Government: Experiences, Challenges. Newly elected Mayor Victor Gordo will highlight his experiences, challenges and priorities.

~ Ann Hickambottom



Coded Bias – Facial Recognition Technology

Are You Being Targeted? Film (2/15-2/21) and Panel Discussion (2/21, 6 p.m.)

Learn how facial recognition technology is biased against women and people of color and how it is being used by law enforcement agencies.

Sponsored by LWV – LA and Pasadena Area, ACLU-SoCal, Loyola Law School

\$10 Registration for 2/15 – 2/21 Film Screening and 2/21, 6 p.m. Panel.

Register at [CodedBiasLA.Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)



Calif. Democratic Party ADEM Elections

As you may have heard, the ADEM vote-by-mail ballot deadline was extended one week to Wednesday, February 3. The ballots were tabulated from that date through February 8. On Tuesday, February 9, the California Democratic Party:

- Posted the results - and a digital copy of all counted ballots - on their website
- Released the 2021 ADEM Post Analysis

- Shared an online survey prepared by the Rules Subcommittee on ADEM Elections soliciting feedback to begin the full assessment process to improve the ADEMs process for 2023. The web address is <https://www.cadem.org>.

Here are the District 41 ADEM Winners

Tina Fredericks, Executive Board Winner, Elizabeth Trejo, Marguerite Renner, Mindy Pfeiffer, Cindy Montoya, Charlotte Char Bland, Ellen Dalbey Finkelpearl.

Robert M. Nelson, John H. Doyle II, Ryan Bell, Sam Berndt, Tim Wendler, Steven Gibson, Josue Barnes.

Congratulation to ACT members Tina Fredericks, Peggy Renner, Char Bland, Bobby Nelson, and Tim Wendler.



Looking for a Federal Political Appointment?

Are you, or someone you know, interested in serving as a political appointee in the Biden-Harris administration? The Coalition for Women's Appointments is here to help!

Through our website Appoint Women and Raise the BAR: Be Appointment Ready step-by-step informational guide, prospective candidates for political appointment can review all of the requirements, gather necessary documentation and receive tips and best practices on how to prepare a federal government appointment application.

The incoming administration's is commendably committed to gender parity with a focus on diversity and inclusion of historically underrepresented groups including women of color, LGBTQ+, and those with disabilities. After completing our process, prospective women applicants can choose to submit a biographical form to the Coalition for Women's Appointments' Digital Registry for consideration through our expert subject matter task forces. Join us as we build back better in 2021 and beyond! Find out more at <http://www.appoint-women.org>.

~ Marguerite Cooper, VP NWPC

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



Dear ACT Members,

I was so saddened to hear about the passing of beloved ACT members Lacreata Scott and Nellie Moore, Ellen Coles, and Betty Sandford. What tremendous, kind and good people. Ellen and I send our deepest prayers and love to Jack and Inman and the families of all. Our community has faced far too many losses this past year.

California's desperate need for affordable housing is on the minds of many ACT members, families, activists, community leaders and local government officials. In 2011, the state dissolved Redevelopment Agencies (RDA's) which subsequently took away roughly \$12 billion dollars of dedicated funding for affordable housing. I was part of small handful of legislators who opposed this action. I argued then, that we shouldn't end RDAs without having a replacement funding source. It's been a decade and we still haven't created such a fund.

Currently, California is having an internal debate between FDR and Reagan. Recent efforts to re-zone California and cut regulation hoped that an infusion of market rate housing density would trickle down to create affordable housing. On the other end of the spectrum there have been efforts to recreate a dedicated funding source for cities and counties to use to build affordable housing. Thus far, both efforts have been unsuccessful.

What's missing in the discussion is a focus on the economics related to housing. From 1945 until 1980, 80% of America's economic expansion benefited the middle class. Which was why first-time homeownership exploded during that

period. From 1980 until today, 80% of America's economic expansion has benefited the wealthiest Americans. Post Reagan, far too many middle-class and working-class Californians have become renters not homeowners.

We should be ensuring that homes and neighborhoods across Cal have access to mass transit and are affordable which is why I have been a strong proponent of completing the Gold Line and reestablishing funding to help cities produce affordable housing. I was very pleased that we extended eviction protections and rental support to protect families and stabilize the housing market.

In addition, home ownership is a key to upward mobility and wealth building. People in the middle class thrive when they own their own homes and build equity. Some estimates have average homeowners with \$200K of equity while the average renter has just \$2K in discretionary money.

Housing construction has also been suppressed by the monetization of land use. Cities are funded significantly by sales tax and have been pursuing big box retail for the past 20 years. This has created an economic incentive for cities to favor stores over houses.

That's why I have authored SB 15 which seeks to flip financial incentives from retail to housing. The proposal has drawn significant support from labor, business and cities. Due to Covid-19 and recent changes in shopping, California has a significant amount of vacant retail space. Under the current system, most cities will allow these vacant buildings to stay dormant and wait or compete to attract new stores. SB 15 seeks to provide cities five years of the estimated sales tax that these buildings would have generated if cities choose to construct work force and affordable housing units on the property, instead. This creates the perfect economic incentive to generate affordable housing and help cities meet their housing needs.

Respectfully,

~ Anthony

**From
41st District
Assemblymember
Chris Holden**



Dear ACT Friends,

Following the horrible attack on the nation's Capital, we have seen some positive news coming out of the White House. I cannot help but feel pretty good about it. Yes, we have a long way to go, but we are on the right track. President Joe Biden is signing one executive order after another to reverse the damage of Donald Trump.

I am thrilled about the Climate Executive Actions he made that direct the federal government to elevate climate change to a national security priority, create a commission focused on environmental justice and green jobs, and direct federal agencies to rely on science in their rulemaking. For the past four years, California has pushed the envelope, to implement policies that drastically reduce our greenhouse gases emissions, switch to clean energy, and create green jobs. Now, with support from the Biden Administration, California and other states doing their part can effectively work together towards reversing the most catastrophic impacts of climate change.

In Sacramento, we took a big step to help tenants and landlords by passing legislation to extend the moratorium on evictions for non-payment of rent due to COVID-19 to June 30, 2021. Because of this Pandemic too many folks are just hanging by a thread, praying to make rent and avoid eviction. Too many small, mom-and-pop landlords who rely on tenants for income have been stretched thin trying to do the right thing. It is our responsibility to prevent tens of thousands of catastrophic life changing events for these families. The legislation, SB 91 provides the necessary

relief to avoid the "eviction cliff" that would have happened on February 1.

As for my legislation, I introduced AB 285 which creates a State School Nurse Consultant within the Department of Education to oversee school nurses and supervisors of health, and to advise the State Superintendent on student health issues. A school nurse at the Department of Education will lend strong insight into how schools operate safely during this pandemic. Outside of infectious disease, there are additional public health issues that impact schools that would benefit from this new position. Health issues like mental health, diabetes, nutrition, vision, physical activity, safety are all issues that schools are trying to address. A School Nurse Consultant will provide guidance and insight to schools so our students can thrive in and outside of the classroom.

Lastly, I hope you can join me on Facebook Live for a Mars pre-landing discussion with Scientists from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory on Tuesday, February 16th at 6pm. NASA's Mars 2020 Perseverance rover will land on Mars on Feb. 18, 2021 and is the most sophisticated rover NASA has ever sent to the Red Planet. I'll be joined to discuss the significance of the rover landing with Dr. Moogega Cooper and Dr. Randii Wessen. You can watch at <https://www.facebook.com/AssemblymemberChrisHolden>.

Thank you, and I look forward to keeping you up to date in the next Phoenix.

Sincerely, ~ Chris R. Holden

Assemblyman Holden represents some 420,000 people in the foothills communities of Altadena, Pasadena, South Pasadena, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, San Dimas, La Verne, Claremont, and Upland.

He can be reached via his website at:

www.asm.ca.gov/holden

and fill out the contact form.



My Two Cents

By Ron Garber



Unattributed, famous proverb:

*For want of a nail the shoe was lost,
For want of a shoe the horse was lost,
For want of a horse the battle was lost,
For the failure of battle the kingdom was
lost, All for the want of a horse-shoe nail.*

As a volunteer to Democratic politics, it's always been my dream that my individual efforts solely are the cause of major changes for the good. That being relatively unrealistic, I long to be a member of a group effort that accomplishes the same and I'm here to tell you that I believe you and I together have accomplished that.

To follow this, you only need to consider two occurrences, 'reconciliation' and the recent Georgia Senatorial runoff elections, specifically the one that put Jon Ossoff over the top. Reconciliation as most of you are aware is the Congressional process that will allow the Democrats to ram through progressive legislation without the need of a single Republican vote and is only available to us because we have control of the White House and both houses of Congress. The fact that we have just 50 Democratic Senators and a Democratic tie breaking Vice President is the reason that I can thread our success all the way down to the efforts of ACT/ADC.

After the November election Pasadena Area United Democratic Headquarters (UDH) decided to not go into hiatus as it usually does after the General Election, but rather continue our efforts through those very, very, important Georgia run-off elections. We sent over 100,000 Get Out the Vote (GOTV) postcards to Georgia and many smaller groups: Swing Left, Indivisible and independent social justice committees who we had

indoctrinated in our previous 2018 postcard campaign sent out an additional 100,000 cards and letters to Georgia for both register to vote and GOTV. This effort alone did not put Jon Ossoff, whose margin of victory was only 50,000 votes, over the top. We also had volunteers who made thousands of phone calls and sent thousands of text messages. On top of that two of the coordinators we hired with your generous donations, developed a ZOOM volunteer training program that was picked up by the Democratic National Committee and, at our expense, they literally trained thousands of volunteers nationwide to work on the Georgia campaigns. I believe that all of these factors put Senator Ossoff over the top. Without both of the Georgia wins reconciliation would have been off the table.

UDH gets its volunteers and is funded by seven individual Democratic Party Clubs that are geographically in or near the Pasadena area, but we all know that ACT/ADC is by far the largest of those clubs, providing the bulk of both volunteers and funds to operate. Hence when reconciliation goes through, each of us will know that it was our efforts and funds, which come out of your dues, as well as many additional financial contributions made by individuals belonging to ACT/ADC that made the difference. The difference between what comes out of reconciliation and a bill that would have had to be negotiated with the Republicans, is enormous and may or may not even include a new minimum wage and possibly some major immigration reforms.

Historically the party in the White House loses Congressional House seats in off year elections and our current margin over the Republicans is slim. However, Trump has caused a major divide in the Republican Party and with a concerted effort and some improved redistricting, we may be able to hold on to the majority. The Senate might actually be an easier task to hold as Republicans are defending more seats than are we, some of

which are in purple states and at least one Republican has already announced that he's retiring. As one of your representatives on the UDH Steering Committee I currently, and this is subject to change, will push for us to recapture the three local Congressional seats that we lost this time around and maybe also concentrate on the Ohio Senate seat. It's important to note that the three new SoCal Republicans all voted against Trump's impeachment and each has strong ties to the disgraced former President. I was surprised to see a TV commercial this week which castigated both Kim and Steel for their Trump ties which means that the National Democratic Party is already targeting those seats.

Bottom line: the next election is already next year and it's time to congratulate ourselves but also to start working to continue to keep reconciliation as our tool.

On a personal point of pride for those who are following my progress - yesterday's weigh-in put me down 53 lbs. which puts me over the halfway point of my goal of losing 105. I'm also up to walking over 90 miles per week but I expect that to increase. ~ Ron out



March *Phoenix* Deadline



We expect that the deadline for the March *Phoenix* will be Monday evening, March 8. Please send items for publication to Chuck Hains at hains27@sbcglobal.net. (Chuck will continue to contact regular contributors with a deadline reminder.)

The Entire Picture Please for Voters

It has been interesting to watch the different groups jockey to claim which ethnic group was responsible for the victory in GEORGIA.

We have heard so much about who went to the polls for Jon Ossoff, Rev. Raphael Warnock and Joe Biden. Biden won GA by only 12,500 votes. Two months later, voters had to hit the polls again for a runoff election - which traditionally produces fewer voters. Ossoff won by 55,000 votes and Warnock by 92,000!!!

GA has a population of 10.7M and 7.6M are registered to vote. Latino and Asian American voters have grown rapidly since.

Several grass-roots groups registering Blacks (30% of the population) have been working feverishly for several years and have recently been joined by Stacy Abrams. Jon Ossoff hired a Latino voter strategist combined with Latino organizations to address Latinos (ten% of the population). The Latino and Asian American populations have grown rapidly in GA since 2016. In 2021, Latinos shattered their best turn out records from previous runoffs. To sum it up, Blacks, Latinos and Asian Americans have been key to GA's registered growth since 2016.

Let's not forget-much deserved credit also goes to the postcard process, as acknowledged by both Senators. People love getting our postcards.

We all heard after elections of various entities who claim responsibility for a candidate's victory: suburban whites, females, youth, educated males, different minorities, post carders, etc. As Hillary said, it takes a village!! She is so right; it takes a village to get someone elected and that village is comprised of ALL THE ABOVE. Each group is a major piece of the pie!

~ Barbara Paul

Welcome New and Returning ACT Members:

Helen Baatz, Pasadena
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 South Pasadena
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Calendar

- Feb 15-21 Are You Being Targeted? Film Screening. See details inside.
- February 21 Are You Being Targeted? Panel Discussion. See details inside.
Sunday 6 p.m.
- March 4 ACT and ADC Meeting via Zoom. Program: Police Surveillance Practices with ACLU Attorney Mohammad Tajsar. Socializing at 7 p.m.; meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday 7 p.m.

March 8 UDH Steering Meeting via
Monday Zoom. 7 p.m.



Your Photo in The Phoenix

Please share a photo (of you) at an interesting place with *Phoenix* readers. Send it to hains27@sbcglobal.net for inclusion in an upcoming issue.



Shown below is a potential new member checking out a copy of *the Phoenix* in front of Pasadena City Hall. Perhaps?



2021 ACT and ADC Membership Renewal

Renew your ACT and ADC membership now! Use the form below, renew online at www.ACTpasadena.org, or reply to the renewal letter you received in the mail.

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

And thanks to our generous members who have already renewed!



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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Each additional member per household | <input type="checkbox"/> \$90 Double Sustaining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Student or limited income | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150 Patron |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> \$275 Benefactor |

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

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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"/> \$20 Gift Membership (NEW!) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$275 Benefactor |

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**

 Name

Home Phone

 Address

Office Phone

 City

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 Email address

Mail to ACT, P. O. Box 40074, Pasadena, CA 91114-7074

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