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## Reg 11 News and Happenings

Hello Democrats,

Earthquakes and hurricanes seem to be the news these days. Major quakes caused much damage in Mexico and it seems the death toll only seems to be getting higher each day. Much will be needed to help those communities recover. I can only hope our government will send resources to Mexico just like Mexico has done for hurricane victims in Houston. Hurricanes and storms have wrecked havoc in Florida, Puerto Rico and many other countries and there are more strong storms on the way. I hope any family, friends of loved ones you have in any of the regions are safe.

The fight to protect the ACA is back! The Senate will begin the process this week of repealing the Obamacare and it is scheduled to start this Monday with a hearing that might last a few minutes then move to the floor for debate and then a vote. When I say debate I'm sure we picture hours of lively and impassioned debate but sadly no the republican leadership has scheduled 90 seconds for debate on the Cassidy/Graham Health Care Bill. I am no big fan of Sen McCain but he is to be applauded for publicly saying he will vote against the bill. It seems like there is a lot of pork being stuffed into the bill, some of it might even leave some states unaffected by the repeal, all of this is being done to win over skeptical senators.

We had a lively debate in California about SB562 and there appears to be a willingness to find our way to a state run single payer health care system in our state but maybe lost amongst the daily chaos in DC is an attempt by a Sen John Kennedy from Louisiana to insert an amendment into the Cassidy/Graham legislation that would bar any state from setting up its own single payer health system. We must always be engaged in the political fight for the changes we want to see in our country because those who believe that so long as they have theirs then no change is needed will surely always be involved.

We may not like the form a peaceful protest takes or its message but it is still a Constitutional protected right and that is what matters most whether we agree or disagree with the protest itself. I'm sure most have seen our presidents newest unhinged moment for a speech last night in Alabama. But to hear this person who took an oath to protect everyones rights tell a crowd that a football player who is making a political statement should be fired is the newest low for this man who seems only focused on how low he can drag our country into the gutter

with himself and his robber baron and racist friends!

Not to mention that he criticized attempts to protect players of all ages from head injuries just goes to show how he and others in the ruling class see football players as nothing more than expendable so long as they provide the entertainment these self identified rulers demand.

I am fan of the Los Angeles Clippers but after reading the strong stand Steph Curry and The Golden State Warriors are taking against Trump and racist rhetoric I just might have a new favorite NBA team

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/trump-white-house-nba-champions\\_us\\_59c65aede4b06ddf45f83bbb?ncid=inblnkushpmsg00000009](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/trump-white-house-nba-champions_us_59c65aede4b06ddf45f83bbb?ncid=inblnkushpmsg00000009)

## **AD 51 Special Election**

The election is just a few days away and all the candidates are out there working really hard to earn votes from voters. Election Day is Oct 3rd and the planning for the expected runoff between two Democrats to replace Jimmy Gomez in the Assembly is already underway. We will be having the Endorsement Caucus on October 7th. Delegates from the 51st should be receiving a notification from the party next week.

Endorsing Caucus AD 51 Special Election

October 7th

10am-12pm (noon)

Boys and Girls Club of East LA

324 N McDonnell

Los Angeles 90022

Lets all hope as we enter the last week of this election that candidates and their supporters refrain from mudslinging.

## **Region 11 Delegates Meeting**

We will be having our delegates meeting to consider resolutions and offer changes to the California Democratic Party's Platform on Oct 14th in Los Angeles. We will have a few guest speakers joining us so hopefully we will see you there. The meeting is open to all Democrats

Region 11 Delegates Meeting

October 14th

11am-1pm

UFCW 770

630 Shatto Place

Los Angeles 90005

## CD34

Today (9/23) was the Community Swearing for Rep Jimmy Gomez. He is doing a great job of fighting to make sure his districts voice is being heard in Washington even amongst the current madness. I love this picture of Jimmy surrounded by family.



## Local Legislators

It looks like our Region 11 elected officials in Sacramento had a very successful legislative session for 2017. Many important bills that were authored or co-authored by our legislators are currently sitting on the Governors desk awaiting his signature. The most significant of these bills is SB54 DeLeon which will protect many immigrants and their families from being torn apart.

Congrats to Asm Holden for getting AB17 to the Gov's desk. This bill would create a pilot program to provide free

or reduced fees for students who use public transportation.

Here are a couple of links from news publications highlighting the good work of our friends in Sacramento

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/politics/article/Bill-to-extend-parental-leave-requirement-to-12195872.php>

<http://www.latimes.com/socal/glendale-news-press/news/tn-gnp-me-assembly-bills-20170922-story.html>

## **Club News**

The Foothill Democrat Club has secured Gubernatorial Candidate Delaine Eastin as a speaker on September 28 at 7:00 pm. There will be more information in the forthcoming emails.

The Foothill Communities Democratic Club of San Bernardino County will be having a pancake breakfast fundraiser on October 21st at the Applebee's in Montclair 9421 Monte Vista Ave 91763. This event always draws lots of elected officials and its a great event to meet folks at. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by contacting Linda Baker at llbaker4@verizon.net.

If your club has any news or events you would like shared please email it to me at Mark4Regon11@gmail.com

## **Shout Outs**

We have so many amazing people who are delegates in our region.I thought I would just give a quick shoutout to couple of them.

I would like to thank Malcolm Johnson for his post on Facebook. He finds some very thought provoking articles to share with all and the restaurants he tries all look pretty tasty.

This photo was posted by Karen Suarez on FaceBook and I found myself just mesmerized and the beauty and awesomeness of this incredible animal!





## **UFCW Local 1428**

We head back to the negotiations table this week with Food4Less. The company continues to refuse to recognize the contributions our hard working members make to this very profitable company.

I spent the greater part of the last ten days on the road in Vegas and Phoenix for a few work functions. Last weekend I was in Las Vegas for a an educational conference put on by the United Latinos of the UFCW. We heard from some incredible speakers and the breakout sessions where we talked about building Latino power within the UFCW and our communities were educational and empowering. Most of this week I was in Phoenix for our UFCW Western States Council Person of the Year event and an annual fundraiser we do with LLS ( Leukemia Lymphoma Society). I enjoy these annual events that we do in the UFCW. The meetings help me celebrate our victories with my amazing colleagues but always allow us time to plan and strategize on the challenges that face our members and the communities they call home. The LLS event is a great time to remember how far we have come in the fight against blood cancers but even though the survival rate has increased greatly there are still many people who die each year from this disease and we must keep fighting. As I type this I am about to head out to Anaheim Stadium to join staff and members of UFCW Local 1428 at the annual Orange County Light the Night event

## **We are stronger together**

In solidarity  
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