



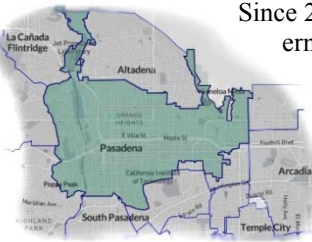
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Census Reveals Changing Face of Pasadena & Altadena



Since 2010 Pasadena's Black population has fallen by a quarter, reaching a modern low of 8.5% -- a level not seen here since the early 1950's. Hispanic and White (non-Hispanic) populations shrank slightly but were essentially stable, while Asians hit a new peak. The result: African-Americans are now the city's smallest major ethnic group by far – even as their political representation is at an all-time high.

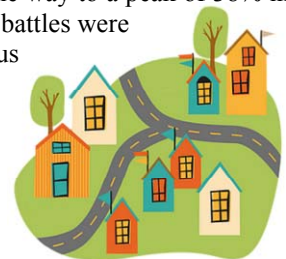
Unlike most of Southern California, Pasadena had African-American Citizens from the 1870's onward. Wealthy residents and tourists provided work for a modest number of Black and Hispanic families right up through the Depression. Still, as World War II began, the city was more than 90% White, less than 4% Black and perhaps 3% Hispanic.

After the War, the Black population soared: hitting 7.5% in 1950; 12% in 1960; and 16.1% in 1970. Hispanic growth was also rapid but as of the 1980 Census Pasadena was 20.7% Black and just 18.1% Hispanic. Asians were 5.2% and (non-Hispanic) Whites had plummeted to 56%.

In some ways these numbers understate the true African-American presence at the time. In the 1960's freeway construction had quite deliberately paved over many African-American neighborhoods. While this lowered the percentage of Blacks in Pasadena, it also led to a rapid surge into western Altadena.

There were virtually no Blacks in Altadena in 1950. In 1960 they were still just 4% of the population. By 1970, however, freeway displacement had made Altadena 28% Black – on the way to a peak of 38% in 1990. I came to Pasadena in 1972 as white flight was in full force and fierce battles were being waged over school integration. It wasn't apparent during the tumultuous decade or so that followed, but demographic tides were already beginning to shift. 2020 is the fourth consecutive Census to show a falling Black population in Pasadena (and the third in a row for Altadena, now just 22% Black).

At first, it seemed Hispanics might become the dominant ethnic group in the area. They outnumbered African-Americans for the first time in 1990 and moved to 33.7% of the population in 2010 (27% in Altadena). But the 2020



numbers suggest that trend may have ended. Pasadena's Hispanic population fell for the first time in history in 2020 – though only slightly, to 33% -- and there was no growth in Altadena.

The Asian population, by contrast, is expanding rapidly. In Pasadena they surpassed Blacks for the first time in 2010 and now are 19.3% of city residents. Interestingly, growth in Altadena, though steady, is much slower. Asians are now up to 6.3% in Altadena.

Meanwhile, the non-Hispanic White population continues to fall but at a much slower rate and remains the plurality both in Pasadena (36.7%) and In Altadena where Whites actually increased very slightly to 41%.

Viewed over time, the 2020 numbers suggest what most of us already sense: huge increases in local housing costs are working in favor of higher-income groups (Asians and Whites) and against lower-income groups (Hispanics and African-Americans). Once in motion, trends like this tend to play out over decades. Hence the growing urgency of efforts to preserve low-income housing and ease economic inequality. Nevertheless, regional market forces often overwhelm attempted local solutions. So the face of Pasadena/Altadena will probably look even more different in 2030 than it does now.

~ Fred Register



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Notice of Upcoming Meetings

ACT Steering and ADC Meetings

Thursday, 3 February, 7 p.m., via Zoom. Program to be confirmed.

Thursday, March 24, ** 7 p.m., via Zoom. Program: Research Committee report.

**The March meeting is out of the usual sequence so it can follow the Research Committee meetings.

Research Committee Meetings

Saturday, March 12 and Saturday, March 19.



ADC Needs a Volunteer

The Arroyo Democratic Club – based on membership numbers - is entitled to four representatives to the Pasadena Area United Democratic Headquarters (UDH) Steering Committee. Right now, we have only three. We need a fourth person to volunteer for the additional slot.

UDH meets once a month via Zoom; currently at 5:30 p.m. on a mid-month Monday. Its job is to shape UDH plans for 2022: volunteer activities of all kinds, strategy for supporting Democratic candidates, fundraising and more. Our four ADC reps are voting representatives to the UDH Steering Committee. Are you interested? Can you help out? Please contact ADC President, Tim Wendler, timwendler89@gmail.com, with any questions or to volunteer.



Welcome New ACT Member:

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Dolores Hickambottom

We are greatly saddened by the death of our dear friend, Dolores Hickambottom on December 14. Dolores Helen Dupre Hickambottom was born in New Orleans in 1931, the second of four children.

She was a 57-year resident of Altadena.

Dolores was a staunch advocate for social justice, civil rights, women's rights, quality public education, and the Democratic Party. She spoke out for these causes in our area for more than fifty years. She served on boards, attended zillions of meetings and befriended and mentored a number of us. She knew everyone and was a kind and patient friend.

Dolores and her husband Elbie Hickambottom Sr. were an integral part of the fight to integrate our public schools in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Elbie served on the Pasadena Unified School Board after the landmark Spangler v. Pasadena City Board of Education case that made the PUSD the first district west of the Mississippi to implement busing under a court ruling. And the Hickambottoms were founding members of the Pasadena Educational Foundation.

Dolores proudly served in the US Army during the Korean War. It was while stationed at Ft. Ord, Monterey, California, that she met Elbie. They had been married 52 years at the time of his death in 2004. Dolores was always a supporter of veterans. Her work was instrumental in bringing a Veterans Health Clinic to the San Gabriel Valley.

Dolores worked to elect Loretta Thompson Glickman, who became the first Black woman elected as a Pasadena city director (now councilmember) and then the city's first Black vice mayor, before rotating into the mayor's chair.



Dolores served as Loretta's field representative. She later served on the staffs of State Senators Walter Stiern, Richard Polanco and Jack Scott. She was delighted and proud to attend Barack Obama's inauguration.

Congresswoman Judy Chu's tribute included these true words:

"Dolores' legacy continues today in the lives she changed and the organizations she helped shape. She was a committed and dedicated member of our community whose tireless work has helped shape a better future for us all."

We extend condolences to daughters Ann Marie and Leslie, sons Elbie Jr. "Skip" and John, granddaughter Helena, sister Agnes Brumfield and a host of other relatives and friends. Private services were held December 28. A service for family and community will be held in the Spring of 2022.



ACT and ADC Membership Meeting



Thursday, 3 February, 7 p.m. Via Zoom

Join us on Thursday, February 3 at 7 p.m. for our ACT and Arroyo Democratic Club Meeting via Zoom.

ACT and ADC's regular business meeting will follow the program, which has not yet been confirmed. Socializing before the meeting begins at 7 p.m. The program and meeting follow at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Find the Zoom link for the meeting on ACT's webpage, <http://www.actpasadens.org>.

Political Notes

by Jon Fuhrman



Tuesday, January 11

It's been a tough few months. Build Back Better has fallen into a pit of quicksand, also known as the U.S. Senate. Democrats were blaming each other, the President's approval rating was sinking, pundits were forecasting the sure loss of the House and probably the Senate, and the party seemed to be voiceless and leaderless.

And then the President spoke out on the anniversary of the January 6th riots. "This wasn't a group of tourists. This was an armed insurrection... Those who stormed this Capitol ... held a dagger at the throat of America." President Trump is "not just a former President. He's a defeated former President – defeated by a margin of over 7 million of your votes in a full and free and fair election." "The former President ... has created and spread a web of lies about the 2020 election... because his bruised ego matters more to him than our democracy or our Constitution."

Republicans had, perhaps, gotten accustomed to, and maybe counted on, a more milquetoast President, one attempting to attract centrist support and constrained in his expressions by that hope. But no more. The President spoke clearly, eloquently, powerfully and directly to take on former President Trump and the lies Trump – and much of the rest of the GOP establishment – has been promulgating. President Biden clearly decided that the contest is – still – between him and Trump. That is the contrast he will be making and around which Biden will try to frame the midterms.

I think that's good news for Democrats, although it may complicate life in the Senate for Democrats. On the other hand, cracks are clearly starting to spring up on the GOP side. Sen. Mike Rounds, of South Dakota, sharply criticized, perhaps even ridiculed, the former President. Trump tried to squash the incipient revolt, but Rounds was unintimidated and fired back even more tartly, and Rounds was promptly encouraged and supported by Sen. Mitt Romney. True, those are only two of the 50 GOP members of the Senate, but they are both close to Minority Leader McConnell and likely represent a much larger group who may not be ready, yet, to be quite so public in their rejection of their fearless leader, but who nonetheless feel acutely uneasy in Trump's shadow.

It seems impossible to predict what's likely to happen in the Senate. Sen. Manchin had seemed to suggest he was open to a modest Build Back Better bill, one that funded fewer programs but put those programs on a permanent basis. Then he seemed to react petulantly to some fairly strong criticisms from other Democrats and the White House, implying that he wouldn't support any further legislation of any kind. Then his position seemed to moderate again, perhaps as he got over his pique. Majority Leader Schumer is attempting to get at least some modest filibuster

reforms, going so far as to schedule the key vote symbolically on Martin Luther King's birthday. It's hard to know if that will have any effect – Manchin has ruminated in public about modest reforms to help the Senate work better, but he has never quite specified what those reforms should be. Complicating the problem is Arizona's Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, who seems flatly unwilling to make any concessions at all on the filibuster rules. But Manchin is being quietly, but persistently, lobbied by a group of three other moderate Democratic Senators, and that quiet pressure could yield some results. It seems unlikely that the Majority Leader would risk a formal vote if he knew in advance that it was a quixotic gesture.

On the House side, there is good news and bad news. Lots of senior Democrats are retiring, but nearly all of them come from relatively safe Democratic districts that, even after reapportionment, will continue to be safe seats for our side. Interestingly, the entire reapportionment process is playing out not nearly as poorly for Democrats as had been feared. The Cook Political Report folks have extensively analyzed both the old and proposed new districts (of which about 2/3 have been finalized), and the bottom line is that there are four more districts that President Biden carried than under the old maps. Fifteen seats have gone from Republican-leaning to Democratic-leaning, while only nine have gone from Democratic-leaning to Republican-leaning. Most observers would have predicted greater changes in the opposite direction.

It's not entirely good news – of 15 seats that are newly Democratic-leaning, Dems already hold 11 of them (so our potential for picking up new seats is limited). Among the 9 newly Republican-leaning seats, the GOP hold only 1 of them, so their potential for growth is quite high.



Additionally, there is still some considerable uncertainty here. In North Carolina, for example, a district court denied Democrats' appeal protesting a relatively egregious reapportionment plan (which was included in Cook's analysis above). That appeal now goes to the State Supreme Court, which has tossed out GOP reapportionment plans for the state in the past (and has a 4 – 3 Democratic edge, for what it's worth). So even some of these calculations may change significantly.

But whatever happens, it looks like the House will be controlled by a very slim margin. Of course, unlike the Senate, just a one vote majority is sufficient to push through any legislation the majority supports. Thus, once again, California will be a crucial battleground.

Fortunately, the final California maps are relatively favorable for Democrats. Locally, Congressman Judy Chu keeps most of her old district, both the northern Pasadena / Altadena parts and the southern Monterey Park area. Cong. Adam Schiff gets to keep his sliver of Pasadena, so we can still claim him as one of our own. Multiple districts have gotten more Democratic and look like prime targets for flipping. We'll be identifying them more exactly as incumbents declare for specific districts and challengers (on each side) announce their campaigns.

Our state legislative districts are relatively unchanged, so Assemblymember Chris Holden is likely to have an easy time. Sen. Portantino is termed out, but whoever seeks to follow in his footsteps in 2024 will have a solidly Democratic district. Overall, it seems quite likely that Democrats will hold their 2/3 majority in both chambers of the State Legislature, which will make life much easier for Governor Newsom.

And congratulations to Assemblymember Holden

on being named Chair of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. With Senator Portantino continuing as Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, it gives Pasadena and our surrounding area an unlikely measure of political power in Sacramento.

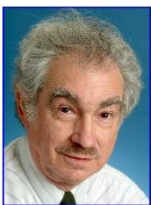
On the local level, the County, the City of Pasadena, and PCC have all completed their new maps. Generally speaking, there are no momentous changes. You can see the new districts at the following web sites: for the state, look at www.wedrawthelinesca.org/final_maps; for the County, check out https://lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/LA-Submitted_Maps_-Final_Map-12-12-21.pdf; the City maps are at https://www2.cityofpasadena.net/2021%20Agendas/Dec-13_21/AR%2015%20ORDINANCE.pdf; and lastly the PCC maps are at <https://pasadena.edu/about/redistricting-public-comment.php> under plan D3, which was the plan ultimately adopted by the PCC Board.

~ Jon Fuhrman



Book Review

By Robert V. Frampton



“Heart of a Patriot: How I Found the Courage to Survive Vietnam, Walter Reed, and Karl Rove” by Max Cleland

After Max Cleland’s death in November, PBS replayed Terri Gross’ *Fresh Air* interview with the former Georgia senator. I had not known much about Max Cleland other than the smear campaign instigated by Karl Rove in Cleland’s 2002 reelection campaign for the US Senate; and I decided during the interview replay to review Cleland’s memoir, *Heart of a Patriot*. As a young Army Captain in the Signal Corp, Cleland was

severely injured in the battle of Khe Sanh in Vietnam when a grenade dropped by a fellow soldier blew up. His injuries required amputation of both legs and his right arm, and a long recovery and rehabilitation in Walter Reed Army Hospital. Returning to his parents’ home in Georgia, Cleland pondered what sort of future he could have as a triple amputee. He decided to make a run for state Senate in 1970. He campaigned alongside gubernatorial candidate Jimmy Carter and both won. After serving four years in the state Senate (presided over by Lt Governor Lester Maddox), Cleland ran for Lt. Governor and lost. Cleland then went to work for Senator Alan Cranston, who served on the Veterans Affairs Committee. When Jimmy Carter was elected President in 1976, Sen. Cranston recommended Cleland to be Administrator of the VA. Upon Carter’s defeat for reelection in 1980, Cleland returned to Georgia and was elected Secretary of State, an office that he held from 1983 to 1996, when he was elected to the US Senate.

Senator Cleland was in his office on Capitol Hill, meeting with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Dick Myers, on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, when the planes hit the World Trade Center and Pentagon. Amazingly, the day after the attack, the FBI had identified the hijackers as Saudis, organized by Ben Laden from Afghanistan, and published their photos. While the Bush Administration invaded Afghanistan to rout out Al-Qaeda, the Administration quickly pivoted to an invasion of Iraq, which had no role the 9/11 attacks. This obsession of Bush, Rumsfeld and Cheney with Iraq is detailed by Richard Clarke, who was the “terrorism advisor” to four presidents, in his book, *Against All Enemies*. A year later, after he had left the Senate, Cleland was named to the Sept. 11 Commission, and witnessed the stonewalling of the Bush Administration and its Chief Counsel, Alberto Gonzalez, which refused to make critical documents available to the Commission.

Max Cleland was thought to be in good shape for reelection to a second Senate term in 2002, as he had won five straight elections in Georgia (Secretary of State and US Senate) by good margins and was considered a patriot. However, the political machine of Karl Rove attacked Cleland at his strengths, just as it had attacked Al Gore in 2000 and would attack John Kerry in 2004, by questioning his patriotism and running ads purporting to associate Cleland with Osama Bin Laden and Saddam Hussein. Senators John McCain and Chuck Hagel, both Republicans, were so disgusted by this underhanded attack on Max Cleland's patriotism that they both endorsed Cleland for reelection. Karl Rove and Ralph Reed also organized ten thousand volunteers to fan out across southern Georgia, targeting young white males and stirring up resentment on the successful effort by Democratic Governor Roy Barnes earlier that year to remove the Confederate battle emblem from the Georgia state flag. Cleland lost to Saxby Chambliss by 140,000 votes, roughly the same number of white male voters organized by Rove and Reed over the flag issue.

After his unexpected defeat, Max Cleland fell into a deep depression. While he served on the 9/11 commission (appointed by Sen Daschle) and on the Board of the Import/Export Bank, these were both part-time positions that left him without being fully engaged. Cleland was also an active campaigner for John Kerry in 2004 and witnessed the Karl Rove signature "Swift Boat" campaign against Kerry. Cleland's depression led him into therapy at Walter Reed Hospital, to combat a severe case of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), which was just being recognized as a significant mental and emotional problem as thousands of wounded veterans were returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. Cleland became an advisor and mentor to these returning wounded veterans, including fellow amputee Tammy

Duckworth of Illinois, who he encouraged to seek a future in politics. Throughout the book Max Cleland reflects on the emotional toll of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan on returning veterans and on the challenges posed to the VA system. This was an emotional book to read.

Next month, staying with Georgia, I will review the book, Our Time is Now, by Stacey Abrams – a detailed exposé on how our democracy has been eroded, and a plan to fix it.

~ Robert Frampton



February Phoenix Deadline

The likely deadline for the February *Phoenix* will be Monday evening, February 7. Please send items for publication to Chuck Hains at hains27@sbcglobal.net and Sally Beer at sally.beer125@gmail.com. (Chuck will continue to contact regular contributors with a deadline reminder.)



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My Two Cents

By Ron Garber



While I'm naturally optimistic, I'm no Pollyanna and I'm currently filled with dread over this year's elections. Not surprisingly and appropriately the Democratic Party is putting their best face on the situation, pointing to the plusses and there are some. The economy has recovered and grown beyond what would have been expected before the vaccine became available. Unemployment is way down; wages are dramatically improving, and saving is way up. The bi-partisan infrastructure package credit accrues to the President. And of course, Democratic candidates can run in general against an unpopular Trump.

I'm worried that the Republicans have even more going for them, starting off with the knowledge that the party not in the White House almost always picks up seats - and they only need five in the House and just a single seat in the Senate. The other problems that hurt us and favor the Republicans are inflation, COVID and the Democrats inability to get their act together.

Both parties have internecine problems with the Republicans having to deal with Trump endorsements based on the "big lie", and the Democrats with progressives vs. moderates not coming together to use the barest of majorities to accomplish things that are big D, Democratic. These things, on both sides tend to get sorted out during the primaries and probably result in a wash.

Being in power and the Democrats controlling both houses of Congress and the White House, causes the base to lose the enthusiasm they had when trying to oust the other party. This results in lighter financial contributions, fewer volunteer hours and ultimately fewer votes.

I myself am an example of this phenomenon in that the 2018 election cycle had me both creating and running UDH's post card program virtually 24/7 between July and election day. It was probably the most exhilarating work I've ever done and while my enthusiasm hasn't waned, I'm sure that in this cycle I won't be able to match it. First of all, I've turned the program over to my good friend Karen Rowinsky who's added postcard partner Katie Dempster and the two of them have taken it to heights I never could have imagined. Second, I'm 4 years older and have less energy, but the good news is that this time around I plan on working for the two of them handling the aspect of the program that will take place inside the 'brick and mortar' UDH campaign center that will hopefully exist as the COVID crisis abates, fingers crossed.

Karen tells me that she's getting calls every day from post carders who want to get started now and she's working with another organization that is using post cards to facilitate registration in swing states. So, if you're eager to get started, send me an email and I'll put you in touch with her, at ronagarber@yahoo.com.

The walking program is going fine; I'll give you more details next month.

~ Ron out



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Reparations for Pasadena Families Displaced by the 210 Freeway?

By Denise Robb, Ph.D.



The Foothill Freeway, aka the 210, runs parallel to Foothill Boulevard and the San Gabriel Mountains. It began construction in 1958, and the section of the 210 in Pasadena was finalized in 1976.

Dr. Raymond Mohl stated in “The Interstates and the Cities: Highways, Housing and Freeway Revolt” that:

Freeway construction in Pasadena, California displaced over 4,000 Black and Mexican-American residents, most of whom were forced back into inner-city Los Angeles ghettos. As one Black Pasadena resident put it: ‘They put the freeways where the resistance and the power was the weakest, and now we have the biggest intersection in the world where a lot of Black families used to live.’

One of my favorite theatre companies is here in Pasadena. A *Noise Within* posted an extensive history of African-Americans in Pasadena including a discussion of the thriving and diverse neighborhoods in the 1950s of African-Americans, Mexican-Americans, Japanese-Americans living together with working-class White people, all traveling on the now defunct Pacific Red Cars. They detail the destruction by the 210 freeway of this area of beautiful homes by federal officials, the process by which the *Pasadena Chamber of Commerce* wrongly designated these areas as “blighted,” and the efforts of the residents to save their neighborhoods. As *A Noise Within* stated:

White residents of Southeast Pasadena rallied to keep the freeway out of their neighborhoods, leaving Central and Northwest Pasadena residents with few options when the route plowed through their neighborhoods instead.”

These people were instrumental in preserving

Caltech, the Pasadena Playhouse, Tournament of Roses and other areas from the bulldozers of the freeways:

This freeway tore through a vibrant African-American business district on North Lincoln Avenue that has never fully recovered. The mixed-income, racially diverse community in Northwest Pasadena was also torn apart. Individuals displaced by the freeway were offered \$75,000 for their homes. However, no homes in Pasadena cost less than \$85,000, worsening the displacement.

Advancing Racial Equity Through Highway Reconstruction

Last year Vanderbilt Law Review published Deborah Archer's piece: "White Men's Roads Through Black Men's Homes – Advancing Racial Equity Through Highway Reconstruction." Ms. Archer says that:

In states around the country, highway construction displaced Black households and cut the heart and soul out of thriving Black communities as homes, churches, schools, and businesses were destroyed. In other communities, the highway system was a tool of a segregationist agenda, erecting a wall that separated White and Black communities and protected White people from Black migration. In these ways, construction of the interstate highway system contributed to the residential concentration of race and poverty and created physical, economic, and psychological barriers that persist.

Ms. Archer goes on to discuss remedies for reparations in rebuilding and redevelopment, as well as conducting equity studies on the impact to Black communities.

What is to be done here in Pasadena?

A few months ago, Gov. Newsom returned the property known as "Bruce's Beach" in Manhattan Beach to the descendants of a couple that were thrown out of the city almost 100 years ago.

This beach resort for Black families was successful and needed. California State Sen. Bradford, who authored the bill to restore the property said, "if you can inherit generational wealth, you can also inherit generational debt."

A few days ago, Santa Monica offered a form of reparations to 100 displaced families or their descendants with limited income. They will be offered priority access to below-market rent apartments in the city. Why? Because when the 10 freeway was constructed, many Mexican-American and Black families were displaced against the pleas of the NAACP and activists standing in front of bulldozers. The Santa Monica tenants who lived there were not compensated – only their landlords. Those who were homeowners lost what allows many families to succeed financially – generational wealth.

As Nikole Hannah-Jones points out throughout The 1619 Project, the wealth of the United States is based on free labor of those thought of as "slaves." The wealth of many people including the past President of the United States, relied solely on their ability to inherit vast sums of money through no initiative or merit of their own. This path to wealth was not accessible by most Black families due to redlining, housing discrimination, fear, intimidation and, in Pasadena, the building of the interstate highway.

More than one million residents lost homes during the first two decades of highway construction in the United States. Many of those families were Black and/or people of color who were specifically targeted by government officials when imposing eminent domain. They often received little to no compensation, even though the Constitution specifically promises fair market value in the Just Compensation Clause.

Will Pasadena follow in the footsteps of Santa Monica or Manhattan Beach? Stay tuned.





The Vigil for Democracy

Happy New Year! As the New Year began, a Vigil for Democracy was held on January 6th on the steps of Pasadena City Hall, attended by more than a hundred people who gathered to mark the somber anniversary of the invasion of the Capitol and the assault on our democracy. Representative Judy Chu addressed the crowd, recalling the terror of January 6th.

“I will never forget January 6th. I was alone in my office. I was preparing to go down to the House floor to vote, to certify the state of Arizona’s result in the presidential election, when I got the shocking alert from the police that the Capitol had been breached by rioters who were determined to stop the election,” said Chu.

In a video address to the crowd, Representative Adam Schiff said “One year ago a mob attempted to overturn the results of an American presidential election, stopping the peaceful transfer of power for the first time in our history. They gouged police officers, assaulted them, and broke their limbs. Since that day, however, the ‘Big Lie’ that sparked the violence and attempted insurrection, has persisted, with a new generation of ‘Jim Crow’ laws and attempts to undermine the offices charged with the administration of elections, and most ominously, attempting to legitimizing an idea that exists only in the darkest corners of our country”

The events of January 6th remind us that we are in critical fight for the survival of our democracy. 2022 will be a referendum on the future of our country as we enter into the primaries and general election. The United Democratic Headquarters has already begun that fight with outreach to

activists in the contested districts in California and in swing districts and states around the country. Volunteers are writing postcards, making phone calls and sending texts, urging citizens to register and to vote.

The UDH is actively compiling lists of volunteers to help in the 2022 campaign. The elections in the swing districts will be determined by turnout, and a major goal is to turn out as many voters as possible from all sectors of society. Using social media, personal contact through texts and phone calls, and even canvassing where possible, we are aiming to reach as many voters as we can, especially in the highly contested districts right here in Southern California.

There are three Republican-held seats in Southern California that are within reach for flipping. They are held by Michelle Steel, Young Kim and Mike Garcia, each of whom have either totally supported the Big Lie by the former president or have failed to fully condemn his falsehoods. Each of these seats were won by small percentages and are ripe for flipping, but it will take hard work to achieve our goal of winning back these seats. With only a five-seat majority in the House, these California seats are crucial for maintaining Democratic control and preventing Kevin McCarthy from becoming Speaker.

We will continue to update you in coming months on social media and on our website, pasadenademocrats.com. With your help, we can secure the future for our democracy and for all Americans.

~ Hoyt Hilsman,
Chair, UDH Steering Committee



Biden Tells It Like It Is

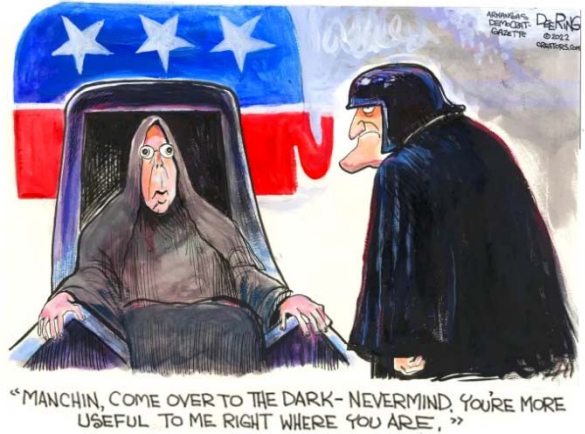
Access President Joe Biden’s passionate January 6 speech here:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=FGQZokwAufM

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Calendar

- February 3 ACT / ADC Meeting via Zoom.
Thursday Socializing: 7 p.m.; meeting:
7 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
- February 7 UDH Steering Meeting via
Monday Zoom. 5:30 p.m.
- March 3-6 California Democratic Party
State Convention, Los Angeles.
Thursday - Sunday



Renew for 2022! It is 2022 already and time to pay your 2022 ACT and/or ADC membership dues. Please send your check with the form below. If you have any questions about your membership, check with Executive Director Jon Fuhrman at jon_fuhrman@outlook.com or 626 864-5255. (Thanks to those generous members who have already paid up. We love you!)

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 ZIP 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.