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46th Anniversary Party a Rousing Success!

On June 9th, an unexpectedly warm Sunday afternoon, more than 160 members and friends of ACT gathered to celebrate the organization's 46th anniversary. Hosted by Connie Holguin at her Pasadena home, the event was a rousing success -- netting more than \$25,000 for ACT's political fund.

Three exceptional community leaders were honored and made brief remarks to the crowd. After an enthusiastic introduction by his colleague, the Hon. Judy Chu, Congressman Adam Schiff spoke of the long-term danger to Democracy posed by the Trump administration, urging Democrats to work as never before to ensure that the President is decisively defeated – and clearly repudiated – in 2020.

Following a recognition of ACT's co-chairs and sponsors by State Senator Anthony Portantino, Assemblyman Chris Holden introduced the day's second and third honorees: Inman and Nellie Moore. Both long-time activists acknowledged and thanked the appreciative crowd.



Congressman-of-the-hour and 46th Anniversary honoree Adam Schiff speaks to a receptive audience

Many thanks to ACT members who worked hard to make the day a great success: Co-Chair Barbara Paul skillfully handled the food, drink and equipment. Co-Chair Joanne Wendler, ably assisted by Anne Wolf, oversaw the greeting and registration of guests. Veronica Raymond arranged for the beautiful flowers. Linda Centell arranged for the music. Ed Washatka and Roger Wolf staffed the bar. Susan Kane acted as photographer.

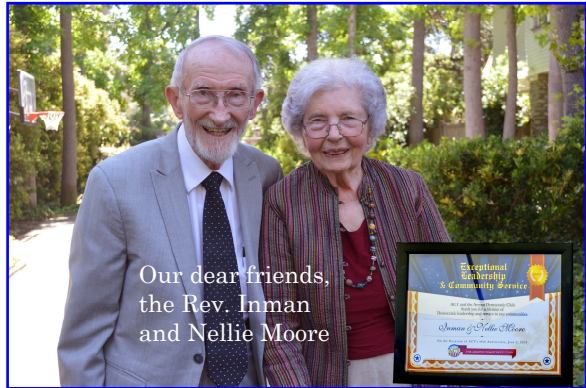
Felicia Rusnak, Karen Suarez, Joe Pardee, Fred Register, Jon Fuhrman and Teresa Lamb-Simpson worked hard on the day of the event making sure things went smoothly. Co-chair Darla Dyson, Sally Beer, Dolores Hickambottom, Ron Garber, Jim Heringer, Marguerite Cooper and Jeanette Mann were among those who helped with mailing invitations.

Special thanks go to Bill Hackett who acted as chief fundraiser for the event, with logistical support from our Executive Director, Jon Fuhrman, to event chair Fred Register, and thanks to everyone who attended, and most of all, to the 130 generous sponsors who made it all happen.

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My Two Cents

By Ron Garber



2020

Twenty-four candidates, where do we stand? Don't get too attached to any of them as I predict half of them will be gone before California's very early March 3 primary. Politically speaking I can't get excited by a white male over the age of 70 which is surprising because before this year is out that description defines me. Not only are Biden and Sanders combined polling at 52% (May 21) but the 6 or 7 women together register only 17%. Warren is 8% and Harris is 5% while running 3 and 4 in the field do not register as 1st or 2nd in their own states of Massachusetts and California. My personal picks Klobuchar and Booker both registering 2% can't seem to gain any traction. If I eventually have to choose between the Democrat or the Socialist I will go with the Democrat but know that whoever gets the nomination will be and has always been my first and only choice.

To pick up delegates in any state requires a minimum of 15% support and it's possible that 20 to 22 of the candidates may not claim a single delegate through the first four contests. It's always interesting to see who those dropping out will support, but early polling of Democrat's 2nd choice for the most part is distributed the same way as voters first choice with only a slight variance of those supporting female candidates also supporting other female candidates as their 2nd choice but that still doesn't get any of them to the 15% threshold.

Later this month will be the first debates which offer the first opportunity for lesser known and lower polling candidates to distinguish and differentiate themselves from the pack. The party is limiting the debates to ten

candidates on each of two nights. It will be interesting to see who barely makes and misses the events. After hearing most of the candidates on MSNBC interviews the one who stands out in my mind is Pete Buttigieg, Mayor of South Bend, Indiana. I expect him to do well but he's polling very low among African American voters who are an important constituency in Democratic primaries. It also will be interesting to see if Biden and Sanders appear in the same grouping. While you and I will make our own evaluations of who wins and loses the debates, that decision is often left to the MSNBC and CNN talking heads in the hours and days immediately following. I will definitely be monitoring that.

Another concern is Democratic Party convention rules. Sanders supporters in 2016 believed their candidate was treated unfairly as there was a large contingent of SUPER DELEGATES who overwhelmingly backed Clinton. This time around they will not be able to vote in the first round of convention voting. If support patterns remain the same as they are now it could boil down to just two candidates and this will not be a problem. But if a 3rd and 4th candidate force a 2nd vote I feel certain that Biden picks up the bulk of those votes and no matter how supportive Sanders is after the convention all his supporters will not believe he was treated fairly and come home for the General Election

Later this year ACT will devote a meeting to members preferences and in July a Progressive Discussion Group meeting will offer YOU the opportunity to state your current choice with 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 minutes (depending on attendance) to discuss why you like your candidate.

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Political Notes



Sunday, June 9

We just finished our 46th Anniversary Celebration, keynoted by Congressman Adam Schiff (aka “pencil-neck”, a nickname, bestowed by our President, which the Congressman proudly touts). Congressman Schiff briefly summarized some of the key investigations that he, as Chair of the House’s Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, now oversees, and he talked about the daily struggles to counteract and balance the Administration’s wanton disregard for simple facts and traditional norms. As Chair, he can set the agenda for the Committee, compel testimony, and follow through on some of the loose threads left by Special Counsel Mueller. When asked, he noted he really does like being Chair, and what a difference it makes compared to having Devin Nunes as Chair.

But that Chairmanship depends upon the Democrats keeping a majority in the House,

which leads to Congressman Schiff’s other major responsibility – making sure all our new freshmen members, on whom our majority rests, are re-elected. He was given this assignment by Speaker Pelosi (because, apparently, he didn’t have enough other work to do), but he is taking on the assignment with relish. He spoke glowingly about the new Democratic Freshman class – some of the smartest and most prepared new members he has ever worked with, and waxed nearly poetic about the capabilities and devotion they are bringing, and will continue to bring, to the House and to the nation. So he’s jetting from coast to coast, from district to district, helping raise funds and raise recognition for our freshmen to ensure they get re-elected and we retain our majority.

Interestingly, our success in the 2018 mid-terms has the potential for giving the 2020 election a distinct bottom-up flavor. For example, in Iowa, there are four Congressional Districts; they used to be 3 – 1 Rep, but we ousted two GOP incumbents, so the state is now 3 – 1 Democratic. If we support our new incumbents – and, by all reports, both Abby Finkenauer in the 1st CD and Cynthia Axne in the 3rd CD are doing bang-up jobs both in Congress and in their districts – and our Congressmembers win in 3 of the 4 districts, it is quite likely that the state, on the Presidential level, flips Democratic and quite possibly the Senate election flips Democratic.

In Arizona, there is a similar dynamic. The GOP held 5 of 9 seats before the mid-terms; now we hold 5 of 9, and we had a remarkably strong candidate in a typically uncontested GOP seat who is running again in 2020. Here too strong Congressional level campaigns can easily help tilt the state on the Presidential and Senatorial levels. In Pennsylvania, Dems picked up 3 of 18 seats, and more importantly carried the state with 54% of the overall vote cast for all Congressional candidates.

Normally, we think of coattails drifting down,

with a strong Presidential level campaign lifting lower-level races. And it's easier to focus on one single national Presidential race and say that race will help everyone else. But the value of having Congressional incumbents – and, just as importantly, strong credible challengers even in lopsidedly GOP districts – is that the voter registration, mobilization and GOTV efforts run by the down-ticket candidates can really boost overall statewide performance. Further, the two effects can mutually reinforce each other. We saw that in Texas, with unprecedentedly strong Congressional candidates reinforcing Beto O'Rourke's statewide campaign, leading to a remarkably close Senate contest and taking back two formerly GOP districts.

Thus, on the shoulders of Adam Schiff rests the fate of the nation. Well, maybe not entirely on just his shoulders, but it reminds us not to forget about or minimize the importance of House races. We too have a responsibility to support our new House majority, and ACT made a great start toward raising funds for the 2020 United Democratic Headquar-

ters, which once again will work both our own local (and relatively safe) areas as well as reaching out, both in California and possibly in adjacent states, to support our Freshman Democrats and new challengers who might expand even further our majorities. (And, when you actually think about it, I can't think of anyone in whom I'd have more confidence to save our country than Congressman Schiff.)

We recognize, of course, this analysis notwithstanding, that most of the excitement will revolve around the Presidential race. The first Democratic debates are coming up quickly, scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, June 26th and 27th. My guess is that they will be somewhat disappointing; each night is two

hours, with 10 candidates per night. So that means candidates will have less than twelve minutes apiece, allowing only minimal time for moderators to introduce and close the session and explain the rules and ask the questions, if indeed that is the format to be used. With 10 candidates, there really won't be much of a chance to make a statement that stands out or take a stance or get into a fight with another candidate (although Joe Biden, as the frontrunner, would be the natural target of many other candidates). There's hardly enough time to say who you are, and a number of the candidates will be relatively, or totally, unknown to most viewers, so they really do

have to present their resumes and the underlying thesis of their candidacy. It's an opportunity to reach a broad audience, but hearing ten candidates one after another, could easily put most voters to sleep, or at least leave them befuddled after the debates about who said what to whom.

In the end, it will come down to whether any one candidate, or several candidates, can make a simple declaration that reverber-



ates with the audience – say one thing that is memorable or distinctive and separates them from the crowd. It seems like a trivially simple task. In fact, it is devilishly difficult and complex. The challenge is that nearly all of the candidates agree on nearly all of the issues, if not fully then at least in broad principles. Who is against choice? Who is for greenhouse gases? Who supports ballot suppression or Russian interference? The arguments are on the margins, and are often complex and obtuse, and deal with deeply wonkish details of implementation.

Further, for many Democratic voters, the details and policy positions are relatively secondary. The primary judgment is who can defeat

the President, and Vice-President Biden has been holding a consistent, statistically significant and sometimes dramatic edge in all national and state-specific polling. Whether it is a measure of comfort, of name recognition, of party fidelity and faithfulness, of President Obama's aura seeping over to cover Biden – whatever the cause, the collective judgment, at least at this point in the race, seems to be that the Vice-President is the one most likely to be able to defeat the President, and that pretty much ends the discussion right there, at least for a substantial number of Democratic primary voters.

Perhaps, if that perception changes, Biden's numbers will start to fall and a free-for-all will ensue. Or perhaps one of the other candidates will unexpectedly bubble up. But my hunch is that Biden's comfortable lead will simply be reinforced by the failure of the debates, in June and then again in July, to provide a forum for any other candidate to stand tall and climb the heap of other candidates. It's a little unfair, in that the Vice-President doesn't have to stand out; he wins if no one else stands out, and with 20 candidates that has to be the most likely outcome.

So I'm holding to my prediction that the Vice-President will win all four early contests (Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Nevada), which will propel him to substantial victories on Super-Tuesday in most, or perhaps all the states, and that will effectively end the primary season for Democrats.

~ Jon Fuhrman



Welcome New and Returning ACT Members:

Becky Nicolaides, Altadena
Jan Sanders, Pasadena
Scott Van Dellen, La Canada

Hicks Elected at State Convention

Unlike the 2017 Chair's race, the victor in 2019, Rusty Hicks, won by a wide margin, just over 20% in which over 93% of Democratic Party State Central Committee members registered and voted. I voted in both of those elections and the tone and from what I could see, the tactics were much improved.

Over 3200 activists, elected party and officials, and their appointees gathered in San Francisco at the Moscone Center, 5/31 through 6/2, to vote in a seven way race. Hicks' win over second place finisher Kimberly Ellis was ten times her loss in 2017 to, now resigned, Eric Bauman. She attracted 36 % of the vote but was outmatched by the twelve-year L.A. County Federation of Labor Chair.

Hicks took to the stage on Sunday to call for unity, saying, "I know some you in this hall did not vote for me." He said that he both appreciated and respected that fact. He reminded the dwindling audience that this "is your party too."

For many reasons delegates were expecting a run off would be needed and a vote was placed on the agenda from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. However it was not needed. Hicks drew broad support from Labor and Democratic electeds, but also from activists who were committed to building on the results of the 2018 Midterms.

Throughout the weekend Hicks referred to his "58 counties in 58 days" campaign swing. This he did not recommend.

The voting was chaotic but once in the balloting area, things went smoothly. Somewhat surprising was third place finisher, California Democratic Party Vice-Chair Daraka Larimore-Hall, pulling in only 6%, only 180 votes.



~ Michael Duran, ACT member and Convention Delegate

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Ron & Val's Disappointing Road Trip

On Sunday May 19th and Monday May 20th I put over 800 miles on my car's odometer. Valerie and I drove to Phoenix where we had a scheduled appointment to meet with Quiana Dickenson, Policy Director of the Arizona Democratic Party and Chase Hardin, Political Manager for Mark Kelly, astronaut and husband of former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords. Mark figures to be the only Democratic Senate candidate for Arizona in 2020.

Our mission was to secure a pledge from them that we could get names and addresses of Arizona Democrats for a "Get Out the Vote" postcard program not unlike the one we successfully conducted for Congresswoman Hill and Congressman Cisneros. While they were very nice, professional and appreciative of the fact that hundreds of San Gabriel Valley Democrats were so eager to begin and help their quest to flip their Senate seat and capture the Electoral College votes, their sense of urgency did not match my own. They said that they would not be able to make any promises until after their primary next March and even put a damper on volunteers traveling to Arizona to register voters. Quiana wasn't certain but believed that only Arizona citizens could register Arizona voters. I honestly believed that I was coming home with news that we could begin writing postcards immediately, but the best I can do is tell everyone that maybe we can start in ten months.

We left their office at 11 A.M. and I was able to attend the UDH steering committee meeting in Pasadena by 7 P.M. that night.

~ Ron Garber



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ACT and ADC Summer Potluck Meeting

Thursday, July 11, 6:30 p.m.

at the home of

Bobbie and Henry Moon

1961 Mar Vista Avenue, Altadena

For good food and a good time please come to ACT's and the Arroyo Democratic Club's Traditional Summer Potluck and Meeting in the Moon's terrific back yard.

The Potluck and socializing begin at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting following at about 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome and urged to attend.

Here are our potluck assignments:

- A-G** – Salad, vegetable or side dish
- G-L, N-P** – Main dish
- R-Z** – Fruit or dessert
- M** – Your choice! (You have been assigned the main dish too many times!)

Please bring enough for 5 or 6 people and provide serving utensils for your dish. Come and bring a friend!



ACT and ADC 2019 Meeting Calendar

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

Thursday, July 11* (Summer Potluck Meeting)

No meeting in August

Thursday, September 12*

Thursday, October 3, Thursday, November 7

Thursday, December 5 (Holiday Potluck Meeting)

State Democratic Convention Speeches

Didn't make it to the Convention? No worries. You can still watch the General Session speeches. Go to [www://cadem.org](http://www.cadem.org) and:

- 1) Select [The Latest All](#)
- 2) Select [Session Speakers from California Democratic Party 2019...](#)

Watch the speeches of any or all fourteen Democratic presidential candidates in attendance – Harris, O'Rourke, Warren, Gillibrand, Gabbard, Buttigieg, Swalwell, Klobuchar, Hickenlooper, Inslee, Booker, Sanders, Castro, and Delaney – as well as other Democratic notables including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and many state officers. While the material available totals hours, each presidential candidate was allowed to speak only seven minutes. You can easily choose how much time you want to spend. 🇺🇸



ACTPasadena.org

Please check www.ACTpasadena.org, ACT's webpage, for the current online edition (and previous editions) of *The Phoenix* (in color and sometimes with items we couldn't fit into the print edition).

Bruce Wright, our website manager, recently created a Presidential Primary page for listing local events for Democratic presidential candidates. Please let him know of any local presidential campaign events he can add to the page (at brucewright@sbcglobal.net).

You may have missed Jon Fuhrman's Special Edition (April 24) of his Political Notes, "To Impeach, or Not to Impeach???" You will find it on the webpage under the 2020 Presidential Election News heading. 🇺🇸

Progressive Discussion Group - Upcoming Programs

PDG meets every first and third Friday of the month from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., currently at Rose City Church, 1801 E. Del Mar Boulevard, (NE corner of Del Mar and Allen) in Pasadena. Park on the street or in the church parking lot. Meet in the room opposite the Sanctuary.

While the program starts at 9, please arrive a bit earlier if you are having coffee or other refreshments.

June 21 Gay Pride Month, 50th Anniversary of Stonewall rebellion. Lambda Legal with Bill Hackett moderating.

July 5 Discussion of the state of the Democratic Presidential contest. NO SPEAKER. Each participant (us) will be given from 60 to 90 seconds to make a statement of where they stand as of this date. The field should be set as the first debate will have happened a few weeks prior. Save this date as A) it should be fun and B) those of you who can't usually make it on a Friday morning might be taking a 4-day holiday weekend.

July 19 YIMBY (Yes in my backyard) movement. Carson Malbrough, speaker.

Ed Washatka is the PDG convener and Ron Garber is in charge of programs. Contact Ed at ed.washatka@gmail.com and/or Ron at ronagarber@yahoo.com. Please let Ed know if you would like to receive meeting notices.

We look forward to seeing you at any or all meetings.



Thanks for Additional Contributions to ACT's Political Account

Mel & Renata Cohen
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**From
41st District
Assemblymember
Chris Holden**



Dear ACT Friends,

The Legislature completed a critical deadline as the Assembly and the Senate needed to pass measures introduced in both houses by May 31st. Several important bills that I introduced have passed the Assembly and now move for consideration in the Senate.

Assembly Bill 29 removes State Route 710 between Interstate 210 and Interstate 10 from the California State Freeway and Expressway System. This bill is the result of a two-year effort that brought together the cities of South Pasadena, Alhambra, Pasadena and unincorporated parts of Los Angeles to create language they could all agree on. Assembly Bill 29 eliminates any future possibility of a freeway tunnel and establishes a process that requires Caltrans and Metro to consult with the affected cities. This bill creates a pathway for Caltrans and the impacted cities to take the necessary steps to allow them to decide how this disputed land can return to the community.

The next two measures address the issues of education and both bills received unanimous bipartisan support as it moves to the Senate. The first measure, Assembly Bill 30 ensures dual enrollment opportunities remain available to students by extending the College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP), first established by my legislation in 2015, past its current expiration at the end of 2021. Dual and concurrent enrollment provides high school students access to college-level coursework. In some cases, students earn both high school and college credit for the same course depending on approval from the local school and com-

munity college governing boards. The second measure, Assembly Bill 1075, addresses one of the worst teacher shortages in history by increasing the number of Speech and Language Pathologists (SLPs) slots within the California State University System (CSU). Speech and language is one of the largest disabilities for students and CSU graduates the majority of these pathologists. In 2018, CSU graduated 422 SLPs, yet there were 1,443 vacant SLP vacant positions. Due to the shortage of SLPs, school districts are forced to contract out with speech service agencies and pay higher rates. This bill could potentially save school districts thousands of dollars by increasing the number of slots admitted to CSU and meet the growing demand.

June is also a busy month for the Legislature as we approach the Budget deadline of June 15th. I have requested the Conference Committee on the Budget to secure funds for important issues affecting my district and the state.

First, the developmental disability system is in crisis, as chronically inadequate rates for services to this population threaten to undermine the core promise of the Lanterman Act. This is why I asked for an 8% increase, \$290 million general fund, plus \$200 million matching federal matching funds, for a total of \$490 million to fix the minimum wage disparity. This increase will allow providers to continue operations for another year until the results of the rate study can be implemented. Secondly, to help our students with public transportation, I requested \$75 million to fully fund the Student Transit Pass Program. This will provide a consistent funding source for transit agencies to encourage them to offer free or reduced cost transit passes to low income students at public K-12 schools, community colleges, the California State University and the University of California. Lastly, on a local level, I have advocated for funding to clean

and repair the area around the “City of South Pasadena” landmark freeway sign. The local landmark has been neglected and needs new safety rails for the walking path to the sign and brush clearing to increase visibility of the sign, beautification, landscaping, and replacement of stones where needed. I am also working closely with Pasadena City College to ensure that prioritization of the Armen Sarafian Building Seismic Replacement project receives adequate funding through Proposition 51 to complete the project.

These issues are a high priority for me and I am hopeful that the Budget Committee will consider additional funding requests to support people with developmental disabilities, student access to transportation, public safety and local landmarks.

Sincerely, ~ Chris R. Holden

Holden can be reached at: www.asm.ca.-gov/holden



Climate Change: Causes, Effects & Solutions

Wednesday, June 19, 7-9 p.m.

Sierra Madre City Hall Chambers

232 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard, Sierra Madre

This panel discussion is co-sponsored by S.M.A.R.T. (Sierra Madre Activists Rebuilding Together) and the Sierra Madre Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Commission.

Panelists will include:

Robert Haw, Physicist, Citizens’ Climate Lobby

Marcel Schoppers, Ph.D., Computer Science, JPL

Michael Zelniker, Actor/Activist, Climate Reality Project

Melissa Aguayo, Advocacy and Education Director, 5Gyres.org

Hear from these experts and ask questions.

This fact-based presentation is free of charge. Doors open for refreshments at 6:30 p.m. Seating is limited. Go to Eventbrite.com to RSVP. 🍷



Save the Date

Long time ACT member and civil rights attorney, Dale Gronemeier, will be honored with a lifetime achievement award by Pasadenans Organizing for Progress (POP!). The event will be held at Neighborhood Church, Saturday, September 21 from 4-6 p.m. Rick Cole, who worked with Dale Gronemeier to end at-large Pasadena City Council elections, will be the keynote speaker. ACT is a sponsor of the event.



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Your editors,
Sally Beer and
Chuck Hains, at
the 46th Anniv.
celebration



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



Dear ACT members,

By the time you read this we will have adopted the 2019/2020 State Budget. I am very pleased that the budget includes a \$1.9 billion dollar increase to the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) which brings school funding to highest per pupil funding in history. The increase was a result of the 3.2% COLA we inserted into last year's budget. I was hoping to double the COLA this year but much of the school focus of our new Governor was on early childhood education. Working with the Senate Budget staff and the Governor's office we were able to successfully secure \$493.2 million to provide grants to school districts serving 3 and 4-year-olds with IEPs (Individualized Education Programs). Under the current funding formula, school districts were tasked with providing these IEPs without receiving recourses specifically to do it. Before I transitioned from Education Budget Sub Committee Chair to the Appropriations Committee, I had asked the Senate Budget staff to focus on special education funding. The IEP funding and an additional \$152.6 million for special education equalization were the byproduct of those efforts. At the suggestion of the City of South Pasadena I was very pleased to secure \$3.5 million for restoration efforts within the Arroyo Seco watershed. This was welcomed news to my friend Tim Brick of the Arroyo Seco Foundation.

I'm pleased to be making a second try to force school districts to timely and appropriately translate IEPs into the top 8 languages in that district. Governor Brown vetoed this bill last

year and I'm hopeful that we'll receive a better reception from Governor Newsom. Several of my legislative efforts also led to budget actions. One very important proposal I collaborated on with the John Burton Foundation was a college rapid rehousing plan for Community College, CSU and University of California students. The budget includes \$19 million spread over the three segments to address student homelessness. As reported in the LA Times last year, 1 in 5 LA Community students are homeless. This grant will help the segments plug students into a rapid rehousing effort in concert with local non-profits.

In addition to the K-12 education efforts, the budget addresses stability issues with the Affordable Care Act, builds upon our rainy-day reserves and programs special funds and transportation dollars across the state. It also includes enrollment growth for the CSU and UC.

Another legislative effort I'm proud to be part of is SB 307 to help stop the Cadiz desert project. As many of you know, I was an early critic of this project when Cadiz tried to work with one of our local water agencies. Last year, the procedures of the house prevented the bill from progressing. This year, there were no procedural issues and I was happy to be a principal co-author of the bill which passed the State Senate.

On the family front, I'm excited for Father's Day this weekend with Sofia, Bella and Ellen. Over our legislative summer break, I'm planning to take Bella on an east coast college tour. Though I'm in serious denial that Bella will be graduating and moving out 14 months from now, I have to plan for the inevitable.

Hope you all have a great summer!

Warmly,

Anthony

Senator Anthony Portantino represents California's 25th State Senate.

Letter to a Different Editor

Here is Ron's letter to the Los Angeles Times editor regarding an op-ed pointing out that any immigration reform legislation is doomed to failure because the parties have opposite priorities on the issue:

In regards to any legislative immigration reform potential the author has it right that current political polarization will not allow for any progress in the foreseeable future. However, since 2015 more children born in the U.S. have been born to women of color while more than half of all Americans passing on were white.

Sometime between 2024 and 2032 the states of Georgia, Texas and Arizona will become minority/majority states like California and Hawaii already are. The country as a whole will achieve that status sometime in the latter part of the century.

John McCain understood the implications of these facts which is why he tried in 2013 to bring his party into the 21st century and led the Republican team in comprehensive immigration reform. Trump is taking the party in the opposite direction and if they can't turn the rudder on that ship the party's future looks gloomy if not doomed.

~ Ron Garber



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Coming Pasadena Elections

Mayor and City Council Primary Election

Date: March 3, 2020

General (City run-off) and PUSD Election

Date: November 3, 2020

Mayor Nomination Filing Period:

November 12, 2019 to December 6, 2019*

City Council Districts 1, 2, 4, & 6:

November 12, 2019 to December 6, 2019*

PUSD 2, 4, & 6:

Summer 2020

PCC 2, 4, & 6:

November 12, 2019 to December 6, 2019*

*Extended to December 11, 2019 if incumbent does not run or qualify to run.

Thanks to Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, Pasadena for the above.

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46th Anniversary honorees

2019 ACT and ADC Membership Renewal

A **red** check on your address label on this *Phoenix* tells you that we have not yet received your 2019 membership renewal check. Please use the form below, or renew online at www.ACTpasadena.org. We don't want to lose you.

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



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

P.S. Why not join both groups at our bargain rate?

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 provided will be available to other members and endorsed candidates upon request.



Calendar

- June 17 Monday 7 p.m. UDH Steering Meeting at the home of Karen Wingard, 737 S. Magnolia Ave., Pasadena.
- June 21 Friday 9-10 a.m. Progressive Discussion Group at Rose City Church, 1801 E. Del Mar Bl., Pasadena. Details inside. Also, July 5 and 19.
- June 26, 27 Wednesday Thursday First Official Democratic Debate, hosted by MSNBC in Miami.
- July 11 Thursday 6:30 p.m. ACT and ADC Summer Potluck and Meeting at the home of Bobbie and Henry Moon, 1961 Mar Vista Ave., Alta. (North of New York Dr.) Potluck and socializing at 6:30 p.m.; meeting at 8 p.m.

August There will be no ACT/ADC meeting in August.

Sept. 21 Saturday Save the Date: POP! honors Dale Gronemeier.



July Phoenix Deadline

The July Phoenix deadline is Sunday evening, July 14. Please send items for publication to Chuck Hains at hains27@sbcglobal.net.



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