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Andy Wilson Wins City Council Dist. 7

The run-off for City Council District 7 in Pasadena was breathtakingly close (see table). Hosp won the early absentee votes (which was by far the biggest chunk) by almost 6%. But Andy Wilson, the ACT-endorsed candidate, won the election-day vote by 12% and the provisional/late-mail-ballots by a whopping 15%.

So, after trailing by 20 votes at the end of election day, Wilson picked up 56 votes in the late going and won in a “landslide.”

After the election, Martin Truitt sent around an analysis suggesting that Hosp had won among homeowners while Wilson won renters. That is probably true, though a simplification. What was striking was

| <u>Wilson-Hosp</u> | Wilson | Hosp | Total | % vote | Wilson % | Hosp % |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Early VBM | 991 | 1113 | 2104 | 59.3% | 47.1% | 52.9% |
| Election Day | 591 | 489 | 1080 | 30.4% | 54.7% | 45.3% |
| Late VBM and Provisionals | 211 | 155 | 366 | 10.3% | 57.7% | 42.3% |
| TOTAL | 1793 | 1757 | 3550 | 100.0% | 50.5% | 49.5% |

Truitt’s implication that renters were somehow of less account than homeowners and that having them decide an election was not only a first for the City, but a dark sign.

In truth, there have been several prior races where renters probably cast the deciding votes. And dark signs are in the eyes of the beholder.

In celebrating his win, Andy Wilson acknowledged the considerable contributions made by several groups – including ACT. A number of our members played key roles in the win.

— Fred Register

Altadena Town Council Election News

The election for eight census tract representatives to the Altadena Town Council will be held on Saturday, June 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at various polling sites around town. Early voting will take place on Tuesday, June 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Altadena Library. Neighbors Building a Better

Altadena will hold a candidate forum on Thursday, June 1 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Altadena Community Center, 730 E. Altadena Drive.

For more information visit

www.altadenatowncouncil.org.

Dear Friends of Wendy Soltes,

It's with a heavy heart that I let you know that my mom passed away peacefully this morning [May 7] from complications of Colon Cancer.

Over the last many years the outpouring of support for my mom has been the most incredibly generous and loving that she or I could have ever expected. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to everyone who helped her along this journey.

"My prayer is for all I love to be healthy, productive and loving in all ways possible. Give more than you take, use kind words as often as you can and find happiness in everyday wonders!"

Memorial services are pending.

In oneness, Elliot



Wendy Soltes

We are saddened by the death of our good friend and colleague, **Wendy Soltes** on Sunday morning, May 7. Wendy was ACT's able third Executive Director as well as a very successful fundraiser for progressive candidates and causes. She was opinionated and energetic. She was a loving wife and mother and a talented artist. Though she always said Judy Boggs taught her how to run the ACT office and how to be a political fundraiser, Wendy did all that with her own personal wit and style.

She was predeceased by husband Robert Cuite who, with her, was an ACT stalwart from the mid 1980s. She leaves son Elliot Cuite (an ACT member from birth) of whom she was very proud.

We send our love and sympathy to Elliot and will keep him, his mother and his father in our hearts always.

— Sally Beer

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We lost someone special to us on Sunday. **Wendy Soltes** passed away.

Wendy had been involved with the United Democratic Headquarters, since 1984, that's more than 30 years. She was instrumental in Jack Scott's and Anthony Portantino's early electoral victories, and she was always a guiding light in every headquarters we had.

But it's not her accomplishments we're going to miss, it is **her**. Wendy was family. She was one of us, and did all she could to make our Headquarters not just a campaign, but a home.

Remember Wendy, remember who she was, what she stood for, and the light she brought to our community. Best wishes to Elliot (*pictured with her above*), her son. She will never be far from our thoughts.

With love,

Your UDH Family.



Welcome New and Returning ACT Members:

John Patzakis, San Marino
Bradley Whitford, Pasadena

Special Thanks to Our Sustaining Members

Renatta Cooper, Pasadena
David Hodge, Pasadena
Joyce Streater, Pasadena

Wonderings and Wanderings

By Inman Moore



Important Special Election

On June 20th there will be a special runoff election to fill an unexpired term for the 6th Congressional District in Georgia. The Democratic Candidate is Jon Ossoff, a young very attractive candidate who led in the primary. His opponent is Republican Karen Handel. A lot of money is being raised on both sides.

It would be a real coup if we could elect Jon. He is an extraordinary candidate. Here are a few facts about him.

Born in Atlanta, Ossoff grew up in Northlake in Georgia's 6th Congressional District. Ossoff's mother, Heather Fenton, an Australian immigrant, co-founded New Power PAC, an organization that works to elect women to local office across Georgia. His father, who is of Russian, Jewish, and Lithuanian Jewish descent, owns a specialist publishing company.

While in high school, Ossoff interned for 5th District Georgia Congressman and civil rights leader John Lewis.

Ossoff graduated from Georgetown University, earning a bachelor's degree in the School of Foreign Service. He then went on to earn his Master of Science degree from the London School of Economics in 2013.

Among other things he served as a staffer and aide to Georgia 4th District Rep. Hank Johnson for five years.

He comes highly recommended by all people he has worked for and with. A truly outstanding individual!!

He led in the recent primary, almost receiving a majority of all votes cast. What a great thing it would be to get him elected!

This contest is of special interest to me. My wife, Nellie, and I lived in Atlanta while I attended graduate school at Emory University for three years. Jon Ossoff's girl friend, Alicia, is a student at the Emory medical school.

As all candidates do, Jon needs money. His need is most pressing. He has raised a tremendous amount but that was largely spent to make him front runner in the primary. Any amount would be of help because the Republicans are in full press to keep the seat vacated when former Congressman Tom Price was appointed to a cabinet position. There are several places online to make a contribution. Check out his website at <https://election.com>

— Inman



Next ACT and ADC Meetings

The next ACT and Arroyo Democratic Club meeting will be on Thursday, June 8 at the home of Monica and Tom Hubbard, 1843 Pepper Drive, Altadena (above New York Drive; east of Allen Avenue.) For a change of pace, we will start with the ADC meeting - chaired by ADC President Bill Hackett - to discuss Democratic Party business and plans.

The ACT meeting will be chaired by ACT Co-Chair and California Democratic Convention Delegate, Joanne Wendler. She and others will bring us a report from the Convention (May 19-21) with all the details.

Come for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. The meeting follows at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome and urged to attend.



Thanks to Members for Additional Contributions to ACT's Political Account

Fred and Jeanne Register

Political Notes

by Jon Fuhrman



Monday, May 8.

We're past the 100 day mark, and President Trump now has two achievements to brag about: the Gorsuch nomination, which is real, and the healthcare bill, which is largely symbolic. The House did pass, by 217 – 213, their version of a bill to repeal and replace Obamacare. Further, the President can, in fact, claim considerable credit for that. His last-minute bargaining with Cong. Upton (R-Mich) swung at least two votes, which was the winning margin. In reality, the additional funds the President agreed to -- \$8 billion over 5 years -- are just a drop in the bucket in terms of bailing out potential state-supported high-risk pools for individuals with pre-existing conditions. So either the President truly did outmaneuver Cong. Upton, or the Congressman was simply looking for an excuse to change his vote and pocket a very big IOU from the President.

Whatever the real reason, the outcome is largely symbolic, for the Senate is basically starting from scratch, rather than amending the House bill. Several key Senators have a very clear, and very different, conception of what the bill should look like. In fact, a proposal by Sens. Collins of Maine and Cassidy of Louisiana would allow states to keep the current (Obamacare) system if they liked it, or go to an alternative approach if that wanted to do that. Given that the Republicans, under optimal Parliamentary rulings, still need 50 votes to pass anything, they really can't afford to blow off even two Senators. But anything that even hints at keeping vestiges of Obamacare is not likely to get support from the likes of Ted Cruz and other hard-core conservatives. Further, Sen. McConnell has placed Sen. Cruz on the informal working group that will be drafting the "official" Republican Senate version, and specifically excluded Sens. Collins and Cassidy from the group. He did, however, include three GOP Senators from states that chose to expand their Medicaid under Obamacare (like Pennsylvania and Ohio), so the official Senate version is likely to include more protections for such states than the House version.

Of course, should the Senate succeed in cobbling something together, it would have to go to a conference committee to be reconciled with the House version, and merging the two radically different approaches will be nearly impossible. Moreover, all this will be going on while the two chambers grapple with writing a budget for the next fiscal year, extending the debt limit, doing tax reform, and handling a myriad of other on-going issues (like funding a dramatically increased US presence in Afghanistan, as is reportedly being advocated by the Pentagon and White House national security staff).

The core problem, though, is that the passage of the House bill does seem to have spoken

insurers, and several are pulling out of state exchanges. So even if the Congress can't agree on a replacement, some emergency action may have to be taken to keep the structure working in a number of states.

The only other area of success for President Trump, so far, has been on judicial nominations. Justice Gorsuch is now hearing cases and actively questioning attorneys from the bench; it's too soon, though, to see what impact he'll have on the Court. Next on the President's agenda, however, are the Circuit Courts of Appeal. The President will shortly, if he has not already done so as you read this

article, nominate at least ten candidates for various Circuit Courts. All of these nominees are likely to be distinctly conservative. Several apparently are being pulled from State Supreme Courts. There will be significant discontent among liberal groups, but in fact there likely is very little we can do. Indeed, my guess is that quite a few will get a bunch of Democratic votes for confirmation, because, at least

among the few names floated so far, they do seem well educated, well experienced and well qualified, if on the wrong side of the ideological spectrum.

This is one of the inevitable outcomes of a Presidential victory. President Clinton nominated liberals; President Bush nominated conservatives; President Obama nominated more liberals, and under his administration the Senate changed the rules to eliminate filibusters for District and Appellate judges to overcome Republican obstructionism. So President Obama had six years of appointments, until we lost the Senate in 2014. The result is a somewhat underappreciated tilt in the judiciary. For example, the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, covering Maryland, Virgin-



ia, West Virginia, and the Carolinas, has long been thought of as one of the most conservative benches in the country. Yet now, of the 15 judges, 10 have been appointed by Democratic Presidents. As they meet en banc this week to review the President's travel ban, 10 of the 13 sitting judges are Democratic appointees (two of the Republican judges had to recuse themselves due to personal ties to parties in the litigation).

Thus, while the President will be doing his best to push the pendulum back, his ability dramatically to recast our judiciary is somewhat limited. There are more vacancies than

typical, due to the GOP's near total obstructionism in 2015 and 2016, but even with those extra slots, the President's impact will not be overwhelming. If the Democrats do succeed in taking back the Senate in 2018, that would help considerably. But even with four years of appointments, there will still be a strong progressive presence in the Federal judiciary.

Here in Pasadena, we survived a squeaker of a run-off election. Incumbent Andy Wilson trailed by 20 votes on election night, with about 400 provisional and late absentee ballots to be counted. The following Wednesday, after validating signatures against affidavits and determining which provisional voters were eligible to vote in that particular district election, Wilson gained 56 votes to win the election by 36 votes.

While this election was unusually close for City Council races, it also highlighted a fundamental divide in the District 7 community, and probably in the city as a whole. Opponent Phil Hosp campaigned primarily as an advocate for slower and more restricted development, and he apparently tapped into a wide-

spread perception that development – and the attendant traffic, density, and resulting urbanization – are simply out of control in Pasadena.

Pasadena has struggled for decades to find the right balance between respecting and preserving the single-family neighborhoods and small-town quality that many residents cherish, and allowing and encouraging new housing and economic development which both support the city financially and make housing more available for a diverse community. The central compromise forged over the last two decades was to concentrate new development, particularly multi-unit and mixed-use development, in the central city and downtown areas, adjacent to the light-rail transit corridor. This would protect existing single-family neighborhoods from the spread of multi-unit rental and condo developments, while still promoting an increase in the overall housing stock, incorporating an element of affordable housing in all new developments, and siting them close enough to rapid transit options so as to minimize the growth of traffic on city streets.

This seemed to work well for a time, but the impact was perhaps minimized by the real estate crash in 2008 which made many proposed new developments untenable financially. Over the last few years, though, as the overall economy has been reviving, so has the real estate market. Now, it seems to some, there is new construction on virtually every street corner in central Pasadena, and voters perceive traffic as worse than ever. So many are looking to City Hall to put a halt to new development and basically freeze the city where it is.

To a degree, one can understand that feeling. There are a remarkable number of new hotel projects on the books, and I am startled to see new construction popping up all over the central district. Yet, the reality is that City Hall

can do little to mitigate the construction boom. Most of these projects have already been approved, or are “by-right” projects in that they fall within existing zoning rules and are not asking for city support or city variances. The existing zoning rules were refined after an extended community process of hearings and gathering stakeholder input. They do put overall caps on both residential and commercial-industrial growth in the city. And all the new development that has people so exercised falls within those limits.

Can (or should) we simply put a hold on all new development? Pasadena has had a stunning increase in the number of high-tech, entrepreneurial firms that have moved into the city. Innovate Pasadena, which started as an informal coalition of new businesses, now numbers nearly 1500 members. Continued economic growth is essential to the financial well-being of the city, especially as Pasadena, like all California entities, faces increasing costs for public employee retirement systems. Further, as the high-tech sector grows and increasing numbers of residents depend upon that sector for their jobs, there will be a growing constituency, even within single-family neighborhoods, to protect and nurture that growth.

So the City Council will be faced with a tough balancing act, and we should look forward to increased debate and political action over the City’s General Plan and new developments (like the Costco being proposed on East Foothill Blvd.). We have seen development wars in the city before, and a new one just might be brewing.

-- Jon Fuhrman



Really Special Thanks to Our Benefactors

Bradley Whitford, Pasadena

ACT Receives \$1,000 Donation to ACT Political Account from Gronemeier and Associates

On May 4 during a press conference at their Eagle Rock office, ACT members Dale Gronemeier and Skip Hickambottom donated \$30,000 of the \$65,000 received in attorney fees from PUSD to ten progressive organizations and causes. The attorneys filed a lawsuit in 2016 after PUSD produced heavily redacted and incomplete public records related to allegations that there was widespread cheating at Roosevelt Elementary School while Juan Ruelas was its Principal and public records that related to disputes over Reulas' conduct as Principal at Madison Elementary School. In January a Los Angeles Superior Court judge ruled that PUSD had to produce unredacted and complete copies of these documents. Negotiated attorney fees for winning the case of \$65,000 were paid by PUSD in April.

\$20,000 of the \$30,000 was donated to support reconciliation and healing at Madison Elementary if the school gets a new principal next year. The other \$10,000 was donated to the following progression organizations: ACT, the Pasadena Branch of the NAACP, the United Teachers of Pasadena, POP! (Pasadenans organizing for Progress), NDLO (the National Day Labor Organizing Network), the League of Women Voters, the Flintridge Center, the Pasadena Tenants Union, and Pasadena CLUE (Clergy and Laity United for Equality). An additional \$1,000 was donated to NDLO to support the Carlos Ortiz defense fund. Mr. Ortiz is a Pasadena resident detained by ICE in a recent raid in Pasadena.



Special Thanks to Patrons

Fred and Jeanne Register

Caltech March For Science

A spirited March for Science took place in Pasadena on Saturday, April 22. Hundreds of people (maybe over a thousand), showed up in support of science.



Credit: Caltech

The Caltech portion of the event featured speeches from U.S. congresswoman Judy Chu, California state assemblymember Chris Holden, and Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) board member Scott Phelps (MS '89). California state senator Anthony Portantino, Pasadena mayor Terry Tornek, Caltech professor Jonas Peters, Caltech staff member and PUSD school board member Patrick Cahalan, were among the speakers who welcomed the crowd when they arrived at the end of the march route.

— Jeanne Register



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



Dear ACT Members,

I don't know about you, but the attempt by Trump and his devotees to deny 24 million people healthcare really makes me angry. I'm particularly upset at the callous vote from the California Republican House Members all of whom voted with their party's leadership to cripple the Affordable Care Act. These types of lock step votes underscore for me why blind allegiance runs counter to the robust debate that makes democracy strong.

I also find it ironic that one of the reasons why California GOP House Members can take this vote is they know that Sacramento is committed to making Covered California work and to protect healthcare coverage for millions of Californians who have benefited from the ACA. Our efforts in California will make significant hit to their districts less likely than in other states. I'm sure there will be several local grassroots efforts to help turn these red house districts blue in 2018. Obviously, that's something for all of us to work towards.

I recently returned from a national conference on school start time and am more determined than ever to bring this science and researched based approach to our children's public health to fruition. SB 328 to move school start time for high school and middle school to 8:30 or later passed out of the Senate Education Committee. Efforts to name a portion of the 134 freeway in Eagle Rock for President Obama continues to gain momentum as it passed out of the Senate Transportation Committee. Efforts to stem the proliferation of guns on main street are moving, too. I am also very

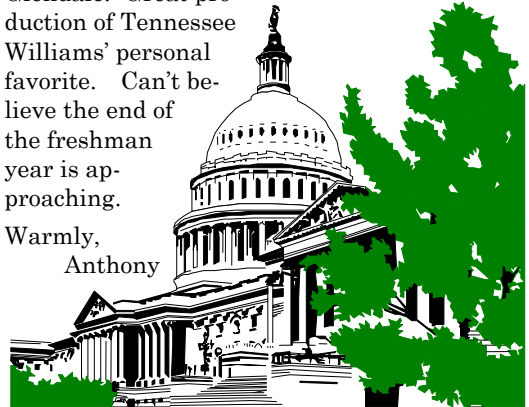
pleased with the progress for our mental health, storm water capture, teacher credentialing and our IEP translation bill all of which passed their first policy committees.

We are moving our District Office from north of the freeway to the corner of Broadway and Maryland, right in the heart of downtown Glendale.

Stay tuned for details about our District Open House! My awesome district staff is now set and I hope you will come meet Talin, Kristi, Vickeree, Marco, Evette, Arda, Dominick and Darla when we have the event.

On the family front, I had the chance to take Bella to see Cat on a Hot Tin Roof at the recently relocated Antaeus Theatre Company in Glendale. Great production of Tennessee Williams' personal favorite. Can't believe the end of the freshman year is approaching.

Warmly,
Anthony



ACT's Webpage: Wanted: Photos

ACT's webpage www.ACTpasadena.org has links and activities to help us to resist troubling Trump administration policy. Note that the current on-line edition of *The Phoenix* (in color and often with items that couldn't be fitted into the print edition) is always available on our webpage. Bruce Wright, our website manager, wants photos of relevant local events to enliven the page. Please submit items to Bruce at brucewright@sbcglobal.net.

**From
41st District
Assemblymember
Chris Holden**



Dear ACT Friends,

It was a very busy month in Sacramento as the majority of my legislative package cleared their policy committees in the Assembly. There are two bills I have yet to share with you that I am proud to author – Assembly Bill 620 that would provide youth offenders access to trauma focused therapy, and Assembly Bill 1567 that helps improve educational outcomes among former foster youth enrolled in public higher education institutions.

California has led the nation in criminal justice reform in prisons through parole. With the implementation of Proposition 57, there will be an increase in parole hearings. Unfortunately, access to trauma healing programs to prepare incarcerated people for a successful parole process is decreasing due to prison overcrowding.

AB 620 will enable the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to contract with non-profit organizations to provide information and access to trauma focused programming for offenders under the age of 25. AB 620 will not only prepare incarcerated youth for parole hearings, but it will use trauma intervention to help inmates heal, create safer prisons, reduce recidivism, contribute to suicide prevention and increase access to rehabilitation.

Nationally, California has the largest population of foster care youth. Statistically, former foster youth tend to struggle with education and employment, and are more likely to be homeless or in the criminal justice system. Data shows that many factors contribute to

poor educational outcomes. Former foster youth are often not accessing crucial resources in time to enroll and utilize while eligible, which impacts their ability to pass needed courses necessary to complete their program or degree.

AB 1567 will facilitate data sharing between California Community Colleges, California State Universities, and the State Department of Social Services and county welfare departments to increase the number of foster youth who enroll in and utilize campus support programs. By providing former foster youth students access to resources early, they will be more likely to achieve academic success.

You can read about and track my full legislative package on my website. It will continue to be a busy year at the Capitol and in the district, and I look forward to keeping you up to date in the coming months.

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.assembly.ca.gov/holden and fill out the contact form.



**L A Gay Pride #Resist March for
Human Rights on June 11**

Join Congressman Adam Schiff

**ATTENTION: GAY PRIDE MARCH
PARTICIPANTS**

As mentioned in the April *Phoenix*, we will be joining forces with Congress-man Adam Schiff and his supporters in the Gay Pride March 2017. Staging will begin at the Hollywood and Highland area at 8 a.m., June 11. It is approximately a 3 mile march, much shorter than the Rose Parade route!! The March will begin at approximately 10-11am.

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Congressman Schiff's volunteers will be organizing a few days in advance to make signs and distribute t-shirts to wear at the March. Water and snacks will be provided for all participants.

Patty Horton is finalizing those plans. [All interested marchers please contact her at patty.campaign@gmail.com to RSVP and obtain information regarding the logistics.](mailto:patty.campaign@gmail.com) Let's really rally behind this March and Congressman Schiff. It's our turn to have his back; he has had ours for 16 years. Step up to the plate for this cause and also rally behind equal rights for all. ACT very seldom calls for a show of force, but this is one of those times.

On another note, check Adam's Twitter. He usually has a daily update for his followers, keeping them apprised of what has transpired that day. And, he tells it like it is!!!!

For additional thoughts or questions, you may also contact me seasideatdelmar@gmail.com.

— Barbara Paul



From Congressman Adam B. Schiff's Website



Dear Friends,

I know you've been hearing a lot from me lately, but I wanted to send you a quick note to say something I can't say enough.

Thank you.

Thank you for your support, for your guidance, for your activism, and for your part in building a better future for all Americans. When President Trump issued an unconstitutional order banning refugees and immigrants from Muslim nations, when they tried again and again to repeal the Affordable Care Act and kick millions off their health insurance and raise

costs for families, when they released a budget that would decimate the environment, diplomacy, and medical research, you rallied, you marched, and you answered the call to speak out in California and around the country.

That spirit is what keeps me fighting, even when the challenges keep coming.

For all of this and much more... Thank You.

In the coming days, weeks, and months, our democracy will be tested in new and unprecedented ways. But I am confident that we will pass this test; we must.

The whirlwind of the first one hundred days might be over, but the next hundred are just as important, maybe more so.

(May 8 edition...) I have thick skin, and I've never backed down from a fight. But I have to tell you -- I've never seen anything like the personal attacks against me recently from the far right, including associates of the President.

First, it was conspiracy theorist Alex Jones, who went on an expletive-filled and bigoted rant attacking me.

And then last week, after President Trump called me "totally partisan," his staff attacked me on Twitter for calling out the President's threat to shut down the government if he didn't get his way on building his wall.

Together, we will hold this Administration and Congress accountable. Our democracy and our progressive values are too important to be intimidated.

I'm sure more attacks are coming, and to that I say: Bring it on.

Thank you for all that you do,

— Adam



Does Your Address Label Have a RED CHECK?

Have you sent your 2017 membership check? A RED CHECK on your address label on this **Phoenix** means we haven't yet received your check and we are eagerly waiting for it. Note that ACT and Arroyo Democratic Club membership dues for 2017 have not increased. And you know how much we need your continued support! You may use the form below to renew, or renew online at www.ACTpasadena.org. Many thanks!



If you have any questions about your membership please contact Executive Director Jon Fuhrman at 626 795-5255 or jon_fuhrman@charter.net.

P.S. Thanks to all who have renewed already - for your amazing generosity and support.

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Student or limited income | <input type="checkbox"/> \$125 Patron |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> \$275 Benefactor |

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Information provided may be made available to other members and endorsed candidates.

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Calendar

- May 19
Friday
9-10 a.m. Progressive Discussion Group at Dupar's Restaurant, 214 S. Lake Ave., Pasadena. Dale Gronemeier 323 254-7600 or dlg@dgronemeier.com for more info. Also 6/2, 6/16, 7/7.
- May 19-21
Fri – Sun California Democrats 2017 State Convention, Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 J St. Congressman Adam Schiff is Keynote Speaker at Convention Dinner, Sat., 5/20, 6 p.m.
- June 1
Thursday
7-8:30 p.m. Altadena Candidate Forum, at the Altadena Community Center, 730 E. Altadena Dr., Alta.
- June 8
Thursday
7 p.m. ADC & ACT Steering Committee meetings at the home of Tom & Monica Hubbard, 1843 Pepper Dr., Alta. Coffee at 7 p.m.; meetings follow at 7:30
- June 10
Saturday Altadena Town Council Elections. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- June 11
Sunday
8-11 a.m. L A Gay Pride #Resist March for Human Rights. Hollywood to West Hollywood. See details inside.



June Phoenix Deadline

The deadline for the June *Phoenix* has been extended to be Sunday evening, June 18. Please send your items to Chuck Hains at hains27@sbcglobal.net.

Progressive Discussion Group

Friday Morning Progressive Discussion Group meets every first and third Friday of the month from 9-10 a.m. in the back room of Dupar's Restaurant, 214 S. Lake Ave., Pasadena. Parking is available in the big lot behind the restaurant off Shopper's Lane. You can always count on a lively discussion of a current political topic at a PDG meeting.

Upcoming PDG meetings: May 19 - Amendment of the Fuller Master Plan/affordable housing units. June 2 - Mayor Terry Tornek with Pasadena City news. July 7: Assemblymember Chris Holden with a legislative report. (The program for June 16 has not yet been finalized.)

Come and join the discussion. Everyone is welcome. Order breakfast, coffee, etc., or not. For more information check with Dale Gronemeier at 323 254-7600 or dlg@dgronemeier.com.



Where Have You Been?

Either near or far. Send a high-resolution photo (of you) to Chuck Hains at hains27@sbcglobal.net for inclusion in *The Phoenix*.

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Chicago mayor Emanuel posts EPA's deleted climate change page

Excerpted from Edward-Isaac Doveve via CNN

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel's response to the Trump administration pulling down its website detailing information about climate change: putting up his own.

The new section of the City of Chicago's website, launched this weekend, pulls data from the archived Environmental Protection Agency page, noting, "while this information may not be readily available on the agency's webpage right now, here in Chicago we know climate change is real and we will continue to take action to fight it." Emanuel is promising to build the site out more in the coming weeks, using city resources.

"The Trump administration can attempt to erase decades of work from scientists and federal employees on the reality of climate change, but burying your head in the sand doesn't erase the problem," Emanuel said.

Through both Republican and Democratic administrations in the past two decades, the EPA accepted and promoted climate change data. That changed under President Donald Trump, who's expressed doubts about the science and already eliminated regulations put in place by President Barack Obama, and EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, who has repeatedly questioned global warming and fought environmental protections from the government he argues unfairly target businesses.

Last [month], the EPA scrapped the climate-change website.