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Slow Count Means California Election Results Still Uncertain



As of this writing, there are still close to 3,000,000 ballots to be counted statewide. When all is said and done, turnout will probably fall just short of 10,000,000 – right around 48%. That would be a new record for voters, but not for turnout percentage. Turnout in 2016 was very similar (47.72%), but there are 2.7 million more voters on the rolls now.

In the Democratic Presidential Primary, Bernie Sanders leads with 33.9% of the vote to Joe Biden's 26.6%. The gap has been steadily shrinking as late votes are counted. It may close to as little as 4% – narrower than Biden's win in Texas. That would be a major disappointment for the Sanders campaign, which hoped for the lion's share of California delegates.

As of now, it seems unlikely that any other candidate will hit the 15% threshold required to win statewide delegates. Michael Bloomberg and Elizabeth Warren are the only two who are close, but their chances don't look good.

In L.A. County there are 678,000 ballots still to be counted. It appears turnout will be @2.1 million – or @38%. That leaves the race for District Attorney still up in the air. Incumbent Jackie Lacey currently has exactly 50% of the vote and has been losing ground. On the other hand, more than 80% of the remaining votes are mail-in-ballots. So far, Lacey has had a healthy lead in that category –which could bode well for her chances of avoiding a run-off.

Locally, there are 9,040 mail-in-ballots remaining to be counted in Pasadena, plus a smaller but unknown number of provisional ballots and election-day-registrations. That leaves three races still-uncertain. Victor Gordo currently leads Terry Tornek by about 1200 votes in the race for Mayor. Chances are that margin may narrow some as the count continues but, regardless, there will almost certainly be a runoff – eight more months of campaigning!



Two Council races are close enough that they could, in theory,

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slip into runoffs. Felicia Williams is currently 74 votes (@2%) over 50%, with at least 1400 votes still to be counted in District 2. But her margin has been very stable throughout the counting process, and she looks likely to squeeze by. The same is true of Steve Madison in District 6. He is currently 136 votes (@2.5%) above 50%, with at least 1900 to count. Madison has been running stronger in the mail-in-ballots, so the composition of the remaining vote probably favors him.

Going forward, there will be updates each Tuesday and Friday afternoon. The election won't be certified until early April, but the count should be virtually complete in the next 10-14 days.

~ Fred Register



LAVOTE.net

LAVOTE.net is the place to go for LA County election results. County officials say they will be updating the vote count every Tuesday and Friday until the official count is complete.



April 2 is Next Meeting of ACT and ADC

The next meeting of the ACT Steering Committee and the Arroyo Democratic Club will be on Thursday, April 2 at a location to be determined.

The planned program for the April meeting is "Homelessness and Housing". Though a presenter has not been confirmed at the time of publication, an expert in the field is being sought to present statistics on the prevalence of the problem in our region, barriers to addressing the issues and resources. We expect to pick up some good ideas on what we can do locally on this very tough issue.

Come for socializing and refreshments at 7 p.m. The meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.



ACT and ADC Meeting Calendar

ACT Steering Committee and ADC meetings are usually on the first Thursday of the month. Meetings are called to order (again, usually) at 7:30 p.m. after time for socializing beginning at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Thursday, April 2 (Housing and Homelessness)

Thursday, May 7 (TBD)



Barbara Sheinkopf

We sadly note that Barbara Sheinkopf died Thursday, February 13. She was 81. Many will remember that she taught English in Pasadena public and private schools for more than 40 years. She graduated from Occidental College in 1960 and met her future husband, the late Dr. Stan Sheinkopf during her first teaching assignment at John Muir High School. They were together 53 years. And they were ACT members for decades.



Former students remember Barbara as a kind, passionate and tough teacher. She was determined that every student learned to analyze, write and love literature as she did.

We extend our sympathy to Barbara's children, Stephen and Megan and to her three grandchildren. They invite those who wish to honor Barbara's memory to attend her memorial service on Friday, March 13, at 12 noon at Sunrise Chapel, Mountain View Mortuary, 2400 N. Fair Oaks Avenue, in Altadena.

Fred Schoellkopf



We are sorry to note that J. Fred Schoellkopf III died on December 18 at age 88. Born in Dallas, Texas, he earned his undergraduate degree in geology at Princeton in 1953. His early professional life was spent as a financial advisor in Dallas. He then moved to California to pursue an MFA at Claremont Graduate University, earning that degree in 1968. A distinguished career as a painter followed. His color-filled large-scale paintings were created in a downtown Pasadena studio loft. His work was exhibited widely, including at the L.A. County Museum of Art, Pomona Public Library, Mt. San Antonio College, Eastern New Mexico University and the Pasadena Arts Council and private collections. He received first prize in the PAC's shows in both 1980 and 1981.

Fred and his late wife, Eileen Reekie, married in 1971 and were together for 46 years. They were longtime ACT members, world travelers, and generous supporters of numerous charitable organizations. Among his many activities, Fred served on the California Arboretum Foundation's Board for years and was instrumental in producing an event that raised \$42,000 for the Arboretum Education Center.

We send our sympathy to daughter Sarah, son-in-law Richard Neil, granddaughter Anna and other close relatives. They suggest that any memorial donations be made to Union Station Homeless Services of Pasadena.



Pasadena Commission on the Status of Women - HERstory

The Pasadena Commission of the Status of Women and its community partners present the 4th Annual HERstory, Thursday, March 26, 6-8:30 p.m., All Saints Church, 132 N. Euclid Ave., Pasadena.

Jane Guthrie is the honoree. Free. Light refreshments. For more information contact Commission on the Status of Women chairperson, Norma E. Fernandez:

norma.estela.fernandez@gmail.com



Welcome New and Returning ACT Members:

George & Marilyn Brumder, Pasadena
Cheryl Brickey, Pasadena

And New from our Mock Iowa Caucus:

Florence Annang, Pasadena
Blake LaRue, Pasadena



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Political Notes

by Jon Fuhrman



Sunday, March 8.

As I write this, two days before Michigan, Washington and four other state primaries, most commentators are calling it a two-person race. I think they are being overly timid and politically correct. It is, in fact, a one-person race: baring some galactic screw-up, Joe Biden will be, and deserves to be, the Democratic nominee for President, after one of the most remarkable weeks in American politics that I can recall.

You all know the big picture. Before the Nevada caucuses, on Feb. 22, Vice-President Biden's campaign was at death's door. Biden then had an adequate, if rather distant, second-place showing, saved only by the fact that the other centrist candidates were well behind him, and Sen. Sanders performed basically in line with expectations.

The Vice-President came alive, at least somewhat, in the South Carolina debate, as he

started to hone some good campaign lines, particularly by calling on voters to support "a proud Democrat, a life-long Democrat, an Obama-Biden Democrat." It reminded voters – particularly African-American voters in South Carolina – of Biden's unrivaled and intimate connection to Pres. Obama and it was a not so subtle dig at one of Sen. Sanders' key vulnerabilities, but done with a deft touch by not directly criticizing Sanders or even using his name.

Perhaps that debate performance, and the sense that the Vice-President was truly re-energizing his campaign, convinced Cong. Jim Clyburn to endorse Biden, or perhaps the endorsement was already in the bag. But Clyburn didn't just support the Vice-President; he embraced him with a full-throated call to arms that practically commanded his community to close ranks and support Biden. While Clyburn didn't directly criticize Sen. Sanders, Clyburn's focus on how the Vice-President "knows us" also implicitly rebuked Sanders for not really knowing the African-American community. Additionally, Clyburn recalled the 1972 campaign of George McGovern, suggesting that embracing even the most noble of causes can sometimes lead to cataclysmic failure.

With Clyburn's endorsement, that gold seal of approval, doubts in the African-American community seemed instantly to dissolve. Biden won every county in South Carolina, amidst a gigantic turnout, sweeping to victory and leaving the other centrist candidates in the mid-single digits. Even Tom Steyer, after spending upwards of \$20 million and spreading cash around the state like an unabashed Tammany Hall ward heeler, couldn't win even a single delegate.

Wisely, Steyer bowed to the inevitable and suspended his campaign. Mayor Pete Buttigieg and Sen. Amy Klobuchar weren't far behind, recognizing a resurgent and anointed

Biden would squeeze them out of any chance of moving forward. Sen. Sanders, showing some of his less than endearing tendencies, wondered aloud how Pete and Amy and Beto all simultaneously came to the conclusion that they should endorse the Vice-President Monday night; surely there must have been pressure from the “establishment”, some nefarious scheme to deny Sanders the nomination. In truth, there was no scheme because there is no establishment. Tom Perez, the Chair of the Democratic National Committee, has little influence or power, certainly not enough to induce or compel Pete or Amy to drop out. Nor was President Obama secretly on the phone telling them now is the time.

The truth is far simpler and less mysterious. Pete and Amy and Beto are all accomplished politicians. They can read numbers, election results and polls as well as anyone else. They also are not held hostage by their ideological views. They can see the larger picture, and that was to determine what was best, not for them personally, but for the

party and for the quest to defeat Donald Trump. And by all indications, that was Joe Biden.

But perhaps the most fascinating aspect of this last week was how Democrats around the country, en masse, reached that same conclusion individually. Typically, to get voters to turn out, there must be a certain attraction, a pull, from a candidate, but that has to be matched by a push – an army of volunteers and a barrage of media, either TV or mail or social media. By and large, though, the Biden campaign was inactive. It didn't have armies of volunteers. In fact, in states like Massachusetts and Minnesota and Arkansas, it didn't have anything at all – no staff, no advertising, no voter contacts – absolutely noth-



ing. Yet Biden racked up impressive wins in all those states. In states like North Carolina and Virginia and Alabama, there were robo-calls and local endorsements and a few campaign appearances, but that was it. What Biden did have, nationwide, was an avalanche of free press, and often an adulatory press.

Normally, that's not nearly enough. A relatively modest share of the population reads newspapers, listens to MS-NBC talk shows, or pays attention to any news at all. But in this case, the subset of voters likely to vote in the Democratic primary overlapped, to a significant extent, that subset of voters who do listen

to the talk shows and do at least glance at the papers and do worry about who might be more electable against Pres. Donald Trump.

Not only did a myriad of those voters independently reach the same conclusion, but they seemed eager and enthusiastic to proclaim that decision. Turnouts were exceptionally strong. South Carolina beat the 2008 levels which were deemed to be the gold standard. So too in states like Virgin-

ia and North Carolina, and the turnouts were particularly strong in the suburban areas where Democrats, in 2018, flipped 40 House seats to take control of that chamber. In contrast, Sen. Sanders seemed stuck at the same levels he achieved in 2016, and the turnout among the demographic groups most supportive of his campaign showed no particular gains.

Now we're on to the next 6 primaries this Tuesday, and then three more big ones – Florida, Illinois and Ohio – the week after that. My guess is that Biden will sweep nearly all the forthcoming primaries, particularly Michigan and Washington, where Sanders had per-

formed well in 2016. It seems to me that Democrats have reached a consensus, and they are ready to nominate Joe Biden. (And, assuming Biden wins Michigan and Washington, I wouldn't be surprised to see Sen. Elizabeth Warren join the bandwagon and endorse Biden.)

Sen. Sanders won't give in easily. He desperately wants to debate the Vice-President, one on one. He absolutely believes he is on the right side of multiple issues, and that once voters are made to confront the differences, they will go with Sanders on the issues. Yet the fundamental flaw in that logic, to me, is that even if voters tend to favor Sanders ideological positions, they're looking not at issues but at the tone and temperament of the campaign. They are ready for Biden's healing, as hokey as that may sound. They want that return to normalcy, not a continued revolution and the strife that would bring. Voters are simply comfortable with Joe, reinforced by the endorsements of multiple competitors and other party leaders. They believe he is the strongest candidate to lead the ticket, and all the most recent polling (both for the Presidency and for down-ballot races) tend to support and propagate that perception.

Biden may well be challenged in a one-on-one debate. Sanders won't hesitate to draw stark, unflattering and even aggressive distinctions between them. Biden faces a dilemma – if he hews to the healer, unifier mode he can't reply in kind to Sanders, but if he doesn't, he may look like a patsy and have folks worrying how he will hold up against Pres. Trump. My guess is he will deflect the attacks and respond only indirectly. He'll use the "proud Democrat, lifelong Democrat, Obama-Biden Democrat" meme, and he'll also use his tag line about his campaign being for all those who had been "knocked down, counted out and passed over". Interestingly, that description is a direct call to Trump's base of disaffected, ex-

urban voters, and particularly to those Obama-Trump voters whom we need to lasso back into the Democratic camp. Biden is uniquely suited to do that; those are his people, and I think Democratic voters sense that potential connection and feel the power of those appeals.

So I think it's pretty much a done deal – go ahead and corner the market on Biden bobble-head dolls, because they'll be a hot piece of merchandise come convention time.

Additionally, the calming sense of Biden at the head of the ticket already seems to be reverberating down-ballot. In Montana, Gov. Steve Bullock, who is term-limited, finally agreed to run for the U.S. Senate against the GOP incumbent Steve Daines, perhaps encouraged by the prospect of ticket led by Biden. Also, polling in the last few days in four key states – Maine, Colorado, North Carolina and Arizona – showed the Democratic Senate challenger ahead of the GOP incumbent by 4 – 7 points in each state. All four are generally rated as Toss-Up races, but to have the challengers ahead this early in the campaign is quite good news for Democratic chances of taking back the Senate. (My guess is that Democrats will end up with 53 – 57 seats in the Senate, but I'll save that analysis for a future column.)

Closer to home, don't be surprised if we face some tough budget news this summer. The current 2019 – 2020 budget year is in pretty good shape. But the impact of the corona virus on the stock market could roll down to California in a serious way. Personal income taxes are the predominant share of the state's income, and those taxes are exceptionally dependent upon the dividend and capital gains income of a thin slice of our taxpayers at the very top end of the income scale. A major market retreat could put a real kink into the 2020-2021 budget year. We have built up extensive rainy day funds for just such a downturn, but there is always considerable reluc-

tance to dip into such reserves, not knowing what the next year could bring.

Finally, in Pasadena, we have a run-off between Mayor Tornek and Councilmember Gordo in the Mayoral race. The two candidates will be sitting across from one another on the Council dais for another 8 months – a situation surely not comfortable for either candidate. To be fair, the new election schedule did indeed increase the number of voters participating in local elections; although lots of ballots are still to be counted, we'll probably end up with nearly twice as many votes being cast in this year's Mayoral race as were cast in 2015. That's clearly a good change, but whether that's offset by the increased cost of elections and the long lag time between the primary and run-off is an open question. Given that Councilmember Gordo has the official Democratic endorsement, and the November electorate is likely to be even more Democratic than this time, and to have even more "low information" voters – voters who have not traditionally voted in local elections and may not follow local politics – it seems likely that Gordo will have the edge in the run-off. Further, being forced into a run-off is usually not a good omen for any incumbent. On the other hand, Mayor Tornek may be able to use his agenda-setting power on the Council to bring to the fore issues (like police oversight and affordable housing) where he has the stronger policy stance. Unfortunately, we can look forward to a long six months of sniping and low-level campaigning until the campaigns hit high gear next September.

In contrast to the Mayoral race, it looks like all the Council races avoided a run-off, although Districts 2 and 6 are teetering right on the edge. As of this writing, Felicia Williams will be the new District 2 Councilmember (and lone woman on the Council), with a 51.97% majority, and Councilmember Madison has a 52.57% lead. (Both won ACT's endorsements).

Neither is entirely safe with nearly 1/3 of all ballots still to be counted, but certainly better to be above the 50% threshold than below it. It does make one question whether it makes sense to have a 50% requirement to avoid a run-off, or whether we'd be better served by a simple winner-take-all primary election. Nor does it make sense for a newly elected Councilmember to have to wait until December to take office. But we'll leave those issues for future Councils to grapple with.

~ Jon Fuhrman



My Two Cents

By Ron Garber



This is the year I've set my goals at writing 10,000 postcards and losing 85 pounds. As this is a political column and not wanting to lose you, let's start with the postcards. So, I just asked Alexa how many days are there between March 3, the California primary, and November 3, the general election, and she immediately responded 245. Dividing 10,000 by 245 I come up with just under 41 cards per day which at 10 minutes per (I'm not as fast as many of the incredible women who I've worked with) is doable. So which candidates will be the beneficiaries of my labors?

In 2018 we concentrated on flipping the House and were successful. The United Democratic Headquarters worked on 6 Southern California districts and I believe played an important role in converting 4 Orange County districts and the one to our immediate north centered in Santa Clarita. While it's important to hang on to these districts and Hoyt Hilsman, the UDH chairman, has made this a priority - which I naturally support; I want our goals this time around to include flipping the Senate. To that end, provided campaign cooperation, the beneficence of our labors will be going

to Mark Kelly running for the Senate in Arizona and John Hickenlooper running for the Senate in Colorado.

As I expect reluctance on the part of those Senatorial campaigns to understand the need for GOTV postcards for a November election to be written in March I'm going to wait for the UDH director to come on board in May and have her or him assist with the contacts. But as it turns out, we have an opportunity right now to start writing those postcards for a very worthy candidate who needs us right now.

The primary was coupled with a special election in the 25th California Congressional District to fill the remainder of the term left by Katie Hill's resignation. Our Democratic candidate, Assemblywoman Christy Smith, received a plurality of votes but, as it would have taken an outright majority, she has to compete in a May 12 runoff and we're churning out cards as you read this column.

Please contact me so I can have cards, scripts and addresses delivered to you or scripts and addresses emailed to you. You will need to add postage, 35 cent stamps, and return the cards or arrange to have them picked up as they have to be delivered to the campaign staff no later than April 19. My contact information is as follows: Phone, 626 359-6143 or email, ronagarber@yahoo.com. San Gabriel Valley Swing Left and the Christy Smith campaign are also organizing canvassing runs to the Santa Clarita area. Please consider having family and friends join your post carding so I can deliver and retrieve larger numbers of cards.

Circling back to the primary, on Monday the day before, I read a story in the L.A. Times about voters who had mailed their ballots in, having voted for Tom Steyer or Pete Buttigieg, trying to figure out how to get their ballots back so they could now vote for someone still running. Bottom line they couldn't without risking arrest for double voting. After reading

the story I left the house to run errands which included mailing in my ballot which I had completed that morning. Smugly I chuckled at those rubes that had committed too early and was heartened by my choice for an actual candidate. I returned home at 10 a.m. only to learn that my candidate, Amy Klobuchar had dropped out in the hour it took me to complete my errands and mail my ballot.

Back to the 85 pound weight loss crusade. I've read that one of the best ways to ensure one completes their diet goals is to make it public, so at Midnight Dec. 31 / Jan. 1, I tipped the scales at 265 pounds. I set a goal of 180. Any of you who have participated in political campaigns know that campaign offices run on candy, cookies, pizza and fried chicken - all things that most of us, and I'm no exception, love. UDH is no different and many of those 265 pounds were gained while working on Democratic campaigns over the last 15 plus years since I retired and have devoted most of my time to politics. I'm asking all of you to help me as I expect to spend much of my time running the postcard program out of the UDH office. If any of you see me lifting anything to my mouth that should not be going there please call me out on it. I'm happy to report that as of today I'm already down to 245 pounds and now only need to lose 65 pounds by Dec. 31. I've also, to date, written 170 postcards leaving a goal of 9830. Check this space for progress reports. *Ron out*

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Many of you are aware that I missed the recent ACT/ADC steering committee meeting because I decided to self-quarantine after departing the Royal Princess on February 29. I want to assure everyone that both Valerie and I were never ill and that as of a week after we left that ship, it was NOT one of the two Princess ships involved in the Corona Virus news. However as of 7 p.m. Saturday, March 7 it had not embarked on its new cruise. It always leaves between 4:30 and 5:30. Valerie



did some research and apparently one Princess crewmate from the Grand Princess, currently moored outside San Francisco, had been transferred recently to the Royal and was being tested before the ship would be allowed to leave. Further, a Carnival Ship that had been in sight of ours on our Mexico cruise, going to the same 3 ports in the same order, is now also stalled in Long Beach.

Meanwhile we've received the scripts and addresses for Assemblywoman Christy Smith's postcard drive for her May 12 runoff election to fill the seat left vacant when Katie Hill resigned. As I write this, they are being distributed electronically to a dozen prolific postcard writing groups. Life goes on and I'm only 6 days away from getting out in the field.

*Ron out*

~ Ron Garber

## Special Thanks to Our Sustaining Members

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## From 25<sup>th</sup> District State Senator Anthony Portantino



Dear ACT Members,

It's important to stay calm and be smart as we collectively face the corona virus. Governor Newsom has been quite present and engaged. The state has been posting and releasing significant information. Please use good judgment, including washing your hands, minimizing hand to hand and contact and if you want further information monitor the Los Angeles County Public Health page: <http://public-health.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

Legislatively, I am pleased to be authoring SB 1174 to bring dyslexia screening for all first grade students in California. The earlier we identify learning difficulties the sooner we can help students meet their potential. According to a Texas study, nearly 50 % of all inmates are dyslexic. I am also working with the Metropolitan Water District and the NRDC on two important water safety bills. And, sadly I'm working on legislation to help school districts and local law enforcement work more collaboratively to make our campuses safer. I used the word sadly, not because it's a sad effort but sadly that we have to put in place efforts to prevent potential violent episodes on our schools. I've also introduced SB 1214 to bring more financial accountability to our school districts. This is an effort to ensure that students who generate supplemental and concentration grant funding actually benefit from these additional resources. It is going to get controversial so stay tuned.

You may have recently read about my effort to keep the Gold Line matriculating toward the Ontario Airport. It's a strong bill that has gen-

erated opposition in San Bernardino County. Let's hope all the agencies work together to bring certainty to Claremont and Montclair who represent the next legs of this important light rail project.

On the family front, Sofia is off to Berlin for a year to work on a movie and Bella is starting to get a little senioritis. All is good at home!

Warmly,

~ Anthony



**From  
41<sup>st</sup> District  
Assemblymember  
Chris Holden**



Dear ACT Friends,

Every year, in honor of Women's History Month I have the privilege to recognize our district's Woman of the Year on the Assembly Floor, and a Women of Distinction from each city in the 41<sup>st</sup> Assembly District at my Annual Spring Open House.

These women are passionate leaders who improve the lives for thousands of individuals and families in the 41<sup>st</sup> Assembly District and beyond. They demonstrate exceptional leadership that all of us should aspire to achieve.

This year, I am thrilled to announce Pastor Jean Burch as the Woman of the Year for the 41<sup>st</sup> Assembly District. Pastor Jean Burch is the Senior Pastor of the Community Bible Church of Greater Pasadena. She is the President/CEO of the Community Bible Community Development Corporation that provides affordable housing and social services for over 1500 Pasadena residents. She is also a founding member of the Community Clergy Coalition, a group of pastors striving to improve the quality of life in Pasadena.

The Women of Distinction from throughout our district include Judy Matthews (Altade-

na), Dr. Anne Turner (Claremont), Barbara Smythe (La Verne), Keisha Bowen (Monrovia), Beverly Maloof (Rancho Cucamonga), Diane Koach (San Dimas), Melissa Talwar (Sierra Madre), Lissa Reynolds (South Pasadena), and Kati Parker (Upland).

I hope you can join us on Thursday, March 19, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. at my district office!

In the Capitol my legislative package will soon be complete. An issue I am picking up again this year is keeping our drinking water lead free. My Legislation, AB 2060, would ensure that faucets and plumbing fixtures sold in California leach as little lead as possible, both during a faucet's curing process, and on a regular basis.

Lead is still commonly added to brass and bronze used to make faucets. My legislation tightens the maximum amount of lead that can leach from those fixtures into the water our children drink by five times. Based on studies by National Sanitation Foundation International, most faucets already meet the more protective limit so the bill effectively removes poor performers from the market so schools, child cares, and consumers can buy new faucets and other fixtures without worry.

I look forward to keeping you up to date with my legislative and community efforts in the next Phoenix.

Sincerely

~ Chris R. Holden



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## Progressive Discussion Group



PDG meets on 1st and 3rd Fridays, 9-10 a.m. at Du-par's Restaurant, 214 S. Lake Avenue, Pasadena in the back Sun Room. Parking behind the restaurant can be entered from Cordova or Mentor. Please arrive a bit early to place a breakfast order; separate checks are provided.

Ed Washatka is the convener and Ron Garber is in charge of programs. You can contact Ed at [ed.washatka@gmail.com](mailto:ed.washatka@gmail.com) and Ron at [ronagarber@yahoo.com](mailto:ronagarber@yahoo.com). Let Ed know if you wish to receive meeting notices. Everyone is welcome at any or all meetings.



## April Phoenix Deadline

The April *Phoenix* deadline is Sunday evening, April 5. Please send items for publication to Chuck Hains at [hains27@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hains27@sbcglobal.net). (Chuck will continue to contact regular contributors with a deadline reminder.)



Note from the Bell Curve:  
Half the people you know are below average.



## Calendar

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| March 20<br>Friday<br>9-10 a.m. | Progressive Discussion Group at Du-par's Restaurant, 214 S. Lake Ave., Pasadena. Also 4/3 and 4/17.                                                        |
| April 2<br>Thursday<br>7 p.m.   | ACT Steering and ADC Meeting at a location to be determined. Program topic is housing and homelessness. Socializing at 7 p.m.; meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. |
| April 6<br>Monday<br>7 p.m.     | UDH Steering Meeting at the home of Karen Wingard, 737 S. Magnolia Ave., Pasadena.                                                                         |
| May 7<br>Thursday               | ACT Steering and ADC Meeting. 7 p.m.                                                                                                                       |



## ACT/ADC Webpage

Check our webpage, [ACTpasadena.org](http://ACTpasadena.org) for a wealth of 2020 Primary Election results and information and for the current issue of *The Phoenix* in color and sometimes with extra items we couldn't fit into the print version.

Please send any suggestions or comments or items to be included to Bruce Wright, our website manager at [brucewright@sbcglobal.net](mailto:brucewright@sbcglobal.net).



## Membership Renewal for 2020

It's that time! Renew your membership in ACT and/or ADC today! Use the form below, respond to the renewal letter you received in the mail, or renew online at [www.ACTpasadena.org](http://www.ACTpasadena.org).

Please contact Executive Director Jon Fuhrman if you have any questions about your membership at [jon\\_fuhrman@outlook.com](mailto:jon_fuhrman@outlook.com) or 626 864-5255.



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

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

|                                           |                        |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| \$40 Single                               | \$70 Single Sustaining |
| \$25 Each additional member per household | \$90 Double Sustaining |
| \$15 Student or limited income            | \$150 Patron           |
|                                           | \$275 Benefactor       |

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

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|-------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| \$35 Single                               | \$60 Single Sustaining |
| \$20 Each additional member per household | \$85 Double Sustaining |
| \$15 Student or limited income            | \$125 Patron           |
| \$20 Gift Membership (NEW!)               | \$275 Benefactor       |

### I'd like to join the Arroyo Democratic Club (Checks payable to ADC)

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|-------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| \$35 Single                               | \$60 Single Sustaining |
| \$20 Each additional member per household | \$85 Double Sustaining |
| \$15 Student or limited income            | \$125 Patron           |
|                                           | \$275 Benefactor       |

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