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ACT and ADC Endorsement Ballot Included for the June 2018 Primary Elections

The Research Committee report begins on page six. The Research and Steering Committees' recommendations are included. The Ballot begins on page fifteen. The ballot return deadline is Tuesday, May 1. All 2017 ACT or ADC members and/or those who have already renewed their 2018 dues are eligible to vote on this ballot.



May Meeting: "Make It Fair Initiative"

Thursday, May 3, 7 p.m./7:30 p.m.

The May Steering Committee meeting will be at the home of Tom and Monica Hubbard, 1843 Pepper Drive, Altadena (east of Allen, north of New York).

Topic: "Make It Fair" (aka the Proposed Split Roll Initiative)

Our guest speaker will be Debbie Fagen of the Pasadena Chapter of the League of Women Voters. She's responsible for her chapter's efforts to qualify the "MAKE IT FAIR" initiative for the November ballot.

The "MAKE IT FAIR" initiative would call for County Tax Assessors to reassess certain commercial properties valued in excess of \$500,000 to tax them at their current Fair Market Value rather than at their purchase price with limited inflation-

ary increases. Personal Residences and agricultural property are excluded.

The increased revenues would primarily be used for public education which includes K through 12 and Community Colleges. Analysis estimates put said revenue at between 6 and 11 billion dollars a year.

Please come and learn about this topic. Socializing is at 7 p.m., with the meeting following at 7:30 p.m. All members are welcome.

Also on the agenda: Our endorsement ballot results; election schedule change - measures AA (Pasadena City elections) and BB (PUSD elections), and judge recommendations.



Upcoming Meeting

The June 7 meeting will include discussion of the Primary Election Results.

Split Roll Initiative Signature Gathering

In order to qualify this initiative backers need 585,407 qualified signatures within a 180 day period beginning approximately March 1. (To be certain that enough of the signatures are qualified the goal is to collect one million signatures.) Even if it makes it to the ballot it figures to be a hard slog to the finish line as opponents (business) figure to spend many, many millions of dollars to defeat it.

NOTE: Please consider volunteering to collect signatures or contributing funds for professionals to collect.

For further info, Msg rongarber@yahoo.com.



Let's Think National, Focus on Gaining Control of the U.S. Senate this year

Most of us Californians desperately want to resist the actions of Number 45 and his Republican Congress. What's the best way to do this? Change the Congress from Red to Blue majority, of course. Rather than spend precious time and money on which Dem to send to the Senate (Feinstein v de Leon), we ought to be sending money, postcards and phone messages to neighboring states where there is a real chance of switching the U.S. Senator from R to D. If we can only get 51-49 in our favor, we could make a real difference.

Switching one Dem for another in California simply doesn't help.

In Arizona, a dynamic Congresswoman, Krysten Sinena, is the frontrunner for the Dem nomination. She will likely run in November against former infamous Sheriff Joe Arpaio, who may well win the Republican primary. (Arizona primary is August 28.) Republicans

are miserable about Arpaio being their candidate, it seems clear he is too extreme and his primary win will very likely lead to Sinena's November win. But let's not count on any of that, let's help Ms. Sinena – you can send money, or we can plan some club PostCard writing activities if we determine that we can support an Arizona Dem from here. Please check out KrystenSinena.com and learn more about her wonderful background as a social worker and community leader.

In another neighbor, Nevada, Congresswoman Jacky Rosen is backed by labor, women's groups, environmental organizations and all the major Democratic leaders in Nevada. She will win the primary June 12 and go on to battle Trumpist incumbent Dean Heller in November. You can support her with donations, and again, if we agree to support a neighboring state's candidate, we can all do postcards next fall. Check out rosenfornevada.com.

I urge fellow Dems to vote your personal conscience in our own Senate primary race and spend zero time on discussions or battles between two fine candidates, one of whom will win in November as she has before – with or without the endorsement of the state party. It's unlikely at this point that any Republican can come out number 2 in the primary, but I would almost rather see Sen. Feinstein sail through November with a Republican opponent than see California Democrats tear each other apart over a Feinstein v de Leon rehash in November. Outstanding young leaders like Kevin de Leon have time on their side – his moment will come. Let's concentrate on making a difference where the difference matters!

— Mona Field

Professor Emeritus, Political Science,
Glendale Community College
Author, California Government and
Politics Today, 15th ed.
(and your co-recording secretary)

Wonderings and Wanderings

By Inman Moore

Presidents in My Lifetime



There have been 16 presidents in my lifetime. The first one for which I was eligible to vote for was Harry Truman and I have voted in every presidential election since.

While I was not a voter at the time the most effective president in my lifetime has been Franklin Roosevelt. In the “New Deal” he successfully pulled the country out of the greatest depression we have even known. One of his great programs brought electricity to the countryside for the first time. As a kid I lived in the country and I well remember doing school homework by the light of a kerosene lamp which was quite poor. With no electricity there was no refrigeration which made saving food very difficult. The Roosevelt Administration also launched the WPA (Works Progress Administration) providing jobs for many people who, due to the great depression, were jobless. He established the Civilian Conservation Corps thus giving jobs to young men. Social Security became law. He guided us through World War II. Without a doubt he was one of the greatest presidents the United States has ever had.

Harry Truman did not have the flair of Roosevelt, but he was a steadying force in our country. In retrospect he was a better president than many of us thought at the time.

Eisenhower was a gatekeeper. Nothing bad but nothing greatly good occurred in his presidency. He did help in keeping order as the South continued to make progress in overthrowing the tragic stigma of segregation.

John Kennedy, bright and offering so many possibilities, never got to truly make a mark due to his untimely death. What a tragedy!

Lyndon Johnson will always be remembered as the Southerner who truly broke the back of segregation with the monumental 1964 Civil Rights Bill and the 1965 Voting Rights Bill. Unfortunately he allowed the tragic Vietnam War which was so unnecessary and so costly in human life.

Richard Nixon was a disaster. Gerald Ford was rather inept. Jimmy Carter was lovable and a man of great intention, but inept as a leader. Ronald Reagan’s presidency was marked by stability. The first George Bush was an exercise in ineptness. I still weep over the lost possibilities of the Bill Clinton presidency. So much ability cast aside by his foolish refusal for a year to admit his sexual adventure. He greatly tortured our country and, by all rights, should have been impeached. The second George Bush tragically allowed the totally useless and costly Iraq War.

Barack Obama is such a decent bright man with a lovely wife. Unfortunately he had to deal with a Republican Congress that was hell-bent in an all-out assault to destroy his presidency. It is really unforgivable how he was treated. One has to believe a lot of his opposition was racially motivated.

We come now to our present president. Donald Trump is a tragic disaster. It will take years to recover from this unfortunate presidential adventure. But we must never lose hope for a better brighter day, and work like crazy that it may be so!

— Inman



May Phoenix Deadline

The deadline for the May *Phoenix* is Sunday evening, May 6. Please send items for publication to Chuck at hains27@sbcglobal.net. Preparing *The Phoenix* for mailing will likely be on Thursday, May 10, at a TBD location.

Political Notes

by Jon



Sunday, April 8.

I'll try to keep this issue relatively short, since this edition of the Phoenix features the Research Committee's report and recommendations for our endorsement ballot for this June's election. But it's hard not to crow, at least a little, about Democrats' electoral successes and the continued positive omens for November.

First off, we finally flipped a House seat. Con- or Lamb squeaked by, winning the current 18th CD seat in Pennsylvania last month. I had predicted he'd win (although by a larger margin than he did); President Trump's campaigning on the last weekend, followed by a visit by Don Jr., apparently boosted turnout among GOP faithful. Nonetheless, Lamb edged out a win. Even if he had lost, it would have been impressive, since the President carried that district by over 20 points in 2016. Yet we had come tantalizingly close in earlier special elections in Georgia, Kansas and Mon-

tana, consistently over-performing but never quite winning. Well, this time we both over-performed (spectacularly) and we won, and it is sweet, and it is important in boosting morale and excitement on our side and doom and gloom on the GOP side. (The very next day, yet another GOP Congressman announced his retirement – a sure sign that they see a really tough mid-term ahead.)

The Republicans blamed their defeat on a poor candidate (and, frankly, their guy was pretty inept) and outside spending by Democratic groups. The reality was that voters across the district – in Democratic strongholds and in GOP bastions – consistently turned toward the Democratic side. The GOP advertisements attacking Nancy Pelosi pretty much fell flat. Their touting of the tax cut had virtually no impact. It seems a wide swath of voters in the center are turning against the President, and voters in our base are hugely energized and willing to turn out in much greater numbers than we have seen historically in special and off-year elections.

Confirming this trend was the state-wide election in Wisconsin last week for a State Supreme Court Justice. The Republican / conservative bloc had a 5 – 2 majority on the state's Supreme Court, and an appointee of GOP Gov. Scott Walker was seeking election to a 10-year term. He was opposed by Democrat Rebecca Dallet, who captured the seat with a 12-point margin. Interestingly, she won not merely in traditional Democratic strongholds, like Milwaukee and Madison (the home of Univ. of Wisconsin), but also in areas that Trump won. As an example, she won by double digits in Kenosha County, the core of Speaker Ryan's Congressional District, which President Trump won (but Romney lost in 2012). So again it appears both that the Democratic base is remarkably energized and Republican centrists are deserting the party.

I have been predicting that the Dems will recapture both the House and the Senate this

year. Interestingly, Chris Matthews, the host of Hardball on MSNBC, is now joining me, at least in predicting Democrats winning the House. There are a broad variety of omens pointing in that direction: 36 Republican incumbents are retiring (so far), compared to 18 Democrats. Among those open GOP seats, 8 are considered likely Democratic pickups, and 4 more are considered at risk, compared to 4 of the Democratic seats. Among GOP incumbents, 37 seats are considered Toss-Ups or Leaning Republican.

Another indicator of this trend is a count of the total number of candidates Democrats have been able to recruit for Congressional and legislative races, or who have spontaneously offered themselves up as candidates. As an example, there will be a critical U.S. Senate race in Tennessee, to fill the seat of retiring Sen. Bob Corker. The Tennessee State Senate now has a GOP majority of 28 to 5; in the Tennessee House, the Reps lead 73 – 26. To a significant degree, this imbalance was due to large numbers of Republicans running unopposed for legislative seats; in years past, 20 – 30 Republicans had free rides.

But this year, Democrats found viable candidates in 97 of the 99 State House races, and 15 of the 18 State Senate races. Clearly, no matter how big the Democratic wave, it does not matter if we don't have candidates running. We saw this in Virginia last year, where Democrats vied for dozens of seats that had gone uncontested for years, and enough of those candidates won to take us within one vote of controlling the Virginia House of Delegates.

The next special election is in two weeks in Arizona's 8th CD. This one is even tougher than the Pennsylvania district. Here again,



President Trump carried the district by over 20 points. But unlike Pennsylvania, the GOP has a steep registration edge here, with large numbers of seniors living in retirement communities. The Democrat, Hiral Tiperneni, an emergency room doctor, is holding her own in fundraising against the GOP candidate Debbie Lesko and national GOP groups have spent over \$600,000 in the last few weeks aiding her campaign, something that should not be necessary in such a rock-ribbed GOP district.

If Tiperneni comes within 10 points of Lesko, that would be a strong performance; within 5%, a remarkable performance. If she should win, my guess is another dozen GOP House incumbents will announce their retirements.

— Jon Fuhrman



Volunteers Needed to Flip the 39th

As you know, ACT and ADC have joined with Swing Left and other groups in the campaign to turn the 39th Congressional District from Republican to Democrat. We rejoiced when 39th CD incumbent Republican Ed Royce announced he would retire. But we have some hard work to do to turn the 39th BLUE.

Sign up on Swing Left's calendar via ACT's webpage, ACTpasadena.org. Your help is urgently needed. Please volunteer today.

Swing Left will provide materials and training so you can go out with a partner to talk to targeted households. Bring water, comfortable shoes and a fully charged smartphone. (If you don't have a smartphone you will be partnered with someone who does have one.)

Note: ADC President Bill Hackett at 626 705-2180 or billhackett2002@yahoo.com may be able to facilitate ride-sharing.

Research and Steering Committee Reports

The research committee met on Saturday, March 24, 2018. The session was attended by Marguerite Cooper, Jon Fuhrman, Susan Kane, Dolores Hickambottom, Jeanette Mann, Marilee Marshall, Inman Moore, Barbara Paul, Ed Washatka, Tim Wendler, and Bruce Wright (11)

Congressional District 27

We interviewed our incumbent congresswoman **Judy Chu** and opponent **Brian Witt**, also a Democrat.

Judy Chu has represented our district since 2013. She has always taken the right position on all issues important to us and is also well known for being accessible and responsive to her constituents as evidenced by her personal appearance at 9:00 a.m. even though she has a full day of work ahead of her.

We found Brian Witt an interesting candidate until the end of the interview when he demanded that any of us who supported Judy Chu, justify their position.

The Research Committee voted 11-0-0 to recommend the endorsement of Judy Chu. The Steering Committee voted 22-0-0 to recommend the endorsement of Judy Chu.

Interviews are not necessary for those individuals ACT has previously endorsed for the same seats, and on that basis the following recommendations were made:

Congressional District 28

The Research Committee voted 11-0-0 to recommend the endorsement of Adam Schiff. The Steering Committee voted 22-0-0 to recommend the endorsement of Adam Schiff.

Assembly District 41

The Research Committee voted 10-0-1 to recommend the endorsement of Chris

Holden. The Steering Committee voted 21-0-1 to recommend the endorsement of Chris Holden.

Controller

The Research Committee voted 11-0-0 to recommend the endorsement of Betty Yee. The Steering Committee voted 22-0-0 to recommend the endorsement of Betty Yee.

Attorney General

Efforts were made to interview the candidates or their representatives, but there was no response from their campaigns.

The Steering Committee voted 21-0-1 to recommend the endorsement of Xavier Becerra.

Secretary of State

Alex Padilla was previously endorsed in 2014. We all agreed that Alex has done a great job and lived up to the promises he made to us when he first ran for the office, increasing voter registration and participation, and strengthening voting rights. Alex received the endorsement of the Democratic Party.

We interviewed **Michael Feinstein**, a Green Party candidate, who has previously served on the Santa Monica City Council. He discussed the need to prevent hacking of voter lists, and the need for proportional representation. He believes that if small parties were represented, voter turn-out would increase. While we do not necessarily disagree, we did not see his objectives as currently feasible.

The Research committee voted 11-0-0 to recommend the endorsement of Alex Padilla. The Steering committee voted 22-0-0 to recommend the endorsement of Alex Padilla.

Ruben Major, a Democrat, was invited but he did not respond until March 29, after we had made our endorsement.

Pasadena City College Board, Area 1 ²

Sandra Chen Lau is running against incumbent **Dr. Ross Selvidge**. Selvidge did not respond to an invitation to interview with ACT. We interviewed Sandra:

Sandra lives in Pasadena with her husband and their two children. She graduated from Rio Hondo Community College and with honors from UC Riverside, going on to earn an MA in Urban Planning from UCLA. For more than a decade, Sandra specialized in helping colleges and universities grow and sustain their educational missions, personally helping to raise millions of dollars for schools in Southern California, including UCLA, USC and Pasa. Pacific Oaks College and Children's School. Sandra currently runs her own consulting firm, Trans-Adaptive Philanthropy, serving non-profit and charitable organizations including the San Marino School Foundation.

Sandra defines the issues that need to be addressed by the PCC board as the costly, disruptive revolving door presidency; too few local students enrolled, and too little outreach to young people in our community; seismically unsafe (even condemned!) buildings, forcing hundreds of students and faculty into temporary trailers with no plans in place to remedy the situation; a campus so poorly managed, and with such low morale, that PCC was actually placed on academic probation for two years endangering its accreditation. All of these issues, in Sandra's opinion stem from a failure of leadership by the Board of Trustees. She is running because PCC needs and deserves better.

Sandra is endorsed by Jack Scott, Judy Chu, Anthony Portantino, Chris Holden, Steve Madison, Bill Bogaard and many others.

² Pasadena Area 3 incumbent, Berlinda Brown, is being challenged by Roger Eric Martinez; neither sought our endorsement. All other incumbents are running unopposed.

We all agreed that Sandra is a wonderful candidate, highly intelligent, articulate, progressive minded and dedicated to the improvement of PCC.

The Research Committee voted 11-0-0 to recommend the endorsement of Sandra Chen Lau. The Steering Committee voted 20-0-2 to recommend the endorsement of Sandra Chen Lau.

California Proposition 68: California Parks, Environment, and Water Bond

Prop. 68, the Parks, Environment, and Water Bond, is on the ballot as a legislatively referred bond act on June 5, 2018.

A "yes" vote supports this measure to authorize \$4 billion in general obligation bonds for state and local parks, environmental protection projects, water infrastructure projects, and flood protection projects.

Prop. 68 would authorize \$4 billion in general obligation bonds for state and local parks, environmental protection and restoration projects, water infrastructure projects, and flood protection projects. Prop. 68 was authored by Kevin de Leon and is endorsed by the Democratic Party.

The Research Committee voted 10³-0-0 to recommend the endorsement of Prop. 68. The Steering Committee voted 22-0-0 to recommend the endorsement of Prop. 68.

California Proposition 69, the Transportation Taxes and Fees Lockbox and Appropriations Limit Exemption Amendment

A "yes" vote supports this amendment to: require that revenue from the diesel sales tax and Transportation Improvement Fee, as enacted by Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), be used for transportation related purposes; and exempt

³ Ed Washatka had to leave for a short period of time; hence only 10 considered the statewide propositions.

revenue generated by SB 1's tax increases and fee schedules from the state appropriations limit.

Prop. 69 is endorsed by the Democratic Party. The committee members opposed to the measure commented that they were opposed to placing limitations on the state legislature as to what to do with funds.

The Research Committee voted 8-2-0 to recommend the endorsement of Prop. 69. The Steering Committee voted 20-2-0 to recommend the endorsement of Prop. 69.

California Proposition 72, the Rainwater Capture Systems Excluded from Property Tax Assessments Amendment, is on the ballot in California as a legislatively referred constitutional amendment on June 5, 2018.

A "yes" vote supports this amendment to allow the state legislature to exclude rainwater capture systems added after January 1, 2019, from property tax reassessments.

When a property owner adds new construction to his or her property, the new construction is assessed for taxable value. Adding a rainwater capture system to one's property counts as a new construction. As the ballot measure would exclude rainwater capture systems from the definition of new construction, the taxable value of a property would not increase because the property owner added a rainwater capture system.

The Research Committee voted 10-0-0 to recommend the support [as opposed to the endorsement which mean it will not be included in the ballot] of Proposition 72. The Steering Committee voted 22-0-1 to recommend the support of Proposition 72.

City of Pasadena Proposed Marijuana Ordinance, Ballot Measure CC – Commercial Cannabis Regulations

Shall an ordinance be adopted to allow a

limited number of commercial cannabis businesses to operate in Pasadena, subject to business, health and land use regulations, and to repeal the City of Pasadena's current ban on commercial cannabis businesses, provided that: (1) the ordinance shall not take effect unless voters approve a Cannabis Business Tax, and (2) the City Council retains authority to amend existing ordinances and adopt future ordinances regarding commercial cannabis business activities? [YES / NO]

Ballot Measure DD – Cannabis Business Tax

Shall the City tax cannabis (marijuana) businesses at annual rates not to exceed \$10.00 per canopy square foot for cultivation (adjustable for inflation), 6% of gross receipts for retail cannabis businesses, and 4% for all other cannabis businesses to fund unrestricted general revenue purposes such as police, fire, roads and recreation; which is expected to generate an estimated \$1.4 to \$2.1 million annually and will be levied until repealed by the voters or City Council? [YES / NO]

The Research Committee considered whether to recommend endorsement of the City's marijuana proposals but did not specifically consider DD. Those who opposed the City's proposal did so on the grounds that it was too restrictive. A number of those who voted for it also thought it was too restrictive but wanted something in place for purposes of revenue for the city. A November initiative, assuming it passes would be less restrictive and may supersede the City's proposals. It was also pointed out at the Steering Committee meeting that at this time a no vote may be misinterpreted to mean that we did not want any marijuana in Pasadena.

The Research Committee voted 8-3-0 to recommend endorsement of the City's marijuana proposal.

The Steering Committee voted 16-4-3 to

recommend the endorsement of CC. The Steering Committee voted 18-3-2 to recommend the endorsement of DD.

Jeanette Mann and Tim Wendler left and Joanne Wendler arrived prior to the gubernatorial interviews. The group now consisted of Marguerite Cooper, Jon Fuhrman, Susan Kane, Dolores Hickambottom, Marilee Marshall, Inman Moore, Barbara Paul, Ed Washatka, Joanne Wendler, and Bruce Wright (10)

The Governor

Both **Delaine Eastin** and **John Chiang** sent surrogates to our meeting. **Newsom**, despite five to six requests did not respond, **Villarraigosa** responded but ultimately did not send anyone.

Delaine Eastin was born in San Diego and raised in San Francisco and San Carlos, Delaine currently resides in Davis. She holds a Masters in Political Science from U.C. Santa Barbara. She has served two terms as Superintendent of Public Instruction, the first woman to hold that office. While Superintendent she successfully sued the governor for withholding funds from K-12 schools. She also spent eight years in the State Assembly and six years on the Union City, City Council. While in the Assembly Delaine chaired the Education Committee and sponsored major legislation to reform California's education system, authoring the first school bond that combined higher education and K-12 schools into one bond. These bonds helped pay for new schools at all education levels while fixing and modernizing older schools. Delaine has been an untiring champion of environmental issues, free education, health care for all, and affordable housing.

John Chiang was born in New York City. He graduated from the University of South Florida with a degree in finance, and then attended Georgetown University Law School. He began his career as a tax law specialist with the Internal Revenue Service, and later served as an

attorney in the state controller's office. John was state Controller from 2007-2014 and is currently the state treasurer. As Controller, John identified over \$9.5 billion in waste, fraud and abuse of taxpayer dollars. He stood up to Governor Schwarzenegger by refusing to implement an order to cut the salaries of state workers to the minimum wage in order to balance the state budget. John cut off corrupt Wall Street banks like Wells Fargo from their most profitable lines of business with the State of California to protect residents from their predatory practices. John preserved our state's credit rating during the Great Recession to ensure we met our commitment to our schools and saved taxpayers millions of dollars. John created a program through the Treasurer's office providing millions of dollars to help build and finance thousands of affordable housing units.

The Research Committee voted 6-2-2 to recommend the endorsement of John Chiang. The Steering Committee voted 18-2-3 to recommend the endorsement of John Chiang.

The individuals opposed to the recommendation favored Delaine Easton; one person commented that they favored Gavin Newsom. Those who supported Chiang did so after careful consideration and discussion with respect to Chiang and Eastin as all agreed it would be wonderful to have a woman governor in California, and agreed that Delaine is a very likeable competent and dynamic candidate. However, those who favored Chiang felt that he had more relevant education and experience that would benefit California in these troubled times. No candidate received the Democratic Party Endorsement.

The afternoon session consisted of Marguerite Cooper, Inman Moore, Dolores Hickambottom, Barbara Paul, Marilee Marshall, Ed Washatka, Joanne Wendler, and Bruce Wright.

Insurance Commissioner

Asif Mahmood, MD. was raised on the outskirts of Kharian, a village in rural Pakistan. Upon graduating in 1987 from Sindh Medical College, in Karachi he completed his medical training at the University of Kentucky where he met and married his wife. In 2000, he moved with his family to California and has practiced medicine here ever since, specializing in pulmonology. He has personally treated thousands of under-privileged patients and knows their struggles - ranging from insurance coverage issues, prescription drug issues, in and out of network issues, follow up issues, and support beyond medical care. Asif has a rule in his hospital practice that if a patient doesn't have insurance, his office won't ask for payment.

Asif believes that health care is a human right and he supports Medicare For All to ensure that every American has coverage but meanwhile he supports protecting the Affordable Care Act which has made a difference which he can see in his practice. Of special concern to Asif is protecting women's access to medical care, in the face of Trump's attacks on Planned Parenthood. He is also committed to ensuring that Californians, especially those in high risk profession, have convenient and affordable mental health coverage and ensuring that all children, including those who may not have legal status, are getting access to care.

Asif has pledged not to accept campaign contributions from health insurance and pharmaceutical companies. He would be the first Muslim ever elected to statewide office in California and the first doctor to serve as insurance commissioner. He is endorsed by Judy Chu, Adam Schiff, Terry Tornek, and Brad Sherman among others.

Those who supported Mahmood saw him as a very special candidate. Those who opposed

the recommendation articulated that they liked both candidates or that they were uncomfortable not having heard from Ricardo Lara. Lara declined to respond to multiple invitations to interview or send a surrogate to interview. Lara received the endorsement of the Democratic Party.

The Research Committee voted 5-3-0 to recommend the endorsement of Asif Mahmood. The Steering Committee voted 20-1-2 to recommend the endorsement of Asif Mahmood.

Treasurer

Fiona Ma is a Certified Public Tax Accountant and currently serves on the California State Board of Equalization. Prior to serving on the Board of Equalization, Fiona was elected to the California State Assembly from 2006-2012. She was the first Asian American woman to become Speaker pro Tempore of the State Assembly. Fiona previously served as a San Francisco Supervisor. She authored the landmark Local Business Enterprise ordinance on behalf of women and minority business owners and passed legislation to tackle human trafficking. Prior to her career in public service, Fiona worked as an accountant for Ernst & Young, before leaving to start her own accounting practice. Fiona has been licensed in California as a Certified Public Account (CPA) since 1992. Fiona received the endorsement of the Democratic Party.

The Research Committee voted 8-0-0 to recommend the endorsement of Fiona Ma. The Steering Committee voted 22-0-0 to recommend the endorsement of Fiona Ma.

The Research Committee met again on March 31, 2018. The committee consisted of Marguerite Cooper, Beth Gertmenian, Dolores Hickambottom, Marilee Marshall, Inman Moore, Ed Washatka, Joanne Wendler, and Bruce Wright. (8)

Lieutenant Governor

Eleni Kounalakis graduated from Dartmouth College in 1989, and earned her MBA from UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business in 1992. She also holds an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from the American College of Greece. In 1992, Eleni started her career as a staff member of the California Democratic Party in Sacramento and worked in the historic election, which elected two women to the U.S. Senate and turned California blue.

After the election, Eleni joined her family business, AKT Development, one of California's most respected housing development firms. Over the next 18 years, Eleni worked her way up from project manager to president. Her work delivering housing for middle-class families in the Sacramento region earned her recognition as one of Sacramento's most prominent businesswomen. She was appointed by Obama as ambassador to Hungary and served in that role 2010 to 2013. A long time Democratic Party activist, she served four times as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention and as an at large member of the California State Central Committee. She also served as a member of the First 5 California Commission, and the California Blue Ribbon Commission on Autism. She is endorsed by Kamala Harris and Nanette Barragan

It was noted, without disagreement, that **Ed Hernandez**, an optometrist known as Dr. Ed, who did not participate in the interviews, is also an excellent candidate. He is the current state senator from District 22 and has many endorsements including Judy Chu, Xavier Becerra, and numerous labor organizations. However, assuming them both equal, we noted that Eleni being the first female in the Lieutenant Governor position would be a major accomplishment for California women. No candidate received the Democratic Party endorsement. Eleni received 1140 votes and Dr. Ed 1157.

The Research Committee voted 7-1-0 to recommend the endorsement of Eleni Kounalakis. The Steering Committee voted 19-1-3 to recommend the endorsement of Eleni Kounalakis.

United States Senate

Kevin de Leon sent a surrogate to our meeting. **Dianne Feinstein** did not do so but we have previously endorsed her.

Kevin de Leon, the son of a single immigrant mother, grew up in the San Diego barrio of Logan Heights. He was the first in his family to graduate from high school and college.

He attended U.C. Santa Barbara and graduated from Pitzer College at the Claremont Colleges with honors. Prior to being elected to the senate in 2010, Kevin served four years in the Assembly. In 2014, he was elected by his colleagues to lead the Senate, making him the first Latino to hold that position in over a century. Kevin has led the fight against local law enforcement being commandeered to enforce federal immigration laws. He introduced SB 54, the California Values Act, which prohibits state and local law enforcement agencies, including school police and security departments, from using resources to investigate, interrogate, detain, detect, or arrest people for immigration enforcement purposes. He is endorsed by Anthony Portantino, Ed Hernandez, Ricardo Lara, and the SEIU.

Dianne Feinstein was born in San Francisco on June 22, 1933; she attended the San Francisco public schools and graduated from the Convent of the Sacred Heart High School in 1951. She obtained a degree in history from Stanford University in 1955. Dianne was the first woman President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. In 1979 she became the first woman Mayor of San Francisco, and in 1992 she was elected as the first woman Senator from California. She is the first woman

member of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

She currently sits on the Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, Committee on the Judiciary (Ranking Member, 115th Congress), Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, Committee on Rules and Administration and the Select Committee on Intelligence. She is endorsed by Kamala Harris, Judy Chu, Adam Schiff, Gavin Newsom, Chris Holden and numerous others.

Those who supported Dianne, are pleased that our senator is a woman and also noted that there is an advantage to keeping a senator with senior status who is on powerful committees. Those who opposed her did so because they saw Kevin as a far more progressive candidate, especially on criminal justice issues. No candidate received the Democratic Party endorsement. Kevin received 1508 votes and Diane 1023.

The Research Committee voted 5-3-0 to recommend the endorsement of Dianne Feinstein. The Steering Committee voted 17-6-0 to recommend the endorsement of Dianne Feinstein.

Los Angeles County Sheriff

All three candidates, **Bob Lindsey**, incumbent **Jim McDonnell** and **Alex Villanueva** were invited to participate. Only Alex Villanueva responded.

Alex Villanueva, a life-long Democrat, and the only Democrat in the race, holds a doctorate in Public Administration. He recently retired from the LA County Sheriff's Department with the rank of Captain after three decades of service. Alex believed that the LASD is in desperate need of reform and that Jim McDonnell, despite his promises to do so, failed to reform the department. The people connected with Baca and Tanaka are not only still

in the Department but they are rising. Alex plans to rebuild the LASD from the ground up, reforming the organization around the principles of community policing and ethical standards of conduct. He supports meaningful civilian oversight and states that the Office of Independent Review is a fraud. Alex is endorsed by the Mayor of La Habra Heights, the East Area Progressive Democrats, and the Chicano Latino Caucus of the California Democratic Party. Alex, unlike O'Donnell who agrees with Trump, will support the California Values ACT in the face of the Justice Department's lawsuit. McDonnell opposed the bill. Alex believes he should support the will of the electorate including the legalization of Marijuana and supports Proposition 47 which reduced certain drug and property offenses to misdemeanor. He does not agree with McDonnell who recently commented that these measures make law enforcement's job harder.

We felt that Alex was more progressive than McDonnell whom we believed had let us down on his previous campaign promises.

The Research Committee voted 7-0-1 to recommend the endorsement of Alex Villanueva. The Steering Committee voted 15 -3-5 to recommend the endorsement of Alex Villanueva.

The Research Committee now consisted of Marguerite Cooper, Beth Gertmenian, Dolores Hickambottom, Marilee Marshall, Inman Moore, Ed Washatka, and Bruce Wright. (7)

Assessor

Jeffrey Prang is the incumbent, and had sent several emails seeking our endorsement. ACT had recommended Prang in 2014 but did not do an interview or formal endorsement.

Jeffrey is a former mayor of West Hollywood. Professionally, he is a State Board of Equalization licensed appraiser, an Executive Committee member of the California Assessors'

Association (CAA), and an active member of the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) and the Society of Auditor-Appraisers (SAA). Before his election as Assessor, Jeff Prang served as a member of the Executive Staff in the Los Angeles County Office of the Assessor. Under Jeffrey's supervision the office has substantially modernized. Thanks to Jeffrey, one can now go online and find out all about your own property and other properties as well. In fact the records we see on line from Zillow, and other Realtors, are obtained from the assessors cite.

Sandy Sun is a Deputy Assessor. She is qualified in both real and personal property. Few people in the office have this dual classification. She is unhappy with the way that the office is being run and feels she could do a better job.

Krish Kumar sent a surrogate who is also a Deputy Assessor. He explained that Krish is a millennial and, therefore, he understands computers and can handle the apparently unwelcome technology that Prang has imposed on the office. Particularly he lamented that parcel packages are now being scanned and the paper no longer indefinitely retained. We found it humorous that he was younger than all of us, admittedly unable to handle the technology, and that he had no idea that he was talking to a pretty tech-savvy group.

The Research Committee voted 7-0-0 to recommend the endorsement of Jeffrey Prang. The Steering Committee voted 25-0-0 to recommend the endorsement of Jeffrey Prang.

The Arroyo Democratic Club adopted the recommendations voted by the ACT Steering Committee with the exception of the senatorial race. An ADC member moved to recommend the endorsement of Kevin de Leon. The motion failed to pass.

From 25th District State Senator Anthony Portantino



Dear ACT members,

Wow, it's April. Last week I took my Spring Break and went to Korea at the invitation of the Council General in Los Angeles. It was quite a packed six days. I had to laugh as the Korean officials kept asking my staff why I was doing so much and why didn't I want more free time. They didn't know me before the trip but they do now. I was able to meet with education leaders and tour a high school where I interacted and spoke with students about world affairs, environmental protection and women's issues. One amazing young student asked me about how the #MeToo movement was changing American politics. It was quite an impressive visit and I learned a lot about how Korea is filling their career technical pipeline and getting students ready for an ever changing economy.

I also walked across the Mapo Bridge over the Han River. This bridge is the most used bridge for suicides in Seoul. I saw firsthand, efforts to deter suicide attempts on Korea's version of the Colorado Street Bridge. I'll have more on this as I bring these ideas to the attention of the City and preservation leadership in the next month. In addition, I spent significant time at the Korean War Museum, the UN Memorial Cemetery and at the Demilitarized Zone. I learned a lot at these solemn and educational places. I detailed much more of the trip on my Facebook page and encourage you to visit and check out the photos and descriptions. Interestingly, much of the Demilitarized Zone was off limits to photography. It was an outstanding week.

My legislative package is continuing to take shape as I'm working with several environmental groups on some important water bills. I'll share more next month. We have a lot to do to increase water safety and I'm hoping to help these efforts through legislation and through my recent opposition to the Cadiz Water Transfer. SB 1100, which seeks to raise the age for gun purchases to 21 is set to be heard in committee shortly. It should be no surprise that with Trump we can add gun control to the list of

issues where he is completely impotent. If Washington won't lead, California will.

I'm writing this before the Glendale City Council makes a decision on the Grayson Power Plant expansion. I've taken a very strong position offering several public statements and testimony in an effort to encourage the Council to search for more environmentally sensitive alternatives. I'm hoping they make the right choice on Tuesday night.

On the family front, Sofia is coming home from New York as she has completed her work on the film Chaos Walking.

— Anthony



From 41st District Assemblymember Chris Holden



Dear ACT Friends,

It has been another busy month both in Sacramento and the District. In the Capitol, I introduced groundbreaking legislation, the College Athletes' Civil Rights Act of 2018, to protect college athletes from harmful policies by the National College Athletics Association (NCAA). The legislation would allow college athletes to self-organize, create the possibility of the "Olympic Model" for commercial sponsorship of athletes, and help protect college athletes from abuses by coaches, trainers, and other athletic staff. If adopted, the legislation would be the first law in the country to regulate the NCAA.

As of now, college athletes are playing in an exploitive system where the NCAA makes billions in profits while they pursue higher education without the same rights and financial freedoms as any other student on campus. It is hard to believe, but these athletes are prohibited from self-organizing like any other student group on campus, and can face retaliation by university officials and coaching staff for expressing their opinions or reporting any abuses.

My legislation, Assembly Bill 2747, adopts language from the Nation Labor Relations Board General Counsel memorandum under President Obama declaring that college athletes are employees with the right to self-organization and to be protected from

retaliation while they are engaged in concerted activities for mutual aid and protection. This provision in Assembly Bill 2747 would allow players to come together to protect themselves in a variety of ways including, but not limited to, unionization. Furthermore, the bill opens the door for universities to implement the "Olympic Model" as a fair system to allow college athletes to pursue economic opportunities, such as sponsorships, using their own name, image, and likeness while retaining their amateur status. I look forward to seeing this bill succeed through the process.

In the district, it was a pleasure to see some of you at my annual open house celebrating Women's History Month where I had the honor to recognize Dr. Marina Khubesrian as the 41st Assembly District's Woman of the Year and nine other women as Women of Distinction. The women were honored for their service and work that has made a positive impact in their community.

Answering the call to serve on the City Council from Women involved in South Pasadena Political Action (WISSPA) in 2011, Marina Khubesrian, M.D. is the first woman to be elected to the South Pasadena City Council since 2003. Under Dr. Khubesrian's leadership, the City of South Pasadena has enacted plastic bag and e-cigarette ban ordinances, launched South Pasadena Host Town for the Special Olympics World Games, helped secure more open space and parks for residents, and sponsored public art projects in the City's business districts.

Women of Distinction from throughout the district include Jill Adler-Moore Ph.D. (Altadena), Christy Anderson (Claremont), Sylvia Whitlock Ph.D. (La Verne), Julie Gentile (Monrovia), Kathy Onoye Ed.D., (Pasadena), Kathleen Tiegs (Rancho Cucamonga), Rhonda Beltran (San Dimas), Joanne Harabedian (Sierra Madre), and Marie Sliney (Upland). The 2018 Women of Distinction are passionate leaders who improve the lives for thousands of individuals and families in the 41st Assembly District and beyond. They demonstrate exceptional leadership that all of us should aspire to achieve. I invite you to visit my website to read about these inspiring women and look forward to keeping you up to date in the next Phoenix.

Sincerely,

— Chris R. Holden

ACT ENDORSEMENT BALLOT for June 2018 Primary Elections



Endorsement Ballot Instructions

The membership of ACT recognizes that ACT is a democratic organization dependent on the goodwill of its members. Towards this end, the following rules shall govern the election procedures for ACT endorsements. The purpose of these rules is to prevent the manipulation of the endorsement process, to safeguard the voting privileges of members, and to further the democratic principles and procedures of ACT.

Who can vote? Year 2017 and 2018 ACT & ADC members who are 18 years of age or older can vote. **If you have not renewed, you may include your 2018 renewal check with your ballot.** Each member on your address label is entitled to one vote and only one vote (if there is one name on the label, you have one vote; two names, two votes. If a person casts more votes than authorized, those votes are voided.

How do I vote? Mark and return your ballot in the enclosed envelope with the label attached. Or, if you desire a secret ballot, you may enclose it in an additional unmarked envelope. Each completed ballot sent by mail shall be submitted in the ACT envelope. Each voting member must sign the outside of the ACT ballot envelope. If there is no enclosed envelope, please send the ballot in an envelope with your name and return address to: ACT, Attn: Endorsement Election Committee, P. O. Box 40074, Pasadena CA 91114-7074.

Ballot rules No proxies or duplicated ballots may be used in voting in ACT endorse-

ment elections. If your ballot is damaged, write "void" on it and send it along with a note indicating how you wished to vote.

Ballot Deadline Ballots must be in the ACT Office by 5 p.m. Tuesday, **May 1, 2018.**

Why do we vote? ACT's endorsement can mean access to donor files, computer data, and such financial contributions as are voted by the Steering Committee.

Endorsement Requirements

1. A 60% majority of ballots cast is required to endorse a candidate or either the "Yes" or "No" side of a proposition. Abstentions will not be counted, i.e. only ballots cast in each race will be counted as part of the percentage.
2. No quorum is required.

Example: (family has 3 ACT members qualified to vote), Member #1 supports Candidate X; Member #2 supports Candidate Y; Member #3 decides to vote "No endorsement":

Vote for one	Voter: #1	#2	#3
Candidate X.....	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate Y.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Endorsement.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X

This is actually a double ballot, one for ACT and one for the Arroyo Democratic Club. Following each candidate's name, the first set of check boxes are for ACT voters and the second set are for ADC voters.

Arroyo Democratic Club ENDORSEMENT BALLOT for June 2018 Primary Elections

Endorsement Ballot Instructions

The ADC guidelines are identical to ACT with the exception that only Democratic candidates have boxes for vote check marks.

Endorsement Ballot for June 2018 Primary Elections

United States Senate:

The Research Committee voted 5-3-0 to recommend the endorsement of Dianne Feinstein. The Steering Committee voted 17-6-0 to recommend the endorsement of Dianne Feinstein.

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	ADC:	#1	#2	#3
Dianne Feinstein (D)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pat Harris (D)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin de Leon (D)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Endorsement.....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Congressional District 27:

The Research Committee voted 11-0-0 to recommend the endorsement of Judy Chu. The Steering Committee voted 22-0-0 to recommend the endorsement of Judy Chu.

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	ADC:	#1	#2	#3
Beatrice I. Cardenas (R)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Judy Chu (D)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bryan Witt (D)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Endorsement.....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Congressional District 28:

The Research Committee voted 11-0-0 to recommend the endorsement of Adam Schiff. The Steering Committee voted 11-0-0 to recommend the endorsement of Adam Schiff.

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	ADC:	#1	#2	#3
Adam Schiff (D)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sal Genovese (D)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
John J. Nalbandian (R)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
No Endorsement.....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Lieutenant Governor:

The Research Committee voted 7-1-0 to recommend the endorsement of Eleni Kounalakis. The Steering Committee voted 19-1-3 to recommend the endorsement of Eleni Kounalakis.

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	ADC:	#1	#2	#3
Cole Harris (R))		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
David R. Hernandez (R)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Ed Hernandez (D)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eleni Kounalakis (D)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Endorsement.....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Governor:

The Research Committee voted 6-2-2 to recommend the endorsement of John Chiang. The Steering Committee voted 18-2-3 to recommend the endorsement of John Chiang.

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	ADC:	#1	#2	#3
Travis Allen (R)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
John Chiang (D)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Cox (R)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Delaine Eastin (D)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gavin Newsom (D)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amanda Renteria (D)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Antonio Villaraigosa (D)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Endorsement.....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Secretary of State:

The Research Committee voted 11-0-0 to recommend the endorsement of Alex Padilla The Steering committee voted 22-0-0 to recommend the endorsement of Alex Padilla.

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	ADC:	#1	#2	#3
Michael Feinstein (G)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Ruben Major (D)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mark P. Meuser (R)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Alex Padilla (D)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raul Rodriguez Jr (R)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
No Endorsement.....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Attorney General:

The Steering Committee voted 21-0-1 to recommend the endorsement of Xavier Becerra.

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	ADC:	#1	#2	#3
Steven C. Bailey (R)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Xavier Becerra (D)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eric Earley (R)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Dave Jones (D)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Endorsement.....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Controller:

The Research Committee voted 11-0-0 to recommend the endorsement of Betty Yee. The Steering Committee voted 22-0-0 to recommend the endorsement of Betty Yee.

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	ADC:	#1	#2	#3
Konstantinos Roditis (R)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Betty Yee (D)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Endorsement.....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Los Angeles County Assessor:

The Research Committee voted 7-0-0 to recommend the endorsement of Jeffrey Prang. The Steering Committee voted 25-0-0 to recommend the endorsement of Jeffrey Prang.

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	ADC:	#1	#2	#3
Krish Kumar		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Jeffrey Prang (D)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sandy Sun		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
No Endorsement.....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Insurance Commissioner:

The Research Committee voted 5-3-0 to recommend the endorsement of Asif Mahmood. The Steering Committee voted 20-1-2 to recommend the endorsement of Asif Mahmood.

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	ADC:	#1	#2	#3
Ricardo Lara (D)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asif Mahmood (D)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steve Poizner (no party pref) .		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
No Endorsement.....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Los Angeles County Sheriff:

The Research Committee voted 7-0-1 to recommend the endorsement of Alex Villanueva. The Steering Committee voted 15 -3-5 to recommend the endorsement of Alex Villanueva.

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	ADC:	#1	#2	#3
Bob Lindsey (R)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Jim McDonnell (no party pref)..		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Alex Villanueva (D)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Endorsement.....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Assembly District 41:

The Research Committee voted 10-0-1 to recommend the endorsement of Chris Holden. The Steering Committee voted 21-0-1 to recommend the endorsement of Chris Holden.

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	ADC:	#1	#2	#3
Chris Holden (D)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allen S. Reynolds (no party pref)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Kenneth (Kenny) Rotter (D)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Endorsement.....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pasadena Community College, District 1

The Research Committee voted 11-0-0 to recommend the endorsement of Sandra Chen Lau. The Steering Committee voted 20-0-2 to recommend the endorsement of Sandra Chen Lau

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	ADC:	#1	#2	#3
Sandra Chen Lau (D)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ross Selvidge (R)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
No Endorsement.....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pasadena Community College, District 3:

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	ADC:	#1	#2	#3
Berlinda J. Brown (D)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roger Eric Martinez (D).....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Endorsement.....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Proposition 68 – Calif. Parks, Environment, and Water Bond:

The Research Committee voted 10-0-0 to recommend the endorsement of Prop. 68 The Steering Committee voted 22-0-0 to recommend the endorsement of Prop. 68.

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	ADC:	#1	#2	#3
“YES” position		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
“NO” position		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Endorsement.....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Proposition 69 - Transportation Taxes & Fees Lockbox and Appropriations Limit Exemption Amendment:

The Research Committee voted 8-2-0 to recommend the endorsement of Prop. 69 The Steering Committee voted 20-2-0 to recommend the endorsement of Prop. 69

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	ADC:	#1	#2	#3
“YES” position		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
“NO” position		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Endorsement.....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pasadena Ballot Measure CC – Commercial Cannabis Regulations:

The Research Committee voted 8-3-0 to recommend endorsement of the City’s marijuana proposal. The Steering Committee voted 16-4-3 to recommend the endorsement of CC

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	ADC:	#1	#2	#3
“YES” position		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
“NO” position		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Endorsement.....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pasadena Ballot Measure DD - Cannabis Business Tax:

The Research Committee voted 8-3-0 to recommend endorsement of the City's marijuana proposal. The Steering Committee voted 18-3-2 to recommend the endorsement of DD.

Vote for one	ACT Voter: #1	#2	#3	ADC: #1	#2	#3
“YES” position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
“NO” position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Endorsement.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

END OF THE BALLOT



**Rights have limits,
except those
regarding guns**



by John Grula and Louis Santilena
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Our nation is under siege by gun violence, one of the most recent incidents occurring at a high school in Florida where 17 people lost their lives at the hands of a 19-year-old gun nut, Nicholas Cruz, who wielded an AR-15 automatic weapon. This is outrageous and totally unacceptable. We can only hope that Cruz is put away for life and that more gun control is put into place.

The preamble to the Constitution of the United States sets out a number of aspirations, perhaps the best known is to “insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense [and] promote the general welfare.”

Lately, in the wake of multiple gun massacres, we have hardly felt defended, nor have we enjoyed much domestic tranquility. Our general welfare is also suffering. Something has gone terribly wrong.

Advocates of having ever more guns in our society, such as the National Rifle Association (NRA) and its president, Wayne LaPierre, frequently cite the Second Amendment to our

Constitution as the basis for their extreme and flawed point of view. The Second Amendment is very short, consisting of a single poorly written sentence: “A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.”

Let’s put this into perspective. The Second Amendment did not come into place until 1791, about two years after the original Constitution was approved. Automatic assault weapons did not exist then. Our country was still recovering from our war for independence from Britain, which relied on citizen militias. But we have not been at war on our own soil with Britain, or any other nation, for a long time.

In any event, the framers of the Constitution were very concerned about militias, which, after the war was over, were proliferating. The framers were worried about chaos breaking out. Kind of like the chaos we are experiencing today, with gun fanatics running roughshod over everyone else. Today, our well-regulated militia consists of the National Guard, over which the governors of each state preside. The National Guard is comprised of citizen volunteers, or “the people.” Very few US citizens would deny the National Guard the right to keep and bear arms.

But let’s also analyze the Second Amendment in the context of interpretations of the First

Amendment, which provides for freedom from and of religion, free speech, a free press and grants rights of assembly and to petition the government to address grievances. While these are much-cherished freedoms, they are not unlimited or without regulation. As Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes once wrote, the First Amendment did not give a person the right to falsely shout fire in a crowded theater, and thus unnecessarily risk killing people in a stampede.

By the same token, while the Second Amendment seeks a limited freedom to keep and bear arms, this freedom needs to be well regulated, in accordance with the language of the amendment. Does a hunter need an automatic weapon to kill deer or rabbits? No. What about home protection? That's the job of the police or a homeowner armed with a small-caliber hand gun.

Allowing anyone, including mentally deranged youth, to own an automatic assault weapon, is a recipe for disaster. And gun disasters are exactly what we've been having because of a lack of regulation. Public safety and security should be the only considerations, but the idea of any gun regulation is anathema to the NRA. They will do anything to confuse and cloud the issue.

When politically fearful Republicans speak, it is obvious they are in the pocket of the NRA. They obfuscate the issue by loudly opposing common-sense gun regulations, like age restrictions and background checks, in the effort to divert attention from the more important issue of outlawing automatic assault weapons. Their hope is to stall any progress on gun regulation and wait until the heat is off. So far, we've been playing by the NRA's rules, but problems with guns just keep multiplying. Theirs is clearly a failed policy.

Have you noticed that nearly all of the perpetrators of our horrible gun massacres are

young, white hooligans? Imagine if a young black man were to commit a similar gun atrocity. Do you think NRA President Wayne LaPierre and his ilk would change their tune in a heartbeat? Here's betting they would.

Automatic assault weapons should be banned from all citizens who are not involved in law enforcement or military service, period.

John Grula and Louis Santilena are Pasadena citizens concerned about gun violence.



National Women's Political Caucus of Greater Pasadena's Brunch To Honor

**Delaine Eastin
Candidate for Governor**

The 39th Annual Champagne Brunch at the historic 1897 home of Connie Holguin Saturday, May 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 271 Markham Place, Pasadena

Come listen to Eastin, the former Superintendent of California Schools, who is known for excellent, cogent speeches. Enjoy delicious homemade food. Mingle with local office holders.

And, yes, there will be champagne.

Admission \$40.00.



Check Out ACT's Webpage

Bruce Wright, our website manager, is always looking for your ideas, photos and comments. Note that he has provided us easy access to Swing Left's Calendar for the 39th CD via the webpage. Check it out:

www.ACTpasadena.org!

You will also find the current on-line edition of *The Phoenix* (in color and often with items that couldn't be fitted into the print edition).

Contact Bruce at brucewright@sbcglobal.net.

Apr May Calendar

- April 20
Friday
9-10 a.m. Progressive Discussion Group at Dupar's Restaurant, 214 S. Lake Ave. Pasadena. Topic is "What Will Progressives Do When Trump Begins to Fire Mueller?" Msg Dale Gronemeier for information at dlg@gronemeier.com.
- May 3
Thursday
7 p.m. ACT Steering/ADC Meeting at the home of Monica & Tom Hubbard, 1843 Pepper Dr., Altadena. LWV's Debbie Fagen will speak on the proposed "Make it Fair" initiative to modify Prop. 13. Socializing at 7 p.m.; meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.
- May 4
Friday
9-10 a.m. Progressive Discussion Group Topic is Assemblywoman Laura Friedman on "MeToo."
- May 5
Saturday
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Greater Pasadena NWPC Champagne Brunch at 271 Markham Pl., Pasadena. Honored guest Delaine Eastin. Tickets \$40 at door.
- May 6
Sunday *Phoenix* deadline. Send items to hains27@sbcglobal.net.
- May 7
Monday
7 p.m. UDH Steering Committee mtg at Karen Wingard's home, 737 Magnolia, Pasadena.
- June 5
Tuesday California Primary Election.
- June 7
Tuesday
7 p.m. ACT/ADC Meeting. Discussion of Primary Election results.

Progressive Discussion Group

PDG 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 Avenue, Pasadena. Park in the lot behind the restaurant off Shopper's Lane.

The April 20 topic is "What Will Progressives Do When Trump Begins to Fire Mueller?" A May meeting will feature Assemblywoman Laura Friedman on "MeToo."

Everyone is welcome. Order breakfast, coffee, etc., or not. (If you plan to order breakfast, please arrive a bit early.) Contact Dale Gronemeier dlg@dgronemeier.com for details.



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"The ultimate test of a moral society is the kind of world it leaves to its children."
~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Renew Your 2018 Membership

Have you renewed your membership in ACT and/or the Arroyo Democratic Club? No? Then please use the form below to send in your membership check.

Or you can join or renew on line at www.actpasadena.org.

However you do it, we deeply appreciate your continued support as we fight for progressive ideals in the Foothills area. Many thanks to those who have renewed already!



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

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Each additional member per household | <input type="checkbox"/> \$90 Double Sustaining |
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| | <input type="checkbox"/> \$275 Benefactor |

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

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