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ACT & ADC Endorsement Ballots Included

A Ballot for endorsements as well as for issues is included in this *Phoenix*. See the included articles regarding the Research Committee report and the Issues Committee report.

Educational Challenges of Foster Youth

A major change in the way public schools in California are funded has provided school districts the means to address the educational needs of foster children. Foster students have unique characteristics that make them a separate at-risk subgroup. They are four times more likely to change school in a given school year than other students; they are more likely to be attending the lowest performing 10% of schools and they are three times more likely to have a disability. There is a significant achievement gap between foster youth and a comparison group (students who have disabilities, who are English language learners, and who are low SES). Fifty percent of foster youth scored below basic or far below basic compared to 35% of the comparison group on the California Standards Test in English Arts. Only 45% of foster youth complete high school compared to 53% of the comparison group. At 26, only 6% of foster youth have a 2-year college degree, a 4-year college

degree or one or more years of graduate school compared to 47% of the comparison group.

The costs to society of this achievement gap are staggering. At 26, foster youth (compared to the general population) are 300% more likely to be living in poverty; they are 2 to 5 times more likely to be arrested and 4 to 9 times more likely to be incarcerated.

Foster kids are our kids. They have been removed from the custody of their parents to the supervision of the state. What can we do? Let's make sure that the funds for children in foster care are used for programs that serve foster students. (See story below on Local Control Funding Formula.) Or if you would like to become more engaged, to be a mentor or tutor, or to take a foster youth shopping for school clothes see inbox@fostercare.org



Funding of Educational Programs for Foster Students

ACT has recently created a new standing committee called the Issues Committee, which

is charged with reviewing issues of the day that have not otherwise appeared on an election ballot. From time to time, the committee will bring issue recommendations to the Steering Committee and, in turn, the full membership so that we, as an organization, can take a position on the issue and use that position to lobby elected officials or bodies and evaluate candidates for election during an endorsement process. Below is the first issue brought forth by the Issues Committee and now being put to a vote by the membership after discussion and recommendation by the Steering Committee.

The Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), Governor Brown's and the legislature's new approach to funding public schools, is the most significant reform in education finance in decades. LCFF streamlines the system and gives school districts more flexibility in how to use their allocations to promote student achievement. Previously, districts received state funds per student based on a complicated formula. Under LCFF, all school districts are funded using the same formula; restrictions on state categorical funding have been removed. Each district receives a base amount per student that is adjusted for grade level. In addition, districts receive a supplemental allocation for targeted disadvantaged students: English language learners, low income (those eligible to receive a free or reduced-price lunch), and foster youth, or for any unduplicated combination of the three. However, districts are not required to use these funds for the targeted disadvantaged students; they only have to develop a plan showing how they plan to use the funds. This Plan must be approved by the Board and filed with the County Office of Education by June 30. Foster youth are a distinct at-risk student subgroup. (See story on front page on foster youth.) In the Fall Semester of 2013, 353 foster youth were enrolled at PUSD, 2.0% of the general population of 17,428. The only data on the

achievement of foster students comes from the state: the number and percentage of those passing CAHSEE math and CAHSEE English in any given semester. Across the state there is a great deal of concern among child welfare agencies and advocates that districts will not use the funds received for foster youth on programs to address their unique educational challenges but will, rather, include them in programs for all students.

Recommendation from the Issues Committee and the Steering Committee:

- I. Because of the unique educational needs of foster youth, it is recommended that ACT urge the PUSD administration and Board to:
 1. Use all funds allocated for the targeted categories of disadvantaged youth for programs to serve these students.
 2. Count children in foster care as foster youth even if they fit in more than one of the targeted categories of disadvantaged youth;
 3. Allocate all supplemental funds received for the foster youth to support programs that meet the unique needs of foster youth. For example, develop a process for assuring that foster youth who change schools during the school year receive partial credit for work already completed before the change;
 4. Develop a data system to monitor the academic achievement of foster youth.
- II. It is recommended that ACT encourage its members to contact School Board members and to attend the planned community forum on May 22 in support of this resolution.
- III. It is recommended ACT consider using support and monitoring of funding for foster youth as a criterion in evaluating candidates for seats on the PUSD Board of Education.

Wonderings and Wanderings

By Inman Moore



A “Hit piece”

Ever and anon I get what I call a “hit piece” in my email. Normally, I am somewhat appalled but then I quickly delete it and move on about my business. But this one really got to me. It described Detroit as a ravaged city much like a garment that has been tattered and torn and ready for the garbage dump. The author may be right about the devastation in Detroit, but what disturbed me was that he attributed Detroit’s problems to Blacks, Latinos, and Muslims. In his mind these minorities had really destroyed a once great city. This hit piece described these three groups as people you can’t trust and, in addition, they were all on welfare.

The author seemed not to understand that Detroit’s problems stemmed largely from losing their financial base by the demise of the auto industry. Detroit’s economy was centered around the auto industry, and when that failed, it became a real tragedy for the city. Was that the fault of Blacks, Latinos, and Muslims? What about all of us Whites who bought and drove foreign made cars? You can go to certain towns in South Carolina and North Carolina and in New England that are also devastated because they once had a thriving clothing manufacturing business which has now moved to China, Vietnam, and various other parts of the world. This loss of business is not a racial issue. It is a global issue.

The author sums up his whole reason for writing about Detroit by making it plain that if we think Latinos, Blacks, Muslims, and other minorities are ever going to “fit in” to America we are crazy, and the quicker we get rid of them the better off we will be. He makes it plain that American greatness came

because of the White Man. I use the word “man” advisedly because he seems to think the male is the real name of the game.

Yes, just get the White Man back in the saddle and all our problems will be solved. Wow! To tell you the truth I like being around people of many colors and races. One day it will dawn on us that being a racially diverse society is not our problem. Rather it is what makes us great with all the lovely wonders that arise in a mixed society and its multicolored art, music, and literature. And so Detroit, we pray that one day you will again be a great city and that, like all America, you will glory in your diversity.

-- Inman Moore



Next Meeting – Date Changed to Thursday, May 8

NOTE: The next meeting of the ACT Steering Committee and Arroyo Democratic Club will be Thursday, May 8, at the home of Jon Fuhrman & Susan Kane. We will be discuss our endorsement ballot results and decide on any campaign contributions we might make.

All members are welcome and urged to attend Steering Committee and ADC meetings.



May *Phoenix* Deadline

The deadline for the May *Phoenix* will be Sunday, May 11. Please send items to Chuck Hains at hains27@sbcglobal.net. Mailing preparation will be on Thursday, May 15 at a location to be decided. Mailers, please check with Ellen Coles at 626-798-2402 to verify date and location.

Political Notes

by Jon Fuhrman



Thursday, April 17.

This will be a short column, since we have the Research Committee's report to consider, but I do want to include a few gems from the last few weeks. We often talk of the Republican Party as being betwixt and between -- torn by competing blocs and dramatically different philosophies. There could perhaps be no better illustration of that than this week's actions in Nevada and Wisconsin.

In Nevada, the state GOP convention stripped out of their platform the language opposing same-sex marriage and abortion, over opposition from conservatives. Apparently, members of their Platform Committee felt that a party advocating personal freedom ought not get involved in people's personal lives. What a concept! At the same time, though, the Wisconsin state Republican Party voted to support legislation that upholds Wisconsin's right,

under extreme circumstances, to secede from the union. Now, I'm not entirely sure that anyone would notice if Wisconsin seceded, except perhaps some football fans, but it does nicely bookend the competing strains within the GOP. Whoever becomes their Presidential nominee will have to walk the increasingly narrow line between the libertarian (and isolationist) strain, the neo-con interventionists, the traditional big business elements, and the true-believing, absolutist social conservatives. It's hard to imagine a tent big enough to cover all those disparate elements.

While the Reps are jostling among themselves, the President is crowing about the increasing success of Obamacare -- over 7 million, now perhaps 8 million people, have signed up, and the Budget Office is chopping \$100 billion off the projected costs of the program. Further, revenues overall continue to climb, the jobs picture keeps getting better, and the economy seems to be picking up steam. Polling is still mixed, with many Democratic Senate candidates looking at tight races, but no one seems deep underwater. Further, recent polling shows Republican incumbent Governors in Florida and Pennsylvania in deep trouble, with Ohio and Michigan as toss-ups. Still lots of time before the November elections, but I think most pundits are excessively pessimistic about Democratic chances in the mid-terms.

In California, Gov. Jerry Brown will have more of a coronation than an election, and my guess is that he will have substantial coattails, leading to Democratic sweeps far down the ballot. The most controversial decisions will be what to do with all the unanticipated revenue flooding in to the state's coffers. On Wednesday, the day after the deadline for mailing in your taxes, the state took in \$3.1 billion -- far above expectations. The flood apparently continues today, with close to another \$2 billion. The Governor has called a special session of the Legislature to rework

the pending Constitutional Amendment creating a "rainy day" fund. He wants more money in the fund, and more money used to pay down existing debt ahead of schedule. Legislative leaders are looking to spend more of those funds to resurrect the safety net and restore educational funding to more traditional levels. My guess is that there will be ample funds to accomplish both goals, which means local entities, like the County and the PUSD, may see both one-time additional funding for the current fiscal year and increased base funding levels for the next fiscal year.

One of the controversies brewing may focus on the new educational funding formula the Governor convinced the Legislature to adopt, called the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). It consolidated a slew of state categorical grants into one single pool. Thus, over and above the "standard" per-pupil grant, based on average daily attendance, of about \$7,000 (which has gone up from prior years), there is this additional per-pupil grant. Further, the grant goes up based upon the number of students that are foster youth, or English-language learners, or who qualify for free or reduced lunches. And if more than 50% of a district's students fall in those targeted categories, the district gets even more money for each student above the 50% mark.

All these funds may be spent at the discretion of the local school districts, but the districts are required to set up a structure for receiving community input, creating a plan for their spending decisions specifying anticipated results, and reporting back to the community on whether the plans achieved the expected results.

This turns out to be a complicated process,



and teasing out the "extra" money granted due to large numbers of children in the targeted groups (foster youth, English-language learners, and economically disadvantaged youth) from the "base" amount that replaces the categorical grants will be challenging for community members. Further complicating the picture is that many of the old categorical grant funds were administered through site councils at individual schools, while all the new money goes directly to the district. So programs or teachers or interventions funded

by site councils at individual schools now may have to be looked from a district-wide perspective.

In Pasadena, for example, the district will be receiving a considerable amount of additional funds, although we may not know the exact amount till June or July. Much of the extra funding is already committed to giving teachers and other staff a 3% raise -- their first in nearly four years. But will that raise soak

up all the extra funds available? Is it coming just from the increase in the standard per-pupil grant, or the increase in the base LCFF grant to replace the categorical funds, or is it also using up the additional funding coming from having large numbers of students in the targeted groups, which funds were presumably aimed at boosting programs for those targeted youth? How do we know that we are appropriately funding, or increasing funding for, targeted youth, which was the whole point of including extra funding based on those targeted youth? These budgetary calculations can be extremely complex and vexing, particularly to community activists looking for straightforward answers as to whether we're doing enough for students in particular need of help. The PUSD Board and administration

could be in for some contentious sessions as they try to explain how they juggle all these pots of money.

And talking about contentiousness here in Pasadena, folks are starting to think seriously about our local elections scheduled for next March and April. The Mayor and four city councilmembers face re-election in 2015, and three seats on the PUBS Board will see their first district-only elections.

In the city, speculation centers around Mayor Bill Bogaard: will he or won't he? As best I know, he genuinely has not decided yet whether or not to run for re-election; my guess is he will make that decision in May or early June. Councilmember Terry Tornek, however, has already walked three separate Council districts in Pasadena, leading to speculation that, whatever the Mayor decides, Tornek is in the race. Others thought likely to run, like Councilmember Margaret McAusten or Robin Salzer, have bowed out of the Mayoral race. While it's still early, candidates need to start raising money by this summer or early fall if they anticipate a tightly contested race.

On the PUSD side, both incumbent Board members Renatta Cooper and Tom Selinske live in PUSD's District 4, which arguably is the most logical district from which to elect a Latino board member. (You may recall that, although about 65% of PUSD students are Latino, we have not a single Latino on the Board, thanks, some might argue, to our new district-only election system, which theoretically should increase minority representation.) The newest Board member, Mikala Rahn, conveniently lives in a district up for election, so if she runs, she is likely to retain her seat. So look for news in the next month or two as candidates commit, one way or another, and the electoral line-up solidifies.

-- Jon Fuhrman

Welcome New and Returning ACT Members:

Roy Boulghourjian, Pasadena
 Judith Harris, South Pasadena
 Michael Murphy, Sierra Madre
 Kris Ockershauser, Pasadena
 Nat Read, Pasadena
 Sahag Yedalian, Pasadena



ACT/ADC Endorsement Ballot

Enclosed is the ACT/ADC Endorsement ballot. Because of the large number of candidates running for state and local offices, the ACT / ADC ballot is not listing all the candidates. Instead, we are listing the recommended choice, other candidates interviewed by the Research Committee, a blank line for any other candidate members may wish to vote for, and a No Endorsement option for each race. Candidates must receive 60% of the votes cast for that office (including No Endorsement votes) to be endorsed.

Following our recent By-Laws amendments, ACT is embarking upon a new venture -- taking a formal, organizational policy position on issues brought to us by the membership. Members may bring an issue to the Issues Committee, and then to the Steering Committee. If 60% of the Steering Committee approve, an issue may be submitted to the membership; a 75% vote of the membership is required for ACT formally to adopt that position.

Following the normal endorsement ballot is the ballot on the first issue to be brought to our membership under the above rules, with six specific positions offered for your consideration, all relating to educational funding and the use of funds given to the Pasadena Unified School District under the new Local Control Funding Formula.

Research Committee Report

The first Research Committee meeting, dealing with the Altadena Tax Override and the County Sheriff, was attended by Beth Gertmenian, Jon Fuhrman, Dolores Hickambottom, Ralph Hurtado, Susan Kane, Jeanette Mann, John McLean, Marilee Marshall, Inman Moore, George Van Alstine and Bruce Wright.

The second meeting, considering statewide and legislative offices, was attended by Jon Fuhrman, Dolores Hickambottom, Ralph Hurtado, Susan Kane, Jeanette Mann, Marilee Marshall and Bruce Wright, with Tim Wendler joining the committee after the Secretary of State interviews.

Altadena Library Tax Override

The Alliance to Save Our Altadena Libraries is seeking the formal endorsement of legislators, civic leaders, and local civic organizations for the ten year parcel tax extension measure. ACT has endorsed the prior tax overrides in 1994, 1998, and 2004. The Alliance is requesting an early endorsement to help them head off organized opposition. The additional revenue from the tax override constitutes a critical element of the library's budget.

The Research Committee voted 11 to 0 to recommend endorsing the measure.

The Steering Committee voted 25 - 0 - 0 to recommend endorsing the measure.

Los Angeles County Sheriff

All seven candidates for sheriff were invited to be interviewed. Four accepted the invitation; all four are Democrats, all claim to be reform minded and all promise to restore the public trust in the Department. All were in favor, in one manner or another, of accountability, more humane jails, community policing, video cameras in the jails, civilian oversight, generally cleaning up the department and alternatives to incarceration for non violent offenders. We agreed that any of them would be a significant improvement over the status quo.

Todd Rogers -- Rogers is a 29 year veteran of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and has worked his way up through the ranks to Assistant Sheriff of Los Angeles County. He is also vice mayor of Lakewood. Rogers made a favorable impression. From 2003 to 2009 He was captain of the Carson station.

He holds a BA and an MA from California State University, Dominguez Hills. Rogers has raised more than \$121,000 since entering the race in January, after Baca stepped down. His campaign has just over \$16,000 in cash on hand and \$25,000 in debt. His goal is \$250,000 for the primary. He is a viable candidate but lacks the significant endorsements of McDonnell.

Lou Vince -- Vince has a BS in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration from Western Illinois University. After college he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and his military career brought him back to California. In 2010, Lou completed a Master's Degree in Criminology, Law and Society from the University of California, Irvine. Vince has been with the (LAPD) for close to 20 years where he rose through the ranks as a Field Training Officer, Detective, Sergeant, and is currently Senior Detective Supervisor. Vince has about \$25,000, no ballot statement, and is running a grass roots campaign. He had the endorsement of some local Democratic clubs in his area, and though some of us really liked him, he is unfortunately just not a viable candidate.

Jim McDonnell -- McDonnell, currently Chief of Police for the City of Long Beach, was unable to attend himself and sent a surrogate speaker, a campaign volunteer, who was personable, intelligent and did a good job of articulating McDonnell's positions. McDonnell has been Long Beach Chief since March, 2010. He previously served as the second in command in the Los Angeles Police Department. He started with LAPD in 1981, and before leaving was second in command to Police Chief Bill Bratton.

McDonnell has a BS in Criminal Justice from St. Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire, and a MPA from USC. He is also a graduate of the FBI's National Executive Institute, the Senior Management Institute for Police. McDonnell's community policing plan was the foundation of Chief Bill Bratton's efforts to refocus and reform the LAPD. He was appointed by Gov. Schwarzenegger to serve as a member of the California Commission on Peace Officers' Standards & Training (POST) and was reappointed to serve a second term by Governor Brown. He is also Chair of the Law Enforcement Advisory Committee for the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). He served on the Citizens' Commission on Jail Violence. He was appointed to the U.S. Attorney General's National Task Force on Children

Exposed to Violence and served on the National Executive Session on Law Enforcement & Public Health and the National Executive Session on Police Legitimacy and Racial Reconciliation.

McDonnell has extensive endorsements including Steve Cooley, Jackie Lacey, Gil Garcetti, Robert Philibosian, John Van de Kamp, Kamala Harris, Karen Bass, Tony Cardenas, Judy Chu, Janice Hahn, Zev Yaroslavsky, and Reverend Cecil L. Murray. McDonnell raised \$307,000 since January and has over \$132,500 in cash left.

Patrick Gomez -- Gomez is a 31 year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. He retired as a Lieutenant in December 2012. He has worked a variety of assignments including Pico Rivera and Temple Stations, Custody Training Unit, STAR Unit, and several custody facilities. He has had two unsuccessful runs for sheriff. In 2010, Gomez received a settlement from the sheriff's department after claiming he faced retaliation for criticizing Lee Baca when he ran for sheriff in 2002. Gomez is running grass roots campaign and has no money and no ballot statement. Although he has the endorsement of some local Democratic clubs, he appears not to be a viable candidate.

The Paul Tanaka Problem -- Tanaka, the former undersheriff, has raised roughly \$648K so far, records show, almost twice as much as his nearest competitor. He did, however, enter the race early. Tanaka raised just over \$266,885 from January through mid-March. He has more than \$186,440 in cash on hand, but also more than \$91,000 in debt.

Records show he accepted contributions from several sheriff's officials who left the department under a cloud, including a captain blamed for problems with jail abuse, a charity director ousted because of her ties with pot dispensaries and a captain who prosecutors said funneled secret information to an alleged Compton drug trafficker. A county commission created after the sheriff's jail abuse scandal blamed Tanaka, and Baca, for abuses in the county lockups. Candidates we interviewed were asked about what could be done to counteract the perception of lawlessness in the department, (specifically the existence of gangs like the Vikings). All of the candidates asserted that Tanaka is a member of the Vikings and that Tanaka has refused to renounce his membership.

The Research Committee was generally impressed with all of the four candidates we interviewed.

However, there was a general consensus that the nuances in their approaches would merit more discussion if we were choosing the best candidate among those four on a more level playing field. But the playing field is not level; at least two of the candidates we interviewed are simply not viable candidates.

The committee voted 11 to 0 to recommend endorsing Jim McDonnell. The recommendation is largely based both on his apparent qualifications and broad support, as well the fact that the other candidates lack the funding and/or significant endorsements necessary to have a chance of preventing Paul Tanaka, a particularly undesirable candidate, from getting 50% of the vote in the primary.

The Steering Committee voted 24 - 0 - 1 to recommend endorsing Jim McDonnell.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Derek Cressman -- Cressman graduated with honors from Williams College with a degree in political science in 1990. He has never held nor sought elective office. He has been a national leader in the fight for fair elections, expanded democracy, and more transparent government. Until June of 2013 he served as Vice President of State Operations for Common Cause. He previously held the positions of Western States Regional Director and Assistant Director for Election Reform. He is a registered Democrat but is committed to administering the Secretary of State's office in a non-partisan manner, so while he would be continue to be an active Democrat, he would not endorse candidates or ballot measures while holding that office. He emphasized this is a good time for an "outsider" to be elected as a Democrat because of the recent scandals that have involved Democratic office holders.

He has worked professionally as a good government advocate since 1995 when he directed the Democracy Program for the Public Interest Research Groups. He has worked to pass and implement California's Independent Redistricting Commission, enact California's on-line voter registration system, and filed a successful complaint at the Fair Political Practices Commission that led to an investigation of \$11 million that was secretly spent on our elections in 2012, resulting in a record fine for two organizations linked to the Koch Brothers network.

He has testified before the U.S. Senate, California Assembly and Senate, served as an expert in

federal litigation, and authored numerous reports as well as the book, *The Recall's Broken Promise—How Big Money Still Runs California Politics*. In 2001, he served as an international observer for elections in northern Somalia. In 2008, he observed elections in Miami, Florida with the Election Protection network.

Cressman began his career as a community organizer working with students at UC Santa Barbara and UC Berkeley around environmental issues. He lives in Sacramento with his wife and two children.

He argued that his key goals would be to complete the Vote California system before 2016, including same-day voter registration, and suggested there should be automatic voter registration upon graduation from high school. He believes the Voter Guide should be updated, perhaps using a cell phone app, and posting on-line videos in which candidates could make their pitch. Further, the Voter Guide should include full campaign finance records for candidates and propositions.

Additionally, he believes we need to challenge the Citizens United Supreme Court decision, allowing unlimited corporate spending on independent committees, but having a state-wide vote to instruct our Congressional representatives to support a Constitutional amendment to reverse the decision. In support of that effort, he would convene a public hearing in every Cong. District in the state.

His campaign consultant is Parke Skelton. He believes he needs at least \$600,000 for a state-wide campaign, of which he has already raised \$400,000, but would prefer to be closer to \$1 million. The Democratic State Party has not endorsed a candidate in this race, but he has many local endorsements which he believes may be crucial. He believes disclosure is not sufficient to solve problems with campaign finance and supports public funding for campaigns. Further, he thinks candidate statements in the Voter Guide should be free and should be posted on-line.

To increase voter turnout and participation, he would expand early voting, but does not believe on-line voting is realistically feasible. When asked what he would do differently from the current incumbent, he argued he would bring better management skills to the Department, particularly to their IT systems implementations; further, he believes Secretary Bowden is not properly dealing with allowing people on probation (particularly AB109

transferees who have been released) to register to vote.

He believes same-day voter registration, in particular, would help minority communities, and he would more fully implement translations, particularly in Tagalog, in counties that have just, or will soon, fall under the Federal Voting Rights Acts requirements.

Alex Padilla -- As State Senator, Alex Padilla represents more than 1.1 million people in the San Fernando Valley region of Los Angeles. More than 70 Padilla bills have been signed into law since he was elected to the State Senate in 2006. Around the Capitol recently named Padilla one of 2013's "Most Effective Legislators," citing his ability to "cross ideological lines, take on big bills and keep warring parties within the caucus."

Frequently mentioned as one of America's Latino rising stars, Alex Padilla is now President of the National Association of Latino Elected Officials (NALEO), representing more than 6,000 Latino elected and appointed officials nationwide.

Winning a seat on the Los Angeles City Council at the age of 26, Alex Padilla was later elected by his peers as President of the Council, becoming the first Latino and youngest member ever to serve as President. During his term as City Council President, Padilla also was elected as the President of the California League of Cities, the first Latino to serve in that position. Alex Padilla chairs the Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee and the Select Committee on Science, Innovation and Public Policy.

Padilla's parents emigrated here in pursuit of the American Dream. His father, a retired member of UNITE HERE, worked as a short order cook and his mother cleaned houses. He grew up in the working class neighborhood of Pacoima, graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a degree in mechanical engineering and now serves as a member of the MIT Board of Trustees.

Padilla noted he worked his way through politics, being a campaign manager before running for office himself. He emphasized his working class background, his long-time connection with organized labor, his origins in a rough area in Pacoima and the fact that he has worked on voter registration at all possible levels throughout his life.

He reported that he obtained 59% of the vote at the State Democratic Convention (though 60% was needed for endorsement). He intends to endorse candidates or propositions, when appropriate, while Secretary of State. He has a large and impressive list of endorsements. He believes a budget of \$1.5 to \$2 million is needed for the campaign, and he has \$1.5 million on hand already. He does not believe disclosure is sufficient to solve the problems of money in politics; one improvement would be for more timely disclosure, and he has sponsored a bill requiring disclosure of all donations within 5 days. He would support public matching funds for all donations. He argued that the candidate statements in the Voter Guide should be free of charge, that more information should be on-line, but he opposes a system using only mail-in ballots.

He argued that on-line registration should continue and be expanded. Further, additional state agencies (the U.C. system, the CSU system, Veterans Affairs offices and others) should be designated as MotorVoter agencies, requiring them to facilitate voter registration with every citizen they interact with. Lastly, there should a "ballot on demand" system, so any voter could obtain an appropriate ballot and vote at any polling place.

When asked what he would do differently from the incumbent, Padilla argues the CalVote database needs to be improved and it needs to be more visible. In terms of benefiting minority communities, he pointed to his ability to serve as a role model.

Both candidates made impressive presentations, responding in detail to our questions, and Committee members generally believed either candidate would serve effectively. There was some consideration of a dual endorsement, but the Committee opted for the traditional route of endorsing one candidate.

The Research Committee, by a vote of 5 to 2, recommends endorsing Alex Padilla.

The Steering Committee voted 19 - 4 - 2 to recommend endorsing Alex Padilla.

STATE CONTROLLER

The Research Committee interviewed California Board of Equalization (BOE) Member Betty Yee (D) and representatives of Assembly Speaker John Perez (D) (Assemblymember Chris Holden and Campaign Manager Dante Atkins). Perez had orig-

inally confirmed, but a last minute conflict prevented him from attending. Additional candidates Tammy Blair (D), David Evans (R), Ashley Swearingin (R), Laura Wells (G) were invited but either declined to attend, or did not respond.

Betty Yee -- Yee showed a strong command of state financial issues, the responsibilities of the Controller's office, and a clear commitment to applying progressive principals to the office. She has significant experience and educational background for the position, including a Master's Degree in Public Administration and serving as Chief Deputy Director for the Budget with the Department of Finance where she led the development of Governor Davis' Budget. Similar to current Controller John Chiang, she has served as a BOE member before running for Controller. She is well on her way to raising her budget for the primary campaign. She has wrapped up all but one of the Democratic leaning slate cards.

For state pensions, she wants to retain defined benefits, but see more active management of assets by the managers with more active member engagement and more emphasis on good corporate citizens. She would use her office's auditing power proactively to identify problems and highlight needs for reform. Yee thinks our current tax structure is not sustainable, and would use the bully pulpit of her office to speak out for reform that would lead to greater financial security, addressing the crisis of income equality, infrastructure investment, higher minimum wages, and a focus on the green economy.

John Perez -- Chris Holden as assisted by Dante Atkins did an impressive job of representing John Perez. Perez's financial experience is through his responsibilities as the Speaker of the State Assembly in negotiating and passing balanced budgets. His previous experience was generally as part of the Labor movement, where he advocated for those in need. His educational background includes coursework at UC Berkeley. After he achieved a 2/3rd majority in the Assembly, he has been able to consistently pass balanced budgets through which he advocated for increased education funding. Like Yee, Perez is on track to meet his primary budget, which is close to twice that of Yee's.

For public pensions, Perez has strongly defended defined benefit plans. For tax reform, he believes that when commercial properties change hands, it should trigger reevaluation of the assessed value for

tax purposes. Perez thinks the auditing power could be used more proactively (i.e., no need to give one month's notice).

Committee members expressed confidence in Yee's financial experience, her detailed understanding of the job she was seeking to undertake, and the value that position could hold in pushing for progressive change that would address the crisis of income inequality and other financial challenges facing our state.

The Research Committee voted 4-0-2 to recommend endorsing Betty Yee.

The Steering Committee voted 20 - 0 - 3 to recommend endorsing Betty Yee.

STATE TREASURER

John Chiang -- The Research Committee chose not to interview John Chiang since ACT has endorsed him three times, in campaigns for the Board of Equalization and then for two terms as State Controller. The Committee did interview the Green Party candidate, Ellen Brown. Her single and overriding campaign focus was to advocate a state-owned bank, similar to one in North Dakota, that could invest in and support the local economy. While she was an eloquent supporter of this concept, the Committee felt her focus was too narrow, and that she was unprepared for the technical responsibilities that come with being in charge of managing the state's \$8 billion pooled investment fund.

The Research Committee voted 5 - 0 - 0 to recommend endorsing John Chiang, based both upon his performance in office over the last 12 years and his opponent's inexperience.

The Steering Committee voted 25 - 0 - 0 to recommend endorsing John Chiang for State Treasurer.

OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Several other State Constitutional Officers are seeking re-election. All are Democrats, and ACT has endorsed each of them in prior elections. Therefore, the Research Committee did not seek to interview them individually.

The Research Committee voted 5 - 0 - 0 to recommend endorsing Jerry Brown for Governor.

The Steering Committee voted 25 - 0 - 0 to recommend endorsing Jerry Brown.

The Research Committee voted 5 - 0 - 0 to recom-

mend endorsing Gavin Newsom for Lieutenant Governor.

The Steering Committee voted 25 - 0 - 0 to recommend endorsing Gavin Newsom.

The Research Committee voted 5 - 0 - 0 to recommend endorsing Kamala Harris for Attorney General.

The Steering Committee voted 25 - 0 - 0 to recommend endorsing Kamala Harris.

The Research Committee voted 4 - 0 - 1 to recommend endorsing Dave Jones for Insurance Commissioner.

The Steering Committee voted 25 - 0 - 0 to recommend endorsing Dave Jones.

The Research Committee voted 5 - 0 - 0 to recommend endorsing Tom Torlakson for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The Steering Committee voted 15 - 6 - 3 to recommend endorsing Tom Torlakson.

LEGISLATIVE RACES

Here again, several incumbent Democrats are seeking re-election, and since ACT has previously endorsed each candidate, the Research Committee did not seek to interview them individually.

The Research Committee voted 5 - 0 - 0 to recommend endorsing Judy Chu for Congress in the 27th Cong. District.

The Steering Committee voted 25 - 0 - 0 to recommend endorsing Judy Chu for Congress in the 27th Cong. District.

The Research Committee voted 5 - 0 - 0 to recommend endorsing Adam Schiff for Congress in the 28th Cong. District.

The Steering Committee voted 25 - 0 - 0 to recommend endorsing Adam Schiff.

The Research Committee voted 5 - 0 - 0 to recommend endorsing Chris Holden for the State Assembly in the 41st Assembly District.

The Steering Committee voted 25 - 0 - 0 to recommend endorsing Chris Holden.



Alliance To Save Our Altadena Libraries

The Alliance to Save Our Altadena Libraries is seeking the formal endorsement of local civic organizations for the ten year parcel tax extension measure that will be on the November ballot (This is on the enclosed endorsement ballot for our consideration).

Our Altadena Library has been a central part of Altadena for over 88 years. It is a focal point of our community. And it is a source of pride that sets us apart from other small cities and towns in Southern California.

- Altadena Library was founded in 1926.
- Altadena Library has always belonged to the community, and is an independent Special District that is not part of the LA County library system.
- When the state of California withdrew the Special District Augmentation Fund in 1993, Altadena voters overwhelmingly supported a local per parcel tax in 1994 to offset that loss to our Library.
- Voters extended the parcel tax in 1998 and again in 2004 by comfortable margins.
- Local civic groups publicly supported the parcel tax in 1994, 1998 and 2004.
- The parcel tax currently generates \$735,000 in annual income for the Library.
- That \$735,000 = 27% of the Library's total budget.
- Those funds are used primarily for operations and some maintenance.
- If the proposed 2014 ten-year parcel tax extension does not pass, the Library will have to reduce its hours of operation at both the main library (six days to five) and branch library (six days to three), with the possibility of having to close the branch.
- This is not a new parcel tax. It is an extension of the same per parcel tax voters sup-

ported in 1994, 1998 and 2004. The only increase is tied to the Consumer Price Index.



Renew for 2014

Thanks to all who have renewed ACT/ADC membership for 2014. If you have not renewed yet, please do so ASAP. We need you. You may renew at <http://www.actpasadena.org>. If you have any questions about your membership contact Jon Fuhrman at 626-795-5255 or jon_fuhrman@charter.net.



Important San Gabriel Valley Democratic Women's Club Meeting

SGVDWC meets on Friday, May 9 at 10 a.m. at the home of Sara Carnahan, 2525 Highland Avenue, Altadena. Members will discuss the future of the club. Bring ideas for increasing membership, staying relevant, working to support women in government and more. Everyone is welcome.



**From
41st District
Assemblymember
Chris Holden**



Dear ACT Friends,

This has been a very busy time in the Capitol, with committee hearings almost daily.

I serve on several committees including Appropriations; Business, Professions and Consumer Protection; Labor and Employment; the Assembly Committee on Legislative Ethics and the Transportation Committee.

I also have a strong legislative package with more than a dozen bills I'm hoping to get through the legislative process by the May 30 deadline. The policy issues range from: keeping kids in the classroom and out of the courtroom, regulations to give cities more control over illegal massage parlors, kitchen-grease thefts, and help for veterans.

You will often find me running from committee to committee to fit it all in.

It's official: San Diego Assemblywoman Toni Atkins will be the next Speaker of the Assembly. She will be sworn in on May 12 and I look forward to working with her as she steers the Assembly through the upcoming budget process.

I had the privilege of nominating Speaker-elect Atkins who I believe will do great things for California. She has impressed me as someone with a servant's heart: willing to take on the causes she believes in - fighting for the poor, the disenfranchised and the marginalized.

Last month I was honored to receive the Democratic Party endorsement at the state convention. For those of you who took part in the en-

dorsement process, thank you for your continuing support. I look forward to continuing to improve our state economy, create jobs, and provide access to quality education for all Californians.

-- Chris Holden

Assemblyman. Holden represents some 420,000 people in the foothills communities of Altadena, Pasadena, South Pasadena, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, San Dimas, La Verne, Claremont, and Upland. He can be reached via his website at: www.assembly.ca.gov/holden and fill out the contact form.



**From
43rd District
Assemblymember
Mike Gatto**



Greetings from
Sacramento!

**All Politics Starts Locally, Including
What We Can Do for the Environment**

I don't need to tell you what you already know. It hasn't rained much here this winter, and it's been unseasonably hot throughout the state. For these reasons, and with my full support, Governor Jerry Brown has called a state of emergency due to the ongoing drought. If the drought continues, we face serious threats to our economy, the environment, and the habits of anyone who uses water. And the current drought is just one of several environmental challenges facing California.

That's why I was so excited at the opportunity to host an event right here in our community that detailed the current state of affairs with respect to the environment in California and locally.

Held at the Griffith Park Visitors Center, a facility and setting that underscores the importance of preserving our green spaces, pre-

senters included a scientist from our own Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and policy experts from the UCLA Luskin School of Public Policy, the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Environmental Defense Fund. They provided valuable forecasts as to how current trends will affect future decisions in our community, in everything from development, transportation, and the food we eat. They also provided some not-so-obvious tips on how each of us can do our part.

Our community is environmentally conscious, and I am constantly so thankful for that. But even I was blown away that a standing-room only crowd chose to spend a beautiful Saturday discussing the environment. It was a truly powerful event and I think we all learned something. I look forward to seeing you at my next environmental or community event.

Mike Gatto is the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee in the California State Assembly. He represents Burbank, Glendale, La Cañada Flintridge, La Crescenta, Montrose, and the Los Angeles neighborhoods of Atwater Village, East Hollywood, Franklin Hills, Hollywood Hills, Los Feliz, and Silver Lake. www.assembly.ca.gov/gatto



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Together we've raised \$5700! Thanks to our donors and special thanks to Ralph and Fred for leading this effort.



ACT Joint Sponsorship of May 13 Forum on Police Oversight

ACT is a co-sponsor of an informational forum on civilian oversight of police, along with the ACLU, League of Women Voters, NAACP, Pasadena Latino Forum, the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, and the Pasadena Community Coalition. The forum will discuss civilian oversight of both the Pasadena PD and the Sheriff's Department. Speakers who have committed as of the *Phoenix* deadline are the following: **Brian Buchner**, President of the National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement; **Miriam Krinsky**, former Executive Director, Citizens' Commission on Jail Violence and former federal prosecutor; **Jacque Robinson**, ACT member and Chair of the Pasadena City Council's Public Safety Committee; and **Michelle White**, Pasadena attorney and immediate past President of the Pasadena-Foothill Chapter of the ACLU. The forum will be at the Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church, 301 N. Orange Grove, Pasadena, on Tuesday, May 13, from 7-9 p.m.

The May 13 informational forum is an expanded version of the 1st half of the previously-planned ACT-NAACP-Pasadena Latino Coalition forum that would have had two introductory informational speakers, followed by a debate. The revised format of two meetings will allow a more expanded informational discussion on May 13. The previously scheduled debate has been re-set for July 22; since the May 13 forum will satisfy the informational goal, the July 22 debate will allow more time for both debate and audience participation.



National Women's Political Caucus: We Recruit, Train and Elect

No one is complaining because there are too many women in our state assembly, senate or US Congress. The National Women's Political Caucus has been fighting for 43 years to try to reach parity for women, pass the Equal Rights Amendment, pay equity, reproductive freedom and an end to sexual harassment and discrimination. The Caucus is busy interviewing some of the 38 women running for state and federal office in Southern California for possible endorsement. In recent elections we supported such local stars as:

- Jacque Robinson & Margaret McAustin, Pasadena City Council
- Renatta Cooper & Elizabeth Pomeroy, Pasadena School Board
- Linda Wah & Jeanette Mann, PCC Trustees
- Monrovia Mayor Mary Ann Lutz & School Board member Alex Zucco
- Maria Khubesrian & Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena Council
- Michele Kipke & Julie Giulioni, South Pasadena School Board
- Meredith McKenzie, Altadena Library Board of Trustees.
- Congresswoman Judy Chu & Senator Carol Liu have been with us for years.

With 55 state seats coming open between 2014 and 2016, we have been busy recruiting progressive women to run, without regard to party. While NWPC is multi-partisan, pro-Choice Republican women are increasingly scarce. We have little time to meet our decade-old motto of "50/50 by 2020."



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Calendar

- May 2
Friday
9 a.m. Friday Morning Progressive Discussion Group at CoCo's Restaurant, 77 N. Lake Ave., Pasa. Call Inman Moore for info at 626-795-2201.
- May 8
Thursday
7 p.m. ACT Steering Committee/ADC meeting at home of Jon Fuhrman & Susan Kane, 3220 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena. Endorsement ballot results. Coffee at 7 p.m.; meeting at 7:30
- May 9
Friday
10 a.m. San Gabriel Valley Democratic Women's Club meeting at the home of Sara Carnahan, 2525 Highland Ave., Altadena. Discussion of the future of the Club. Everyone welcome.
- May 11
Sunday eve Phoenix deadline. Send items to Hains27@SBCGlobal.net.
- May 13
Tuesday
7-9 p.m. Informational Pasadena Police Oversight Forum at the Neighborhood Unitarian Universality Church, 301 N. Orange Grove, Pasadena. (See sep. article.)
- May 16
Friday Friday Morning Discussion Group. (Details same as 5/2)
- May 27
Tuesday
7:30 p.m. Outreach Committee meeting re outreach on economic justice issues. Gronemeier & Associates office, 1490 Colorado Boulevard, Eagle Rock.
- June 6
Friday Friday Morning Discussion Group. (Details same as 5/2)
- July 22
Thursday
7:30 p.m. ACT-NAACP-Pasadena Latino Coalition debate on police oversight; Pasadena Central Public Library.



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(It's usually available soon after the mailed version arrives.) The online *Phoenix* is in color and has important items that we couldn't fit in the April print version.



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ACT ENDORSEMENT BALLOT For State, Legislative, and Local



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 2013 & 2014 members who are 18 years of age or older can vote. 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 endorsement elections. If your ballot is damaged, write "void" on it and send it along with a note indicating how you voted.

Ballot Deadline Ballots must be in the ACT Office by 5 p.m. Monday, May 5th, Further endorsement election information can be found in this *Phoenix*.

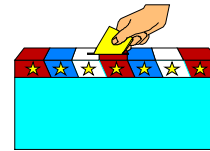
Why do we vote? ACT's endorsement can mean access to donor files, computer data, and such financial contributions as are voted by the Steering Committee.

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		
Candidate Y.....		X	
No Endorsement.....			X



Arroyo Democratic Club ENDORSEMENT BALLOT For State, Legislative, and Local

Endorsement Ballot Instructions

The ADC guidelines are identical to ACT with the exception that only Democratic candidates are listed.

ACT & ADC Endorsement Ballots

This is actually TWO ballots. The ACT ballot is on the left, and the ADC ballot is on the right.

State Constitutional Officers: ACT ADC

Governor:

The Research Committee recommends endorsing Jerry Brown (5 - 0 - 0). The Steering Committee recommends endorsing Jerry Brown (25 - 0 - 0).

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	Vote for one	ADC
Jerry Brown	
Other:	
No Endorsement	

Lieutenant Governor:

The Research Committee recommends Gavin Newsom (5 - 0 - 0). The Steering Committee recommends Gavin Newsom (25 - 0 - 0).

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	Vote for one	ADC
Gavin Newsom	
Other:	
No Endorsement	

Secretary of State:

The Research Committee recommends Alex Padilla (5 - 2 - 0). The Steering Committee recommends Alex Padilla (19 - 4 - 2).

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	Vote for one	ADC
Alex Padilla	
Derek Cressman	
Other:	
No Endorsement	

Attorney General:

The Research Committee recommends Kamala Harris (5 - 0 - 0). The Steering Committee recommends Kamala Harris (25 - 0 - 0).

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	Vote for one	ADC
Kamala Harris	
Other:	
No Endorsement	

Note: The Arroyo Democratic Club (ADC) can endorse only Democrats; several candidates who are not registered as Democrats are therefore ineligible for endorsement by the ADC.

ACT, however, is a non-partisan organization and may therefore endorse any candidate.

Controller:

The Research Committee recommends Betty Yee (4 - 0 - 2)

The Steering Committee recommends Betty Yee (20 - 0 - 3)

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	Vote for one	ADC
Betty Yee	
John Perez	
Other: _____					
No Endorsement	

Treasurer:

The Research Committee recommends John Chiang

(5 - 0 - 0). The Steering Committee recommends John

Chiang (25 - 0 - 0)

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	Vote for one	ADC
John Chiang	
Ellen Brown	
Other: _____					
No Endorsement	

Superintendent of Public Education:

The Research Committee recommends Tom Torlakson

(5 - 0 - 0). The Steering Committee recommends Tom

Torlakson (15 - 6 - 3)

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	Vote for one	ADC
Tom Torlakson	
Other: _____					
No Endorsement	

Insurance Commissioner:

The Research Committee recommends Dave Jones

(5 - 0 - 0). The Steering Committee recommends Dave

Jones (25 - 0 - 0)

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	Vote for one	ADC
Dave Jones	
Other: _____					
No Endorsement	

Legislative Offices:

27th Congressional District:

The Research Committee recommends Judy Chu (5 - 0 - 0).

The Steering Committee recommends Judy Chu (25 -0 -0).

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	Vote for one	ADC
Judy Chu						
Other:						
No Endorsement						

28th Congressional District:

The Research Com. recommends Adam Schiff (5 - 0 - 0).

The Steering Com. recommends Adam Schiff (25 - 0 - 0).

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	Vote for one	ADC
Adam Schiff						
Other:						
No Endorsement						

41st State Assembly District:

The Research Com. recommends Chris Holden (5 - 0 - 0).

The Steering Com. recommends Chris Holden (25 - 0 - 0)

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	Vote for one	ADC
Chris Holden						
Other:						
No Endorsement						

Local Races:

Los Angeles County Sheriff:

The Resrch Com. recommends Jim McDonnell (11 -0 -0).

The Steering Com. recommends Jim McDonnell (24 -0-1).

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	Vote for one	ADC
Todd Rogers					--	--
Lou Vince						
Jim McDonnell.....						
Patrick Gomez.....						
Other:						
No Endorsement						

Altadena Library Tax Override:

The Research Com. recommends a YES vote (11-0-0).

The Steering Com. recommends a YES vote (25-0-0).

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	Vote for one	ADC
YES to support.....						
NO to oppose						
No Endorsement						

ACT/ADC Special – Issues Ballot:

It is recommended that ACT urge the PUSD Board and Administration to:

A. Count and track foster youth specifically, even though they may already fit in one or both of the targeted categories of disadvantaged youth. **The Research Committee recommends a YES vote (19 -1 -0).**

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	Vote for one	ADC
YES to support	
NO to oppose	
No Endorsement	

B. Allocate all supplemental funds received for the foster youth program towards support for programs to meet the unique needs of foster youth. (For example, develop a process for assuring that foster youth who change schools during the year receive partial credit for work already completed.) **The Research Committee recommends a YES vote (19 -1-0).**

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	Vote for one	ADC
YES to support	
NO to oppose	
No Endorsement	

C. Develop a data system to monitor the academic achievement of foster youth.

The Research Committee recommends a YES vote (20 -0-0).

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	Vote for one	ADC
YES to support	
NO to oppose	
No Endorsement	

D. Ensure that all supplemental LCFF funds go to programs for children within the targeted population (foster youth, English-language learners, and children eligible for free and reduced lunches). **The Research Committee recommends a YES vote (20 -0-0).**

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	Vote for one	ADC
YES to support	
NO to oppose	
No Endorsement	

Further, it is recommended that ACT:

E. Encourage ACT members to contact School Board members and attend community forums in support of these resolutions. **The Research Committee recommends a YES vote (19 - 0 - 0)**

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	Vote for one	ADC
YES to support	
NO to oppose	
No Endorsement	

F. Use candidates' support for these resolutions as criteria in evaluating candidates for seats on the PUSD Board of Education. **The Research Committee recommends a YES vote (19 - 0 - 0).**

Vote for one	ACT Voter:	#1	#2	#3	Vote for one	ADC
YES to support	
NO to oppose	
No Endorsement	