



Active Democrat

General Meeting – May 12, 2010

Homelessness Panel Discussion With Dr. Karen Lamp & David Snow



President's Letter:

I have to admit it. I've been somewhat amused watching Meg Whitman and Steve Poisner

to citizenship". What a wacky flip-flopper! Now he supports the new Arizona law allowing police to detain people because they look like they might be here illegally. What a kooky..... Wait a minute. This isn't fun anymore!

McCain says that he supports the new law because "drug cartels and human traffickers have taken over Mexico and pose a direct threat to the security of the United States." So, exactly how does that justify arbitrarily violating the rights of individuals whose families may have been here legally for generations – by asking them to "Show me your papers". I think we've all seen that movie, and I thought we all learned that lesson long ago.

I don't know about you, but I never carry my birth certificate, and if you catch me on my early morning walks you'll see that I rarely carry my driver's license. Also, I've been known to jog past the police station – or am I running from the police?! Since Arizona has yet to determine the standards it will use for "reasonable suspicion" (Maybe you should have thought of that before you passed and signed the (See **President**, Page 2)

duking it out over who is the "REAL" conservative running for the Republican nomination for Governor. I've been equally (but more remotely) amused watching the Florida senatorial race – with uber-conservative Marco Rubio pushing not-conservative-enough-to-win-the-Republican-primary Charlie Crist out of the Party and forcing him to run as an Independent. After too many years of Democratic in-fighting, it's just fun to watch the Republicans beat each other up for a change!

And the fun continued in Arizona – with John McCain's fight to retain his Senate seat against an even-further-right primary opponent. John "I'm no maverick" McCain had to take back his assertion that he would trust the military leaders if they decided to overturn "Don't Ask, Don't Tell". Then he changed his mind about immigration reform and "a path

Monthly General Membership Meeting:
7:00 PM Wednesday, May 12, 2010
6:45 PM – Refreshments
Rotunda Room
Veterans Memorial Building
4117 Overland Avenue
Corner of Overland Ave. and Culver Blvd.

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Club Notes

Endorsement Card Mailing Party! Join us on Thursday, May 13, at 5:30 PM to label the endorsement cards for mailing. We'll be at Denny's, Overland & Jefferson. You can eat your dinner, enjoy lively conversation, and help get our message out to thousands of Democrats.

Electronic Newsletter:

Submit your email address to Info@CCDemClub.org and ask to get the newsletter by email! Save a tree and save our club the postage!

Join the Culver City Peace Vigil:

Show your support for ending the war in Afghanistan every other Friday 5:30 – 6:30 PM across from the Culver Hotel.

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law!), we're left with the distinct probability that some eager beavers will act with the broadest interpretation of the law, and many people will suffer for the "crime" of being Latino in Arizona.

As proud Democrats we must fight to stop these dangerous laws and prevent the election of any lawmaker who believes this is good policy!

I end with a quote from Benjamin Franklin, "Any society that would give up a little liberty to gain a little security will deserve neither and lose both." We can't let that happen.

Ronnie Jayne
President

Homelessness Experts to Speak

At our next General Meeting the Club will be hosting a panel discussion on Homelessness featuring Dr. Karen Lamp, Medical Director of the Venice Family Clinic and Chair of the Culver City Homeless Committee, and David Snow, Upward Bound House Executive Director.

Both speakers have strong records of working to alleviate homelessness and are leaders

directly involved with programs here in Culver City.

As stated on Venice Family Clinic's web site "Dr. Lamp oversees the clinical practice of the largest free clinic in the nation providing 100,000 patient visits over seven sites to the medically indigent, including the homeless. With a budget of \$15 million, she is responsible for the supervision of the 100-member clinical and support staff, oversees the residency training rotations for 11 residency training programs and the work of 466 volunteer physicians." She is the recipient of the Catherine Carson Award for Humanitarianism and the Wilfred Snodgrass Award for Excellence in Teaching Family Medicine, among other honors.

David Snow leads Upward Bound House. According to the organization's web site

"Upward Bound House is a community-based, social service agency headquartered in Santa Monica California. We are a federally recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1991 to help mitigate the affordable housing crisis on the Westside of Los Angeles County and specifically, its impact on two vulnerable populations: homeless families with minor

Seeking Submissions

We would like your articles and letters to the editor. Let your voice be heard! Submissions will be published as space allows. Submissions may be edited for length.

The Club's Executive Board reserves the right to determine suitability of submissions for inclusion in the newsletter.

children and very low-income seniors.

Upward Bound House fulfills its mission through Family Place, its transitional housing facility for homeless families, and Senior Villa, its affordable housing facility for the very low-income elderly, both located in Santa Monica. Our newest facility, Family Shelter, is an emergency shelter for families with children located in Culver City."

We hope you can join us at the meeting for what should be a very enlightening evening on a subject that directly affects our community.

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Di's Corner: By Diane Rosenberg

On Sunday May 2, 2010 State Senator Curren Price held the fourth annual "Tribute To Sheroes" at the Radisson Hotel at USC. He honored 26 outstanding women including myself and club member Sadie Cerda. Sadie was escorted by Culver City Councilmember Micheal O'Leary.

Speaker Emeritus Karen Bass was present as well as Congresswoman Diane Watson who was given the "Rose Award" recognizing her legacy of service.

Some Basic Facts on Homelessness

The number of people homeless at any given time in the U.S. varies depending on many factors.

However some recent statistics can provide a picture of the problem. In a study from 1996 by the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, the Urban Institute, and the National Survey of Homeless Assistance Providers found that on a specific night in October 444,000 people (in 346,000) households experienced homelessness (6.3% of the population living in poverty). In February of that year, 842,000 people experienced homelessness (10% of the population living in poverty).

Using these estimates for annual projections it translates to between 2.3 to 3.5 million people experiencing homelessness each year. That's approximately 1% of the population and approximately 39% of the homeless are children.

More recent studies suggest that homelessness is increasing, especially in consideration of recent economic conditions and the increase in foreclosures.

The two biggest trends responsible for the rise in homelessness in the last 20-25 years are foreclosures and poverty. Recently foreclosures have increased substantially due to the home loan crisis.

Of course poverty is both a cause and a symptom of homelessness. Low wage earners have not seen their incomes rise and in fact the real value of the minimum wage has decreased by 26% since 1979.

Exacerbating this problem is a decrease in public assistance. For example, the Temporary

Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program serves only 1/3 of the children above 50% of the poverty line that used to be served by Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)

which it replaced in 1996. Numerous other factors like lack of affordable health care, and domestic violence play a role in the ongoing homelessness crisis.

June Primary Election Endorsements

Endorsements were voted on by Club members at the general meetings held on March 10 & April 14, 2010

U.S. Senate: Barbara Boxer
U.S. House of Representatives – 33rd District: Karen Bass
CA State Senate – 26th District: Curren Price
CA State Assembly – 47th District: NO Endorsement*

Governor: Jerry Brown
Lieutenant Governor: Janice Hahn
Secretary of State: Debra Bowen
Controller: John Chiang
Treasurer: Bill Lockyer
Attorney General: NO Endorsement*
Insurance Commissioner: Dave Jones
Superintendent of Public Instruction: NO Endorsement*
Board of Equalization: Jerome Horton

Superior Court Judge – Office 28: NO Endorsement*
Superior Court Judge – Office 107: Tony De Los Reyes
Superior Court Judge – Office 117: Alan Schneider
Los Angeles County Assessor: Yolanda Salazar

Proposition 13: Neutral*
Proposition 14: Vote NO
Proposition 15: Vote YES
Proposition 16: Vote NO
Proposition 17: Vote NO

LA County Democratic Central Committee*:
 Tom Camarella, Evelyn Metoyer-Williams, Terrence Montgomery,
 Mollie "Lee" Welinsky, Jimmie Woods-Gray

*60% of ballots were required for endorsement

Renew Your Club Membership for 2010!

Our membership chair, Diane Rosenberg, will gladly accept your renewal for the coming year. You can use the form on Page 4 to update any of your contact information and select the level of membership. Dues are due by January 1, 2010.

For questions please call Membership Secretary Diane Rosenberg at (310) 398-5328

Renew your membership!

Now collecting dues for 2010.
Dues for 2010 are due by
January 1, 2010. Current
dues must be paid by
renewing members before a
vote to get a ballot at the
general meeting. New and
lapsed members must have
paid dues at least 25 days in
advance to vote at a meeting.

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**Homelessness Panel Discussion
With Dr. Karen Lamp & David
Snow**

Vote Tuesday, June 8
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Upcoming Events

► **Wednesday, May 12**

**Monthly General Meeting:
Homelessness Panel
Discussion**

7:00 PM at the Rotunda Room,
Veterans Memorial Building. Public
is welcome. Call Ronnie at (310) 836-
7557 or email
President@CCDemClub.Org

► **Thursday, May 13**

Endorsement Mailing Party:

5:30 PM at Dennys, Overland and
Jefferson. Help us get our mailers
out. All members welcome. Call
Karlo at (310) 202-7255.

► **Saturday, May 22**

Monthly Board Meeting:

9:00 AM at Tom Camarella & Ronnie
Jayne's home. All members welcome.
Call Karlo at (310) 202-7255 or email
FirstVP@CCDemClub.Org

► **Tuesday, June 8**

Primary Election

Don't forget to vote! See our club's
endorsements on Page 3.

► **Wednesday, June 9**

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7557 or email
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► **Saturday, June 12**

New Member Luncheon

11 AM – 1 PM at Tom Camarella &
Ronnie Jayne's home. Free to new
members; \$10 for continuing
members. Call Diane Rosenberg at
(310) 398-5328 for details.

Culver City Democratic Club
Application/Renewal Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

I declare that all the individuals listed for membership are registered Democrats.

Signed: _____

Membership Dues: Dues may be waived for financial hardship

Member \$30

Student \$20

Supporting Member \$75

Sustaining Member \$125

Additional Contribution: \$ _____

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Please renew for 2010 if you haven't already done so.

The dues period runs concurrent to the calendar year.

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