



Active Democrat

General Meeting – August 11, 2010

November Endorsements: Part 1

Props 19, 20, 23 & 27 and State Offices



President's Letter:

Ah, Summer,
... usually a
slow lazy
season for
news, ...
Lately news
reporting
been
incredibly

fast, but unfortunately just as
incredibly lazy. What used to be a
24 hour news cycle has become a
24 minute (or perhaps it seems
more like 24 second) news cycle.
There is little in-depth reporting
before a story goes "live" -- and on
"Faux" News, if the story can be
manufactured to hurt the Left, it
will be constantly broadcast –
Truth be damned!

But I must confess, even I was
amazed at the press' reaction
when ultra-conservative blogger
Andrew Breitbart produced the
deceptively edited version of
Shirley Sherrod's speech before
the NAACP. Instead of acting
like real reporters – perhaps
spending a few minutes to get a
video copy of her entire speech, ...
perhaps making a quick phone
call to Ms. Sherrod herself –
"Faux" News and other more
legitimate news outlets instead
chose to take the blogger's claims
at face value.

By now you all know the story:
Everyone – right and left – leaped
on the bandwagon, screaming for
blood. The "evil reverse-racist
(What the heck does that mean?!)"
Ms. Sherrod was forced to resign
from the U.S. Department of
Agriculture. Only, ... Oops, ...
Everyone got the story wrong!!!
The point of her entire speech was
that she overcame her initial
feelings and was able to help a
poor white farming family in the
same way she sought to help poor
black families. Now everyone was
tripping all over themselves to
apologize to Ms. Sherrod.

Meanwhile, we all lost a week and
change of REAL news and REAL
issues – Unemployment
extensions, banking and financial
legislation, war funding, etc.
Please explain to me how the
supposedly savvy media believed
Mr. Breitbart again, after he was
shown to be such a liar –
destroying ACORN, all the people
it employed and all the people it
helped, with the phoned-up/set-
up/deceptively-edited "Pimp
Hoax" video. Even George W.
Bush famously said, "Fool me
once, shame on — shame on you.
Fool me — you can't get fooled
(See **President**, Page 2)

Monthly General Membership
Meeting:
**7:00 PM Wednesday,
August 11, 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

Renew your membership!
Please use the form on page 4 to
supply your renewal information.

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.

**Comments expressed in the Newsletter are the opinions of the
authors and do not necessarily represent the position of the
Culver City Democratic Club.**

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again.” Damn, ... Must I quote
Bush 43 to make my point?!

Come on news people – To quote
Walter Cronkite (Now, that’s
better!), “Get it first, but get it
right.” ... And we ALL need to
remind ourselves that when we
start obsessing about phony
trivia, we get away from working
on solutions to real problems.
That’s what the right-wing wants,
and we can’t let ourselves be
fooled again.

Keep active, keep informed!

Ronnie Jayne, President

Endorsements at the General Meeting

The following ballot propositions
will be discussed and voted on for
endorsements at the August
General Meeting (the information
is taken from the web site for the
California Secretary of State):

Proposition 19 - Initiative
Statute: Changes California Law
to Legalize Marijuana and Allow
It to Be Regulated and Taxed.

Allows people 21 years old or
older to possess, cultivate, or
transport marijuana for personal
use. Permits local governments to
regulate and tax commercial
production and sale of marijuana
to people 21 years old or older.
Prohibits people from possessing
marijuana on school grounds,
using it in public, smoking it
while minors are present, or
providing it to anyone under 21

years old. Maintains current
prohibitions against driving while
impaired. Summary of estimate
by Legislative Analyst and
Director of Finance of fiscal
impact on state and local
governments: Savings of up to
several tens of millions of dollars
annually to state and local
governments on the costs of
incarcerating and supervising
certain marijuana offenders.
Unknown but potentially major
tax, fee, and benefit assessment
revenues to state and local
government related to the
production and sale of marijuana
products.

Proposition 20 - Initiative
Constitutional Amendment:
Redistricting of Congressional
Districts

Removes elected representatives
from the process of establishing
congressional districts and
transfers that authority to the
recently-authorized 14-member
redistricting commission.
Redistricting commission is
comprised of five Democrats, five
Republicans, and four voters
registered with neither party.
Requires that any newly-proposed
district lines be approved by nine
commissioners including three
Democrats, three Republicans,
and three from neither party.
Summary of estimate by
Legislative Analyst and Director
of Finance of fiscal impact on
state and local government:
Probably no significant change in
state redistricting costs

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.

Proposition 23 - Initiative
Statute: Suspends Air Pollution
Control Laws Requiring Major
Polluters to Report and Reduce
Greenhouse Gas Emissions That
Cause Global Warming Until
Unemployment Drops Below
Specified Level for Full Year

Suspends State laws requiring
reduced greenhouse gas emissions
that cause global warming, until
California's unemployment rate
drops to 5.5 percent or less for
four consecutive quarters.
Requires State to abandon
implementation of comprehensive
greenhouse-gas-reduction
program that includes increased
renewable energy and cleaner fuel
requirements, and mandatory
emission reporting and fee
requirements for major polluters
such as power plants and oil
refineries, until suspension is
lifted. Summary of estimate by
Legislative Analyst and Director
of Finance of fiscal impact on
state and local government:
Potential positive, short-term
impacts on state and local
government revenues from the
suspension of regulatory activity,
with uncertain longer-run
impacts. Potential foregone state
revenues from the auctioning of
emission allowances by state
government, by suspending the
future implementation of cap-and-
trade regulations.

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Di's Corner: By Diane Rosenberg

The club sends their condolences to our Congresswoman Diane E.
Watson and family on the passing of her Mother.

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Proposition 27 - Initiative
Constitutional Amendment and
Statute: Eliminates State
Commission on Redistricting.
Consolidates Authority for
Redistricting with Elected
Representatives

Eliminates 14-member
redistricting commission selected
from applicant pool picked by
government auditors.
Consolidates authority for
establishing state Assembly,
Senate, and Board of Equalization
district boundaries with elected
state representatives responsible
for drawing congressional
districts. Reduces budget, and
imposes limit on amount
Legislature may spend, for
redistricting. Provides that voters
will have the authority to reject
district boundary maps approved
by the Legislature. Requires
populations of all districts for the
same office to be exactly the same.
Summary of estimate by
Legislative Analyst and Director
of Finance of fiscal impact on
state and local government:
Likely decrease in state
redistricting costs totaling several
million dollars every ten years

The following offices will be voted
on for endorsements at the
meeting

Lieutenant Governor:
Gavin Newsom

Attorney General :
Kamala D. Harris

Superintendent Of Public

Instruction: (Candidate
statements from Voter Guide)

Larry Aceves, Retired School
Superintendent

The *Los Angeles Times* called Larry
Aceves a "breath of fresh air" and
said, "retired school superintendent
Larry Aceves strikes us as the best
suited to manage the state's large
education bureaucracy and to bring
reason and optimism to schools that
have been torn apart by shrinking
budgets and battles of whether and
how much they should be punished
for falling short of achievement
goals." The *Contra Costa Times*
added, "Aceves is a nonpolitical
outsider and has the experience,
knowledge and independence to be an
effective superintendent of public
instruction." Larry Aceves - parent,
teacher, principal and school
superintendent has dedicated his life
to our schools. As a kindergarten
teacher, he taught in overcrowded
classes and wanted to do more. As a
principal, he worked with parents
and teachers to improve his school.
As a school superintendent, he
managed hundreds of teachers and
balanced a \$70 million budget by
cutting out waste and requiring
accountability. Test scores improved
under Larry's leadership. He
expanded preschool programs and
fought to get gangs out of the schools.
He was even named "Superintendent
of the Year." Larry Aceves is not
another termed out politician looking
for a job. He has pledged to get
politics out of schools, by meeting
with students, parents and teachers
at schools throughout California - not
meeting with lobbyists in
Sacramento. Join Larry's campaign
to improve our schools. Go to
www.larryaceves2010.com or on
Facebook.

Tom Torlakson,
Teacher/California Legislator
Teaching has been my life - and my
passion - for the past 37 years. As a
classroom teacher, coach, legislator
and parent, I know our policies must
be based on a simple question: *What
is in the best interest of our children?*

Not bureaucrats and not politicians.
It's time we had a teacher who will
put children first and fundamentally
reform our schools. First, I will
demand real accountability through a
comprehensive fiscal and
performance audit to cut waste and
mismanagement and put those
savings into new textbooks and
computers. Second, I'll make sure all
our neighborhood schools are safe
and expand after school, job training,
and mentorship programs. I'm proud
to have received the endorsement of
virtually every major public safety
organization in California including
the *California Professional
Firefighters* along with local
classroom teachers. Third, we need
involved parent to support teaching
that character counts while
promoting trustworthiness, respect,
responsibility, caring and good
citizenship. As *Chair and Founder of
the California Task Force on Youth
and Workplace Wellness*, I led the
effort to ban junk food from school
campuses and expand physical
education requirements. We can do
this. We must do this. Our kids only
get one chance at a good education.
As a teacher, I have the experience,
energy and ideas to transform
schools. Let's do this together. I'd be
honored to earn your support.

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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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Upcoming Events

► **Wednesday, August 11**
Monthly General Meeting:
November Election

Endorsements: Part 1
7:00 PM at the Rotunda Room,
Veterans Memorial Building.
Public is welcome. Call Ronnie at
(310) 836-7557 or email
President@CCDemClub.Org

► **Saturday, August 21**
Monthly Board Meeting:
9:00 AM at the Jayne/Camarella's
home. All members welcome.
Call Karlo at (310) 202-7255 or
email FirstVP@CCDemClub.Org

► **Sat. & Sun., August 28 & 29, 10 am - 6 pm**
Booth at Fiesta La Ballona:
Volunteers to staff booth are
needed in 2 hour shifts. Call
Ronnie at (310) 836-7557 or email
President@CCDemClub.Org

► **Wednesday, Sept. 15**
Monthly General Meeting:
November Election
Endorsements: Part 2
7:00 PM at the Rotunda Room,
Veterans Memorial Building.
Public is welcome. Call Ronnie at
(310) 836-7557 or email
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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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For questions please call Membership Secretary Diane Rosenberg at
(310) 398-5328

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

The dues period runs concurrent to the calendar year.

Renewals are due by January 1, of each year.