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General Meeting – February 8, 2012

Democratic City Council Candidates Forum & Endorsements



President's Message:

I humbly accept the vote of confidence of the Executive Board and the voting members of the Culver

for the important work that will need to be done over the next year, to elect good candidates to our city council, state legislature, congress, and to re-elect President Obama. We will continue to bring in new members and hopefully convert independents back into the Democratic Party.

City Democratic Club to serve as the President of the Club during the 60th Anniversary, and also to be the first elected African-American President of the Club. I have risen through the ranks of our club. I committed myself to the post of Second Vice President, then First Vice President. I have been a leader in the community serving seven years on the Culver City Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Planning Committee, and have worked actively on local political campaigns. I will continue to bring a new energy and excitement to the club as the new board and I continue on the important work ahead.

We will work to make the club more diverse and youthful through better use of social networking. It is critical that we get every Democrat registered to vote and to the polls if we are to take our country back and help Democrats retain their seats in all levels of government. Many other important local and state wide races and propositions will be on future ballots, and with the much publicized, energized Republican base at work, we need to be sure we're all doing our part to help the put people's interests first.

The Culver City Democratic Club will continue to play a significant role in informing our members, involving the community and pushing forward a strong progressive agenda at all levels; local, state, national, and international. The club will continue to provide the foundation

Please note our next Club meeting will be on Tuesday, February 08, 2012, when we will have a City Council Candidates Forum for the upcoming election on Tuesday, April 10th, 2012.

I'm looking forward to this year as your President.

Happy New Year to All!

Monthly General Membership Meeting:

**7:00 PM Wednesday,
February 8, 2012**

6:45 PM – Refreshments

NEW VENUE!

Dining/Community Room
Senior Center

4095 Overland Avenue
NW Corner of Overland Ave. and
Culver Blvd.

Park in the Senior Center lot

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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!

**Support the Club at the
Awards & Installation
Luncheon on February 26:**
There's still room to be a sponsor or buy an ad in the program.
Call Ronnie Jayne at (310) 836-7557

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Candidates Forum to be Moderated by Gary Walker

The Club's Candidates Forum for the City Council election will be moderated by Gary Walker, Reporter for the Culver City News. In 2007, Gary was awarded the John Sweet Award, which honors excellence in media coverage on California public education. The award is the highest education award that a journalist in California can receive. Gary was also the recipient of a California Newspaper Publishers Award for investigative journalism in 2006 for his coverage of Metro's initial plan to build a ground level rail alignment at Washington and Venice boulevards.

Gary has moderated Los Angeles City Council debates, Board of Supervisors candidate forums, and environmental and transportation panel discussions.

City Council Candidates Statements

Jim Clarke:

Like you, I love Culver City. I moved into Culver City in 1977. The first person I met was Howard Welinsky and he signed me up for the Culver City Democratic Club. I became a Vice President of the Club. Later, I served as Chairman of the LA County Democratic Party, Secretary of the California Democratic Party and President of the California Democratic Council but first and foremost I am a Culver

City Democrat.

We face a severe test in Culver City to maintain a high-level of services in the face of tremendous financial shortfalls. The City Council and staff will need to "think outside the box" and involve all of our residents. We will need to find new sources of revenues and develop partnerships with other government agencies, business, foundations and non-profits to leverage scarce City taxpayer dollars. My experience as a grants manager for the City of LA and my contacts as director of federal relations for LA and chief of staff to our former Congresswoman Diane Watson will be invaluable.

My campaign motto is "Listening to your concerns. Responding to your needs." If elected, I pledge to do both. Thank you and I would appreciate your endorsement.

Scott Malsin:

Culver City is living proof that win-win outcomes are possible when people work together, but the "Culver City miracle" faces serious challenges especially from the loss of our Redevelopment Agency.

When I say to you I can help us meet those challenges, you can count on it. I've proven my ability to find win-win solutions during my years on the Council.

Our success will depend on fiscal discipline. Yet the City needs tens of millions of dollars to get our streets

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.

and sidewalks back into shape. Last year I proposed a plan that will achieve those twin goals. I want to see it through. I believe we can come out of this stronger.

But being a Councilmember is about more than policy. It's also about service to you, answering your questions, addressing your concerns, and assisting your efforts to improve Culver City. I'm proud of my reputation as a "can-do" Councilman.

Experience. Proven skills. Leadership. That's what I bring to the table. That's what Culver City needs right now.

We've got a lot of work to do if we want Culver City to thrive, not just survive. I ask for your vote so I can continue with this important work.

Stephen Murray:

As an independent small business owner, environmentalist and father I will work hard and fight to make Culver City an even better place for all of us.

Our shrinking budget does not mean we have to shrink our expectations and ambitions for ourselves, our children or our communities. As your City Council Member, I will drive initiatives that responsibly increase the efficiency in which we use and manage our resources.

I will use my experience as an innovator and business executive to find practical and sustainable

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Di's Corner: By Diane Rosenberg

At the Wednesday, January 12, General Meeting the membership voted in the new Executive Board for 2012. The new board is Bill Wynn, President; Meghan Sahli-Wells, First V.P.; Sylvia Moore, Second V.P.; Pat Levinson, Recording Secretary; Mollie "Lee" Welinsky, Corresponding Secretary; Eric Fine, Treasurer; Diane Rosenberg, Membership Chair. Herb and I congratulate the new board.

The club is saddened by the loss of another club member, Barbara Rona, who passed away on January 16. We send our condolences to her family.

(Candidates from Page 2)**Stephen Murray (Continued):**

solutions for our City. I will help implement a comprehensive plan that addresses our upcoming problems and opportunities in an organized fashion rather than a piecemeal approach.

I offer a fresh perspective and new energy in addressing the critical issues facing our city- I will make the strong choices needed to close the budget gap.

I have a vision of a strong Culver City with safer, more vibrant and sustainable neighborhoods.

I ask for your support to make this vision a reality for us all. Visit me at and volunteer at www.MurrayForCulverCity.com

Meghan Sahli-Wells:

Background: I was raised in Culver City and feel fortunate to live here with my family. A graduate of UCLA, I have been a community activist since 1999, advocating for education, sustainability, healthy development, transportation, government transparency and civic engagement.

Priorities: City government must use our resources wisely in order to protect the services we count on. I will be a strong voice for residents and listen carefully to your needs and concerns. I'm committed to:

Fiscal Responsibility: consolidate, leverage and develop resources to ensure vital services, arts and education

Smart Development: foster development that respects and fits in our neighborhoods, and enhances our quality of life

Sustainability: make Culver City a model of resource conservation, alternative transportation, and green space

Community Leadership

- Chair & CEO, Downtown Neighborhood Association
- First Vice-President, Culver City Democratic Club
- Member, Culver City Advisory Committee on Redevelopment
- Member, Culver City Green Space Advisory Committee
- Co-founder, Culver City Bicycle Coalition
- Organizer, Transition Culver City
- Member, Fiesta La Ballona Committee
- Secretary, Linwood E. Howe School Site Council
- Member, Linwood E. Howe Safe Routes To School Committee, PTA, Booster Club Green Team

I hope to continue serving my community as Councilmember, bringing people together through responsive leadership.

Andrew Weissman:

For over 30 years, I have worked hard to make Culver City a better place, and none have been harder than the last four.

As Mayor and Councilman, I have faced the very difficult task of helping to guide our city through the worst economic downturn in recent memory. With intelligent fiscal

planning and focus on Culver City's future, we have largely weathered the storm.

Going forward, we need a City Council that is not afraid to make the tough decisions to secure Culver City's future.

I believe our quality of life must be protected above all else. In spite of the unprecedented challenges we are facing, I will continue fighting to protect the high quality and high levels of police, fire and municipal services Culver City residents expect.

I am proud of my record on the City Council:

- Fostering a different attitude and sense of civility in public meetings.
- Demanding increased environmental protections from nearby oil operations
- Promoting regional cooperation in traffic and infrastructure improvements
- Developing ways to improve mobility and take advantage of the Expo line

Your vote will enable me to continue to work hard for Culver City!

Renew Your Club Membership for 2012!

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, 2012.

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

2012 Club Officers and Committee Chairs:

President: Bill Wynn
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Recording Secretary:
Patricia Levinson
Corresponding Secretary:
Lee Welinsky
Membership Secretary:
Diane Rosenberg

Newsletter: Greg Valtierra

Renew your membership!

Now collecting dues for 2012.
Dues for 2012 are due by
January 1, 2012. 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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February 8, 2012 - Meeting Program:

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Upcoming Events

► **Wednesday, February 8**
**Monthly General Meeting:
City Council Candidates
Forum and Endorsements
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7:00 PM at the Dining/
Community Room, Culver City
Senior Center. Park in the Senior
Center lot. Call Bill at (310) 253-
9046 or email
President@CCDemClub.Org

► **Saturday, February 19**
Monthly Board Meeting:
9:00 AM at the Rosenberg's home.
All members welcome. Call
Meghan at (310) 839-5926 or
email FirstVP@CCDemClub.Org

► **Sunday, February 26**
**2012 Awards and
Installation Luncheon -
Featuring State Controller,
John Chiang**

11:30 AM at the Culver Hotel,
9400 Culver Blvd. Celebrate the
Club's 60th anniversary! All
members and guests are welcome.
Tickets: \$40 in advance, \$45 at
the door. Two hours free parking
at the Ince and Cardiff parking
structures.

Call Diane Rosenberg at (310)
398-5328

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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: \$_____

Please make your check payable to:

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Please renew for 2012 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.