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General Meeting — Wednesday, May 9, 2018 Focus on June primary election: Endorse propositions and/or candidates

President’s Message by Amy Cherness: Welcome to a new progressive City Council

On April 30, 2018, we swore in a new progressive City Council. We have the first African-American City Councilman in Culver City’s history, Daniel Lee. These are two great changes to our city for the better. Some of the important issues that will be coming up are:

- The Inglewood oil field and increasing the surety bond
- Moving the oil wells a greater distance from resident’s homes
- Banning fracking in Culver City
- Changing the oil field to a park
- Helping the homeless by building

shelters and giving vouchers for motels
 Getting progressive new members on boards and commissions

Our Club once again was instrumental in getting out the vote for our new City Council members, Alex Fisch and Daniel Lee. I am very proud that our Club will have an influence in our city becoming a more progressive city.

Let me know what is important to you, and I will pass it on to the City Council. The people of this city will have a greater voice in city government than before. Let’s use it to get progressive causes heard and passed.

Monthly General Membership Meeting:
7:00 PM Wednesday, May 9, 2018
6:45 PM — Refreshments
Rotunda Room
Veterans Memorial Building
4117 Overland Avenue,
Corner of Overland Ave. and Culver Blvd.

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In the June 5 primary election the Culver City Democratic Club endorses:
Governor..... John Chiang
Attorney General Dave Jones
U.S. Senator Kevin de León
Judge, Seat #60 Tony Cho

Tony Cho for Judge



By Cynthia Hart

The Culver City Democratic Club and the Los Angeles County Democratic Party have endorsed Tony Cho for Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Seat No. 60. And so have I.

As you would expect, Tony Cho has 17 years legal experience (civil, criminal, and military) and has almost 70 trials to his credit. But that’s not the best part. When Tony Cho came to speak at our meeting last month

it was clear to me right away that he was a for-real Democrat who shared our values. For example, as a Deputy District Attorney he not only prosecuted cases of elder abuse, he went on to volunteer working with Community Outreach volunteers to train them to spot elements of elder abuse. That’s going beyond crime prosecution to crime prevention! I sometimes worry when I am asked to vote for a prosecutor running as a judge. Can a former prosecutor be fair to defendants?
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Dave Jones for Attorney General



Dave Jones, a proven statewide law enforcement leader, is extremely well-qualified to serve as our next Attorney General. As Insurance Commissioner, Jones leads law enforcement officers who investigate insurance crimes, including corrupt CEOs and public officials. Over 7,500 have been convicted under Jones' leadership.

Jones is a strong consumer advocate. He has saved California consumers over \$3.1 billion by rejecting unfair insurance rate increases and fighting insurance companies.

Dave Jones implemented healthcare reform, expanding healthcare access. He made sure insurers paid claims of Californians devastated by wildfires.

Jones successfully sued drug companies for fraud. Jones was named California's "Most Effective Legislator." He secured billions for safety-net hospital care, protected seniors from financial abuse, and created one of the nation's largest early childhood education programs.

At the United States Department of Justice, Jones served as a senior advisor to United States Attorney General Janet Reno, who led the nation's largest law enforcement agency. After graduating from Harvard Law School,

Jones refused to work for high paying corporate law firms and instead served as a legal aid attorney, providing free legal representation to the poor. He was named one of "California's Top 100 Lawyers" and "Consumer Champion."

Dave Jones is independent. He refuses to take contributions from the insurance, oil, bail, and tobacco industries.

Dave Jones is the only endorsed candidate by the California Federation of Teachers and Consumer Federation of California. Jones is also the only endorsed candidate by the National Organization for Women (NOW), California. For more information, go to: www.DaveJones2018.com

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Di's Corner: by Diane Rosenberg

The club is saddened by the death of club member Mim Shapiro who passed away on March 12, 2018, ending 71 years of marriage to her husband Hank Shapiro. She is survived by her husband Hank Shapiro, her son Richard Shapiro and his wife, as well as her sister Edith Joyce and her brother Marvin.

On Tuesday April 10, 2018, Culver City held an election for City Council. Two seats were open and both seats were filled by club members that the club endorsed. They are Daniel Lee and Alex Fisch, and we congratulate them both.

A new era has begun for the citizens of Culver City. Daniel Lee is the first African American in the 100 years of this city to be elected as our Council member.

The April 11, 2018, General Meeting was candidates night. The club endorsed John Chiang for California Governor, Kevin de Leon for United States Senator, Dave Jones for California Attorney General, and Tony Cho for Judge Seat Number 60.

**Culver City Democratic Club
 Application/Renewal Form**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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

Signed: _____

Membership Dues: Dues may be waived for financial hardship

- Member \$30
- Supporting Member \$75
- Lifetime Member \$500
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Please renew for 2018 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.

Kevin de León for U.S. Senate



The President is hellbent on dividing our people and demeaning our California ideals. The Washington status quo is either unwilling or incapable of digging in and fighting back. Californians deserve a Senator who will fight tirelessly for their futures with passion and independence.

Like many of us chasing the American dream, I understand nothing is handed

to you. Only in America could an immigrant housekeeper's son, like me, grow up to lead the California Senate. I've shared your life experiences—struggling to pay for housing, worrying about college tuition and covering health care costs.

It's a struggle too few Washington DC leaders understand. With millionaires occupying two thirds of the Senate, it's easy to understand how they have gotten so out of touch with everyday Americans. Despite their rhetoric, DC Democrats are dragging their feet on universal healthcare and climate change, fearing oil and drug company lobbyists. The DC playbook of pandering and procrastinating is obsolete.

As your Senate leader, I never settled for small thinking. I led historic efforts to improve the lives of everyday Californians by taking action on universal healthcare, pay equity, immigrant

and civil rights, a \$15 minimum wage, debt-free higher education, and making California a world leader in the fight against climate change.

We need new leadership in the Senate to get this country headed in the right direction, with an economy that works for all of us, not just the super wealthy. I will bring proven California leadership to the U.S. Senate.

Endorsed by: (partial list)
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SEIU California
California Nurses Association
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California Labor Federation

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Propositions that will be on the June 5 ballot in California

These will be open for discussion and/or endorsement at May 9 membership meeting

Proposition 68 —

Bonds for Environment, Parks and Water Bond Measure

Authorizes \$4 billion in general obligation bonds for: parks, natural resources protection, climate adaptation, water quality and supply, and flood protection. Fiscal Impact: Increased state bond repayment costs averaging \$200 million annually over 40 years. Local government savings for natural resources-related projects, likely averaging several tens of millions of dollars annually over the next few decades.

Proposition 69 —

Transportation Funding Constitutional Amendment

Requires that certain revenues generated by a 2017 transportation funding law be used only for transportation

purposes and generally prohibits Legislature from diverting funds to other purposes. Fiscal Impact: No direct effect on the amount of state and local revenues or costs but could affect how some monies are spent.

Proposition 70 —

Cap-and-Trade Amendment Constitutional Amendment

Beginning in 2024, requires that cap-and-trade revenues accumulate in a reserve fund until the Legislature, by a two-thirds majority, authorizes use of the revenues. Fiscal Impact: Beginning in 2024, potential temporary increase in state sales tax revenue, ranging from none to a few hundred million dollars annually, and possible changes in how revenue from sale of greenhouse gas emission permits is spent.

Proposition 71 —

Ballot Measure Effective Date Constitutional Amendment

Provides that ballot measures approved by a majority of voters shall take effect five days after the Secretary of State certifies the results of the election. Fiscal Impact: Likely little or no effect on state and local finances.

Proposition 72 — Taxes for Rainwater Capture Systems Constitutional Amendment

Permits Legislature to allow construction of rain-capture systems, completed on or after January 1, 2019, without requiring property-tax reassessment. Fiscal Impact: Probably minor reduction in annual property tax revenues to local governments.

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That won't be a problem with Tony Cho! When we asked him at our meeting to tell us about the case he was proudest of, he answered that he was proudest of a case in which he had exonerated an innocent man who had been mistakenly accused.

Now that's the kind of judge I want to vote for! Please join me on June 5th in putting Tony Cho in Seat No. 60!

SAVE THE DATES:
THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 7PM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 6PM
DRAG QUEEN BINGO
HAMBURGER MARY'S
WEST HOLLYWOOD ON SANTA MONICA BLVD.
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John Chiang for Governor



John Chiang believes every Californian deserves the opportunity to live the American Dream. That's why he has spent his career fighting for California's working families — so they can have access to good-paying jobs that provide for a family, so they can send their kids to a quality school where they can succeed, and so that they can sign up for health coverage that doesn't break the bank.

As California's next governor, John

will build on our state's rich cultural diversity, commitment to equality, and innovative spirit to ensure every Californian has the opportunity to live this American Dream.

After being elected to statewide office three times and serving in public office for over 20 years, John has become the only person in California history to hold the state's three elected financial offices — first as a member on the Board of Equalization, then as state controller, and now as our state treasurer.

As state controller, John stopped Governor Schwarzenegger when he threatened to cut state workers' pay down to minimum wage as leverage in a budget battle. As state treasurer, John recognized Californians do better when they plan and prepare for retirement, so he helped create Secure Choice — a state sponsored retirement plan that

will help up to 7.5 million Californians retire with dignity and respect, and at almost no cost to the state. And no one has been a stronger champion for consumers in the fight against Wells Fargo. The company defrauded hundreds of thousands of Californians and ripped off millions of other Americans with their sham banking practices, so John has been making them pay and is holding the company accountable.

Voters can trust John to stand up and fight back against those in charge when they seek to abuse their power. Whether it's been Wells Fargo, former Governor Schwarzenegger, or even the state legislature, John has always been willing to stand up and speak truth to power, and fight for what's right. Californians can always trust John to act with honesty and integrity, and to be the fiscally responsible governor our state needs.