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General Meeting — Wednesday, August 8, 2018
Veterans Memorial Building, Rotunda Room
Endorsements for the November 6 election
Speaker: Water District Director Scott Houston

**President's Message by Amy Cherness:
 Trump and Putin: the new Odd Couple?**

This past week in the news we saw president Trump become very chummy with president Putin in Helsinki. Trump said that Putin is not trying to hurt the United States, and that he is a good man.

It is being rumored about that Putin may have something on Trump that is making him beholden to him. What could it be? We may never know.

Trump is inviting Putin to Washington D.C. next week—even though most people are against it. Makes you wonder if Trump cares what the American people think of him.

Today in the news, there was information that Trump's lawyer Michael Cohen had a recording of him. It was reported they were discussing a payment to former Playboy model Karen McDougal, who said she had an affair

with Trump. Trump was heard to be asking to pay cash for the model's silence.

When Trump met with Putin in Helsinki, Trump defended him from claims of American election interference.

American intelligence has concluded that Russia interfered in America's 2016 presidential election. In spite of this conclusion, Putin has denied that Russia was involved. This is the first time that a president of the United States has sided with an enemy nation over the word of his own intelligence agencies. Does Trump represent the interests of Russia or the U.S.? Where does Trump's loyalty lie? Can a president whose loyalty is questioned be fit to serve?

With all of this information, tapes, etc., is this now Trumpgate?

Monthly General
 Membership Meeting:
7:00 PM Wednesday,
August 8, 2018
 6:45 PM — Refreshments
 Rotunda Room
 Veterans Memorial Building
 4117 Overland Avenue,
 Corner of Overland Ave.
 and Culver Blvd.

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Culver City Democratic Club will have a booth at Fiesta La Ballona August 25 and 26—volunteers and prizes are needed

As it has done for many years, the Culver City Democratic Club will have a booth at Fiesta La Ballona August 25th and 26th, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. We are looking for volunteers to staff the booth during those hours. We also need members to donate raffle prizes for our fundraising.

Fiesta La Ballona, Culver City's spectacular summer festival, will be held August 24-26, 2018, at Veterans Park, located at 4117 Overland Avenue. The popular Culver City event features live entertainment, carnival rides and games, food trucks and a food court, and a Beer and Wine Garden, as well

as booths spotlighting local organizations and featuring artisan wares. Fiesta La Ballona is bicycle-friendly and strives to be a zero-waste event. Admission and parking for Fiesta La Ballona are free.

Last year, Fiesta La Ballona attracted approximately 30,000 visitors over the course of the weekend. The festival kicks off the afternoon of Friday, August 24th and closes down Sunday night, August 26th. Fiesta hours are 4:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (carnival rides start at 5:00 p.m.) on Friday, August 24; 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 25; and 11:00 a.m. to 9:00

p.m. on Sunday, August 26.

The City of Culver City's Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department and the Fiesta La Ballona Committee organize and produce Fiesta with support from scores of volunteers. A variety of local sponsors also help fund and support Fiesta.

Club Notes

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Di's Corner: by Diane Rosenberg

We are saddened by the passing of Efrem Violin, a long time member of the Club. Efrem died June 21, 2018, at the ripe old age of 91. Condolences go out to his two daughters, Kathy and Stefani, their spouses, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Efrem was born in New York City. He was a life-long member of the Los Angeles Musician's Union, and of the Culver City Democratic Club along with his late wife Beverly Violin. Beverly was Membership Chair when Herb and I joined the Club in May, 1993. Beverly became my mentor. She passed away on May 5, 2002.

Efrem served in the Navy and was a proud veteran, honorably discharged. He and his late wife were activists here in Culver City.

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Congratulations to Club member Jimmie Woods Gray, who was reappointed a Los Angeles Fire Commissioner by the Los Angeles City Council and Mayor Garcetti.

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On the Fourth of July the Club held its annual picnic at Blanco Park, 5687 Sawtelle Blvd., in Culver City. It was well attended. At the picnic were members of the Club's Executive Board: President Amy Cherness and her husband Darryl Cherness and daughter Isabelle; First Vice President Andrew Rosenberg; Membership Chair Diane Rosenberg and hospitality Chair Herb Rosenberg; Former president, now Outreach Chair Khin Khin Gyi and her husband Bruce Enos; Corresponding Secretary Cynthia Hart and her husband Pete Rockwell. Also at the picnic were Assemblyperson Sydney Kamlager of the 54th Assembly District; former Club President Sylvia Moore and her fiancé Aldin Baroza; West Basin Municipal Water District Director Scott Houston; and Culver City Councilmembers Daniel Lee and Alex Fisch along with their families. Everyone brought a large amount of food. A photographer from the Culver City News was there and took many pictures.

Photos from the July Fourth Picnic



Photos by
Tadashi Kohatsu

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The Club would like to congratulate our Congresswoman Karen Bass, who has just received the 2018 Champion of Medicare Access Award that was advertised in the July 8, 2018, edition of the Los Angeles Times.

For any member who wishes to congratulate her over the phone, here is her number: 202-224-3121. All calls to her will be greatly appreciated. Karen Bass is a Lifetime Member of the Culver City Democratic Club. The website is: MedicareAccessChampion.org/Bass

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At our July 11 General Meeting we had a guest speaker: Patti Hunter. She is a candidate for Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Office #16. She came to talk to the club and ask for our endorsement. We gladly gave it to her and we congratulate her.



Propositions on the California ballot November 6

by *Khin Khin Gyi and Pete Rockwell*

Prop. 1 – Veterans and Affordable Housing Bonds

This would authorize issuance of bonds in the amount of four billion dollars. Three billion dollars of the proceeds would be used to finance various existing housing programs as well as infill infrastructure financing and affordable housing matching grant programs. The remaining billion dollars would be used to provide assistance in the purchasing of homes for veterans. *[Editor's note: Proposition 1 is endorsed by the California League of Cities.]*

Prop. 2 – No Place Like Home Act of 2018

This would specify that the service contracts between the California Health Facilities Financing Authority and the Department of Housing and Community Development may be single-year or multiyear contracts and it would provide for payments to the department from amounts on deposit in the Supportive Housing Program Subaccount. In addition, it would include any appropriation or transfer to the No Place Like Home Fund from the General Fund or other funds as moneys required to be paid into the No Place Like Home Fund. The bill would authorize the Legislature to amend the No Place Like Home Act of 2018 by a two-thirds vote, so long as the amendment is consistent with and furthers the intent of the act. *[Editor's note: Proposition 2 is endorsed by the California League of Cities.]*

Prop. 3 – Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018

This authorizes bonds to fund projects for water supply and quality, watershed, fish, wildlife, water conveyance and groundwater sustainability and storage. The initiative authorizes \$3.03 billion for safe drinking water and water quality; \$2.895 billion for watershed and fisheries improvements; \$940 million for habitat protection; \$855 million for improved water conveyance; \$685 million for groundwater sustainability and storage; and \$472 million for surface water storage and dam repairs. *[Editor's note: Proposition 3 is endorsed by the California League of Cities.]*

Prop. 4 – The Children's Hospital Bond Act Of 2018

This authorizes \$1.5 billion in bonds, to be repaid from the state's General Fund, to fund grants for construction, expansion, renovation and equipping of qualifying hospitals providing children's health care. *[Editor's note: Proposition 4 is endorsed by the California Democratic Party.]*

Prop. 5 – Property Tax Transfer Initiative

This would amend Proposition 13 (1978) to allow homebuyers who are age 55 or older or severely disabled to transfer the tax-assessed value from their prior home to their new home, no matter (a) the new home's market value; (b) the new home's location in the state; or (c) the number of moves. If the new home is a different value than the prior home, the initiative would allow for an adjusted value between the old and new values. If the new home has a higher market value than the prior home, the assessed value would be adjusted upward. If the new home has a lower market value than the prior home, the assessed value would be adjusted downward. *[Editor's note: Proposition 5 is endorsed by the California Association of Realtors and the California Chamber of Commerce. It is opposed by the*

California Teachers Association and Rep. David Chiu. It has been called another tax giveaway to the wealthy.]

Prop. 6 – Gas Tax Repeal Initiative

This would repeal a 2017 transportation law's tax and fee revisions that pay for repairs and improvements to local roads, state highways, and public transportation. It will lower transportation tax revenues in the future by requiring voter approval of such tax increases, with the impact dependent on future actions by the Legislature and voters. *[Editor's note: Proposition 6 is endorsed by most Republicans in California. It is opposed by a coalition of just about everybody else.]*

Prop. 7 – Permanent Daylight Saving Time Measure

This would allow the California State Legislature to establish permanent, year-round daylight saving time in California by a two-thirds vote if federal law is changed to allow for permanent daylight saving time.

Prop. 8 – Limits on Dialysis Clinics' Revenue

This limits amounts outpatient kidney dialysis clinics may charge for patient care and imposes penalties for excessive charges. It requires annual reporting to the state regarding clinic costs, patient charges and revenue. It prohibits clinics from discriminating against patients based on the source of payment for care. *[Editor's note: Proposition 8 is endorsed by SEIU. It is opposed by the two largest for-profit companies that do kidney dialysis.]*

Prop. 9 – WILL NOT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT

This proposition would have broken California into three states. It was removed from the ballot by the California Supreme Court.

Prop. 10 – Local Rent Control Initiative

This repeals the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act, which currently restricts the scope of rent control policies that cities and other local jurisdictions may impose. *[Editor's note: Proposition 10 is endorsed by the California Democratic Party and opposed by the California Republican Party.]*

Prop. 11 – Ambulance Employees Paid On-Call Breaks

This requires private-sector emergency ambulance employees to remain on call during work breaks. It also makes the labor law that entitles hourly employees to take meal and rest breaks without being on call inapplicable to private-sector emergency ambulance employees. It exempts employers from potential liability for violations of existing law regarding work breaks. *[Editor's note: Proposition 11 is opposed by the California Teachers Association]*

Prop. 12 – Farm Animal Confinement Initiative

This establishes new standards for confinement of certain farm animals and bans the sale of certain non-complying products. It requires egg-laying hens to be raised in a cage-free environment after December 31, 2021. It establishes new minimum space requirements for confining veal calves, breeding pigs and egg-laying hens. It prohibits sales of specified meat and egg products from animals confined in a non-complying manner. *[Editor's note: Proposition 12 is supported by the Humane Society of the United States.]*

Club endorses two bills to help protect the environment

There are two bills in the California Senate that will help the environment if they become law. They are SB 100, authored by Kevin De Leon, and SB 834, co-authored by Hannah-Beth Jackson and Ricardo Lara. The Culver City Democratic Club has endorsed both bills.

SB 100 establishes the 100 Percent Clean Energy Act of 2017, which increases the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) requirement from 50 percent by 2030 to 60 percent. It also creates the policy of planning to meet all of the state's retail electricity supply with a mix of RPS-eligible and zero-carbon resources by December 31, 2045, for a total of 100 percent clean energy.

It's our belief that California needs to lead the way in fighting climate change. 100 percent renewable is possible in the time frame set out in SB 100. This bill would be a bold step forward.

On July 21, the Los Angeles Times ran an editorial praising SB 100. You can find the editorial at <http://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorials/la-ed-sb100-renewable-energy-20180721-story.html>

SB 834 Prohibits the State Lands Commission (SLC) or a local trustee from entering into any new lease or entering into any lease renewal, extension, or modification authorizing new construction of oil-and-gas-related infrastructure upon tidelands and submerged lands within state waters associated with Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) leases issued after January 1, 2018.

The Trump administration's proposal to drill offshore is dangerous and short sighted. We would like to see passage of SB 834 as the beginning of the end of all oil drilling, including fracking, across California.

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