



## **General Meeting — Wednesday, October 10, 2018 Veterans Memorial Building 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City Corner of Overland Avenue and Culver Boulevard LA County Sheriff candidate Alex Villanueva**

### **President’s Message by Amy Cherness: Ford vs. Kavanaugh**

This coming Thursday, September 28, marks a new era in the process of the selection of a Supreme Court justice. Brett Kavanaugh will be put on the stand by the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

It was 27 years ago that Justice Clarence Thomas was confirmed to the Supreme Court by the Senate after Anita Hill was subjected to harsh and skeptical questions by members of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

This Thursday another woman, Christine Blasey Ford, will have her say before the Judiciary Committee. She has asked the committee for certain requests before she will testify. The requests include: one camera in the room, a small meeting room, less press to cover the questioning, and that Kavanaugh not be present in the room when she testifies.

It is sad that another woman is going to have to go through the same questions and trauma that Anita Hill went

through. This time hopefully the Judiciary Committee will treat Dr. Ford with the courtesy and respect that she deserves.

People have asked why Dr. Ford did not come forward when she was sexually assaulted in high school. The reason is that like many women who have survived sexual assault she felt uncomfortable reporting abuse to police, as many women still do. They do not want to go through telling their story again. At the time Dr. Ford was assaulted police were not trained to help victims of sexual abuse. Many women today still find it hard to report their abuse.

As a woman, and the president of this Democratic club, I hope that Dr. Ford gets a chance to have her say, that the Judiciary Committee will listen to her, and that the Senate will not confirm Brett Kavanaugh to become a Supreme Court Justice. Justice must be done for the sake of our nation, and women.

### **Monthly General Membership Meeting:**

**7:00 PM Wednesday,  
October 10, 2018**

**6:45 PM — Refreshments**  
Veterans Memorial Building  
4117 Overland Avenue,  
Corner of Overland Ave.  
and Culver Blvd.

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### **Culver City Democratic Club endorses Kevin de León for United States Senate** *by Cynthia Hart*

They say that Republicans fall in line, but Democrats fall in love. So how did I fall in love with the candidacy of Kevin de León for U.S. Senate? I think it was that day early last spring when I happened upon his campaign kick-off speech in Downtown LA. I was intrigued.

How long have I waited for a progressive candidate for U.S. Senate? I saw that the audience was full of cheering people in union T-Shirts. He spoke of his roots as the son of a hard-working

immigrant mom. He supports the Employee Free Choice Act, to allow working people to organize to improve their lives. How long have I waited for a candidate that has earned the support of working people?

He spoke of California values like inclusivity, celebrating diversity, environmental protection, creating clean energy jobs, a sane and humane comprehensive immigration policy, and more—without apology! How long have I waited for a candidate who will

export our best California ideas from CA to DC? As I left the rally, I felt this odd, tingling feeling in my chest. Could this be...***could this be hope?***

Senator de León was elected by his colleagues to lead the Senate in 2014, making him the first Latino to hold that position in over a century. Kevin de León has led the 40-member Senate body to historic accomplishments that will improve the lives of Californians and the state’s environment and economy for decades to come.

## Di's Corner: by Diane Rosenberg

On Thursday, September 7, candidate for governor Gavin Newsom had a luncheon at the Regency West, 3339 West 43rd Street in Los Angeles. Club members attending were: Amy Cherness, Khin Khin Gyi, Andy and Diane Rosenberg, Jimmie Woods Gray and our Assemblyperson Sydney Kamlager-Dove.

On Sunday, September 16, West Basin Water District Director Scott Houston had his re-election campaign kickoff at the Elk's Lodge, 11160 Washington Place, Culver City. Among the attendees were Club President Amy Cherness and her husband Darryl Cherness; Mayor Thomas Small; former Mayor and Council member Paul Jacobs; former Culver City Democratic Club President Sylvia Moore and her fiancé; Club Corresponding Secretary Cynthia Hart and her husband, newsletter editor Pete Rockwell; and Diane Rosenberg.

Herb Rosenberg is still at the Kindred Hospital, 5525 West Slauson Avenue, Los Angeles. On September 16 he was moved from the intensive care unit to a regular room. The next day, Herb had surgery to remove the ventilator tube, which has been in him for the past five weeks, and they did a tracheotomy. Doing the tracheotomy is considered the best thing. The tube he has been on for the past five weeks has been irritating the back of his throat. As a result of the tube Herb was having extra excretions, which was slowing down his recovery. Having the tracheotomy bypasses that part of the throat. By doing so Herb will be able to talk and breathe more easily. Also, recovery time will be a lot faster, and once the trach is removed the area in his throat will close and heal very fast leaving nothing more than a tiny scar.

Herb can still have visitors. Visiting hours are 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. seven days a week. If anyone wants to call me for updates they can, at 310-398-5328

## Dr. Steven Levin will serve another term on the Culver City School Board

Dr. Steven Levin is a busy guy. During his 23 years as a Culver City homeowner he's been an elected member of the Culver City School Board for five years, part of that time serving as president. He's the father of three CCUSD children (Culver City High School class of '16, '21, and '23). He has been a classroom volunteer in CCUSD schools for 15 years. He was named Volunteer of the Year at Farragut Elementary in 2013. Dr. Levin also received the PTA Honorary Service Award in 2012.

Dr. Levin has a day job as an Astrophysicist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. He is lead scientist for the Goldstone-Apple Valley Radio Telescope, a nationwide NASA STEM educational project, and project scientist for the billion-dollar Juno spacecraft. Dr. Levin has been awarded the NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal, and has received the NASA Group Achievement Award 21 times.

As a CCUSD school board member Dr. Levin has worked toward greater parent and community involvement in our schools. He believes in evidence-based decisions and effective, cooperative, consensus building. "School board members should adapt to students and adults as unique individuals and work to create innovative, positive responses to next-generation science standards and Common Core mandates. We need to find consensus, working with the bureaucracy to get things done."

Culver City is lucky to have Dr. Steven Levin serving on our school board, and the Culver City Democratic Club is proud to endorse him. Along with Dr. Tashon McKeithan and Summer McBride (who were profiled in last month's newsletter), Dr. Levin is one of three candidates running for the three open seats on the Culver City school board. They are unopposed, and will therefore not appear on the ballot.

### 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

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**OR** Click "Join/Renew" on our web site: [CulverCityDemocraticClub.com](http://CulverCityDemocraticClub.com)

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

**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. **NO REFUNDS.**

# Why I'm running for LA County Sheriff— by Alex Villanueva

I am running for Sheriff to bring our community together, so everyone can feel safe. Public safety depends on building trust between the community and the Sheriff's Department.

I retired in February after 32 years at the LA County Sheriff's Department. I've come out of retirement to restore the honor, dignity and legacy of the department I love. My plan is simple: Reform, Rebuild, Restore.

I moved to Los Angeles while serving in the Air Force, and I jumped at the chance to stay in LA and shift into the Army National Guard. I've been here ever since.

For the entirety of my career in law enforcement, I kept a copy of my first ID photo. I'm wearing a three dollar Goodwill suit in that photo, because that's what I had. That picture reminds me who I am and where I'm from.

I come from two immigrant families. My mom is from Chicago's proud Polish immigrant community, and my dad was Puerto Rican. I moved a couple times as a kid; to Queens, where I had to learn to run fast, so I wouldn't get beat up; then to Puerto Rico, where I had to learn Spanish to talk to the other kids.

My life experiences taught me valuable lessons. I know what it's like to be an outsider, to be an immigrant, and to want to feel safe. I learned to treat everyone with respect and dignity. I learned we're all equal, and that public service and protecting people is a noble thing to do—it became my new life goal.

No one in LA County should ever feel they have no place to turn to for help and support. Our number one priority should be electing Democrats who will unite our communities and keep us safe. The only way we'll stop the extreme Trump agenda and ensure our streets are safe from extreme policing is electing a Democrat for Sheriff.

My opponent continues to support this administration's immigration policies. He has made people feel like they can't come to the Sheriff's department if they

are in danger. He has made people feel like they have to worry about Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) coming for their family and friends if they come down to our offices. And that makes all of us less safe.

That's not the kind of deputies we want for LA. We want the best. We want a department that makes our streets safer and earns our trust. One that fo-

cuses on friendly immigration policies, not one that invites ICE into our jail systems.

This November, please join me to help keep our streets safer from extremist views and *Reform* the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, *Rebuild* a strong police force and *Restore* the trust between the Department and the neighborhoods we protect.



VOTE  
NOV.  
6TH

## ENDORSEMENTS

<b>U.S. Senate</b>	<b>Kevin De León</b>
<b>U.S. House of Representatives 37th District</b>	<b>Karen Bass</b>
<b>CA State Senate - 30th District</b>	<b>Holly Mitchell</b>
<b>CA State Assembly - 54th District</b>	<b>Sydney Kamlager</b>
<b>Governor</b>	<b>Gavin Newsom</b>
<b>Lieutenant Governor</b>	<b>Eleni Kounalakis</b>
<b>Secretary of State</b>	<b>No Endorsement</b>
<b>Controller</b>	<b>Betty Yee</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Fiona Ma</b>
<b>Attorney General:</b>	<b>Xavier Becerra</b>
<b>Insurance Commissioner</b>	<b>Ricardo Lara</b>
<b>Superintendent of Public Instruction</b>	<b>Tony Thurmond</b>
<b>State Board of Equalization</b>	<b>Tony Vazquez</b>
<b>L.A. County Assessor</b>	<b>Jeffrey Prang</b>
<b>L.A. County Sheriff</b>	<b>Alex Villanueva</b>
<b>Water Board Director - District 4</b>	<b>Scott Houston</b>
<b>Superior Court Judge - Office #4</b>	<b>A. Verónica Saucedo</b>
<b>Superior Court Judge - Office #16</b>	<b>Patricia Hunter</b>
<b>Superior Court Judge - Office #113</b>	<b>Javier Perez</b>

### STATE BALLOT MEASURE ENDORSEMENTS

Proposition 1 <b>Support</b>	Proposition 7 <b>Oppose</b>
Proposition 2 <b>Support</b>	Proposition 8 <b>Support</b>
Proposition 3 <b>No Endorsement</b>	Proposition 10 <b>Support</b>
Proposition 4 <b>Support</b>	Proposition 11 <b>Oppose</b>
Proposition 5 <b>Oppose</b>	Proposition 12 <b>Support</b>
Proposition 6 <b>Oppose</b>	

### CULVER CITY BALLOT MEASURE ENDORSEMENTS

Measure C: <b>Support</b>	Measure D: <b>Support</b>
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### CULVER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ENDORSEMENTS

Measure K: <b>Support</b>	
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## **Senator Holly Mitchell's bills to protect youth and fight sexual harassment go to Governor Brown**

Below are the bills State Senator Holly Mitchell hopes will receive the Governor's signature before his September 30 deadline to sign, veto or allow bills to become law without his signature. New measures would take effect January 1, 2019.

SB 439, 1050, 1391 and 1393 are part of the second year of an #EquityAndJustice package jointly sponsored with Senator Ricardo Lara.

**Senate Bill 439 – Minimum Age Incarceration.** This would exclude children age 11 and younger from juvenile court jurisdiction and would promote the rights, health and well-being of the child by curbing premature exposure to incarceration.

**SB 1034 – Dense Breast Tissue.** This would extend to January 1, 2025 the sunset on the current dense breast tissue notification, which is currently set to expire in January.

**SB 1050 – Services and Support for Exonorees.** Provides services and support for exonerated people after prison, including healthcare, work training and updating exonerate records to reflect their wrongful convictions.

**SB 1083 – Resource Family Approval.** This would reduce barriers in the Resource Family Approval process to make it more child centered and family friendly.

**SB 1343 – Sexual Harassment Training.** This would expand mandatory sexual-harassment training to all employers with five or more employees.

**SB 1391 – Juvenile Justice for Children Under 16.** This would ensure that youth ages 14 and 15 who commit crimes get the services and help they need by prohibiting them from being tried as adults and keeping them in the juvenile justice system.

**SB 1393 – Five-Year Judicial Discretion.** This proposal would return judicial discretion on sentencing related to five-year enhancements for serious felony convictions.

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## **SeaChange: Help Democrats Flip The House** **Sign up for these events at <https://seachangepac.org/>** **or <https://www.facebook.com/SeachangeResist/>**

### **October 6 — Canvass for Gil Cisneros in Brea (CA-39)**

Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 8 AM – 3 PM  
8530 Stanton Ave, Buena Park

### **October 7 — Canvass in San Clemente for Mike Levin (CA-49)**

Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 11:30 AM – 7 PM  
Mike Levin's Office, 942 Calle Negocio, San Clemente

### **October 10 — Phone Bank to Help Flip the House!**

Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM  
Peace Center, 3916 Sepulveda Boulevard, Culver City

### **October 14 — Canvass in Huntington Beach for Harley Rouda (CA-48)**

Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 11 AM – 5:30 PM  
Harley Rouda Field Office, 18377 Beach Blvd., Suite 335, Huntington Beach

### **October 20 — Canvass for Gil Cisneros in Brea (CA-39)**

Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 8 AM – 3 PM  
Buena Park, California (meeting place to be determined)

### **October 21 — Canvass in San Clemente for Mike Levin (CA-49)**

Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 11:30 AM – 7 PM  
Mike Levin's Office, 942 Calle Negocio, San Clemente

### **October 24 — Phone Bank to Help Flip the House!**

Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM  
Peace Center, 3916 Sepulveda Boulevard, Culver City

### **October 27 — Canvass in Tustin for Katie Porter (CA-45)**

Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 8 AM – 2:30 PM  
Katie Porter HQ, 2842 Walnut Ave., Suite C, Tustin

### **October 28 — Canvass in Huntington Beach for Harley Rouda (CA-48)**

Sunday, October 28, 2018 at 11 AM – 5:30 PM  
Harley Rouda Field Office, 18377 Beach Blvd., Suite 335, Huntington Beach

### **October 31 — Phone Bank to Help Flip the House!**

Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM  
Peace Center, 3916 Sepulveda Boulevard, Culver City