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General Meeting — 7p.m. Wednesday, March 13, 2019
Veterans Memorial Building, 4117 Overland Avenue
Meeting program: Gilbert Saucedo of the National Lawyers Guild
will report on the situation at the Mexican border

President’s Message by Pete Rockwell The program for the March meeting

Gilbert Saucedo of the National Lawyers Guild will be the speaker at the next general meeting of the Culver City Democratic Club On Wednesday, March 13. He will talk about the situation at the U.S./Mexico border.

Mr. Saucedo has made a number of trips to Mexico to advise people seeking asylum in the United States of their rights under the law. The Lawyers Guild also trains volunteers to be legal observers at the border.

The dispute over whether to build a wall along our border with Mexico dominated the news recently when our country experienced the longest government shutdown in history. Republicans will most likely try to make immigration from Latin America an issue in the 2020 Presidential election.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m., and Gilbert Saucedo will speak at 8 p.m. The location of the meeting will be the Veterans Memorial Building at 4117 Overland Avenue in Culver City.

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According to the bylaws of the Culver City Democratic Club we have five “standing committees.”

Ways and Means: This committee is chaired by the second vice president (Ronnie Jayne Solomon). The Ways and Means committee is charged with the task of fundraising.

Newsletter: The Newsletter Committee puts together the Club’s newsletter (you’re reading it now) and also helps to *distribute* it. Both jobs are equally important. We put a lot of effort into making up the newsletter and it’s only

worth the effort if we get it into the hands of people who will read it.

Community / Legislative Issues Committee: It reports to the members at the general meeting about what’s going on in politics in Washington, Sacramento and the various city and county governments in the Los Angeles area.

Political / Elections Committee: It makes recommendations to the Club membership about endorsements of candidates and ballot propositions.

Financial Review Committee: According to the bylaws this committee “shall review the books of account of the Club at least annually” and whenever a Treasurer leaves office, and then “shall submit a report of each review to the Executive Board.”

In addition to the standing committees the president will sometimes appoint members to ad hoc committees as the need arises. At the March 13 general meeting I hope to have some committee appointments to announce. Club members who are interested in serving on a committee should email me at pete_rockwell@hotmail.com or call or text me at 415-254-5338.

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The Club’s website is up and running and I’m trying to keep it up to date. You can find the minutes of the general meetings there, as well as an online version of this newsletter. Check it out at CulverCityDemocraticClub.com and email me stuff that you think I should post there. Also, please submit articles or photos that you would like to see printed in the newsletter. ☺

Membership Meeting:
7:00 PM Wednesday,
March 13, 2019
6:45 PM — Refreshments
Veterans Memorial Building
4117 Overland Avenue
Corner of Overland Ave.
and Culver Blvd.

- Membership meeting agenda for March 13, 2019**
- Call to Order
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Robert’s Rules of Order
 - Approval of meeting agenda
 - Approval of minutes of membership meeting of February 13, 2019
 - Officers’ Reports
 - Committee Reports
 - Circulation of Petition in Support of SB47: Petitions DISCLOSE Act
 - Announcements
 - Old Business
 - New Business
 - Program: Gilbert Saucedo of the National Lawyers Guild reports on the situation on the Mexican border
 - Adjournment

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After swearing in the new Club officers, Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager-Dove presented certificates of recognition from the California State Assembly to incoming Club President Pete Rockwell, 1st VP John Williams, Recording Secretary Shannon Theus, 2nd VP Ronnie Jayne Solomon, Corresponding Secretary Cynthia Hart, Treasurer Eric Fine, outgoing President Amy Cherness, and Membership Secretary Diane Rosenberg at the annual Officer Installation and Awards Luncheon at the Courtyard by Marriot in Culver City on Sunday, February 10, 2019.

Di's Corner: by Diane Rosenberg

Update on Herb Rosenberg: On January 17, Andy and I had both of Herb's doctors at Kindred Los Angeles removed and we got him another doctor who is at Marina Pointe on Sepulveda Blvd. here in Culver City. The doctor is there twice a week. On January 21 Herb was moved back to Marina Pointe where he is being treated and getting better care. This doctor is on the ball. I have spoken with him twice. Yes, Herb can still have visitors.



On January 26 Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager-Dove had her swearing-in ceremony and legislative briefing at the Skylight Studios in Century City. The emcee was Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson from the 10th District. Attending from his office was Ed Johnson. Also attending were Los Angeles Fire Department Commissioner Jimmie Woods Gray, African American Heritage Commissioner Jacqueline Hawthorne, Municipal Water District Board President Scott Houston, and State Senator Holly Mitchell. Attendees from our Club were Sylvia Moore, Khin Khin Gyi, incoming Club President Pete Rockwell, Ronnie Jayne Solomon, Tom Camarella, outgoing President Amy Cherness and her husband Darryl Cherness, Karim Sahli, Andy Rosenberg, and Diane Rosenberg. Culver City Councilmembers in attendance were

Daniel Lee, Mayor Thomas Small, and Vice Mayor Meghan Sahli-Wells. Former Culver City Mayor Gary Silbiger was also in attendance.



On Sunday, February 10, the Club held its Annual Installation and Awards Luncheon at the Courtyard by Marriott in Culver City. The emcee was Councilmember Alex Fisch. Attending were former Club Presidents Tom Camarella, co-emcee Ronnie Jayne Solomon, outgoing President Amy Cherness, Darryl Cherness, Khin Khin Gyi, Sylvia Moore, Diane Rosenberg, and Howard Welinsky.

Also attending the luncheon were Municipal Water District Board President Scott Houston, Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson, Ed Johnson, School Board President Kelly Kent, Former School Board Member Barbara Honig, Culver City Mayor Thomas Small, Vice Mayor Meghan Sahli-Wells, Karim Sahli, State Senator Holly Mitchell, and Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager-Dove.

Assemblymember Kamlager-Dove recognized the 2018 outgoing officers. They were President Amy Cherness, 1st Vice President Andy Rosenberg, and 2nd Vice President Craig Scott (who was unable to attend). These outgoing Club officers were given Acknowledgement Awards from the offices of Assemblymember Kamlager-Dove and Los Angeles County Assessor Jeffrey Prang.

Assemblymember Kamlager-Dove swore in the 2019 Club officers and gave them

Acknowledgement Awards. They are incoming President Pete Rockwell, 1st Vice President John Williams, 2nd Vice President Ronnie Jayne Solomon, Corresponding Secretary Cynthia Hart, Recording Secretary Shannon Theus, Treasurer Eric Fine and Membership Secretary Diane Rosenberg.

Outgoing President Amy Cherness was given a plaque for being the 2018 president. She was also the recipient of the Trudy & Hal Cherness Democrat of the Year Award, which was presented to her by her husband, former Club President Darryl Cherness. Special awards were given to Karim Sahli and John Riordan: Karim for designing a series of slate cards to Culver City residents, and John for what he has done for the Club over the last twenty years. Outgoing President Amy Cherness gave them their awards.



On Sunday, February 17, the Judge Harold I. Cherness Memorial Parkway was dedicated. The dedication ceremony took place at 4130 Overland Avenue in front of the Mayme A. Clayton Museum, previously the Culver City Municipal Courthouse.

Present at the ceremony were Councilman Daniel Lee and Superior Court Judge Malcolm Mackey, as well as past elected officials, family members, former courthouse staff, and members of the community who knew Judge Cherness.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, a memorial sign was unveiled in honor of Judge Cherness.

Have a heart, Screenland

an editorial by Mark Lipman

In a just and prosperous society, there should be no question about whether or not someone has a place to sleep or food to eat. And yet, the homelessness and hunger caused by gross income inequality are among the most pressing societal ills we face. There is a terrible irony in what the great Los Angeles poet, Luis J. Rodriguez writes: “It costs billions of dollars to keep us poor.”

When it is concentrated, enormous wealth comes with huge costs to society. Resource hoarding by a few means that many do not have even the basics, which is simply wrong. It takes the efforts of multitudes for the rich to accumulate wealth. This is why Democrats have long stood by the principle of progressive taxation; the more one makes, the more one needs to give back.

Our democracy, the very foundation of our society, is based on having a government that is not only “of” and “by” the people, but “for” the people as well. This means all people, not just a few. If we do not care about everyone, we do

not have a country worth believing in.

We pride ourselves on being a welcoming place with diversity of all kinds. So what can we do about this terrible injustice, Culver City? Especially when we have not one, but two, trillion dollar corporations, Apple and Amazon, moving into town—corporations that already pay no tax anywhere, while average people have to pay for the damage they do.

These companies (and others), and all the developers they are working with, will be making money hand over fist as they take over important parts of our city for private uses. And that isn’t even the worst of it.

Over the next few years, Culver City will be flooded with the new employees of these corporations, who will be earning far greater than median area incomes. Many of them will want to move in. Just as Venice experienced when Google come in with 3,000 new employees, we can expect already rising rents to skyrocket. Rent wars and evic-

tions will begin, heartlessly displacing many. We will lose many wonderful residents and their contributions along with the valuable diversity they bring to Culver City. Some members of our community will even become homeless, creating layers of negative impacts for our city and all of us. Culver City must do something about this.

It will take courage and fortitude to stand up to multibillion dollar companies and demand that they pay their fair share to help offset the damage that will be done to our community. We need to enact a Major Corporations Tax with clear, required minimums (to counteract the loopholes that corporate accountants look for).

These corporations want to locate in Culver City. The cost to our community will be great. It is only right that they pay their fair share to address the negative impacts their presence will cause. Please contact your City Council representatives to let them know that Culver City needs to enact a Major Corporations Tax.

Resolution on the Diablo Nuclear Power Plant adopted by the Culver City Democratic Club at the membership meeting of February 13, 2019:

Whereas the Diablo Nuclear Power Plant in California is just 170 miles north of the Los Angeles County line and any mishap or explosion would reach us within hours and create catastrophic and deadly consequences to LA County’s 10 million plus citizens and their property, and

Whereas PG&E has been found guilty in federal court of criminal violations stemming from the completely avoidable 2010 gas explosion and fire that killed eight (8) people in San Bruno, due to deferred maintenance and operational negligence and has been linked to 17 or more completely avoidable fires in 2017 and 2018 in northern California causing more than 80 deaths, the destruction of more than 10,000 buildings and as recently as February 8, 2019, badly maintained PG&E gas lines caused an explosion in San Francisco that destroyed five (5) buildings, which is being widely criticized for deferred maintenance, slow response time and more, and

Whereas PG&E is currently under criminal probation and in bankruptcy as a consequence of the violations and criminal negligence, and its reactor Unit One is in shutdown mode for refueling, tests for safety can be easily and cost-effectively performed within this less than 10 day

open window (which hasn’t been done since 2003) and since the public trust and confidence needs to be restored,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that because PG&E is under criminal probation, and in bankruptcy, the Governor, the Legislature, the bankruptcy court, the company’s parole office, the CPUC, all relevant state agencies and the public must make refueling contingent upon subjecting the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant to a wide range of independent inspections to the plant’s 1) embrittlement, 2) cracks, 3) earthquake vulnerabilities, 4) deferred maintenance, 5) radioactive waste containment/disposal, and 6) competency of this bankrupt, criminally convicted company to safely manage the two very large reactors, the state must hold public hearings involving all the above issues before PG&E inserts new fuel into the core at Unit One.

Be it further resolved, that the Culver City Democratic Club calls on other organizations, communities, and jurisdictions to join with us in this resolution by passing ASAP similar resolutions, and a copy of this resolution will be sent to the California Congressional delegation, state elected officials, the Governor and all constitutional officers.

