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## General Meeting — Wednesday, February 14, 2018 Culver City City Council endorsement meeting

### President’s Message by Amy Cherness: Make a difference—vote for City Council

Culver City is about to have another City Council election this April. It is vitally important that every voter turns out and votes. Turnout from past elections has been poor and that reflects on how people feel about city politics.

People have to remember that when you vote for City Council, you are voting for people that will take charge of your community. This has a lot more impact on your daily life than national politics – street repair, parks, lights, sewers, construction are some of the things City Council members are in charge of every day.

This February 14, our club is having a City Council endorsement meeting. Three of the four candidates running are Democrats, and members of our club.

If you are not a registered voter, go get a form from any post office or library, or the Democratic club. We can get you registered at our meeting. There is no excuse for not voting. You can vote by mail or at the ballot box.

My husband Darryl and I have taken our daughter Isabell with us to vote at every election since she was six months old. She understands the value and importance of voting. Every adult should feel the same way.

Let’s get out and vote this April, and make Culver City a great place to live because of the people we elect to our City Council. Over the years our Club has been instrumental in helping to elect good Democrats to our City Council. This year let’s continue this great tradition.

### CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

#### **Daniel Lee:**

With your support, and help from many others (voters, community members, friends, and family), our team ran a great race for Culver City Council in 2016. It is because of your help that it was possible for me to come within only 254 votes of victory. For this I thank you.

My passion for helping the people of Culver City, and my dedication to representing everyone fairly and equally, has only grown since my first campaign, and has led me to the decision to seek a seat on the Culver City Council in 2018.

Throughout the 2016 campaign, I made valuable connections with people in every part of our community, and gained hard-fought campaign experience. I am determined to put the lessons I learned into action, to be more strategic, and to put in place critical campaign infrastructure early, so that we can achieve victory. I am eager to be of service to the community where I have lived for the last 15 years.

The issues we raised in my 2016 City Council campaign have come to the forefront of civic awareness: Creating Affordable Housing, Adopting Stringent Regulations for the Inglewood Oil Field, and Encouraging Robust Community Engagement. All of them are more important than ever, and inform the key planks of my

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Monthly General  
Membership Meeting:  
7:00 PM Wednesday,  
February 14, 2018

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

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**Sponsoring our  
February 14 Meeting  
will be Amy & Darryl  
Cherness celebrating  
their daughter  
Isabell’s birthday.**

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Submit your email address to  
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Club.com and ask to get the  
newsletter by email. Save a  
tree and save our club the  
postage.

**Di's Corner:****By Diane Rosenberg**

New Board Members for 2018 were elected at the January 10 General Meeting. Club member and former Mayor of Culver City and former Director of the DMV Steve Gourley made a suggestion that the club vote the new Board in by acclamation in lieu of handing out ballots, because it would be much faster and better for the club. The membership agreed with his suggestion. Newly-elected Board Members are: President Amy Cherness, 1st V.P. Andrew Rosenberg, 2nd V.P. Craig Scott, Corresponding Secretary Cynthia Hart, Recording Secretary Shannon Theus, Treasurer Eric Fine and Membership Chair Diane Rosenberg.

Our guest speaker was candidate for Governor John Chiang, who is current State Treasurer, and former Controller for California.

At the general meeting 90% of the people attending were in favor of John Chiang's ideas and outlook for the State of California. In plain English we all liked him, in the opinion of many people that attended the meeting. It was felt that the club should endorse John Chiang.

We are saddened to hear of the passing of long time club member Margaret Lindgren who passed away Saturday, January 13, 2018. She will be surely missed by many members and friends including Herb and I who knew her and loved her. The club sends condolences and our thoughts for well being go out to her daughter Disa Lindgren and family.

**Comments expressed in the newsletter are the opinions of the authors and do not necessarily represent the position of the Culver City Democratic Club**



The Executive Board of  
The Culver City Democratic Club  
Cordially Invites you to the  
**2018 Officer Installation and  
Awards Luncheon**

**Sunday, February 18, 2018**

**11:30 am—2:30 pm**

**Courtyard by Marriott**

**6333 Bristol Parkway, Culver City**

**Honoree**

**Steve Dunwoody**

**Trudy & Hal Cherness Democrat of the Year**

Emcee & Swearing in of Officers

**Scott Houston**

Director, West Basin Municipal Water District

**Tickets \$40 per person in advance (\$45 at door)**

Includes Free Parking

Luncheon Menu:

Tender Field Greens Salad

Chicken Piccata w/Garlic Mashed Potatoes

or

Pasta Primavera Entree

Double Chocolate Fudge Cake or Fruit Plate

**Yes, I will be attending the  
Culver City Democratic Club Installation Luncheon!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Choices: Chicken Piccata \_\_\_\_\_ Pasta Primavera \_\_\_\_\_

Dessert Choices: Chocolate Cake \_\_\_\_\_ Fruit Plate \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Attendees \_\_\_\_ X \$40 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_ Lunch Amount Enclosed

Please make checks payable to: Culver City Democratic Club

P.O. Box 4254, Culver City, CA 90231-4254

Questions? Please call: Diane Rosenberg (310) 398-5328

**Culver City Democratic Club**

**Order Form for Program Book 2018 Club Officers Installation Luncheon**

Dear Fellow Democrat:

Thank you for your generous support of the Culver City Democratic Club. The Club is very grateful for the monetary contributions, volunteered time, lobbying efforts, and get-out-the-vote work of Democrats like you. This is perhaps the most challenging year yet. We have a lot of work to do.

Following our longstanding tradition, the Club will swear in our newly elected officers at the 2018 Club Officers' Installation Luncheon. Our Luncheon will also feature a terrific raffle and some surprises! The Lunch will be held from 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM on Sunday, February 18, at the Courtyard by Marriott, 6333 Bristol Parkway, Culver City. I hope you and your friends are planning to attend.

The Installation Luncheon Program Book is traditionally an opportunity for members and supporters to acknowledge the work of the outgoing officers, offer congratulations and express support for the incoming Executive Board and show their support of our Club. This year we add our thanks to our 2017 Board and President Amy Cherness. Club members and Democratic supporters are encouraged to have their names and statements included in our Program Book. Please feel free to solicit ads and sponsorships from your favorite merchants.

All Program Book funds benefit our Political Fund. You can help our get-out-the-vote and activist efforts by listing your name as a sponsor for the Installation Lunch, or by placing an ad. Please review the attached form and generously support our Club.

Sincerely,  
Ronnie Jayne, 2nd VP, CCDC

**ORDER FORM**

Culver City Democratic Club Installation Luncheon Program Book for February 18, 2018

**Sponsorship: Yes, I want to help the Culver City Democratic Club. Please list me as a:**

Platinum (\$ 200)    Gold (\$100)    Silver (\$50)    Bronze (\$20) Sponsor

How would you like to be listed? \_\_\_\_\_

(John Smith, or John and Jane Smith, or The Smith Family, etc.)

**Ad rates:**

Full Page – \$125   Half Page – \$70   Quarter page – \$40   Inside Front Cover – \$175

Back Cover – \$150   Inside Back Cover – \$150

**(Photos accepted with minimum of half-page ad)**

**[Note: We can only guarantee Color printing for Full Size cover ads.]**

Size of Ad: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please provide ads as "photo ready" art or as JPG or TIF images)

**Deadline February 8, 2018 for Ads and Sponsorships**

**Ads cannot be processed without payment.**

**Please send ads to Ronnie Jayne at [Ronniejayn@aol.com](mailto:Ronniejayn@aol.com)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**AMOUNT ENCLOSED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check #:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Questions? Please call: **Ronnie Jayne at (310) 836-7557**

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campaign platform: Environment, Accountability, and Fairness. Ensuring that the diverse population of our city is engaged in the affairs of city governance is essential to the health of our community. Purposeful inclusion of a variety of viewpoints will be a priority during my term of service.

**Albert Vera:**

Albert Vera is a business owner, city commissioner and lifelong Culver City resident. His "neighborhoods first" agenda is focused on protecting the things that make our city special and solving everyday problems for Culver City residents.

Continuing a legacy of leadership begun by his father, who served 12 years on the City Council, Vera is anxious to bring his business experiences to City Hall.

"We need to be smart about our city's finances, but we also have to focus on important issues like attainable housing for working professionals, public safety for all of our residents and intelligent ways of dealing with traffic, transportation and mobility," he said. "We need to move our city forward by working together to address our challenges and take advantage of the opportunities we have before us. We need to balance economic development with the special qualities that make Culver City unique."

Vera owns Sorrento Italian Market, a specialty food store filled with old-world charm, as well as the family's 26 ranches encompassing thousands of acres north of Bakersfield.

He is a member of the Culver City Exchange Club and has served on both the Culver City Landlord/Tenant Board and the Culver City Civil Service Commission, where he currently serves as part of the five-member commission charged with advising the City Council on all matters concerning Human Resources administration, recommending adoption of amendments to the Civil Service Rules, making any appropriate investigation regarding Human Resources administration and providing an appeals procedure for classified em-

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ployees. Vera also serves on the Culver City Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the Culver City Palms YMCA Board of Managers.

### Alex Fisch

Alex Fisch and his family moved to Culver City in 2005, and he became active in many facets of Culver City life, including Bike Culver City, Culver City Community Coalition, Ballona Creek Renaissance, and Culver City Action Network. He joined and is now chair of the Culver City Committee on Homelessness, through which he is working to develop and implement pilot programs that will provide new workforce and rapid rehousing opportunities for Culver City veterans, seniors, and other residents facing homelessness.

In 2016, he worked on the successful “No on Measure CA” campaign. Alex is a member of the Board of Directors for the Rancho Higuera Neighborhood Association and was an active participant in the visioning study for the Transit Oriented District. He has spoken out at City Council on matters ranging from sanctuary city status, safe streets, the Inglewood oil field, clean water, polystyrene, and other neighborhood issues.

Alex grew up in Camarillo, California, the son of a social worker and a probation officer who worked for the County of Ventura. He was a scholar athlete (he was awarded a National Merit Scholarship), and he worked as a California state lifeguard through his college years.

He attended UC Berkeley, earning his Bachelor’s degree with honors in Political Economy of Industrial Societies. After graduating, he hoped to return to Southern California, but he put his plans on hold after he met his wife, Julie. He patiently waited for two years while Julie finished her degree, working as a payroll and benefits clerk for a UC Berkeley department and paying off his student loans.

Alex attended UCLA Law, graduating in the top 10 of his class, and finished with an offer to join a corporate/bankruptcy law firm as an associate after serving as a clerk for a federal judge, the Honorable Arthur L. Alarcon, in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

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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

Lifetime Member \$500

Additional Contribution: \$\_\_\_\_\_

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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.