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General Meeting — Wednesday, July 11, 2018
Veterans Memorial Building, Rotunda Room
4117 Overland Avenue, Culver City
Meeting Program: TAKE BACK CONGRESS

President's Message by Amy Cherness:
How Democrats can take back the House

Most political observers now believe that the Democrats have an excellent chance of taking control of the House this November. California is key to that effort. There are seven congressional districts in California that have Republican members of Congress but voted for Hillary Clinton in 2016. These districts are CA-10, CA-21, CA-25, CA-39, CA-45, CA-48, and CA-49.

CA-10 is represented by Jeff Denham and incorporates a portion of the San Joaquin Valley. CA-21 is represented by David Valdao and also covers a portion of the San Joaquin Valley. CA-25 is represented by Steve Knight and covers northern Los Angeles County and a portion of Ventura County. CA-39 is represented by Ed Royce, who is not running for re-election, and covers Los Angeles, Orange, and San Bernardino Counties. CA-45 is represented by Mimi Walters and covers Orange County. CA-48 is represented by Dana Rohrabacher and covers Orange

County. Finally, CA-49 is represented by Darrell Issa, who is not running for re-election, and covers northern coastal areas of San Diego County.

According to the political website VOX, in order for Democrats to be on target to carry the House, the Democratic turnout in these swing districts needed to improve from the 2016 general election by three-and-a-half percent in the recent June 5 primary election. According to their calculations, there was an actual FIVE percent improvement in Democratic turnout for the June 5 primary election!

How can you help to ensure that Democrats take the House? You can volunteer to make phone calls or walk precincts on behalf of Democratic candidates in these California districts. Read the article on page 2 ("Want to change the world?") for information on where and when you can participate in this vitally important process.

Monthly General
 Membership Meeting:
7:00 PM Wednesday,
July 11, 2018

6:45 PM — Refreshments
 Rotunda Room

Veterans Memorial Building
 4117 Overland Avenue,
 Corner of Overland Ave.
 and Culver Blvd.

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The Trump Administration's new policy: take kids away from their parents and try to blame it on Democrats

The Trump Administration has begun a new immigration policy: If a family enters the United States to seek asylum, the parents are charged with a criminal violation and put in jail to await prosecution. While the parents are in jail, the children are taken away. Then, in the words of White House Chief of Staff John Kelly, they are "put into foster care or whatever."

A lot of Americans of various political persuasions are extremely upset by this, and the more they find out about

the details, the more upset they get.

It isn't just the "whatever" that people object to, such as the fact that some of the kids are being housed in an unused Walmart store, and that a tent city is being erected near the Texas border to house many more of them.

Kelly went on to say the policy would act as a strong deterrent for families seeking to cross into the United States illegally.

Now, it's bad enough that the government is doing this, but at least Kelly ad-

mitted the real motivation behind the practice. The hope is that parents will be terrified into staying out of our country out of fear of losing their children.

But Donald Trump doesn't even have the courage to come out and admit what he's up to. Instead, he has been sending out messages on Twitter blaming Obama, saying that he is bound by some law that the Democrats passed. Of course, that's a lie. There is no such law. And if there were, the Republicans would have the votes to repeal it.

Want to change the world?

O.K. Would you settle for changing the House of Representatives? You can. All you need is your passion, your phone and your laptop. Or maybe just walking shoes and a determined attitude.

Active Democrats like you are mobilizing to register voters and contact voters already registered both by phone and in person. Here are some resources to help you find your activism niche.

www.SwingSoCalLeft.org/events

This link takes you to a user friendly calendar to help you find in-person phone banking events in or near Culver City. It very conveniently pulls together events organized by people like "Sea Change" and "Flip the House" and "Let Your Fingers do the Walking" and others.

www.WestsideDemHQ.org

Click on "Events" to find group events. Click on "Volunteers" to find phone bank training and other resources. There are opportunities available for both in-person phone banking and "virtual" phone banking from home.

There will be periodic updates and new resources listed throughout the election season on the Club's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/CulverCityDems/

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Club passes resolution in support of 2500-foot setback from fracking, oil drilling, and oil production

What happens in L.A. City doesn't always stay in L.A. City.

The resolution printed on page three, adopted by the Culver City Democratic Club on June 13th, is similar to one passed unanimously by the Sierra Club's Angeles Chapter Clean Break Team.

- Ten percent of the Inglewood Oil Field is in Culver City, with some of the rest in the city of Los Angeles.
- One key health and safety protection that I am sure we would all like our own city council to establish is a 2,500-foot setback between the drilling or fracking and such human-inhabited places as homes, schools, and parks.

• The good news is that we have allies involved in a parallel struggle in the City of Los Angeles. An organization called "StandLA" (Stand Together Against Neighborhood Drilling) is working toward a Los Angeles city ordinance requiring the 2500-foot setback in L.A. City's piece of the oil field. StandLA asked us to make a resolution of support for their proposed 2,500-foot setback.

• If L.A. City adopts a 2500-foot setback, the hope is that it will be established as the standard for our entire county.

For more information, see the Sierra Club website at <http://cleanbreak.info/>

—Cynthia Hart

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

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.

Resolution adopted by the Culver City Democratic Club on June 13, 2018

Resolution in support of the City of Los Angeles' consideration of a 2,500-foot human health and safety buffer to protect residents living in close proximity to oil and gas production and extraction facilities.

Whereas there are over 1,000 active wells in Los Angeles County and 80 percent of them are located within 2,500 feet of a sensitive land use such as a home, school, hospital, church, park or ecological reserve where people live, work, play, and learn;

Whereas oil and gas production, extraction, and related operations use chemicals that even at extremely low concentrations are linked to adverse health outcomes such as low birth weight, exacerbated heart disease, asthma, brain and nervous system problems, impaired learning and developmental health, fertility and reproductive issues, and cancer;

Whereas emissions are at their most dangerous at the source of pollution, making proximity a primary risk factor for public health;

Whereas cities have the right to act to limit health and safety risks from oil and gas production, extraction, storage and related activities;

Whereas the proposed Los Angeles City ordinance would provide both an amortization period and an administrative review process to eliminate or minimize any takings issues;

Therefore be it resolved that the Culver City Democratic Club supports the City of Los Angeles' consideration of a 2,500-foot human health and safety buffer to protect residents living in close proximity to oil and gas production, extraction, storage and related facilities.

Culver City launches program to develop new civic leaders

A unique public-private partnership known as Leadership Culver City has created a nine-month program to promote civic literacy, civic engagement and develop emerging community leaders. Through a series of structured monthly sessions combining prominent guest speakers with detailed exercises, the course will focus on “How to sustain and enhance a livable Culver City into the 21st Century.” Leadership Culver City is a joint project of the City of Culver City, West Los Angeles College, Culver City Chamber of Commerce, the Exchange Club of Culver City and the Center for Nonprofit Management. The course is open to all adults 18 or over, who live or work in Culver City.

The Culver City Democratic Club would like to encourage our members to apply for this program so that it can be balanced and unbiased and FOR THE PEOPLE of our fair city.

Enrollment in the first class will be limited to 20. Course participants will be selected by the Leadership Culver City Steering Committee. Although there is no set or ideal profile for a class participant, a demonstrated commitment to the community will carry considerable weight. Community activists are encouraged to apply. Diversity will also be considered in selecting the initial class cohort. Successful candidates will be enrolled in a non-credit program through West Los Angeles College. The course cost is \$800. Limited scholarships will be available.

Enrollment applications for this exciting innovative program opened May 15, 2018. Applications must be completed and submitted by the end of June, 2018, for the inaugural September 2018 Leadership Culver City Class. Successful candidates will be notified by approximately July 15, 2018. To learn more about this program or to submit a course application, visit www.wlac.edu/Leadership-Culver-City. Email inquiries can be emailed to: leadershipcc@wla.edu Contact: John Cohn, Culver City Exchange, Phone: (310) 402-3263. Email: john@thejungle.biz

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Come to the...

Culver City Democratic Club Fourth of July Picnic

Blanco Park • 5687 Sawtelle Blvd. • Culver City
July 4, 2018 • 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Bring your own food to be put onto the barbecue and a dish to share. The club supplies the watermelon, ice, cold drinks, charcoal for the barbecue, paper plates, cups and silverware.