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Special Features:

This Newsletter continues the focus on police procedures and community relations. The previous edition featured reports by **Ret. Police Chief Calvin Handy** on the principles and ethics of proper police procedures and by **Human Relations Chair, Sheila Allen**, on recommendations for consideration by the Davis City Council. This edition features a report by Davis Vice Mayor Lucas Frerichs on the actions taken by the City Council.

Introducing a new topic, Don Winters identifies ways that we, as individuals acting locally, can help reduce greenhouse gases and restore the climate.

Public Safety Reform in Davis: Status Update

by Lucas Frerichs, Vice Mayor, City of Davis



2020 was a year unlike any other, especially as we've collectively attempted to successfully navigate the COVID pandemic. If there is any "silver lining" to be found in 2020, it may be that we have finally reached a societal tipping point when it comes to the issues of racism and equity- with the murder of George Floyd serving as a rallying cry to root out racism wherever it is harbored and work for justice and equality for all.

As we continue to reflect on the senseless deaths of Breonna Taylor and Stephon Clark, Duante Wright, and so many other Black lives at the hands of police brutality, Americans are struggling to find answers to stop the graphic visions of Black men and women needlessly dying throughout our country.

In these times we yearn for solutions, and Davis residents, along with many others nationwide, have marched and expressed their sadness, anger and frustration over these most recent instances of police brutality.

We, too, feel sadness, anger and frustration with the systemic oppression these recent events expose. We have also marched for justice, and we are committed to listening and to deep reflection on how we can best affect change as leaders in the Davis community.

As a city council, and as a community, we have been determining our next steps with regard to police reform, and I believe it is important to note that the changes we are exploring are part of history of supportive actions for police reform that our city has been committed to. Some of those actions, starting in 2015, includes:

- Davis Police Department, representatives from the Human Relations Commission and other community members created the Alternative Conflict Resolution (ACR) Program. The program is an informal, confidential mediation process based on two restorative practices: circle processes and non-violent communication.
- Davis Police Department requires all of its staff to undergo implicit bias training.
- In 2017, the City Council gave direction to hire consultants to review the police oversight system and historical activity in Davis, collect public input, and provide recommendations.

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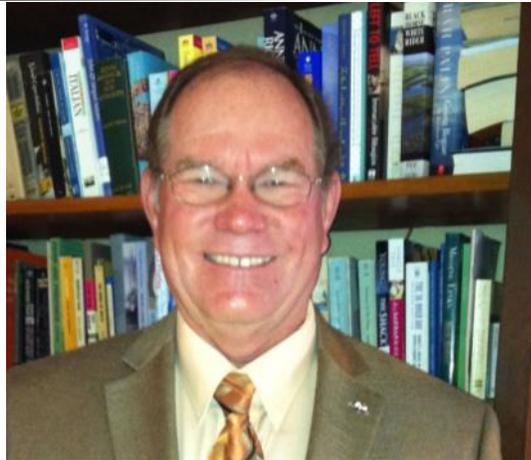
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Democratic News

YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

By Donald S. Winters, Longtime Davis Democrat



You might be asking, why is a retired Davis High School social science teacher and former cross-country coach writing an article on global climate change and the rapidly deteriorating world environment? I am not a scientist, mathematician, nor am I an elected official who purports to be an opinion leader. I am merely a concerned citizen with two daughters and two grandchildren, who will inherit this planet long after I am gone.

So why am I writing this article? Most of what we read in the media covers climate change in a shroud of gloom and doom. Humans are polluting this planet faster than plant life can clean it up. The oceans are warming, polar ice caps are melting and storms are more frequent and more destructive. Even the U.S. military gauges climate change and the approaching environmental disaster the number one enemy we will face in the coming century. So why do I have hope that we will leave this planet in habitable form for future generations?

Since I retired from the Davis Joint Unified School District, I have become an active participant in the Davis Sunrise Rotary. Our club has active committees focused on community development, youth activities and international projects. We are professionally linked to other Rotary Clubs in our region, state, nation and on the international level. Rotary International, up until recently, has named six major areas of global focus, among them is Polio Plus, the effort to eliminate polio from the planet. With the help of the Gates Foundation and billions of dollars in contributions, polio now only exists in two countries in the world.

Rotary International has now named a seventh area of focus, **Protecting the Environment**. In the introduction to announcing this new area of focus, RI stated: "We are committed to supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources, advance ecological sustainability, and foster harmony between communities and the environment". As is the case when Rotary International jumps in with two feet on an issue, there has been considerable study, thought and discussion. To get the flavor of the hope this brings to a possible solution to climate change and environmental destruction, please consult this website:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/supporting-environment-becomes-new-area-focus>

In addition to the environment-related activities of Rotary International, the Big West Chapter of Rotary has a local activist arm, called ESRAG, Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group. You can find more about this organization at: <https://www.esrag.org/>

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- The consultant team held numerous focus groups/public meetings, researched options and prepared recommendations. Consultants recommended a two-pronged system: The formation of a Police Accountability Commission (PAC) and expanded Independent Police Auditor role, which the city council approved & instituted.
- We created and filled a Homeless Outreach Coordinator position to provide a non-sworn officer response to unsheltered individuals. This was later expanded to include another full-time homeless outreach position. For the past year, two additional positions in Davis PD has been redirected to assist unsheltered individuals with navigational services.
- Davis PD began to collect Racial Identity and Profiling Act (RIPA) data early (not required until 2022) and has submitted our 2020 data to the State. (Other communities our size are not yet submitting data to the State.)
- Last August-November 2020 at the request of the City Council, members from three commissions (Human Relations, Social Services, and Police Accountability) provided input on police oversight in wake of national focus on police reform. This input resulted in the 9 recommendations that recently came before the City Council for consideration.

In the following paragraphs, please find a brief overview of the actions taken by the city council to address 8 of the 9 recommendations. In addition to these actions, we are working in two council subcommittees to look at how best to restructure services and their delivery to address the question of the ninth recommendation, the development of a new department.

It is important to note that Yolo County and Davis has gone over several iterations of service delivery models to address mental health, diversion and restorative justice, and it will be important to inquire about previous successes and challenges, in order to shape our response and approach going forward.

- While state agencies analyze our 2020 RIPA data (related to racial and identity profiling in arrests and traffic stops), the city will engage independent professional researchers to undertake additional analysis of this data, and why arrest rates are disproportionately high for blacks in Davis.
- The city will consider a budget funding request for a public safety analyst who can work to compile and interpret data locally.
- The city will use timely qualitative analysis to identify areas for officer improvement and to provide increased customized training and/or prompt policy adjustments.
- Davis Police Department staff will work with the Police Accountability Commission to improve dialogue between each other and the community.
- Implicit bias training will continue as a priority for the Davis PD and all city staff.
- The City Council will consider education reimbursement requests for Davis PD staff wishing to pursue higher education coursework.
- City staff, with the assistance of a city council subcommittee, will engage with a professional consultant to create a plan to engage with the broader community with the goal of building community dialogue and trust.
- The city will identify funding to hire a consultant to conduct a comprehensive survey which will ascertain communitywide sentiments regarding public safety priorities.
- The city will continue to expand coordination with Yolo County on affordable housing and homelessness and youth diversion programs.
- The city's Homeless Outreach services will shift from being housed within Davis PD over to the City Manager's Office.
- The city has implemented a pilot program with Yolo County to implement a co-responder model where trained mental health professionals engage directly in calls for service in lieu of, or in partnership with, sworn officers. A council subcommittee (myself and Councilmember Chapman) is working with staff and Yolo County Health and Human Services to examine an expansion of this program.

This is an iterative process, and changes in how we conduct policing is one of many reforms in a long list of reforms we must work on in order to ensure equality and justice for all in our community. Thank you all for your continued support, and we'll continue to keep you apprised of our progress.

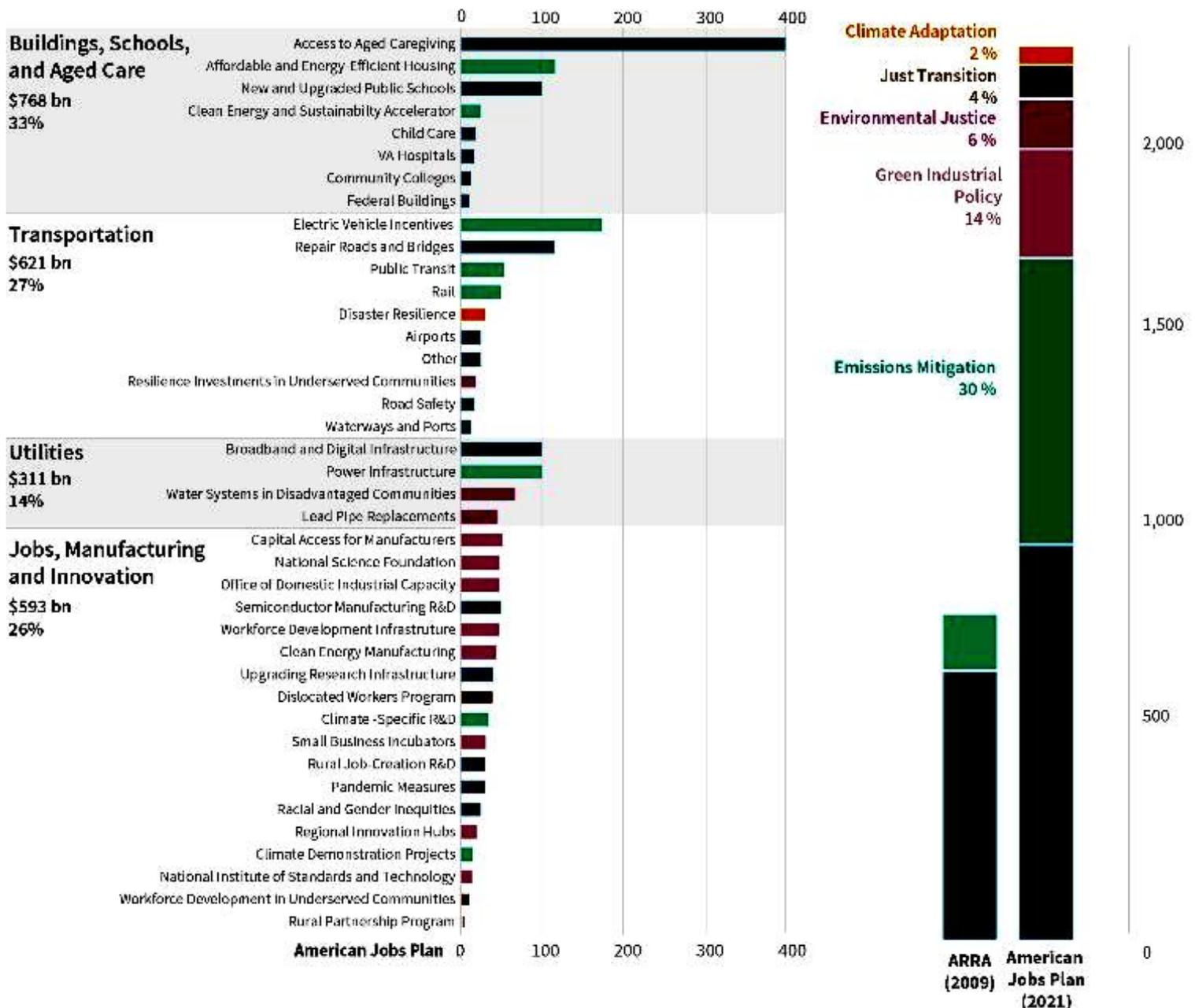
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And finally, one organization that is working closely with environmentalists attempting to correct decades of post-industrial CO2 emissions is the Foundation for Climate Restoration (F4CR). This organization, led by Dr. Erica Dodds, is working on industrial solutions to remove carbon from the atmosphere, through a process known as carbon sequestration. You can learn more about this foundation at: <https://foundationforclimaterestoration.org/>

So, yes, Virginia, and members of the Davis Democratic Club, there is hope for the future. Questions, comments? dsw0419@gmail.com

The American Jobs Plan Is More Than an Infrastructure Plan, and Would Be a **Historic Climate Package**

Left-hand side shows all line items announced as part of the American Jobs Plan, categorized by spending type and climate goals. Right-hand side compares this plan to the Obama administration's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. All figures in billions of USD.



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Update on Bill Ritter by Richard Yamagatta

Long time Club members may wish to know what has been happening with Bill Ritter III. Bill was President of the DDC back in the late 80s and was a Board Member for many years afterwards. For decades, he kindly transported Vonnie Williamson and later Betty Weir (Weir-Williamson Award) to and from DDC events. Regrettably, Bill suffered a debilitating stroke in the middle of COVID, but he is fortunately recovering. He is currently undergoing physical and mental rehabilitation with good results. I understand that he is selling his property in Davis and now lives with both his parents in Sunnyvale. He and his brother (Dan) are at the house in Davis on the weekends, working on it until it is sold. If you wish to see him on his weekly trips to Davis, You might telephone him first at 530-848-9253 and leave a message, He has had his COVID vaccinations, so no worry there. For physical therapy, Bill writes that he is regularly walking one mile to Trader Joes, and he is handwriting letters to work on hand-eye and mental recovery. To that end, if you want to find out the latest news about Bill, you can write him at 1513 Kennewick Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94087. You will be helping Bill with his rehab as he will send you a handwritten reply. Bill remains a major member donor to the DDC. We can only hope to see him at a future Davis Democratic Club event on the other side of COVID at the Natsulas Gallery. Best wishes to Bill and all DDC members.

Statewide Officer Elections

Chair	Electr.	Mail	Total	%
Rusty Hicks	2005	241	2246	67.77%
Delaine Andree Eastin	972	96	1068	32.23%
Total Cast	2977	337	3314	
Skip this Contest	50	5	55	

Female Vice-Chair	Electr.	Mail	Total	%
Blanca Gómez	49	9	58	1.74%
Betty Yee	1733	227	1960	58.97%
Jenny Bach	1208	98	1306	39.29%
Total Cast	2990	334	3324	
Skip this Contest	37	8	45	

Male Vice-Chair	Electr.	Mail	Total	%
Daraka Larimore-Hall	1004	112	1116	34.55%
David Campos	1898	216	2114	65.45%
Total Cast	2902	328	3230	
Skip this Contest	125	14	139	

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