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Features: Yolo County Democratic Party Chair, Linda Deos, provides an update (p.2) on the party's activities and invites your participation. The DDC along with several other local clubs (p.2), including the Davis College Democrats, are chartered by our County Party. DCD President Michelle Andrews reports (see below) on the activities of the College Dems. Club members should know that there is a long-standing and an extraordinary synergy between the DDC and DCD. Whereas our Club provides institutional memory, organizational continuity and financial support for local political action, the College Dems provide numerous, enthusiastic young volunteers for phone banking, voter registration and precinct walking. This synergy is one of the reasons that the Democratic Party has been so successful in Yolo County.

Report on the Davis College Democrats

By Michelle Andrews, DCD President



The Davis College Democrats are proud to announce that we ended the 2020-2021 school year strong with a triumphant Indigo Awards that broke our all-time fundraising record and featured several wonderful elected officials as guest speakers. This would not have been possible without the incredibly **generous sponsorship of our event by the Davis Democratic Club**. Thank you to the individual community members who donated to us as well. We appreciate you all

Last month, DCD held its annual Executive Board elections; all of the members of our new E-Board were elected unanimously and have since taken office. Led by our new President Michelle Andrews, we are seamlessly continuing our advocacy on local issues like housing, preparing for candidate endorsements in upcoming special elections, and creating plans for the 2022 election season.

With the recall election coming before the end of this year, **DCD plans to put its full weight behind canvassing, phone banking, and other outreach for Governor Newsom** to ensure a continued Democratic victory in California. In order to boost our numbers and maximize our influence on such issues, our new Director of Membership Tariq Azim is making connections with UC Davis' incoming transfer students and freshmen to ensure plenty of new members this year. We are excited to be reaching a new generation of college students eager for change. (*continued p 3*)

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Democratic News

Report on the Yolo County Democratic Party Linda Deos, Chair, Yolo County Democratic Central Committee

The Yolo County Democratic Party has been quite busy since I last wrote to you. Along with electing a new slate of officers, we've re-chartered the following clubs:

- ◆ The Davis Democratic Club;
- ◆ The Davis College Democrats;
- ◆ The West Yolo Democratic Club;
- ◆ The Berniecrats-Labor Alliance;
- ◆ The River City Democratic Club; and
- ◆ The Dolores Huerta Latino Democratic Club.

We've also updated our bylaws to allow for more transparency and fiscal stability. Namely, all votes by members of the County Committee will be public and members of the Central Committee will be asked to pay yearly dues.

Speaking of fiscal stability, a **BIG Thank You to the Davis Democratic Club** for its \$5,000 donation to our Bob Schelen Appreciation event that was held on April 21 via Zoom. Overall, we raised just over \$21,000 and thus were able to pay off all of our outstanding campaign debts! We'll present our budget for 2021-2022 at our June 21 monthly meeting; we hope you can join us.

This August, our focus will be on the City Council race in West Sacramento scheduled for August 31. Two candidates are running in this all mail-in election – Dawnte Early and Duane Wilson. Both candidates are registered Democrats! The Central Committee will be voting on whom to endorse in this race at our June 21 meeting.

Another focus for us will be supporting Gov. Newsom in his fight against the Republican Recall. Once we know the date of the election, we'll plan a summer fundraiser in partnership with other clubs and organizations.

Speaking of fundraising, **please save October 2, 2021** for our annual fall event ("Bean Feed"). More details to follow, except to say we're planning for an in-person event with great food (Davis Fire Fighters' BBQ), music, and updates from our wonderful elected representatives.

In other news, we're working with Woodland to establish a new chartered club as well as with others from throughout the County to form a chartered club focused on the needs of our disabled community. Remember, all you need is a minimum of 10 registered Democrats to charter a new club. And each chartered club gets to vote at our Central Committee on endorsements, resolutions, and other issues that may arise. You can be part of making our county a better place for everyone.

I'm also very happy to share the news of our new partnership with Sister District CA-3. We co-hosted an event on June 11, 2021 on behalf of LUCHA (Living United for Change in Arizona) in which we raised over \$20,000 to support its efforts in Arizona to grow the Democratic Party in under-represented communities.

As registered Democrats you are also more than welcome to attend our monthly meetings (third Monday of the month at 7pm). We are currently meeting via Zoom; just send us your email and we'll send you the link to the meeting. We also have several committees that may be of interest to you, such as:

- ◆ Campaigns (hands on experience working on a campaign)
- ◆ Party Development & Outreach (voter registration)
- ◆ Communications (website and social media)
- ◆ Rules (by-laws)
- ◆ Fundraising & Events (celebrations, networking, money to function)
- ◆ Legislation & Resolutions (setting and developing policy)

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Davis College Dems. (continued from p.1)

As we return to in-person learning in the fall, DCD will continue to expand and grow even stronger. Outreach is at the heart of our club's operation, with our new Executive Director Evan Semper working to strengthen DCD's influence on campus both physically and virtually.

Despite the unprecedented times that have taken our activism fully online for more than a year now, the club has persevered to hold well-attended meetings and events like our first ever virtual DCD Lobby Day for AB 14 and AB 1277 in April. Our club will continue to make an impact on and off campus through the work of our new Director of Political Affairs Jackson Mills to get more students directly involved in the issues that affect Davis and the state. As a result of the astounding success of the 2021 Indigo Awards, our new Director of Finance Oliver Snow has the budget available to put all of our best ideas into action and help shape the next year of Democratic student advocacy in Davis.

We are especially grateful for our successful long-term partnership with the Davis Democratic Club—your invaluable support allows us to continue mobilizing our members to push for positive change in Davis and beyond. As we ramp up our operations throughout the summer and solidify our plans for the year, we look forward to meeting and working with all of the Davis Democrats as your bridge to Democratic affairs at UC Davis.

Yolo County Democratic Party. (continued from p.2)

- ◆ Candidate Development (developing a back bench of candidates for public office)
- ◆ Budget & Finance (putting our money into action to support Democrats)

To become more involved with the local Democratic Party, please visit the Yolo County Democratic Party's website at yolodemocrats.org



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