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Ed Note: Despite COVID, political activity is ramping-up. The Club was involved in the anti-recall election (see below). In addition, Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry and Rep. John Garamendi, who need our support, each sponsored fundraising events (p. 2). Of particular note, Garamendi's seat has reportedly been targeted by the Republicans!

RECALL IS SOUNDLY DEFEATED IN YOLO

by Rick Gonzales and Bob Bockwinkel



As demonstrated in the recent recall election, the Davis Democratic Club remains a center for political organization, marshalling campaign volunteers and providing necessary support despite COVID restrictions. The effort to *Recall Gov. Gavin Newsom* was soundly defeated by **63% to 37%** in the state by **71% to 29%** in Yolo County and by **87% to 13%** in Davis. Local activists clearly made a difference! Prior to the election, polls had projected the out-

come to be much closer thereby, energizing many people and organizations to become involved in the "NO" campaign.

The following local organizations united against the recall: The DDC, Yolo County Democratic Central Committee, the Davis College Dems, Sister District CD3, SEIU and Indivisible Yolo. Individuals with no affiliation to any organization also mobilized their efforts every Saturday at the Davis Farmers Market where they educated citizens with lawn signs, postcards and literature urging a NO vote on the Recall. Maril Stratton, Cris Craig-Veit, Kelly Wilkerson and others led this effort. Kelly also organized our canvassing campaign which contacted 550 homes.

The DDC played a vital role in this effort as well. The following Club members were invaluable in the campaign: Robin and Stephen Souza, Ameer Alsawraf, Saira Delgado, Marie Bockwinkel, Sean Raycraft, Richard Yamagata, Linda Deos, Tom Dowling, Bill Julian, Bob Schelen, Judy Gonzales, Jim and Donna Provenza, Helen and Cap Thomson, Gary Hopkins, Pam Nieberg, Dave Griffin and Alan Hirsch. Led by Bob Bockwinkel and Rick Gonzales, the Club mailed out **4,000 postcards** to local Davisites **urging a NO** vote on the Recall. In addition to individuals who wish to remain anonymous, the following sent these 4,000 postcards: Luba Schmid, Lis Fleming, Karen Ruan, Bruce Kutter, Maynard Skinner and Cristy Jensen, Joyce Trujillo, Joan Sallee, Betty Woo, Marty West, Robert Rucker, Joan Moses, Terry Whittier, Stephen White, Jesse Ortiz, Nancy Schaezlein-Zipse, Mariko Yamada, Corky Brown, Giovinazzi Giles, Jan Agee, Sheila Allen, Elizabeth Lasensky, MRC Greenwood, Judith Gabor, Delee Beavers, K.Kevyne Baar, EF Pat Goldstene and daughter Claire, Nancy Stone and Barry Tharp, Kevin Conn, Richard and Kyoko Luna and Robert Lawson. The Club helped distribute 500 signs for No on the Recall. The signs were printed by the Firefighters Union print shop. Francisco Lopez and Moises Diaz, two newcomers, were a big help to the DDC. Incidentally, Club funding hired campaign staff, purchased materials and contributed directly to the Newsom campaign.

This effort could not have been accomplished without your help. **The mission of the DDC is to promote Democratic values and elect Democratic candidates. We played a key role in this recall election and our members came through once again.** Thank you for making a difference!

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Re-Elect Cecilia



Our superb Assembly member, Cecilia Aguiar-Curry kicked-off her reelection campaign with a *Picnic in the Park* attended by sixty enthusiastic supporter's. She reported that the last year has been unusually difficult for our state's government in simultaneously balancing so many different issues such as COVID, drought and fires among others. As one consequence her office has been particularly busy in assisting constituents in securing state aide for emergency relief.

She also reported several significant legislative accomplishments, in particular developing a six billion dollar infrastructure bill, "Internet for All" which has been signed into law, that will provide broadband access throughout the entire state. A particularly ingenious feature of her plan is to use existing Caltrans right-of-ways to locate the fiber connections, thereby, allowing its rapid development at a much lower cost. Another law that she authored addresses the problem of providing quality health services to rural areas by properly reimbursing payments for tele-medicine services. Clear proof of the great job that she is doing!

Supporting Rep. John Garamendi's Reelection

By Michelle Andrews & Oliver Snow, Davis College Democrats

On Thursday, September 23, The Verbs hosted a virtual fundraising event for Congressman John Garamendi with special guest Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi. Despite pandemic restrictions making fundraising more difficult, the event was a great success. A **DDC contribution to Garamendi's campaign** sponsored the attendance of several Club members in addition to the executive board of the Davis College Democrats.

With about 100 people in attendance, the event was a unique opportunity to interact with the Congressman and learn more about his positions and legislative goals. He took questions from community members, including one from Davis College Democrats about doubling the Pell Grant, and answered all of them thoroughly.

He also gave details on the critical National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) which was on the floor of the House that night. He drew particular attention to his work fighting to **reduce nuclear arms spending and prevent a renewed global arms race.**

Congressman Garamendi had to step out for a brief period to vote, but Speaker Pelosi graciously stayed on the call while he was away and answered a few questions from attendees, including one about the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act. She emphasized the importance of supporting working families and protecting the American middle class. She also highlighted her priorities to pass the infrastructure and reconciliation bills, as well as give a renewed push to protect voting rights nationwide.

When Congressman Garamendi returned, Speaker Pelosi had to step off but the Congressman continued to take questions. He wrapped up by thanking all in attendance and reiterating his commitment to fighting for the people and communities of the 3rd District.

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Bring our Deported Veterans Home

Jesse Ortiz,
 Former Yolo County Superintendent of Schools and USMC



An article published by The American Legion magazine titled "Thank You, Goodbye" discussed the plight of deported military veterans. American Legion National Commander John Oxford cited, "It is imperative that we strengthen military naturalization pro-

grams, prevent veteran deportation and repatriate deported veterans." The American Legion has had a position on U.S. citizenship through honorable military service since 1919. According to the U.S. Department of Defense, there are approximately 45,000 non-citizens serving our military today with estimates of 5,000 enlisting each year. Immigrants have enlisted in the U.S. military since the beginning of the Revolutionary War.

A report titled Non-Citizens in the Enlisted U.S. Military suggest, "relative to citizen recruits, noncitizen recruits generally have a stronger attachment to serving the United States, which they now consider to be their country, and have better work ethic."

In 1996 federal laws passed by Congress made it easier to deport veterans. The 1996 action has caused thousands of veterans to be deported. Two major measures in the law include prohibiting immigrant judges from considering military service in deportation cases and expanding causes for mandatory removal. As one deported veteran said, "I'm ok to die for America, but I'm not ok to live in it."

In March 2021, the Leave No One Behind Mural Project launched by a coalition of veteran support groups, immigrant organizations, and educators began by putting murals across the nation. The mural's intent is to gain awareness, support, and advocacy for non-citizen deported veterans and other immigrants.

In Woodland on Saturday, August 28, a mural was unveiled at The American Legion Post 77 building, 523 Bush Street. It is easily seen from the public street. If you have a wall and are interested in a mural, please contact me.

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