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*Ed. Note re. Campaign Statements:* As an informational service to our members, the Newsletter is pleased to publish campaign statements by any Democrats running for local political office without implying an endorsement of a particular candidate by the DDC. (Dan Carson, whose statement appears below, has been endorsed by the YCDP.) Time permitting, we also hope to run side by side Q & A's of candidates in future Newsletter editions.



## Let's Reelect Dan Carson to the Davis City Council

By Davis Councilmember Dan Carson

During my 2018 City Council race, the candidates were often asked what we thought were the most important issues facing the City of Davis. My main concerns were:

- Tackling our significant gap in city funding needed to preserve our high quality of life;
- Creating a true partnership with UC Davis to resolve tensions over campus growth;
- Providing the affordable housing we need for students, seniors, and families.

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My priority has been strengthening our finances and fixing our infrastructure. I initiated our first Subcommittee on Fiscal Sustainability and supported policies that significantly reduced our annual funding gap. I helped craft an \$84 million plan to fix streets and bike paths, and fought for funding to repair 100-year-old stormwater facilities. I co-authored the City's updated climate emergency declaration. I helped reach an agreement that mitigates UC Davis growth impacts while creating 6,200 student beds.

We've made significant progress, but there is more work to do on these important issues.

I ask your support for a second term as a City Councilmember. As a nearly 34-year resident of West Davis who raised three sons here with my wife Maureen, I wish to renew my commitment to work on behalf of District 1 and West Davis. However, I want to be of service to all residents in Davis. We are one community and problems don't stop at district lines.

I promise to continue to make council my exclusive full-time job. I will continue to put my MBA training, as well as 45 years' professional experience as an investigative reporter and then nonpartisan fiscal and policy analyst for the Legislature, to work on your behalf.

My City Council colleagues and local legislative leaders, including Congressman Mike Thompson, Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry and Senator Bill Dodd, have endorsed my reelection. Several leaders of the Davis Democratic Club are supporting my reelection effort, and I am very proud to have the official endorsement of Davis College Democrats. But we know our campaign cannot succeed without your help and support.

If you would like to support our reelection efforts, please go to my campaign website to sign up and volunteer for my campaign: [carson4council.com](http://carson4council.com). Please consider a donation of \$50, \$100, or \$150 per person (\$300 per couple). Please consider a formal endorsement, so we can add you to our list of supporters. Join our cadre of writers and explain why you support me. Please register to vote if you live in Davis, and please vote for me if you are a District 1 voter.

My priorities moving forward: Continue to strengthen the city's long-term financial sustainability in order to preserve our high quality of life in Davis; support economic development and new housing downtown; help our families and businesses navigate post-pandemic impacts; complete our climate action plan and accelerate our shift to 100% renewable power.

Please help us win the opportunity to continue to represent this amazing community.

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# Democratic News

## *A Program to Leverage the Political Impact of Your Support*

*By Rick Gonzales*

The DDC is initiating a novel program to **target** campaign funds toward **highly competitive federal elections** for the US Senate and for selected House seats in California.

As in past elections, the Club intends to contribute to a few carefully selected races for which our support might make a difference and, undoubtedly, you the Club's membership will also make individual contributions to many of these same campaigns. The basic idea of this new program is that by combining your individual donations with contributions from the Club toward such elections, we might **leverage our impact** upon the outcome of key elections. As a hypothetical example, imagine five members each wanting to donate \$200 to a particular Senate race. The DDC could then match those contributions with an additional \$1,000 thereby sending \$2,000 to a competitive race. The bottom line is that combining your individual donations with matching funds from the DDC will increase the total impact of our support.

Presently, there are at least seven closely contested campaigns to keep and **expand our Democratic majority** in the **Senate** and at least three opportunities to flip California Congressional seats from Republican to Democratic to **hold the House**. A committee will be charged with selecting those races which are most likely to benefit from the Club's support; we will fund neither landslides nor lost causes but rather those closely contested elections for which our support might make the critical difference.

**Time is of the essence!** Now is the time to make these contributions as many of our candidates are preparing for this November 8<sup>th</sup> Election. We will call some fifty DDC members to inquire if they are interested in participating, but all members are encouraged to do so. If **interested, call Rick Gonzales at 530 758-2331** or email to: [etgonzales@sbcglobal.net](mailto:etgonzales@sbcglobal.net). We will start calling members at the end of August. By September 10<sup>th</sup>, funding decisions will be made and announced by email to all DCC members. The decisions will also be published in the Newsletter following September 10<sup>th</sup>. In order to **participate, send a check** before September 7<sup>th</sup> with your donation payable to: Davis Democratic Club, PO Box 741, Davis, CA 95617. In the memo space of your check, list your preferred candidate to receive a contribution. While the committee will attempt to honor your desire by directing your donations toward your selected candidates, this cannot be guaranteed due both to Federal guidelines and the criteria that will be used to make such decisions. Thank you!

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## *Volunteer Opportunity* by Moises Diaz

Warm summer greetings, fellow Davis Dems!

With the 2022 Election Season soon to be upon us, two local grassroots groups are partnering in talking to voters here in Davis and West Sacramento.

Indivisible Yolo and Sister District – Yolo will be knocking on doors as part of a **pilot project to increase voter participation**. You may have already engaged in conversation with a volunteer at your doorstep by the time this newsletter gets to you.

'**Indivisible**' is a national network of activated constituents whose purpose is "to elect progressive leaders, rebuild our democracy, and defeat the Trump [right-wing] agenda." Conversely, **Sister District** is also a national body of dedicated people whose mission "activates the passion, creativity, and resources of volunteers to win elections and build progressive power in state legislatures."

Volunteers will be canvassing our local neighborhoods to engage in friendly and, hopefully, inspiring conversation with voters like you – interested, engaged, and informed. To help guide the conversation, there will be **four issues** to consider: Protecting Democracy; Climate Protection; Overturning Roe v. Wade; and Racial Justice. These are four topics that are on the tips of tongues of a lot of voters throughout the country, and certainly discussed here locally in Yolo County. To be clear, if voters wish to discuss another topic not mentioned, that too will be welcomed and explored.

The desired objective, as suggested above, is to **inspire you** and our neighbors **to participate** in our democracy through various action events. Events such as **sending texts, making phone calls, going door-to-door in "winnable" districts, and writing and sending postcards** to voters here in California, Arizona, and Nevada. If highly motivated, **day trips to Nevada and the CA Central Valley** will also be available.

Rather than waiting for someone to knock at your door, you are invited to contact me if you wish to volunteer in this outreach program:

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