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DAVIS DEMOCRATIC CLUB

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Ed Note. The Club has not endorsed candidates for nonpartisan offices appearing on the June ballot. However, as an informational service, the Newsletter is publishing campaign statements by the Democrats running for these offices. This Newsletter features statements from **Garth Lewis** (p.1), who is running for **Yolo County Superintendent of Schools** and **Tom Lopez**, who is running for **Yolo County Sheriff** (p.3)



Garth Lewis: I am a dedicated public school employee running for the office of **Yolo County Superintendent of Schools**. My 23 years of experience in K-12 public education, supported by my ability to galvanize stakeholders to support a vision of excellence and achievement in service of ALL children, make me the ideal candidate. As a formerly emancipated minor myself, I know the positive impact that a team of dedicated professionals and extended family members can have on the life-outcomes of a young person. Over the course of my journey as a student and in my professional career, I have drawn inspiration from teachers, counselors, and other mentors, to transform my passion of serving others into a career that focuses on ensuring that all children and youth have access to high quality educational programs.

The beneficiary of one the greatest educational institutions in the world, I earned my first post-secondary degree from a California community college (Merced, CA). I then went on to earn my bachelor's and master's degrees from CSU, Sacramento, where I also earned my, K-12 Administrative Services credential and Multiple Subjects teaching credential; which includes a Cross-cultural, Language, and Academic Development certification.

In my current role as the Assistant Superintendent with the Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE), I provide direct supervision and support for the following programs: College and Career Readiness, Alternative Education, and Curriculum & Instruction. In addition, I work in partnership with the Special Education, Administrative Services, and Early Childhood Education departments at YCOE as they collaborate with all five school districts within Yolo County.

Prior to beginning work at YCOE, I served as Principal at Harriett S. Lee Middle School and a central office administrator with the Woodland Joint Unified School District (WJUSD). Over the course of 11 amazing years with WJUSD, my greatest success was building meaningful relationships with students, staff, and families to deliver high quality, educational programs for all students.

In support of community development, I serve on the Yolo County Programs Benefitting Children work group, volunteer as an adult leader with the Zamora 4-H Club, participate on the advisory group for the Yolo County Library Yolo branch renovation, and work with the Building a Resilient Yolo multi-agency planning team. When the "great recession" threatened coaching stipends and transportation for athletic programs in WJUSD, I brought together community leaders and school personnel to launch an innovative solution to the budget short-fall; we called it "Country 4 Coaches." In the inaugural year of this country music concert, we raised over \$40,000.00 to preserve athletic programs for students in the district.

The core motivation of my work is to help Yolo County move toward an educational system in which a student's demographic data are not a predictor of their educational outcomes. As County Superintendent, I would dedicate focus and support in the following areas to realize this vision:

- Quality pre-school for all children
- Grade level reading by third grade
- Family engagement
- Cross-agency collaboration including government, education, community, and business partnerships
- Maintaining a fiscally responsible budget

Calendar of Events & Campaign Activities

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Tues., Apr. 3, 7:00-9:00 pm., Monthly Board Meeting, Blanchard Room, Davis Library. All DDC Members are eligible to attend. The Board conducts routine management and plans future events.

Sunday, 11:00-2:00 pm. (Late May to early June, time, place & program TBA) Champagne Brunch. We look forward to hosting a great political program in this important election year. This event invariably features an excellent buffet brunch and is your Club's major annual fundraiser making it crucial for supporting a successful election in 2018. Please plan on joining us for a thoroughly enjoyable gathering of friends.



The 2018 DDC Board

The Club held its biennial election of officers prior to the March Board Meeting. Club offices were filled as follows: Stephen Souza, President, Rick Gonzales, Vice President, Ameer Alsawaf, Treasurer, Richard Yamagata, Recording Secretary, Giles Giovinazzi, Corresponding Secretary, Elizabeth Oramas Diaz, Publicity Chair and Elly Fairclough, Membership Chair. Board Members are Jan Agee, Bob Bockwinkel, Tom Dowling, MRC Greenwood, Dillon Horton, Jim Provenza (*ex officio*), Bob Schelen (*ex officio*), Carl Schmid (Newsletter Editor) and Arun Sen.

The Club is well served by a talented group of dedicated volunteers. All Club Members are invited to attend the monthly Board Meetings and to become involved in advancing the Club's mission.

3X5 Cards No Longer! by Carl Schmid

Check out the updated Club website <www.davisdemocraticclub.org>. Recently, the Club has also greatly expanded its social media outreach on Facebook and Twitter. This progress is the result of a large group effort primarily led by Giles Giovinazzi and Elizabeth Oramas Diaz with help from Chris Meyers, Jan Agee, Bob Bockwinkel, Linda Dios and Carl Schmid.

These developments remind me of our dear friend and long time Club leader, the late Betty Weir, who for so many years slaved over organizing addresses on 3X5 index cards as a means to contact the Club's members. Betty would be thrilled with the progress that has been made.

Tom Lopez, Candidate for Yolo County Sheriff

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We expect integrity and honesty of ourselves, our friends and our children. Every community member and the women and men who dedicate their lives to the safety of others, should expect law enforcement leadership to be above reproach and beyond

ethical question.

Right now our reputation is battered, community trust is damaged, and the department doesn't reflect the values and commitment of our Deputies and staff. I'm dedicated to restoring trust, rebuilding community relationships, and ensuring that integrity and ethics are demonstrated at the highest levels of leadership.

I promise to: 1) through example, set the highest standards for integrity and professionalism; 2) proactively recruit and retain a workforce that more accurately reflects the diverse communities we serve; 3) respectfully listen and encourage collaboration; 4) regularly evaluate our service and incorporate feedback; and 5) continue our commitment to protect every family in our community.

Over 38 years, I've served in every division in the Yolo County Sheriff's Office, and held every rank. I have 25 years of command experience, including 11 years as the Yolo County Undersheriff and 10 years as a Volunteer Fire Chief.

Yolo County has an established commitment to ensure the safety and protection of every community member—an ethic I unequivocally commit to continuing. That alone, however, is not enough. Our Sheriff should be expected to set high standards for integrity, treat everyone with respect and set a level of professionalism that honors our community and our Deputies and staff.

We are no longer the Wild West. It's time for change and time for the Yolo County Sheriff's Office to become a progressive, contemporary law enforcement agency.

I would be honored to have your vote for Yolo County Sheriff.

TomLopez4Sheriff.com

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**Champagne Brunch
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