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Update by County Supervisor Jim Provenza



I am honored to have served for the past decade as your county supervisor in the Fourth District. During this time, I have worked hard to protect farmland and open space, promote open and transparent government, support economic development and, most importantly, fight for economic and political justice for every constituent.

Due to climate change, urban development, and other causes, the amount of land in the world, our nation, and California available for farming is rapidly declining. Much like the energy crisis in the late 20th century, food shortages are projected to increase exponentially over the next few decades.

Yolo County is the vanguard of the efforts around the state to preserve agriculture and promote modern farming. I introduced and helped enact one of the strongest AG land protection ordinances in the state. We have worked with the state to assure that its water projects are developed in a way that supports agriculture and have advocated for millions of dollars in grants to improve farming.

One complaint I have heard over the years is of a lack of transparency in land development. State law requires only that the residents closest to a project be notified in advance. Many local governments are content with complying with this very minimal requirement. Recently, Yolo County adopted a new policy that will require that all residents who might be directly or indirectly affected be given notice. We urge the City of Davis to do the same.

In order for our community to thrive, there must be good jobs close to home as well as affordable housing. The county has been working with our city and university partners to promote high tech and AG related business. We also enacted an ordinance that requires large development projects to utilize apprenticeship programs. This will give Yolo youth the opportunity to obtain high paying jobs in the building trades.

Yolo County has developed innovative programs to address homelessness and has recently entered an agreement with the university and the city to increase the supply of housing for students. Affordable housing is one of our greatest challenges as well one of our greatest opportunities. We will re-double our efforts over the next several years.

Yolo County is known for its commitment to economic and political justice. For example, we received a plea for help from low-income residents at a mobile home park in South Davis. Homes were frequently sold for a price that amounted to the resident's life savings, but title was not transferred to the resident. The homeowners were then evicted. I formed a task force of state and local representatives who were able to correct the problem, establish title for rightful owners and require that the former owner of the park pay over \$200,000 in restitution to the residents.

As your county supervisor, I am available to help constituents on issues, large or small. If you need help or simply wish to discuss the issues, please feel free to call me at 601-7843.

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Tues., Sept 3, 7:00-9:00 pm. Monthly Board Meeting, Blanchard Room in the Davis Library The Board conducts routine business and plans future events. All members are invited.

Sun. Oct. 13, 4:30-7:00 pm. Yolo County Democratic Party Bean Feed, Davis Senior Center. This annual event is the YCDP's principal fundraiser. In addition to the eponymous Beans, there is BBQ tri-tip and an excellent program featuring elected State and national Officials.

Sun., Dec 1, 4:00-6:00 pm. Davis Democratic Club Holiday Party at the John Natsoulas Gallery The Board provides a buffet dinner (but please bring your favorite dish to share with friends) complemented with holiday cheer and a political program featuring guest speakers and local elected officials.

Straw Poll at County Fair Show Dem's United

Club members hosted an unusually engaging Democratic booth at this year's Yolo County Fair in Woodland. Over 200 people stopped by to give us their input on Saturday when the Club staffed the booth on behalf of the Yolo County Democratic Party. Despite the heat, an estimated 800 people visited the booth during the five day fair. Using flags as an initial ice breaker, people were asked to participate in straw poles to vote for their favorite presidential candidate and to select their three top political concerns. (See page 3 for the straw ballot results.)

Yolo County voters appreciated being asked for their opinions. Interestingly, some would immediately vote for their preferred Presidential candidate whereas others would give their straw vote lengthy consideration. (It must also be admitted that more than one asked if they were really able to vote for President on that day!)

The overwhelming favorite issue was "Removing Trump from office." A common comment was that his removal would address the other problems. Other leading concerns were, climate change, health care, immigration reform and gun control (see p. 3). While children were not invited to vote for President, they did vote on the issues. Most tellingly, grammar school children would often step up and immediately select "gun-control" as their top concern.

With such energy already showing, most importantly a unity of vision to "Dump Trump" from Democrats (not just our core activists), we are set to make "Blue-Wave 2" happen in November 2020. And, its still 15 months out!

A special thanks to Yolo Central Committee member **David Griffin** and DDC Board Member **Alan Hirsch** for stepping in at the last moment to design this successful outreach approach. To see a version of this in action, stop by the Davis Farmers Market and introduce yourself to Alan at the Progressive-Democratic Unity table. He will give you a flag, a flier listing all of the different local political groups that you might join and even a keep sake lawn sign!

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YOLO COUNTY FAIR STRAW BALLOT RESULTS

PRESIDENT (742 votes)

Sanders 29%; Biden 17%; Warren 17%; Harris 16%;
Buttigieg 7%; Castro 4%; O'Rourke 4%; Yang 3%;
Gabbard 2%; Booker 1%; Klobuchar 1%

NATIONAL ISSUES (1,269 votes)

Removing Trump	33%	Gun Policy	13%
Environ./Climate Change	12%	Immigration Reform	10%
Health Care	10%	Domestic Terrorism	4%
Reproductive Rights	4%	Money Corrupting DC	3%
Wages Jobs Economy	3%	Supreme & Fed Court	3%
Me Too Movement	2%	Foreign Policy	2%
Energy Oil	1%	Ag Policy	0%
Foreign Terrorism	0%	Build the Wall	0%

In Remembrance: We mourn the recent loss of **Alice Pappagianis, a stalwart member of the DDC since 1967**, when she and husband, Demosthenes, moved to Davis. A nurse, Alice served during the Korean Conflict in a mobile army surgical hospital (MASH) unit and in an evacuation hospital, work for which she received numerous medals and commendations. Alice's war experiences fueled her decades of political activism through the DDC on behalf of progressive social causes and the environment. She considered informed voting to be a civic responsibility not to be taken lightly. Stylish and known for her fetching hats, Alice loved to garden and always enjoyed a good story and a laugh. Demo, we are deeply saddened by your loss.

In Remembrance: We regret the passing of of a very dear person and long-time Club Member **Gail Chapman**. As a volunteer during the 2008 Democratic campaign, Gail warmly welcomed visitors to the Davis campaign HQ office. Over a period of many years, she and her husband, Jack, attended and supported virtually every Club function. Gail especially loved children, and for many years, she volunteered in the children's room in the Davis Library. In fact, as a child herself growing up in another age in southern California, she had delightful memories of John Wayne letting the local children use his swimming pool. We extend our deepest sympathy to Jack and his family on their loss.

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