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## If Everyone Lit Just One Little Candle (or wrote a postcard)

With less than a month to go before the November election, the Club managed to combine business with pleasure. The Annual DDC Fall BBQ followed a volunteer work party at the Davis Democratic Campaign HQ Office. Volunteers wrote postcards, often in personal terms, to voters in targeted Congressional Districts within California in support of the Democratic candidates discussing issues such as affordable health care.

Following this work party, the 25 campaign volunteers in attendance enjoyed a picnic lunch of grilled sausages, salads and fruit. However, most continued to busily write cards during their lunch in the hope of winning yet one more vote.



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## **Calendar of Events & Campaign Activities**

**Tues Nov. 6, Election Watch Party,** exact time and place TBA. (It will probably start at about 8:30 to 9:00 pm and be held in the Odd Fellows Hall. Please check for the official announcement which will soon be made.)

Tues., Nov 13, 7:00-9:00 pm. Monthly Board Meeting, (NOTE,: This is the second Tuesday of the month due to the election on Nov. 6.) Davis Campaign HQ Office, 911 3rd St. (in the back). The Board conducts routine business and plans future events. All members are invited. The December 4 Board Meeting is scheduled for the usual first Tuesday of the month but the place is TBA.

**Sun., Dec. 1, 6:00-8:00 pm. Holiday Party, I-House.** Celebrate the Election results with friends and holiday cheer to begin a new and better year. The Board provides a buffet, but you are invited to share your favorite dish.



# What just happened? By Elly Fairclough

George Laikoff, the author of *Don't Think of an Elephant*, can explain. An updated edition, The *All New Don't Think of an Elephant!*, of his 2004 classic guide has been released.

According to Lakoff, the conservative gospel is based on the "family" view of a dominant, disciplinarian father ... whereas the progressive model is based on a nurturing protective, responsible parent. Once a child reaches adulthood, the disciplined, self-reliant child cannot expect protection. In other words in American society, if you can't protect yourself ... that's your problem, whether it is health, the economy, or anything else. Better to spend on the military to protect our "sovereignty" than on social programs for deadbeats. In this case with a sexual predator, don't expect government or anyone else to come to your aid. Trump is the 2.0 version of what was rolled out in California to elect Arnold Schwarzenegger governor. Billions have been spent to promote this world view and to put an unfit individual in the White House and now on the Supreme Court.

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## Tony Thurmond's Plan to Make California's Public Schools the Best in the Nation

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Ed. Note: The CDP has endorsed <u>Tony Thurmond for State Superintendent of Public Instruction</u>. Among other issues is his opposition to privatizing public education with for profit schools.



**Public schools saved my life**. In my life, education has been the great equalizer that allowed me to overcome humble beginnings. I want the same opportunities for all of California's kids.

I'm running for **Superintendent of Public Instruction** because I believe we must ensure that every California child gets the education

they need to realize their potential. We can't be satisfied with the status quo. There was a time when education in California was among the best in our nation. Now, by most accounts, <u>California ranks 46th</u> in the nation in per-pupil spending. My plan offers innovative solutions, backed up by real strategies, to take California back to the top.

My plan for making California's public schools #1 in the country includes:

- **Keeping our students safe** from gun violence in schools
- **Prioritizing funding** to provide schools and educators with the resources they need
- Leading the fight against Donald Trump and Betsy
   DeVos's efforts to privatize our public education system
- Transparency in public education funding
- Ensuring accountability for charter schools
- Creating a 21st Century curriculum focused on STEM education that will prepare our students for jobs of the future
- Supporting English learners and bilingual education
- Renewing our commitment to special education for students of all abilities
- Creating inclusive schools that protect LGBTQ students from bullying
- Empowering teachers to instill critical thinking and creativity in students, not just teach to the test
- Addressing the teacher shortage by removing barriers to entry and improving affordability to enter the profession
- Prioritizing early education and after-school programs to close the achievement gap
- Providing school-based physical and mental health care for all students, regardless of income or immigration status
- Making college and career pathways accessible and affordable for every type of student
- Keeping kids in school and out of the criminal justice system

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