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An Update to Davis Democrats, by State Senator Bill Dodd



Dear Davis Democrats,

Serving as your Assemblymember for the past two years was a true pleasure, and I am honored to serve you as your new State Senator. I want to thank my predecessor, Senator Lois Wolk, for her decades of dedication to public service at the state and local level.

We recently started our new legislative session in Sacramento, and I remain committed to working together to build a more vibrant, sustainable, and equitable state. My first bill, SB 33, aims to continue my work on consumer protections from the State Assembly. This bill takes aim at the recent Wells Fargo scandal, where millions of accounts were fraudulently opened by the bank without consent of their patrons, by eliminating the use of forced arbitration in cases where any organization has wrongfully used consumer information to commit fraud. These contracts prevent consumers from having their day in court to recover damages, and that is just unacceptable. Companies need to be held responsible for the damages they cause.

Another bill I have recently introduced is in response to the vitriolic election cycle we all experienced this last year. Fake and misleading news has become an epidemic in this country and we need all the tools we can to combat it. That is why I have introduced Senate Bill 135, which would introduce media literacy education into the state's curriculum. Education is the foundation of our society, and if we fail to teach our children to evaluate news and online content, then we threaten the stability of our democracy.

While the results of the presidential election shocked and appalled many of us, now is the time for all of us to be vigilant. The legislature is already preparing to protect the rights of Californians with Governor Brown's appointment of Xavier Becerra as Attorney General and the hiring of Eric Holder as an outside counsel. California will always stand to protect those who cannot protect themselves, and I am proud to serve with a fine group of legislators who recognize what the Trump administration will mean for our state.

I want to thank all of you for your grassroots advocacy. If you ever need any help or have an idea for potential legislation, please do not hesitate to call my District Office at (707) 454-3808. My door is always open, and I look forward to representing our beautiful district in our state's Capitol.

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Tues., Feb. 7, 7:00-9:00 pm. DDC Board Meeting. Regularly scheduled Board Meetings to organize Club activities. All members invited to attend at the Davis Library.

Sun., Feb 12, 5 pm Love Your Electeds Party. Meet and thank local elected leaders including our newly elected **Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry**. (This is potluck, so please share a favorite dish with friends). I-House, Davis. For information, contact Rick Gonzales at 758-2331.

Boy Scout Interviews Davis Council Member, Will Arnold by Michael Rios, student at Cesar Chavez Elementary School.



A couple weeks ago, I volunteered at the Interfaith Winter Rotating Shelter at St. James Church with my Boy Scout group, Den 5, Pack 132 in Davis. I served food to many homeless people and I learned it is important to help others.

I am a Boy Scout and one of my requirements was to interview a government leader on local issues like the homeless issue in Davis. I'm a fifth grader in Davis and I interviewed City Council member, Will Arnold. I asked him questions about his job as a City Council member and what they do to save money and what they do with the homeless issue in Davis. He also told me that they have goals to improve the community. One of their goals is to figure out how they can help homeless people. He talked about having mini-houses for homeless people for the cold winter weather in Davis. I think it is a good idea because it helps them not to get hyperthermia and freeze to death.

Then, I have noticed people holding signs asking for money or food when I go to the supermarket with my Dad. I asked Will Arnold if that person could be homeless. He said that it is possible that they can find a piece of cardboard and a pen or pencil or marker, and write a message.

Being a Boy Scout is important for me because it can help me learn things that I need to know when I'm in college.

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I never imagined us holding hands. (J. Comey, FBI)

But James, we have much in common. Just ask Hillary. (V. Putin, KGB)

Why am I getting even more upset by this election?

Dude, move in here with us.

*She better hurry. We want to build our own *@#% wall.*

Tiny hands. Mine are biggly.

by Carl Schmid

Record Turn-Out for AD4 E-Board Elections by Carl Schmid



Despite a heavy downpour or because rain kept local Democrats in town, the election of Assembly District 4 E-Board Representatives experienced an unprecedented turnout of over 800 voters at the Davis Library. Those elected as delegates essentially represent our community at regional and state Party meetings during the next two years. Normally, elections for Party functionaries draw much less participation but disappointment with the Party's (*National*) losses in 2016 spurred involvement. Many lined up outside in the rain for hours to cast their ballot! (An hour after the photo shown above had been taken, the line outside actually doubled back upon itself in length.)

Yolo County Democrat Chair Bob Schelen enthusiastically welcomed this extraordinary outpouring of interest and was quite explicit in saying that not only were selected delegates welcomed to join the County Party organization but really should do so if they wished to have a lasting impact on helping our Party move forward.

Obviously much of this turnout was attributable to "Bernie" supporters, who understandably wish to take the Party in new directions. Their willingness to become and remain a continuing part of the Democratic coalition becomes a challenge for all concerned. Hopefully, this election is a step in that process.

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