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Love your Electeds by Carl Schmid

Serving the public as an elected official is extremely demanding. The reward for this all-consuming effort is often angry criticism as, rightly or wrongly, they are held responsible for anything that goes wrong. Davis is exceptionally well served by excellent civic leaders, wonderful people, who while they occasionally disagree among themselves about the wisest choices, are committed to public service and Democratic values. The Club was again privileged to acknowledge their public service and express our appreciation at our annual Valentine Party, "Love your Electeds."

In addition to working for reelection in her newly redrawn Assembly District,



Mariko Yamada (above) supports Dave Jones's effort to have a statewide ballot referendum to empower the Insurance Commissioner to regulate health insurance in much the same way as auto insurance is regulated.

County Supervisor Don Saylor (below) gave an upbeat assessment of district reapportionment saying that our argument that Yolo is a "community of interest" was heard. Now, Mariko, Lois Wolk and Con-

gressman John Garamendi are each running in new but entirely defensible districts and Davis is "ground zero" in their efforts. Expressing his concern that our participation rate in the USDA supplemental nutrition program is poor; Yolo is 50th of California's 58 counties, Don observed that "Every dollar in this program goes directly to the local economy; they buy food from the local grocery store. We must make sure that people in this valley, the most fertile place in the world are not hungry."



Supervisor Jim Provenza (l.) introduced a Valentine theme of the Democratic Party caring for other people and the leadership of our President in respecting and serving all of the people. Building on this Valentine theme, he contrasted our need to respect and consider Republican arguments that government must be limited, efficient and effective while insisting on Democratic principles that government regulations, "a stop sign ... speed limits," are needed. "We only make progress when we work together."



Mayor Joe Krovoza (l.) spoke of a family passing and hospice care in the context of the social services that the Democratic party supports.



Steve Souza (l.) blended a poem, a song and a declaration of love for his wife Robin with a plea to support Measure C to support local schools.



Sue Greenwald (l.) described the "incredible experience of seeing every day the results of what we do" as council members. She continues to stress accountability describing her-

self as a "cheapskate living frugally" while concerned with social justice and social services.



Stacie & Lucas Frerichs

Lucas Frerichs (l.), a loyal Democrat, who recently announced his candidacy for City Council and his wife Stacie joined

the event. In the all-inclusive Valentine spirit, two amiable Republican candidates for Yolo County Superior Court, Judge Maguire and Mr. Parish (below), and their wives also attended the party. Thank them each for their willingness to subject themselves to candidacy and their greatly appreciated service.



Don Saylor, Dan Wolk, Herb Bauer, Judge Maguire, Mary Serra



Donna Provenza, Mrs. & Mrs. Clint Parish

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Calendar of Events

Tues., March 6, 7:00-9:00pm Club Elections/regular DDC Board business meeting. Nomination and election of Club officers will be held at a brief meeting immediately prior to the regular monthly Board Meeting. Club members and the public are welcome, Pres. Sen and Secretary Yamagata draft the agenda, Davis Library Meeting Room.

Fri., Feb. 24, 5:30-8:00 pm Mardi Gras themed reelection party for County Supervisor Jim Provenza. Hosted by Carrie and Jay Ziegler at their home, 3334 Grosbeak Ct., Davis Contact Leslie Hunter 530-792-1284 for suggested donation. (This is not a Club sponsored event and is announced here as a courtesy.)



by Carl Schmid

The DDC Board asks you to vote **Yes on C** to renew the existing parcel taxes, which have continuously supported excellence in the Davis Schools since 1985.

The local campaign to renew support for the Davis schools started in earnest with many of your friends and fellow Club members volunteering to walk precincts and phone potential voters. Davis is distinguished by its commitment quality education and recognizing that there is no free lunch, our community was the first in the State to pass a tax increase following the passage of Prop. 13. Correspondingly, our commitment has resulted one of

State's best school districts. Although this is neither a new tax nor a tax increase, renewal of this long standing support requires approval by two-thirds of those voting, a very high threshold, in this mail-only ballot. Do not miss this opportunity to protect the values of our community by providing children with the opportunity to succeed in life. For additional information or to help on Measure C, consult the website <yesforourstudents.org>.

Election for Club Offices on March 6

All Club offices are to be filled by election at the March 6 meeting (7:00 pm Davis Library). Current Club Members (those who paid dues in 2011 or prior to Feb. 7, 2012) are eligible to run for office and vote. If you wish to make a nomination or run for office, contact Bob Bockwinkel (219-1896). Nominations will be accepted from the floor prior to balloting. **Presently, there is no candidate running for the office of Treasurer.** Announced candidates are Arun Sen for President, Mike Syvanen for Vice President, Richard Yamagata for Recording Secretary, Tim Fenton for Publicity Chair, and Carl Schmid for Membership Chair.

GOOD NEWS UPDATE: The Yolo County Democratic Central Committee has jump started the 2012 election campaign by selecting the site for its Davis HQ at 2939 Spafford St., Suite 140. This office will serve as the focal point of a unified campaign for the entire Democratic ticket and will also be Congressman Garamendi's (see p. 3) district HQ. The grand opening of the HQ will soon be announced. However, if you wish to volunteer now, contact Andrew Kim <atrumankim@gmail.com>, 714-833-4627 Congressman Garamendi's district field director.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: Members are requested to renew their Club dues for Calendar Year 2012 (see P. 4 for the renewal form). Donations are greatly appreciated in this coming election year and the Club thanks the Donors for generously making this work possible.

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Why I am a Democrat by
JOHN GARAMENDI MEMBER OF CONGRESS

Looking back on it now, it's easy to see my policy views were forged at an early age. The values I was taught by my family and my community are the values of the Democratic Party.

As a kid, I was lucky enough to go to a good school. My education, complete with small class sizes and good teachers, helped prepare me for UC Berkeley, Harvard, and eventually the world. I was never priced out of an education because when I went to Cal, every qualified California student was guaranteed a free education. **I'm a Democrat because the Democratic Party believes in good schools and an affordable college education.**

My parents taught me the value of an honest day's work. They taught me that every American who works hard and plays by the rules deserves their slice of the American Dream. This means reasonable job security, a fair wage, good health coverage, and adequate workplace safety. **I'm a Democrat because the Democratic Party believes in creating pathways to the middle class for all Americans.**

When I was in college, President Lyndon B. Johnson, a Democrat, gave us Medicare. Less than a decade before I was born, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, also a Democrat, gave us Social Security. These are the two principal bedrock institutions making sure that our seniors can retire with dignity. **I'm a Democrat because the Democratic Party believes that Social Security and Medicare are sacred promises that must never be taken away from seniors.**

When I served in the Peace Corps, I saw unimaginable suffering. But with every child in school, every clean water system installed, every sustainable crop planted, I saw hope, opportunity, and progress. **I'm a Democrat because the Democratic Party believes human rights and an American hand extended in friendship are vital components of our foreign policy.**

I've seen many civil rights struggles in my lifetime: the Civil Rights Movement that spawned the Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights Act; the Women's Rights Movement that brought us closer to equal pay for equal work; the Disability Rights Movement that brought us the Americans with Disabilities Act; and the LGBTIQ Rights Movement that will one day soon bring us marriage equality. **I'm a Democrat because the Democratic Party has in my lifetime been the most aggressive party in ending discrimination.**

Throughout my years in public service, I have worked with policy-makers of all political affiliations. Although there are many notable exceptions, most of the leading advocates for good jobs in American manufacturing, vital investments in clean energy and transportation, and smart cost-saving investments in levees and water recycling have been Democrats. **I'm a Democrat because the Democratic Party believes that America's greatness is no accident and because the Democratic Party believes that America's greatness requires every generation to invest in the future.**

I am a Democrat because the Democratic party fights for the best of American values.



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**Club Elections
March 6**

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