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Thank you Candidates for Stepping Forward (Part 3: City Council)

To help them introduce their campaigns and you in making your choice, the January and February Newsletters featured statements by your Democratic candidates for the State Assembly and State Senate. *Yolo County, and Davis in particular, are fortunate to have outstanding public servants, who are willing to step forward and run for political office.* They deserve our appreciation and careful consideration for their willingness for taking on this challenge. As a continuing series, this Newsletter features statements by the **four candidates** for **three open Davis City Council seats: Matt Williams** (p.1, 3), **Will Arnold** (p. 2, 5), **Brett Lee** (p. 3) and **Lucas Frerichs** (p. 4) .

An additional candidate, **Mark Kroop** (p. 5), has recently entered the race for the State Assembly and his candidate statement is published here. (The **January** Newsletter previously featured statements by the other Democratic candidates running for Assembly: **Don Saylor, Dan Wolk and Cecilia Aguilar-Curry**. See <www.davisdemocraticclub.org> .)

Matt Williams:



My life as a Democrat started in 1960, when as one of 3 Democrats in a class of 83 Eighth Grade students in my suburban Philadelphia junior high school, I campaigned for John Kennedy. Now, 56 years later, I want to build on my Water Advisory Committee, Natural Resources Commission and Finance and Budget Commission experience, and contribute to the quality of life in Davis by serving on the Davis City Council.

If I am elected in June, I will be 75 days from my 69th birthday. Age 69 is way too late to start a political career, and as a result my campaign is not to be elected to political office, rather it is to become an elected public servant of the citizens and residents of Davis.

My 17 years living in the Davis community have been the best years of my life. The high quality of life that I have experienced in Davis has made me passionate about both Davis' present and its future.

I will Fight for Sustainability . . . Economic Sustainability, Quality of Life Sustainability, Energy Sustainability and Environmental Sustainability. As good as the quality of life in Davis has been, there are significant threats to that quality of life.

The cracks we all see each day in our streets are clear indications that we have not managed our finances prudently or responsibly. We have failed to do necessary maintenance to our bike paths, streets, sidewalks, park structures, pools, tennis courts, traffic signals, as well as our urban forest, playgrounds, irrigation systems, fire stations, and city buildings.

I am a voice for Fiscal Responsibility. Our annual City Budget has often been created with an "out of sight, out of mind" perspective. The level of our General Fund reserve has appeared to be robust, but that has been because the costs of maintenance/repair/replacement of our capital infrastructure were being accrued outside the boundaries of the formal budget document. We need to be honest with ourselves about those costs. The City of Davis needs to Pay Its Bills just like every individual Davis household does. We need to live within our means. We can't hide our deferred maintenance costs off the books. (*continued p.3*)

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Calendar of Events & Campaign Activities

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Sun., Feb. 14, 6:00-8:30 pm. Love Your Electeds. Valentine themed party with potluck and informal discussion with State County and local elected officials. I-House, Davis

Tues., March 1, 7:00-9:00 pm. General Membership Meeting: Election of DDC Board Meeting. All members are invited to nominate Board members and vote on their election (see procedure and candidates; p.5). The election will be immediately followed by a regularly scheduled Board Meeting. Blanchard Room, Davis Library.



Nicole and Will

Will Arnold:

Now, I had debated whether to bring this up, but we are among friends.

Running for office requires a lot of shaking hands. And when folks are faced with shaking my hand, especially for the first time, I get a range of responses. If I could tell everyone ahead

of time what to do, it would be: Just reach out your hand.

And after telling that story to a few folks, it's become an unofficial campaign theme. Just reach out your hand.

Davis is a great place, and people want to be here. They really do. They want to study here. They want to work here. They want to invest here. They want to walk here, run here, bike here, and yes, occasionally drive and park here. They want to plant roots, raise a family, and be part of a community. Here.

People want to be here. And that is itself a very good thing. Because people are our community's greatest asset.

More than our parks, or our schools, or our bike paths and greenbelts. More than our land or our buildings or our streets. More than our pipes or our wires or anything flowing through them. More even than the great university. It is people, who designed these things, built these things, whose

purpose they serve, and whose shoulders we stand upon. People are our community's greatest asset.

And, yet, people are too often seen as a challenge to overcome. People are reduced to numbers, and groups. They are reduced to good guys and bad guys, the right and wrong kind of people. They are the cause of traffic jams, litter, crime, pollution, and of course, they make it impossible to find parking.

But people are not a challenge to overcome. (continued p.5)

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Brett and Jasper

Brett Lee:

I am running for re-election to the Davis City Council.

I am a third-generation Davisite; my grandparents moved to Davis in the 1940's, and my mom graduated from Davis High and later graduated from UCD. I spent my summers as a kid living in Davis with my grandparents in the 1970's. I understand what it was like here many decades ago, and I have watched as our town has changed.

I graduated from UC Berkeley with an engineering degree and later attended the London School of Economics and received a degree in Industrial Relations.

I have lived and worked in variety of cities - Los Angeles, SF Bay Area, London, Seattle, Memphis, but I have chosen Davis as my home. I have a seven-year-old son, a two-year-old rescue dog, and we live in central Davis.

I became politically active in 2004 when I canvassed for Howard Dean in Arizona and later joined Yolo Beat Bush to organize volunteers to canvass in Nevada for John Kerry. Locally, I worked on the "No on X" campaign and canvassed for Lamar Heystek. I continued my volunteer work by working on the Harold Ford Campaign in Tennessee and later had the opportunity to canvass for Russ Feingold in Wisconsin.

I suppose being experienced, reasonable and responsible is not the snappiest of campaign slogans, but I believe it does capture who I have been on the city council, and I believe it captures what we need in our local elected leaders.

We need our roads to be maintained. We need to make sure we have the right number of police officers to keep our town safe. We need to have the basics of city government run smoothly and efficiently. These things are not exciting, but they are what keep our town running.

In addition, as we evaluate the many growth proposals before us, it is important to have someone who has lived in Davis for many years and understands what we have both lost and gained from the previous growth. It is important to have someone who is not afraid to say "no" to growth (as I did with my votes against the Cannery), but equally is not afraid to vote "yes" when I believe it is in the best interest of our community (as I did with my vote on the water project).

People will often say that they appreciate my service. They may not agree with all my votes, but they know that I try to be fair and thoughtful. They also appreciate my willingness to work with others and my ability to respectfully disagree while still being able to maintain working relationships.

As evidence of my ability to work with others, I am the only candidate for City Council that has been endorsed by the former Mayor Joe Krovoza, the current Mayor Dan Wolk, and the future mayor Robb Davis. I ask for your vote so that I may serve a second term. If you have questions or wish to join the campaign, please contact us, <www.Brett4davis.com>; 757-2242. Thank you!

Matt Williams (*cont'd from p.1*)

Hiding from our financial obligations doesn't work in our personal lives, and pretending it works in our city government is both foolish and wrong.

I am running for City Council because of my belief that *"If you are going to complain, you have to be willing to contribute."* I want to continue to contribute to Davis by being your elected public servant.

With your support and encouragement, I know we can sustain and enjoy the quality of life in Davis that we have all come to know and love.

If you have any questions or want to find out how to get involved, please visit www.matt4davis.com or call 530-297-6237. I am listening to you!



Lucas Frerichs:

I'm a life-long Democrat, and a proud member of the Davis Democratic Club!

I've had the opportunity to get to know many of you, working together to make our community stronger. You played an essential role in my first run for City Council; fighting for our shared values!

2016 is a milestone for Stacie and me— it marks 20 years of us giving of ourselves to make Davis a better place. Even after 20 years, we're more inspired to participate in the community-making process that makes Davis an amazing place to live.

Since 2012, I've been hard at work leading our city, by serving on a council that continues to be laser-focused on getting important work done! So much has been accomplished, yet there is more to be done,

which is why I've decided to seek re-election to the City Council.

In the past 4 years, our top goal was to get Davis' fiscal house in order.

We governed while the city shrank its employee workforce by 103 positions; we restructured employee contracts, cut programs, and adjusted our budgets accordingly. Our actions ensured that the city remained financially solvent.

We've had major accomplishments- investing in our future!

- Approving & building the \$225 million regional surface water project, focused on delivering a high quality future water supply for Davis, while coming in \$60 million under budget (completion-Sept 2016)

- Constructing the \$90 million total upgrade/replacement of Davis' 45-year-old wastewater treatment plant (completion- June 2017)

- Investing \$8 million into critical road & bike path repairs- East Covell, L St. Lake Blvd, 8th St, Lillard Ave (completed-Oct 2015) (L St/ Mace/ East 5th St- on tap in 2016)

- Fostering high-quality economic development: (DMG Mori factory~150 jobs) & Davis Roots incubator (6 startups & counting)

Serving on the City Council is a big job; one that I take quite seriously.

Working for you is extremely rewarding, which is why I ASK YOU for YOUR SUPPORT to allow me to continue working on behalf of our community.

Now, we're restoring some of the lost city programs & positions while preparing our city for the next "rainy day", so that we'll be prepared "when, not if", Davis faces similar circumstances some-time in the future.

Some of my priorities for Davis in the coming years are:

- Critical investments in infrastructure, including: roads, bike paths, broadband, parks & city facilities

- Continue sustainability efforts, including starting a Community Choice Energy (CCE) program- potential for greener & cheaper energy

- Reforming the late-night downtown party scene while enhancing our already vibrant downtown through additional arts/cultural opportunities

- Increase opportunities for affordable housing around town

Additionally, my leadership on numerous regional bodies, including Yolo Bus, Capitol Corridor JPA, Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), Yolo Habitat Conservancy, as well as my volunteerism with numerous local non-profits, including Yolo Basin Foundation & Yolo Brady Campaign, has well-prepared me to serve again on our City Council.

I'd be honored to have your support for re-election to the City Council.

Please visit: <lucasforcitycouncil.net> or call 530-219-6270.

Will Arnold (cont'd from p2) *They are our community's greatest asset.*

Just look around this room. (Ed. Note: this text is from Will Arnold's kick-off speech) We are joined tonight by young and old; rich and poor; black and white; gay and straight; Democrat, Republican, Independent and Green.

We have Chamber members and Union members; developers and progressives; townies and transplants; PhD's and GED's; a State Senator, and people who aren't yet registered to vote (don't worry, we'll get you signed up).

We have world-class athletes and those who can barely move a muscle; folks who never stay out past 10 p.m. and folks who clock in at that time; people who work to save our City budget, and people who work to save our lives should the call go out.

We are here together, and we are in this together. Just reach out your hand.

Our challenges are indeed real, but our neighbors are not among them. To find out more, please visit WillArnold.org.



Mark Kroop (N.B. Assembly candidate not City Council) We are essentially electing an individual to write and amend law. This is a large portion of what an Assemblyperson does.

I study the law and I interpret regulation. I write policy and procedures. This is the job I was trained to do.

You are right, an Assemblyperson's work is more. An Assemblyperson must know their constituents. An Assemblyperson must deliver on promise.

I have always maintained 3 key areas of focus: EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, ENVIRONMENT. This makes sense, my given name is ELMER!

Elmer means farming. I enter the 4th Assembly District race with one formidable client - OUR FARMERS. To them WATER is extremely important. Second are taxes. How can anyone manage a farm when taxes take away from the bottom line?

Next are businesses. I run a consulting company, which granted, doesn't manufacture or provide services; however, my clients do. I deliver product in the form of analysis, tests and results. I am quality assurance.

Healthcare is high on my list including affordable medicine. I am a volunteer physician.

Teaching-my daughter talks often of the incredible effort required.

Being poor: Yes, this is relative! The time I have spent in Brazil makes me extremely cognizant of unemployment, inability to pay, and strong efforts of those who cherish one important thought-God is my creator.

Hey, I am not one of the other career politicians. In fact, my timely filing of papers shows I did not go around a year ago and say, look out, I am applying for this job.

I am a regular guy with a diverse background who now plans on working for the people.

My wife and I have bought a small piece of land in Clearlake and along with our adopted daughter plan on being part of us all helping to do better and improve.

I am at www.markkroop.com

DDC BOARD ELECTIONS: The DDC will hold its regularly scheduled election of Board Officers **7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 1 in the Davis Library**. All Club Members, who were/are dues current in either 2015 or 2016 are **eligible to nominate candidates from the floor and to vote**. The following candidates have been nominated for the office indicated: Stephen Souza (President), Rick Gonzales (Vice President), Richard Yamagata (Recording Secretary), Ameer Alsawaf (Treasurer) Tim Fenton (Publicity Chair) and Elly Fairclough (Membership Chair). Additionally, members are invited to serve as Board Members.

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