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YES on H & Endorsement

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Calendar/HQ Opening



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ENDORSEMENT: The DDC

Board unanimously shares the enthusiasm of these two young campaign volunteers in recommending **YES on H.** The following article describes Measure H and compelling reasons that it deserves your support.

Measure H Preserves Key Programs for Davis Schools

by Barbara Archer, Trustee, Davis Board of Education (title for identification purposes only)

As Democrats, we all value public education. As California Democrats, we know that the state does not fund education like other large states. Many districts have turned to school parcel taxes as a way to close the state funding gap.

Davis citizens have prioritized school funding for many years starting with its first school parcel tax in 1984.

Measure H is a combination of two parcel taxes that home wners are currently paying (Measures C and E). Measure H is \$620 annually for an 8-year term. Due to a new law that changes how we can collect the tax, there is a slight increase from the C and E amount. The increase amounts to about \$7 per month.



Measure H funds core academic, co-curricular and extra curricular programs in addition to key student support positions. The Measure H team likes to say it does not fund "the icing." It funds "the cake."

Among the items Measure H funds are:

- * Over 100 teaching and staff positions
- * K-12 library services
- *Elementary science courses
- * Orchestra and band at elementary and junior high
- * Help for struggling students in reading and math
- * School counselors
- * Extra-curriculars, such as award-winning robotics, debate and journalism programs
- * All athletic coach stipends at junior high and high school
- * The ability to take two electives at junior high
- * Vice principal time at junior high

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Tues., Oct. 4, 7:00-9:00 pm. DDC Board Meeting. Regularly scheduled Board Meetings to organize Club activities. All members invited to attend. Blanchard Room, Davis Library.

Fri. Sept. 23, 5:00-7:00 pm DDC BBQ Party. Meet Guest of Honor Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Suite D, 720 Olive Dr. For information contact Rick at 758-2331.

Sun., Oct. 9, 4:00-8:00 pm. Yolo Democratic Party Bean Feed. Expect a great political program with delicious BBQ while supporting this important fundraiser for the upcoming election campaign. Veterans Memorial Hall, Davis.

Davis Campaign HQ Opened by Derek Pell



The kickoff reception for the Yolo United Campaign

(conveniently located near downtown Davis at 720 Olive Dr, Suite D) was a well-attended affair on Sat., Sept. 10th. The event was highlighted by speeches from local Democrats, including Congressman John Garamendi. All afternoon, the headquar-

ters was bustling with activity. Interns from the Garamendi campaign were busy calling voters, while Yolo for Hillary coordinator Juliet Crites was signing up local volunteers to phone bank for Hillary (Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, at the United Campaign HQ).

Lately, one of the bizarre prognostications from a Republican campaign surrogate was

that a Hillary victory will result in taco trucks on every corner. As it turns out, we Democrats love tacos, and so in support of our candidate, tacos were served for lunch (though all the taco trucks were booked)!

Bob Schelen, Chair of the Yolo County Democratic Party, initiated the speeches by introducing Congressman Garamendi, who spoke of the critical decision facing the country in the upcoming election. A common theme through the speeches was that this is the "most important election of our lifetime," an idea that many around the country agree with. Our state senator, Lois Wolk, was next on the list of speakers and she came equipped with a Donald Trump piñata which was donated for use at the 40th Annual Bean Feed BBQ 'n' Brew on October 9th (go to dinner.yolodems.org for tickets). (continued p. 3)

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A few years ago, the state changed the way it funded schools under its Local Control Funding Formula. High -need districts get

more money. Davis is a below-average funded district in this new environment. We need parcel tax revenue to preserve core programs that contribute to an excellent education in Davis public schools.

For years, Davis residents have made a community choice to preserve these core programs. Imagine all our libraries shuttered, the Brunelle Performing Arts stage empty and over 100 positions eliminated. We want to continue funding these programs for our students.

We believe that excellent schools not only benefit the families and students attending Davis schools now, but also, we believe that excellent schools are a key driver for home values in our community. In addition, a community with great schools and engaged students contributes to a safer and vibrant community.

Please continue Davis' long tradition of supporting an excellent public education. Support Measure H on Nov. 8.

See the Measure H website for how you can get involved in the campaign: www.yesforourstudents.org or like on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ yesforourstudents



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Assembly member Bill Dodd, running for Senator Wolk's seat against local democrat Mariko Yamada spoke next after being endorsed by the California Democratic Party. Former Assembly Member Yamada was also in attendance. Winters Mayor Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, who is running for the open assembly seat being vacated by Bill Dodd, took the time to in-

troduce herself to the crowd. Lastly, former California State Superintendent of Public Instruction and Davis resident Delaine Eastin gave a roaring speech in support of Measure H, citing the decline in funding and educational performance of California schools over the last part of the 20th century.

Among other attendees were Yolo County Supervisor Jim Provenza, Davis City Council member Lucas Frerichs, DJUSD Trustee and candidate Alan Fernandes, Los Rios Community College District Vice President Ruth Scribner, DDC President Stephen Souza, and board members Arun Sen an Bob Bockwinkel. Thank you to Angel Melchor and the Yolo United Campaign for putting together a fun event. We look forward to working for Hillary and all other Democrats during the upcoming election season.



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