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Davis and California Democratic Party Work for A Big Blue Wave

Eric C. Bauman, Chair CDP

We can feel it in our hearts -- this is truly the most important and consequential election in our lifetime.

We're fighting the cruelest, most corrupt, most ruthless and most powerful people imaginable.

They have kidnapped and imprisoned children. They've fought to take away healthcare from sick people. They've bled the poor and middle class dry.

But, we are fighting back harder, smarter, and more passionately than ever before! Concerned citizens everywhere have joined our grassroots activists, and together we are building a Big Blue Wave.

To Keep building that wave, the California Democratic Party has put together the most sophisticated and comprehensive campaign in our history. We are working with County Central Committees, such as Yolo, and Clubs, such as the Davis Democratic Club to see we get results in November.

Our Campaign includes efforts to:

- Hire organizers for our communities of color and to reach millennial and rural voters.
- Expand our digital advertising program to reach new and young voters.
- Target voter education programs to counter Republican voter suppression efforts and to protect the vote.

The CDP has had organizers on the ground in key battleground districts for more than a year. We are expanding our team of organizers every week as we get closer to Election Day. Let's be clear, we've made an unprecedented investment in community organizing around California to lay the groundwork for a huge victory on November 6th.

But we can only sustain this extraordinary 21st century grassroots program if folks like you support our efforts.

[Every dollar at the State, County, and local level goes to the grassroots organizing and community outreach and engagement that is so critical to building the Big Blue Wave.](#)

And we know your efforts for Congressman John Garamendi and other local Yolo leaders will not go unnoticed as you help throughout the State.

With Trump in the White House, this is truly the most critical election of our lifetimes. California Democrats are committed to winning the crucial seats we need to reclaim control of the Congress, and to double down on our Golden State's progressive agenda.

Please join us as we lead the fight to reclaim our country for ourselves, and most importantly, for our children and our grandchildren.

Democratically Yours,

(Ed. Note. Please see p. 2 for local events and ways that you can help make the Big Blue Wave happen.)



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Calendar of Events & Campaign Activities

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Tues., Sept. 4, 7:00-9:00 pm. Monthly Board Meeting, Davis Campaign HQ Office, 911 3rd St. (in the back). The Board conducts routine business and plans future events. All members are invited.

Sat., Sept. 8, 5:00 –7:00 pm. Grand Opening Davis Election Campaign HQ. Join the celebration!

Sun., Sept. 16, 4:30-8:00 pm, Bean Feed. Davis Senior Center. This annual event serves as both the official campaign kick-off and fundraiser for the November election. The Program will include presentations by National and California political leaders. The eponymous "beans" include BBQ tri-tip. Join your friends for some serious fun.

Here are the ways and events where you can come and help us Take Back Congress and make California and Yolo County Even Bluer!

Bob Schelen
Yolo County Democratic Party Chair

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President Davis Democratic Club

Blue Wave Coalition Rally and Campaign Training

Saturday August 25, 2018

Davis Senior Center
646 A Street

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Registration 12:30 pm

Opening

- Training Sessions 1:00 to 2:00 pm
- Training Sessions 2:00 to 3:00 pm
- Candidate's Faire 3:00 to 4:00 pm

Come for the entire afternoon or just a part, let's get ready to send a message this November.

Coalition Members include:

*Davis Democratic Club,
Yolo County Democratic Party, Indivisible Yolo,
West Yolo Democratic Club, Sister District (CD-04),
Berniecrats-Labor Alliance, Yolo Progressives,
Yolo County Democratic Coordinated Campaign,
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Yolo County Coordinated Campaign Democratic Headquarters GRAND OPENING

Saturday September 8, 2018

5 to 7 pm

911 Third Street Davis (in the back)

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Ed. Note: The following letter from Admiral McRaven is reprinted from the Washington Post.

Revoke My Security Clearance ,Too, Mr. President

By Admiral William H. McRaven

Dear Mr. President:

Former CIA director John Brennan, whose security clearance you **revoked** on Wednesday, is one of the finest public servants I have ever known. Few Americans have done more to protect this country than John. He is a man of unparalleled integrity, whose honesty and character have never been in question, except by those who don't know him.

Therefore, I would consider it an honor if you would revoke my security clearance as well, so I can add my name to the list of men and women who have spoken up against your presidency.

Like most Americans, I had hoped that when you became president, you would rise to the occasion and become the leader this great nation needs.

A good leader tries to embody the best qualities of his or her organization. A good leader sets the example for others to follow. A good leader always puts the welfare of others before himself or herself.

Your leadership, however, has shown little of these qualities. Through your actions, you have embarrassed us in the eyes of our children, humiliated us on the world stage and, worst of all, divided us as a nation.

If you think for a moment that your McCarthy-era tactics will suppress the voices of criticism, you are sadly mistaken. The criticism will continue until you become the leader we prayed you would be.

(William H. McRaven, a retired Navy admiral, was commander of the U.S. Joint Special Operations Command from 2011 to 2014. He oversaw the 2011 Navy SEAL raid in Pakistan that killed al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden.)

Ed. Note: The following article by former CIA Director John Brennan is reprinted from the Washington Post.

I will speak out until integrity returns to the White House

By **John Brennan**

My first visit to the Oval Office came in October 1990, when I was a 35-year-old CIA officer. Iraqi President Saddam Hussein had **invaded Kuwait** two months before, and President George H.W. Bush wanted to discuss the implications of a U.S.-led military coalition that would ultimately push the Iraqis out.

I remember the nervousness I felt when I entered that room and met a president of the United States for the first time. By the time the meeting ended, his intellectual curiosity, wisdom, affability and intense interest in finding the best policy course to protect and promote U.S. interests were abundantly evident.

Over the next quarter-century, I returned to the Oval Office several hundred times during the administrations of Presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama. The jitters that accompanied my first Oval Office visit dissipated over time, but the respect, awe and admiration I held for the office of the presidency and the incumbents never waned.

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John Brennan Speaks Out *(continued from p 3)*

The presidents I directly served were not perfect, and I didn't agree with all of their policy choices. But I never doubted that each treated their solemn responsibility to lead our nation with anything less than the seriousness, intellectual rigor and principles that it deserved. Many times, I heard them dismiss the political concerns of their advisers, saying, "I don't care about my politics, it's the right thing to do."

The esteem with which I held the presidency was dealt a serious blow when Donald Trump took office. Almost immediately, I began to see a startling aberration from the remarkable, though human, presidents I had served. Mr. Trump's lifelong preoccupation with aggrandizing himself seemed to intensify in office, and he quickly leveraged his 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. address and his Twitter handle to burnish his brand and misrepresent reality.

Presidents throughout the years have differed in their approaches to policy, based on political platforms, ideologies and individual beliefs. Mr. Trump, however, has shown highly abnormal behavior by lying routinely to the American people without compunction, intentionally fueling divisions in our country and actively working to degrade the imperfect but critical institutions that serve us.

Although appalling, those actions shouldn't be surprising. As was the case throughout his business and entertainment careers, Mr. Trump charts his every move according to a calculus of how it will personally help or hurt him. His strategy is to undercut real, potential and perceived opponents; his focus is to win at all costs, irrespective of truth, ethics, decency and — many would argue — the law. His disparagement of institutions is designed to short-circuit legitimate law enforcement investigations, intelligence assessments and media challenges that threaten his interests. His fear of the special counsel's work is especially palpable, as is his growing interest in destroying its mandate.

For more than three decades, I observed and analyzed the traits and tactics of corrupt, incompetent and narcissistic foreign officials who did whatever they thought was necessary to retain power. Exploiting the fears and concerns of their citizenry, these demagogues routinely relied on lies, deceit and suppression of political opposition to cast themselves as populist heroes and to mask self-serving priorities. By gaining control of intelligence and security services, stifling the independence of the judiciary and discrediting a free press, these authoritarian rulers followed a time-tested recipe for how to inhibit democracy's development, retard individual freedoms and liberties, and reserve the spoils of corrupt governance for themselves and their ilk. It never dawned on me that we could face such a development in the United States.

On the international front, Mr. Trump pursues policies that are rooted in uninformed campaign promises, a determination to upend actions of his predecessors and an aversion to multilateral engagements. His ad hoc and frequently impulsive approach to national security is short-sighted and dangerous, as allies and partners are left uncertain about U.S. strategy and objectives.

The impact of the Trump presidency will be felt for many years to come. Most worrisome is that his use of falsehoods, his mean-spirited and malicious behavior, and his self-absorption will be emulated by many young Americans — indeed, young people globally — who look to the president of the United States as a role model.

The damage also will be felt by the millions of Americans who believe in Mr. Trump because of their concern about being left behind in a rapidly changing globalized world. These Americans have a legitimate gripe that politicians and political parties of all stripes have failed to deliver on the promise that America is the land of opportunity for all, irrespective of race, creed or place of residence. At a time when deep-seated fears of socioeconomic and cultural change need to be addressed honestly and without prejudice, Mr. Trump grandstands like a snake-oil salesman, squandering his formidable charisma and communication skills in favor of ego, selfishness and false promises.

Many have condemned my public criticism of Mr. Trump, arguing that as a former CIA director, I should bite my tongue. My criticisms, however, are not political; I have never been and will never be a partisan. I speak out for the simple reason that Mr. Trump is failing to live up to the standards that we should all expect of a president.

As someone who had the rare privilege of directly serving four presidents, I will continue to speak out loudly and critically until integrity, decency, wisdom — and maybe even some humility — return to the White House.

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You will be interested to know that many of the activities reported in this Newsletter issue are directly supported by your dues and donations to the DDC. Among other worthwhile causes, the DDC making use of your contributions has provided support to the *Davis Democratic election campaign HQ Office* (see p.2), to Democratic election campaigns in *competitive California congressional districts* (see p. 1 & 2), the YCDP public outreach *booth at the County Fair* (see below) and “seed money” for the annual *Bean Feed* (see below).

Your funds are greatly appreciated and, we hope that you will agree, are being used to make a positive difference.

Yolo Democrats at the Fair

DDC volunteers enjoyed performing public outreach at the County Fair . They report distributing hundreds of flyers advertising the Aug. 25 Blue Wave Rally (see p.2) and other voter information. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GOOD WORK!



Events and Volunteer Opportunities (continued from p. 2)

Yolo County Democratic Party Bean Feed and Tri-Tip BBQ

Sunday September 16, 2018
 4:30 to 8:00 pm

Help Fund Efforts to
 Take Back the House
 Keep Families Together
 Elect Local Democrats
 Individual Ticket \$30/Families \$50
 Sponsorships Available

We need your help at these events and at the headquarters!

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