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Campaign Roundup: As the most consequential election of our lives draws near, under extraordinary circumstances that redefine political activity, people want to know **how they might help**. Bob Schelen (see below), Linda Dios (p.2) and Marie Bockwinkel (p.5) **each report local volunteer opportunities**. Of particular importance, the YCDP (see below) has opened an **election HQ Office in Davis (617 G St.)** to coordinate our campaign activities making this your go-to-place. Volunteer opportunities in the **Biden and State party campaigns** are listed on page 4. Knowing that a check always helps, **Steve Souza (p.2) reports the Club's campaign contributions**. Bob Schelen and Bill Julian (p.3) present a special request on behalf of the California Democratic Party for you to participate in the **Trail Raiser program**. The State Party does unseen and largely under appreciated but absolutely vital campaign work. We hope this Newsletter helps you become engaged in this important election.

Campaigning During a Pandemic by Bob Schelen, Chair YCDP

You hear it almost every election year. "*This is the most important election of our life.*" I don't have to tell you, this one actually is! And, this crucial election is taking place during the most extensive public health crisis in over 100 years!

Certainly, we will campaign this year, but we must do things a bit differently. We are determined to get our message out, work hard and elect Joe Biden to the White House. We will also work to keep the Democratic House Majority, to move the U.S. Senate into the Democratic column and keep the Democratic super majorities in our State Legislature. Finally, we will be working to elect our locally endorsed candidates.

How will we accomplish this under these challenging circumstances? We will need your help, and there will be many ways to help even if we cannot, as usual, canvass from door to door:

- We now have a small **headquarters at 617 G St. Suite A1**. In the HQ, we will be wearing masks, social distancing and following all other state and county guidelines. The HQ will keep regular business hours after Labor Day and provide **voter information** on campaigns and ballot measures.
- **Biden-Harris lawn signs** are available at the HQ. However presently, you will need to call 530-564-2400 to schedule up a time for pick up or delivery with our Executive Director Lily Starling.
- We will also be **phone banking**. We will have a system in which you will be able to participate in our phoning program **from your home**. We are working with the California Democratic Party and various campaigns on this program. We will be calling into targeted states, targeted campaigns as well as developing a phone program for our local candidates from Representative Garamendi on down the ballot. Again to **participate in this program**, please **contact Lily Starling at 530-564-2400**.
- We have developed a **letter writing program** headed by Bob Bockwinkel (p. 5). Bob personally delivers all-inclusive packets (address lists, stamp envelopes, stationary and a sample script to the participants). Letters have been targeted at competitive campaigns throughout the Nation. Alternatively, you will be able to pick up these packets at the HQ. If you can participate in this program, please give **Bob** a call at **530-219-1896**.
- We will be having virtual rallies throughout the Fall. Keep your eyes peeled for details.
(Ed. Note. For updates, check the Calendar page on the website <www.davisdemocraticclub.org>.)

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Report by DDC President, Stephen Souza

Although we have not been able to meet since our last event, *Love Your Electeds* in February, your Board of Directors has been hard at work helping the Democratic Party as we are able. We have been meeting virtually via Zoom for our monthly Board meetings. All DDC members are invited to join our Board Meetings. Just send me an email (sasouza@sbcglobal.net) requesting to do so, and I will then send you a link to join in.

Previously, the DDC donated \$500 each to United States Senate candidates **Mark Kelly of Arizona** and Gov. **Steve Bullock of Montana**. In addition, the Club contributed \$1000 to a special program, “**Trail Raiser,**” of the **California Democratic Party** (see p. 3). This State party program (see July Newsletter) targets competitive races in California and also assists Democratic campaigns in the neighboring battleground states of **Nevada** and **Arizona**. The DDC has an additional \$10,000 available to donate, and I have been authorized by the Board to spend it as follows:

- \$2,000 to the **Biden Campaign**,
- \$2,000 to the **Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee**,
- \$2,000 to the **Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee**,
- \$2,000 for sponsoring fundraisers (such as the VERBS) and funding the Club’s ongoing **letter writing campaign** (see p. 5, for an update) to be allocated at the Chair’s discretion,
- \$2,000 to the **Yolo County Democratic Party**. The YCDP provides organization and multiple volunteer activities both within Yolo and as outreach to other districts. (**Biden lawn signs are now available at the YCDP campaign HQ Office, 617 G Street, Davis**)

Hope you all are well and safe. Looking forward to when we can gather together and enjoy each other’s company.

You can make a difference by Linda Deos

These last four years have been a political and social whirlwind. For me, the best thing that has come of this is the rise of volunteer engagement in local and national politics. Since 2016 hundreds of all volunteer groups have formed around the country working to flip Congressional districts red to blue. Here in Yolo County, **Indivisible Yolo** and **Sister District-CA3** are two such groups that came together to reclaim our democracy.

The month after the Women’s March in 2017, over 500 people gathered in Davis to learn more about Indivisible Yolo. Since then, volunteers have met regularly to hold our state and national representatives accountable on issues such as immigration, asylum seekers, and criminal justice reform.

The focus for **Sister District-CA3** is to **turn states blue** by winning state legislative elections. Volunteers canvass, phonebank, write postcards, text-bank, and fundraise for candidates. Since 2016, they have raised over \$1.65 million in small-dollar donations and reached over 1.5 million voters via phones, doors, postcards, and texts. Sister District-CA3, specifically, has worked on races in **Virginia and Arizona**. (continued p. 5)

TRAIL RAISERS by Bill Julian and Bob Schelen

Friends and colleagues –

The California Democratic Party (CADEM) has established a person-to-person fundraising program to support the Fall 2020 political campaign, the most consequential campaign of our lifetimes. The goal is for the **Trail Raisers** to raise \$2 million (out of a total campaign budget of \$12 million) to support CADEM's efforts to elect Democrats in California and to assist Democratic campaigns in the battleground states of Arizona and Nevada.

Rusty Hicks (State Party Chair) has reached out to us personally to raise \$10,000 among our friends in Yolo County. We have told the CADEM that this should be a group effort by Democrats in Yolo County.

We have personally donated \$1000 to the effort. We asked the Davis Democratic Club to donate \$1000 toward the group effort, which the Executive Board graciously did in July. We asked the Yolo County Democratic Central Committee for the same amount; they also graciously donated.

We are now asking each of you to donate what you can. You can donate at this link:

https://act.cadem.org/vtHloK_Zt0WatzON7hw4zQ2

Making a personal donation to the CADEM is a statement about what kind of party we want: responsive, independent of corporate control, participatory. As activists we have all shown a high level of commitment of time and energy to do the work of politics. As donors we all help to support the structures (training, coordination, direction, logistical support) that enable us to focus and be impactful as we do the work.

CADEM is the most effective state Democratic Party in the country. We hold all statewide elective offices; we have two-thirds majorities in both houses of the state legislature and 85% of the Congressional seats, without resort to political gerrymandering like the Republicans in states that they control. Trail Raisers is a way to show support for the continued effectiveness of our Party in California.

We are the Democratic Party. It belongs to you and all of us.

Again, we are asking each of you to donate what you can. You can donate at this link:

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Thank you for all that you do. And thank you for making this extra effort.

CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY Volunteer Opportunities

We're just over 60 days out from election day, and we need all the help that we can receive. Here are other ways to get involved provided by the California Democratic Party. (CDP).

The CDP is hosting Swing State Sundays where folks from across the state will get together virtually and call voters in competitive states for the Presidential and U.S. Senate campaigns. For more information and to sign up, please visit: <https://www.mobilize.us/cadems/event/303583/>

CDP is also hosting virtual phone banks on Thursdays to support Propositions 15 (the Schools and Communities First Initiative) and Prop 16 (reversing the ban on affirmative action). For more information and sign up, please visit: <https://www.mobilize.us/cadems/event/303597/>

(from Joe Armenra, Area Director CDP, Campaign Coordinator)

Joe Biden Campaign Volunteer Opportunities

Other ways to help Joe and Kamala. Two very effective ways to do that are calling and texting. Here are five ways to get started in helping the Biden-Harris campaign

Call Crew Training: <https://www.mobilize.us/2020victory/event/296312/>

Text Crew Training: <https://www.mobilize.us/2020victory/event/293967/>

Check out the Joe Biden website at: <https://joebiden.com/>

Sign up to volunteer: <https://joebiden.com/take-action/>

Join us at Joe Biden for California facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/joeforca/> for more!

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Update on the Letter Writing Campaign

by Marie Bockwinkel

More than **50 Davis Democratic Club members** and friends have participated in the Club's letterwriting campaign to targeted races. Currently, we are hand writing get-out-the-vote letters for Democrat **Phil Arballo in the 22nd Congressional District** against Republican incumbent Devin Nunes, for Democrat **Brynne Kennedy in the 4th Congressional District** running against Republican incumbent Tom McClintock, and for Democratic incumbent **Josh Harder in the Congressional District 10** against Republican Ted D. Howze. We now have an additional 1000 voter names to be sent letters. (To date, nearly 2,500 letters have been written.)

New letter writers include Calvin Hardy, Bob Marr, Dan Gonzales, Pam Nieberg, Mary McCaffery, Sherill Futrell, Rita Martin, Wilson Hong, John Mott-Smith, Joan Sallee, Ameer Alsawaf, Andre Ashford, Rick Gonzales, Giles Giovinazzi, Robin Kulakow, Bill Julian, Jolynn Shoemaker, Vinita Domier, Andrew Newman, George Bruening, Julia Whitmer and Susan Von Geldern.

You can **make a difference** by doing this work in the **safety and leisure** of your own home. The possibilities are open ended and limited only by the number of volunteers. *We need your help!* If you wish to participate or have any questions, contact Bob Bockwinkel at **530-219-1896** or at email <bbockwinkellrn@gmail.com>.

Making a Difference. (continued from p. 2)

For the 2020 election cycle Indivisible Yolo and Sister District have joined forces to focus on state races in Arizona and getting Biden-Harris elected in November.

They are holding **virtual phone banks on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and every weekend.** Volunteers are also continuing the **postcard campaign.** Until Covid-19 took over our world, volunteers traveled to Arizona to register voters and work on local races.

The best way to learn how you can be part of their efforts is to **visit their respective Facebook pages and/or visit their websites.** You can also sign up for email alerts.

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