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Thank you Candidate for Stepping Forward (Part 4: Yolo County Supervisor)

To help them introduce their campaigns and you in making your choice, the January-March Newsletters featured statements by your Democratic candidates for State and City public offices. *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 to take on these challenges. Continuing this series, this Newsletter feature a statement by **Yolo County Supervisor Jim Provenza**. While unopposed for reelection, Jim nonetheless asks that you consider his stand on the issues and asks for your support.



Jim Provenza: I am honored to have served as a Yolo County Supervisor for the fourth district for the past 8 years. I am now seeking your support in seeking election to a third term.

As County Supervisor, my highest priority has been to address the needs of my constituents and the interests of Yolo County. I currently serve as Chair of the Board of Supervisors, Chair of Yolo First 5, Chair of the Children’s Alliance, chair of the Yolo Aging Commission, chair of the Yolo Conservancy, Chair of the Delta Conservancy and on numerous committees that address the needs of our county.

I have worked hard to maintain a strong county budget, including substantial rainy day reserves while promoting both public safety and vital services for children, seniors and others who need our help.

I am involved in a multi-year project to change the way we deliver social services. Instead of requiring travel to distant offices for each service, we plan to offer wrap-around assistance at local service centers. Put simply, a person approaching the county for help with one issue, say mental health, will be offered assistance in all areas of need; perhaps job training, education or drug treatment-after a single assessment. Similar programs in other states have proven to be a cost effective way to better serve the community.

One of Yolo County’s challenges has been to maintain our strong agricultural economy. I am working with farmers, landowners, and the state and federal government to assure that the state’s water and conservation projects are carried out in a fashion that is complimentary to the preservation of agricultural land and our farm economy. I was also instrumental in the enactment of Yolo County’s model farmland protection ordinance.

In recent years, the state has shifted the supervision of many non-violent felons from the state prison system to counties. I helped to establish a day reporting center so that offenders may be supervised in the community while receiving job training, drug and mental health treatment, anger management, and other services necessary to transition back into the community. At the same time, I have supported the Sheriff’s efforts to assure that the offenders are closely monitored while in the community. Early analysis demonstrates that offenders placed in the program have a very low rate of recidivism.

One of my most important projects has been to assure that our aging population has access to the programs and services they need in order to remain independent. I helped to establish and now chair the Healthy Aging Alliance, a nonprofit organization that advocates for the needs of seniors and provides a forum for collaboration on the many issues we will face as the proportion of seniors in Yolo County drastically increases in coming years. I also fought to keep the Adult Day Health Care Center open when funding was threatened and am now working to expand the program.

With your help, I am looking forward to continuing my work on behalf of the residents of Yolo County.

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Sun., June 12 (tentative date; place TBA), 11:00-2:00pm Champagne Brunch. Mark your calendar. Since this is an election year, expect an exciting program. This annual event will feature one or more outstanding state leaders in addition to presentations by local city, state and county officials. The Brunch features a buffet provided by the Board, but if you are so inclined, please share a favorite dish with friends.

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

DDC Board Members Elected for 2016/2017

The DDC held regularly scheduled elections according to its bylaws. The current Board membership, which is listed on the left panel, is a congenial effective group. As a Club member, you are also invited to participate; please, attend the next meeting to check it out.



The 2016 Election Campaign:

Your \$upport is Needed

Your Club is a major supporter of the Yolo Democratic Party and through this support, **your dues underwrite essential political action.** Examples include renting and funding a Davis election campaign HQ office that marshals volunteers, more specifically student volunteers, for precinct walking and phone banking, not just in Davis, but throughout our greater northern California region, including outreach to other congressional districts and even other states. This organizational support enables the local party to effectively draw upon the energy of Davis's student population essentially leveraging the value of your Club dues. To ensure that your Club dues have the maximum possible impact, please renew your Club dues now, prior to the upcoming **2016 election** campaign.



A number of Davis and Yolo County Democrats joined Congressman John Garamendi at his Sonoma County Crab Feed Fundraiser on February 19 in Fairfield.

Seen here with Congressman Garamendi are (l to r) Yolo County Superintendent of Schools Jesse Ortiz, Garamendi, Yolo United for Hillary campaign co-chair, M.R.C. Greenwood and DDC Publicity Chair, Tim Fenton.

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Guests of honor at the annual **“Love your Electeds Party”** included County Supervisors **Jim Provenza** and **Don Saylor**, City Council member **Lucas Frerichs** and Mayor **Dan Wolk** and former Assemblymember and current State Senate candidate **Mariko Yamada**. Their reports of civic plans and financing were extremely upbeat in juxtaposition to stringent budgetary conditions of the previous years: Lucas described the future as being “very bright” as the City is restoring its cash reserves while undertaking a number of delayed infrastructure projects. Jim also noted that the County is building its reserves while restoring social programs that had been severely cut. The general theme by all of the speakers in what can best be described as happy times was “cautiously optimistic” as we sort through some “big choices”.

In addition to serious policy discussion, the event featured a delicious buffet along with a very relaxed program including poetry by Steve Souza



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