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# DAVIS DEMOCRATIC CLUB

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## Reflections on the Election by Bob Schelen, Chair YCDP



*Bob Schelen and Rep. John Garamendi Election Night*

I started this article many times as there are so many things to say about Tuesday, November 8, and, perhaps in time, I will share those additional thoughts with you as well. More immediately, there are already analyses and recriminations about "blame" and "how could we be so wrong." Such criticisms began on Tuesday night and continue now without the benefit of careful consideration of the many circumstances that brought us here. Many criticisms contain elements of truth but are not the whole story. I will share my ideas later, not for the purpose of recrimination and blame but rather to learn how we can best work in the future to elect those leaders who will bring our values to public policy. When we have lost and are most vulnerable, we must reor-

ganize and redouble our efforts to advance our beliefs.

While we must have the orderly transfer of power that has made us unique among nations, I am concerned about "normalizing" this election by pretending that the President-elect did not appeal to our worst instincts by campaigning in a repellant, demagogic way. I am concerned that he appointed the Breitbart Editor Steve Bannon as a chief campaign aid, that he was even supported by groups like the KKK and that he has done nothing to repudiate the darkness, racism and xenophobia that permeated his campaign. I am concerned that brazen attacks in his name are happening to American citizens. Many naively believe his "drain the swamp" rhetoric. However, the man that campaigned on the evils of lobbying has appointed lobbyists and family members to his transition team and floated them as part of his administration, along with likes of Giuliani, Gingrich and Christie.

Evidently, these and other concerns are widely shared. The Yolo County Democratic Party has been getting numerous calls and emails from new, anxious volunteers who wish to ensure that the progress we have made, will continue. So, please, after your hurt subsides and you are able to reflect on these events, channel your energy and outrage by working to unite as "one people fighting for justice for all."

There is good news: We stopped the Republican "Red Tide" at the California border. The California bear roared and was deep blue. We have an excellent new United States Senator whose background and life's work reflects the diversity of California. Apparently, we have established Democratic supermajorities in both houses of the Legislature. Over the years, we have steadily increased Representative Garamendi's margin of victory, which now approaches twenty points! We provided needed ground help, literature and funding to pass 23 of our 30 ballot and candidate endorsements. We had an excellent united coordinated campaign populated by volunteers and interns bringing new people into our local Democratic efforts. A huge thank you to YCDP and DDC board Member Angel Melchor and his top assistants Patrick Curzon and Saira Delgado for coordinating efforts that enabled us to walk and call into targeted states for Hillary Clinton and to other counties for Congressman Garamendi while still covering Yolo County for our local candidates, including especially those for the State Senate and Assembly.

A big thank you to all our partners in the 2016 Yolo Democratic United Coordinated Campaign and a huge **THANK YOU** to our invaluable partner in these efforts, the **Davis Democratic Club** (see p. 2 "Making a Difference), which as usual, was our largest financial partner (see p. 2; **Making a Difference**) in these efforts throughout Yolo County, California, and the nation.

I end this treatise with two guiding sentiments, which I recently heard:

*"I'm not giving up and neither should you."*

*"We are still here."*

# Democratic News

## Calendar of Events & Campaign Activities

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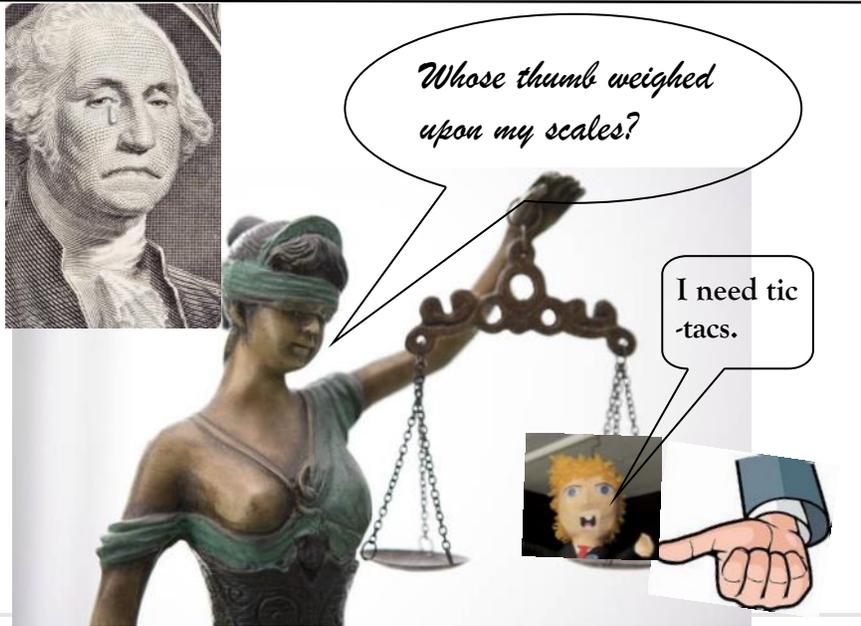
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Luba Schmid

**Tues., Dec. 5, 7:00-9:00 pm. DDC Board Meeting.** Regularly scheduled Board Meetings to organize Club activities. All members invited to attend at Steve Souza's house, 2424 Rodin Pl. **Tues. Jan. 5,** Davis Library.

**Sun., Dec. 4, 5:00 pm. DDC Holiday Party.** Join in celebrating a great election year with friends, holiday cheer and a delicious Potluck., I-House, Davis. For information contact Rick Gonzales at 758-2331.

### Remembering the 2016 Election



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### *Keep Making a Difference: Renew Your Membership*

Club members are simply sickened by the results of the national election; those results cannot and should not be sugar coated. However, as Bob Schelen reports (see p.1), the results in California are very different and in Yolo County the results are excellent. Your Davis Democratic Club contributed to that success by providing essential \$upport, structure, contacts and outreach, resources which starting on day one helped the YCDP wage an effective campaign. We elected outstanding federal, state and local candidates and continued to support our schools . Additionally, your DDC contributions helped to send volunteers to Nevada and provide crucial assistance in other California Districts.

There is a reason that the results in California are so different than the national results: You are one part of that difference and **renewing your DDC membership for 2017 is one easy way for you to maintain that difference.** Please send in your renewal to make a Happier New Year.

*Democrats Campaigning at Farmers Market*



The local Democratic campaign was doubly represented during the entire election season at the Davis Farmers Market with one table for the Hillary Campaign and another for the unified Yolo County Democratic Campaign. Largely through his own efforts, Chris Allen staffed the table for the Yolo Democratic Party campaign arriving at 6:00 am to secure the best spot and not leaving until after 1:00 pm. As a side point, **Club members owe a special debt of gratitude to Chris** for updating our photo album on the website. (Picasso shut down its website; our 2016 photos are now on Flickr).



**Check out the new Flickr photo link on <[www.davisdemocraticclub.org](http://www.davisdemocraticclub.org)>**. Regulars at the Hillary table included Allen Hirsch, Shelly Bailes, Ellen Pontoc and Dillon Horton . Thank you good Democrats.

*(top l. to bottom r.) "Mini-Donald," Chris Allen, Shelly Bailes, Ellen Pontac and Allen Hirsch at Farmers Market*

***California State Senate President Pro-Tem Kevin DeLeon and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon issued the following statement on the results of the Presidential election:***

"Today, we wake up feeling like strangers in a foreign land because yesterday Americans expressed their views on a pluralistic and democratic society that are clearly inconsistent with the values of the people of California.

We have never been more proud to be Californians. By a margin in the millions, Californians overwhelmingly rejected politics fueled by resentment, bigotry, and misogyny. The largest state of the Union and the strongest driver of the nation's economy has shown it has its surest conscience as well. California is -- and must --always be a refuge of justice and opportunity for people of all walks, talks, ages, and aspirations -- regardless of how you look, where you live, what language you speak, or who you love.

California has long set an example for other states to follow. And, California will defend its people and our progress. We are not going to allow one election to reverse generations of progress at the height of our historic diversity, scientific advancement, economic output, and sense of global responsibility.

We will be reaching out to state, federal, and local authorities to evaluate how a Trump presidency will potentially impact federal funding of in-going state programs, job-creating investments reliant on foreign trade, and federal enforcement of laws affecting the rights of people living in our state. We will maximize the time during the presidential transition defending our accomplishments using every tool at our disposal.

While Donald Trump may have won the Presidency, he hasn't changed our values. America is greater than any one man or party. We will not be dragged into the past. We will lead the resistance to any effort that would shred our social fabric or our Constitution.

California was not a part of this nation when its history began, but we are clearly now, the keeper of its future.

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