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The 2017 DDC Champagne Brunch

The Annual Champagne Brunch hosted by **Bill Julian and Robin Kulakow** at their home was by all accounts an outstanding success: Most importantly, the program featured informative speeches by impressive local leaders, Sen. Dodd, Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry, County Supervisors Provenza and Saylor, County School Superintendent Ortiz and most notably, a keynote speech by Fmr. State School Superintendent and Gubernatorial Candidate Delaine Eastin.



Referring to her candidacy, **Delaine** stated “I’m in it to win it.” Her comprehensive policy agenda addressed issues in education, the environment and economic development with reference to legislation that she had previously authored to cleanup dirty landfills, recycle glass and promote affordable housing. However, referencing a favorite quote by Neil Postman, *Children are living messages that we send into a time that we shall not see*, she outlined her particular concerns about the quality of education in California. Driving home her concerns, she shared an anecdote about a wealthy father of three, who stated that he did not wish to support education for other people’s children. Her retort to such selfishness is that when we fly, “somebody else’s child is the pilot!”



Sen. Dodd’s recent vote in favor of “SB562,” which is essentially single payer Health Care for All in California was particularly well received by Club members. Reaffirming this vote, he stated, “**Health care is a right not a privilege.**” However, the Senator also carefully explained that he regards the present bill as still being a work in progress that will require further improvements as it moves through the legislative process.



In addition to her work on other issues, **Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry** described progress on the long delayed **replacement of the low water bridge across Cache Creek.** (In later remarks, **Supervisors Saylor and Provenza** expressed their appreciation for this accomplishment explaining that this bridge is a key piece of public safety infrastructure given the threat of recurrent wildfires in that area.) Addressing another local issue, Cecilia expressed her concern and support for protecting the **Snow Mountain Wilderness** area from shortsightedness by the Trump administration (see p. 4).



As a self-identified advocate for public education, **Dr. Ortiz** outlined plans to increase funding for local schools through a future ballot initiative that will address three concerns within our County: 1) “quality preschool,” 2) “healthy kids” and 3) “affordable child care.”



Rick Gonzales coordinated the event, which included an excellent buffet provided by DDC Board members and many of the guests. **The Davis Art Center Doo-Wop Class, led by Dede Craig** provided entertainment, which included a rendition of “The Mighty Trump” to set the mood. **Strelitzia Flower Co.** in Davis kindly donated a huge assortment of flowers (see accompanying photo) which decorated every table in the venue.



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Calendar of Events & Campaign Activities

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Wed., July 5, 7:00-9:00 pm. DDC Board Meeting, (NOTE: This is on Wednesday.)

Blanchard Room, Davis Library . Regularly scheduled Board Meetings to organize Club activities. All members invited to attend.

Tues., July 4th 2:00-8:00 pm. Community Park. The Club will host a voter information booth during the July 4th Celebration. Volunteer an hour or two to help with public outreach. Contact Carl <cwschmid@comcast.net> to join the cause and the fun.

SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBOR BRYAN CAFORIO IN CALIFORNIA'S 25TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

The most important near-term task for Democrats in California and across the country is re-capturing the House in November 2018, which means winning Congressional seats now held by Republicans.

A prime opportunity for a Democratic pick-up is California's 25th Congressional District (Simi Valley, Santa Clarita Valley, and the Antelope Valley), where **Bryan Caforio** is running against far-right Republican Steve Knight. Caforio contested the seat in 2016 and ended as one of the closest races in the country. Hillary Clinton won the district by over 6 points, so this is a seat that can be flipped next year.

Family and friends of Bryan and his wife are hosting a fundraiser in Mace Ranch on July 21, which will be co-hosted by a number of Davis activists. The objective is to raise a significant sum to help Bryan's campaign reach Democrats in the district who don't traditionally turnout to vote in midterm elections. He has said that putting organizers in the field to accomplish this work this Summer is an important immediate task.

You can learn more about Bryan and donate to his campaign at <BryanCaforio.com>.

If you would like to come to the event, please RSVP to Linto Thomas at linto@bryancaforio.com

PLEASE DONATE DIRECTLY TO BRYAN'S CAMPAIGN OR BRING A CHECK TO THE EVENT. THANK YOU. RESIST !!! PREVAIL !!!!

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Thank you! Elly Fairclough, Membership Chair

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*Hands Off California's National
 Monuments*

By Lucas Frerichs, Davis City Councilmember



Assembly Joint Resolution 15 (AJR 15) just passed both houses of the Legislature. Assemblymember Cecilia **Aguiar-Curry** and Senator **Bill Dodd** introduced it after President Trump ordered a review of national monuments. The resolution, passed on the 111th Anniversary of the Federal Antiquities Act (June 8th), memorializes a call by the Legislature for the Federal Government to continue protecting California's national monuments. Under Trump's order, 7 of California's 22 national monuments will be reviewed, including our local Berryessa Snow Mountain.

Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry said, **"Instead of wasting federal resources on an unwanted 'review' of protections for California's public lands, the President should use the money to protect our environment, provide health care to America's working families, restore meals on wheels to the elderly, or reduce tuition for our students."**

"National Monuments protect our environment and support our local economy," said Senator Dodd. "Preserving our region's natural splendor for future generations is essential; we can't afford to move backward."

AJR 15 is supported by over 70 environmental and recreational organizations, including local conservation organization, Tuleyome.

The Davis City Council also unanimously passed a resolution in support of AJR 15, which reiterated longstanding support of our national monuments.

At this meeting, I stated, **"It took us years to designate Berryessa Snow Mountain as a national monument, and this resolution shows Washington that we want to continue protecting our precious natural lands. We thank Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry and Senator Dodd for their environmental leadership."**

AJR 15 will now be submitted to the federal government for comment under the review of America's public lands.

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