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Legislative Update by Senator Bill Dodd

Thinking back to the night of October 8th, it's hard to describe the swirl of thoughts and emotions. Along with tens of thousands of others, I was forced to evacuate my home in the middle of the night.

In the following weeks, firefighters put themselves in harm's way to protect the public, working incredible hours in extraordinary circumstance. And residents from across our district, including many from Yolo County stepped up to help in so many ways.

I count myself blessed. When the smoke cleared, my home was spared and most importantly my family was safe. Still, many of our neighbors

were not so lucky. It is hard describe the heartache you feel seeing so many neighbors' homes reduced to ash and witnessing people's lives being so violently disrupted.

As a state we must take stock of our loss and commit that we will be there for these victims and communities. We cannot forget about them.

We must also work to prevent future disasters and implement best practices going forward. While we can't turn back the clock, we can and must do everything in our power to prevent future disasters from claiming new victims.

Wildfire recovery and preparedness have been top priorities for me this year. Here are some legislative highlights:

- SB 833 (Emergency Alerts) No matter where you live in California, you should get emergency alerts when and where you need them. I am jointly authoring SB 833 with Senator Mike McGuire to create statewide standards, support and training for emergency alerts.
- SB 894 (Insurance Reform) Too many victims are underinsured or have significant issues
 with their insurers. SB 894 would provide greater flexibility in applying coverage categories to
 rebuild a home. It would also extend living expense coverage for at least 3 years following a disaster and expand mandatory renewals for victims. I have authored or co-authored half a dozen
 other insurance reform bills.
- SB 969 (Garage Door Safety) Power outages due to the fires left many evacuees unable to open their garage doors to flee the flames. Tragically, at least five victims were found deceased where the garages once stood. While you can disengage the motor, many people, especially seniors, are physically unable to lift their garage doors. My bill would ensure newly sold or installed garage door motors are equipped with backup batteries.
- SB 901 (Utility Wildfire Mitigation Plans) I am authoring SB 901 to ensure electric utilities have comprehensive policies and procedures in wildfire mitigation plans to prevent fires from being sparked by downed power lines. The bill would require utilities to have plans for when and how to proactively de-energize their power lines during high winds and red flag warnings, and it requires the Public Utilities Commission to review those plans.
- SB 1040 (IHSS Disaster Assistance) We saw many seniors and disabled residents evacuated last fall. SB 1040 will guarantee IHSS workers can provide services to their evacuated clients and make sure that hardworking caregivers are able get their paychecks.

Whether it's on advancing universal preschool, expanding healthcare coverage, or protecting our residents from disasters, California must be bold and proactive.

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WEDS., June 6, 7:00-9:00 pm. Monthly Board Meeting, Blanchard Room, Davis Library. All DDC Members are eligible to attend. The Board conducts routine management and plans future events.

Sun., June 10, 2:00-4:00 pm, Champagne Brunch. International House. [Due to scheduling difficulties, our annual "Brunch" will be held in the early afternoon. 1 Enjoy a political program featuring local and state-wide candidates while sampling an ample lunch buffet. You are invited to share a favorite dish. Please plan on joining us for an enjoyable gathering of friends.

Flip The 14

by Carl Schmid

Davis and Yolo County are each solidly "Blue," making local Democrats often wonder how they can make a difference. By happy chance, a major part of the national effort for Democrats to gain control of the US House of Representatives in 2018 will be centered right here in Davis!

Arithmetically, Democrats need to win 24 additional Congressional Districts (CDs) to control the House. Among the most obvious targets, there are 23 CDs currently held by Republicans that Clinton carried in 2016, seven of which are in California. Two lessons emerge from these numbers: 1) Any realistic pathway for victory in 2018 requires flipping these seven crucial California CDs. In other words, our state is central to Democratic hopes in 2018. 2) However, even a complete sweep of nearly all 23 national "Clinton" CDs would not be sufficient to win the House. Democrats must contest and win CDs that Trump carried.

The State Democratic Party has naturally targeted the seven, most promising, Clinton CDs in the fall election. However an independent volunteer action group. "Flip The 14," has announced a far more ambitious plan to organize and campaign for progressives in all 14 California CDs, which are currently held by Republicans.

The Field Organizer for Flip The 14 is the indefatigable Andrew Kim. Many



Andrew Kim & Elly Fairclough

know Andrew through his superb work on several local campaigns as well as his close association with Congressman Garamendi. Drawing upon his extensive, local experience, Andrew plans to recruit young Davis interns and other grassroots volunteers to staff phone banks and precincts walks in the coming election. As a focal point for this effort, a major "call center" for Flip The 14 is located in Davis. **To become** involved with a local effort having national reper-

cussions, check out the website

www.flipthe14.com. Also knowing the value of "early money," your support would be most welcomed at this moment.

Andrew explains both short-term and long-term strategies for strengthening the Democratic coalition within California. For 2018, the most immediate priority targets the seven" Clinton" California CDs, which are necessary, but not sufficient, for Democrats to win the House.

Supplementing this 2018 priority list are a few carefully selected CDs in California that are currently held by vulnerable Republicans. (continued p. 3)

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by Bob Schelen, YCDP Chair

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As a result of the Hiram Johnson reforms early in the 20th Century, virtually every local office in California is non-partisan. However, that does not mean leaving our political philosophy and basic ideology out of the election process. The Yolo County Democratic Party is a vital part of our community, be it city, county or school district, and it is important for registered Democrats to know the values and positions of those seeking to represent them at every level of government. To that end, the Yolo County Democratic Party makes these proud recommendations for the candidates who truly reflect our values and positions on the issue:

Tony Thurmond —California State Superintendent of Education

Dean Johansson — Yolo County District Attorney Tom Lopez — Yolo County Sheriff

Garth Lewis — Yolo County County Superintendent of Schools

Don Saylor — Yolo County Supervisor District 2 Gary Sandy — Yolo County Supervisor District 3

Linda Deos — Davis City Council Yes on J

We need to support them!

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Several of these competitive districts happen to be located near Davis thereby providing local volunteers with yet another opportunity to make a profound difference by becoming directly involved in competitive campaigns having national implications. This expanded priority list ensures that California will contest and win its share of the necessary quota of Democrats to reinstitute sanity in Washington.

However, Flip The 14 presents an even longer term vision extending to 2020 and beyond. In marked contrast to Yolo County, the Democratic Party is essentially nonexistent in many parts of our State. Flip The14 plans to build political organization within such counties with the future goal of contesting down ballot elections and following this "bench building" period to ultimately make these districts competitive in national elections. As an entirely independent action group, Flip The 14 will be well positioned to marshal support that is often not available to the Democratic Party or even attracted to it...

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