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Garamendi explains why your views matter to him by Carl Schmid



“Please do not assume that I know. Take the time to let me know what is on your mind. That information will be critical. I thrive on your knowledge.” Rep. John Garamendi

A capacity audience, including a strong representation of DDC members, attended Rep. John Garamendi’s annual pasta dinner at the Veterans Memorial Hall. The highlight of the evening was naturally Rep. Garamendi’s address in which by building upon an anecdote, he advanced an intriguing theme.

He told how in the midst of a drawn-out committee meeting at 2:00 in the morning several

years ago, he noticed and then questioned a phrase in legislation that empowered the President to launch an attack at any time and any place that he deemed necessary. His question provoked an immediate debate which in turn led to a change in law requiring the President to seek Congressional approval before undertaking military action in the absence of an imminent threat to our nation. An eventual consequence of that important 2:00 am moment was that the country avoided going to war in Syria over the issue of chemical weapons. Observing that ***“profound decisions are made in Washington DC,”*** Rep. Garamendi further explained that ***“somebody told me this was important.”***

His concluding point (summarized in the introductory quotes given above) was that he not only welcomes but, in fact, relies upon our input to make informed decisions.

His reference to informed-decision making nicely led into his criticism of ***“rushing forward spending 25 billion dollars on two tunnels....How can we do better.”*** In his view, the twin tunnels will ***“suck it dry and kill the largest estuary on the West Coast.”*** Rep. Garamendi has proposed several less expensive alternatives that collectively will provide additional water while actually improving rather than harming our environment.

[Davis voters are invariably surprised to learn that our Congressional District is sufficiently rural-Republican to challenge



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Calendar of Events & Campaign Activities

Tuesday, May 6, 7:00 pm, Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting. The Board conducts planning and routine Club business. All Club members are invited to attend. Small Conference Room in the Davis Library.

Sunday, June 22, 11:30-2:00 pm Champagne Brunch. Hosted by Bill Julian and Robin Kulakow at their home. Mark your Calendar. The detailed programs and guest speaker will be announced later. See the following article by DDC V.P. Rick Gonzales.

Future DDC Events and Activities by Vice Pres. Rick Gonzales

The Davis Democratic Club (DDC) has several upcoming events for 2014. Our next event will be the **Annual Champagne Brunch** to be held **June 22** at the home of Bill Julian and Robin Kulakow (43556 Almond Lane in South Davis). They have a beautiful backyard and have graciously hosted this event before. We will have a distinguished keynote speaker and most Democratic elected officials in Yolo County attend. On **July 4th**, the DDC will staff a booth for the annual Davis celebration at Community Park. We greet the public and distribute information supporting Democratic candidates in the November Election. The DDC will also greet the public and distribute voter information at the Democratic Booth at the **Yolo County Fair** on Saturday, August, 16. As yet another form of voter outreach, the Club will intermittently, at times yet to be decided, staff a table at the **Davis Farmers Market**. The annual **Democratic Bean Feed** on September 7 is an outstanding local event, that usually attracts 250 – 300 people. On **October 12, a new event**, called the “**Hukilau**” **Celebration**, will be held at the home of our new president, Stephen Souza. This is an ancient Hawaiian celebration where the people cast out their nets to capture fish to share in a communal feast. Stephen looks forward to this celebration and hopes that you will attend. In December, the **Annual Holiday Party** will be hosted by the DDC. Future Newsletters will report the specific time, location and more detailed information about each of these events. We hope you will consider attending these enjoyable events and also participate in the Club’s political activities.

Please don’t forget about the Primary Election which will be held on June 3rd. Many candidates are vying for seats in congressional, assembly, judgeship, county and city council elections. DDC membership provides an opportunity for you to become involved in these campaigns.

Congressman Garamendi needs your support by Carl Schmid



I apologize that this map of the 3rd Congressional District is too small for you to read but that is exactly the point that I wish to report! [The D on this map marks Davis.] Congressman Garamendi represents our concerns and values (page 1). Consequently, many Davis voters have the misconception that his reelection is a foregone conclusion. However, our Congressional District is huge, encompassing many rural areas extending through Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, Glenn and Lake Counties, areas that usually vote Republican. In 2012, Garamendi’s margin of victory in the entire District equaled his margin in Yolo County. In a nonpresidential year without Pres. Obama on the ticket, his reelection will become even more competitive. In other words, his reelection depends upon Yolo County and Davis, in particular, and, even more so upon our support. Take every opportunity to join and support his reelection campaign.

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11:30-2:00pm**

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