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“Enough of the Emails” by Carl Schmid



Democrats are proud and energized by the high level of the first debate for our Party’s Presidential Nomination. The exchange was characterized by a thoughtful examination of real national issues in substantial detail showing Democrats are ready to lead and, moreover, was done with the upmost civility. The refreshingly stark contrast to the Republican debates need not be elaborated. In effect, this first debate effectively marks a kick-off in our Party’s nomination process.

To advance this process, the Newsletter encourages local Democrats to become involved by supporting their candidate for the nomination. To assist your involvement, this Newsletter presents statements by the local Bernie and Hillary campaign leaders explaining the reasons that they support their candidate and outlining ways in which you can become involved with the local campaigns.

Campaigning for Hillary by Alec Bash, Regional Hillary Campaign Coordinator

I first met Hillary in 1992 when Bill was running for President, many years after my wife Sharry knew her as her as a college classmate and class President. I immediately recognized Hillary as a true progressive whom we hoped we’d send to the White House as a “two-fer” by electing her husband.

As First Lady Hillary launched a determined effort to pass single-payer health care legislation, only to come up short as Republicans in Congress were determined from the gitgo to oppose any Presidential initiatives. She understands only too well the opposition Pres. Obama has faced at every step of the way.

Hillary knows what it’s like to come up against Republican opposition to anything that Democrats propose. As she put it in the first debate, ***“I’m a progressive. But I’m a progressive who likes to get things done. And I know how to find common ground, and I know how to stand my ground, and I have proved that in every position that I’ve had.”***

Hillary’s proposals for our country are grounded in her knowledge and experience from fighting for families, women and children from her college days to the Children’s Legal Defense Fund, as First Lady, Senator and Secretary of State. She understands that the President has to both stand ground and find common ground.

Hillary also understands the importance of party-building at the State and local level to undo the State and Federal legislative gerrymandering that followed the 2010 Tea Party sweep and virtually guaranteed a Republican House majority. The redrawing of Congressional districts following the 2020 Census is our first opportunity to correct this. Our next President needs to be focused on this as well as everything else. Until we accomplish this, we’ll have a Republican House essentially held hostage by a “Freedom Caucus” that would happily destroy government in order to block anything Democrats propose or wish to keep.

Hillary’s campaign is all about going Forward. At www.hillaryclinton.com, you will find her vision for America, and you can volunteer, donate, search for events, and create your own event. You can follow her campaign on social media and open your own account and create events yourself. Events include public visibility and outreach, staffing Hillary tables at the Farmers Market and other public events; receptions and debate watch parties, etc. and support for early primary and caucus states with phone banks and organized travel to Nevada.

We’re having our **Davis for Hillary kickoff organizing meeting on Sunday afternoon, 4:30 (sharp)-6:00pm Nov. 22 at the Ding How Restaurant (No Host Dinner Meeting), Save Mart Shopping Center, Covell Blvd. Davis.** Please RSVP at <https://www.hillaryclinton.com/events/view/?id=831806> if you can join us. You can contact me at [<norcal4hillary@gmail.com>](mailto:norcal4hillary@gmail.com) or Ginny Puddefoot at [<gpuddefoot@hotmail.com>](mailto:gpuddefoot@hotmail.com) for more information . (*Ed Note the Sanders article follows on p.2*)

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Calendar of Events & Campaign Activities

Sat, Nov. 14, 6:00 pm. Watch the Demo. Debate. Sudwerk Restaurant. Sponsored by Davis for Bernie (not a DDC event) All parties invited regardless of candidate preference.

Sun. Nov. 22. 4:30 (sharp)-6:00 pm. Hillary Davis Campaign Kickoff Organizing Meeting & No Host Dinner (not a DDC event) at Ding How Restaurant, Save Mart Shopping Center Covell Blvd. Davis..

Tues., Dec. 1, 7:00-9:00 pm. Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting. The Board conducts planning and attends to routine Club business. All members are invited to attend and participate in discussions. Blanchard Room, Davis Library.

Sun., December 6, 6:00-9:00 pm. Holiday Party. Enjoy Holiday cheer, delicious food and wonderful fellowship as we enter a winning presidential election year. Additional Program details will be announced. International House, Davis.

Campaigning for Bernie by Joshua Jones, Co-founder, Davis for Bernie 2016

Davis for Bernie Sanders has been continuously information tabling every Wednesday and Saturday at the Davis Farmers Market for 5 months since June. If you would like to join us, you can simply come by our impromptu office there at our table. We would be glad to add you to our +150 volunteers in Davis. We have also been driving up to Reno to help with canvassing for Bernie for about 1 month in Nevada. You can contribute directly to the Bernie Sanders campaign at berniesanders.com, and you can find posted local events in Davis on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/DavisForBernieSanders. On Saturday, November 14th, at 6:00pm, we will be having another Democratic Primary Debate viewing, in the Marzen Room of Sudwerk. All are invited regardless of whether you are for Martin O'Malley, Hillary, or Bernie! Our last debate viewing at Sudwerk had 81 people in attendance. It was lots of fun!

Why do we support Senator Bernie Sanders for President 2016? There are many reasons, but the answer is ultimately simple. Bernie has 20 years of experience in Congress, and he has always been on the correct side of history. He is the most experienced candidate and has always voted with wisdom.

Here is an excellent example. Recently Rachel Maddow asked Bernie a direct question: "Why is it important that you were right first [on DOMA, on the Iraq War, on the Keystone Pipeline, on marriage equality] ...why are you a better presidential candidate on those grounds?"

Bernie answered, "We live in a tough world and leadership counts ... It's important to stand up when the going is tough."

Bernie was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1990. Though many do not know this, shortly after his election, he co-founded the Congressional Progressive Caucus. In the House of Representatives, Bernie was known as a practical legislator, and he was called the "amendment king" for passing more amendments than any other member of Congress. Bernie was later elected to the Senate in 2006. He was reelected in 2012 by a large majority, defeating the Republican businessman Rich Tarrant by 2 to 1, with Bernie taking 71% of the vote. Being an Independent who caucuses with the Democratic Party, Bernie crosses the aisle easily, negotiating and securing votes for important bills.

Bernie has served on numerous Senate Committees, the Budget Committee, the Committee on Environment and Public Works, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. These things alone show he has the experience to be the Leader of the Free World. **(continued p.3)**

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Campaigning for Bernie, Cont'd from p.2

But, there is an element which has escaped the notice of many pundits and various party people. Bernie caucuses staunchly with the Democratic Party, but he has served as an Independent. He is both experienced and an outsider, primed to win in the current political environment.

Though we are not often told this, as of 2014, Americans identify as 43% Independent, 30% as Democratic, and 26% as Republican. This massive change has been happening since 2010. Think about what this means. We are told that when the voter turn-out is high, Democratic Party people win. But if the United States people have moved toward Independent, then only an experienced Independent will bring out large numbers of voters. Since Bernie organizers are largely Independents, we know what the Republicans are saying. And the Republicans say Hillary will make them come out in droves to vote. Personally, I find this disturbing; it seems an unfortunate gamble. This would have a devastating effect on Congressional, State and local elections. On the other hand, as he has before, Bernie will bring out the Independents, the Democratic voters, even the Green Party and some Republicans to vote. The latter is largely due to his adamant call for overturning Citizens United, which 80% of Republicans oppose. Bernie's strong advocacy for addressing climate change by rapidly replacing fossil fuels with sustainable energy explains his attraction to Greens.

The fact that most 75 million Millennials want to vote for Bernie, shown by their large volunteer numbers, and their stated intent to vote for Bernie, should not be taken lightly. Bernie is the first politician in a long time to advocate the positions which ~70% of the people agree with. It's time to vote for Bernie. #FeelTheBern

Club Business: **Will Arnold**, who is well known to Davis residents, has agreed to serve as the newly elected **DDC Membership Chair**. Thank Will for taking on this important, albeit behind-the-scenes charge. On a personal note following Betty Weir's long tenure as Chair, I (Carl Schmid) enjoyed working closely with our late friends, Julia Sanchez and Betty, to convert our membership roll from a classic 3X5 card collection to more accessible computer files. In a future Newsletter article, Will will outline his plans to grow our membership and further improve our procedures.

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Holiday Party: Join the fun at this well attended annual event (Sunday, Dec. 6, 6:00 pm, at I-House) featuring a great buffet, holiday beverages and informal discussions with local Democratic office holders. You are also invited to bring a favorite dish. The program is not yet finalized but, in past years, has featured prominent state office holders.

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