



INTERVIEW WITH SUE GREENWALD by Tim Fenton

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Recently we talked with Sue Greenwald who is serving her third term on the Davis City Council and is Davis's immediate past Mayor. She has a long interest in development issues and told us she "wants Davis to grow in a smart way," and elaborated on several ways this could happen in the next few years.

Greenwald wants Davis to remain a compact city, one in which more jobs are created close to existing housing and new housing is developed close to jobs. She likes the green idea of more Davisites being able to walk or bike to work leaving the guzzler parked at home. Toward that end, she hopes the Council will stand firm in retaining the high tech business zoning for the Hunt-Wesson site just north of Covell Boulevard. She notes that while no one is doing much office park building in this recession, that developers

have shown an interest in the site for that purpose, perhaps after the economy picks up. She worries that if the City Council "fails to show resolve on the Hunt-Wesson zoning, speculation will mount on the possibility of it being rezoned residential," which will drive prices up and prospective developers away.

Council member Greenwald has a vision for another property in town, the underutilized PG&E facility at Second and L. She would like to see it developed for high density condominium housing that might give older Davisites no longer wanting to keep up a house a home in Davis where they can as she says, "age in place." She envisions multi-story buildings with elevators with units all on one level (i.e. no stairs) built with lots of open space around an attractive promenade. Residents would enjoy access on foot to downtown, the rail station and public transportation. The area could also appeal to younger people and smaller families wanting to own their first homes. She says PG&E has expressed some interest in selling.

A third goal for Davis is the annexation of the West Village development currently under construction by UC Davis on property west of Route 113. Greenwald thinks bringing West Village's 475 for sale housing units for faculty and

staff and 1,000 student rental housing units into the city will enhance Davis's desirable status as a university town. And, she believes it will be less expensive as part of Davis than as part of Yolo County in that the county is not prepared to provide municipal services.

As for a vision for her own future, Greenwald says it is too early to think about whether she will run for another Council term in 2012 but suggested she might pursue a run for the County Supervisor seat being vacated in 2010 by Helen Thomson. Gaining some influence on development issues county-wide would interest her.

Good reason for fellow Democrats to keep an eye on Sue Greenwald.



Sue Greenwald with Dolores Huerta, cofounder of the UFW (photo above) and (above left) Sue addressing the DDC Ice Cream Social (see p.3).

...wants Davis to grow in a smart way....

..West Village must be annexed....

Senator BARBARA BOXER has been invited to the Annual Bean Feed! Mark your calendar: November 8, Davis Veterans Memorial Hall!

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Calendar of Events & Activities

SEPTEMBER 27: Sunday 6:00-8:00 pm Fall BBQ hosted by Stephen and Robin Souza at their home (2424 Rodin, Davis) featuring a selection of sausages with trimmings, cold beverage and lots of fun. (Contact Stephen 400-2222).

NOVEMBER 8: Sunday 5:00-8:00 pm Yolo County Democratic Bean Feed, Veterans Memorial Hall, 203 E. 14th St., Davis. Join the yearly gathering featuring good BBQ and humble democratic beans. **SPECIAL NOTE: SENATOR BARBARA BOXER is the INVITED SPEAKER** Contact Donna Provenza 759-8460.

DECEMBER 4: Friday 6:30-8:30 pm HOLIDAY PARTY Odd Fellows Hall, 415 2nd St., Davis. This annual event features a social hour, great buffet dinner and desserts and holiday cheer reported by elected officials. Contact Mike 756-5831



BACK FROM THE FUTURE by special correspondent H. S. Truman,,

President Truman photographed while signing legislation providing **health care** for government employees, August 8, 1946

Whenever a fellow tells me he is bipartisan, I know he's going to vote against me.

Millions of our citizens do not now have a full measure of opportunity to achieve and to enjoy good health. Millions do not now have protection or security against the economic effects of sickness. And the time has now arrived for action to help them attain that opportunity and to help them get that protection.

Ed. Note Our Special Correspondent apparently enjoys cable TV access as these comments were submitted after Senators Grassley and McCain had appeared at their respective town hall meetings.

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IN SADNESS

We are saddened to note the recent passing of three distinguished, long time Davis residents each of whom was a Club member: Pat Williams was a highly regarded, widely recognized leader in mental health issues. Lou Holm, who served as President of the DDC, as well as his late wife Ruth were two of the earliest DDC members. Jim Pollock, also a past president, was a life-long active Club supporter.

Great Democratic Booth at the Fair by Carl Schmid

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The extremely attractive Democratic booth at the County Fair was a center of constant activity, featuring local elected officials, the ever popular Cardboard Barack (who along with Cardboard Joe became the focal point of numerous keepsake photos) and volunteers reaching out to the community. In addition to distributing information, the booth provided voter registration and, with Betty Woo's artistic help, visitors designed squares for a quilt supporting health care.

The bright airy layout of this booth (see photos) was a tremendous improvement over previous efforts, undoubtedly reflecting the creative touch of Sharla Cheney, Jim and Donna Provenza and Four Waters. Stephen Souza and Brian Micek also helped with the logistics. Organizing the Fair booth is the responsibility of the Yolo County Democratic Central Committee, however, numerous Club members served as enthusiastic volunteers, and your Club also supported this worthwhile project financially.

In contrast to ceaseless foot traffic at our display, activity at the Republican booth was nearly moribund. In fact, the Republican county chair and Woodland vice chair seemed strangely drawn to the action at the Democratic booth, each spending more than an hour with us perhaps to avoid the depressing loneliness at their site. In previous years, Republicans proudly featured a life-size cardboard poster of Governor Schwarzenegger at their fair booth. Most tellingly, there was so little happening at the Republican booth this year that even Cardboard Arnold "decided" not to make a return appearance! Who is ashamed of whom?



Volunteers and visitors at the Yolo County Fair Democratic booth (l. to r.): [top panel](#); Lynn Baysinger, Mariko Yamada, Cardboard Barack & Joe, Luba & Carl Schmid and Betty Woo; [bottom panel](#); Ray & Pearl Carpenter, Sheila Allen and Nancy Schweitzer accompanied by two very, happy children enjoying the Fair

Seriously, enjoying ice cream by Carl Schmid

While sampling great flavors, guests at the Annual Ice Cream social, hosted by Jerry and Teresa Kaneko, were also treated to provocative, informative presentations by local leaders. Sheriff Ed Prieto deserves recognition for providing a detailed account of a recent, tragic death and procedures followed in its aftermath. Mariko Yamada, Jim Provenza, Don Saylor and Sue Greenwald addressed our sorry "state" of affairs. Don's statement that, "We have a broken state system; we have to make changes" with reference to the "tyranny of the minority" was re-enforced by all speakers, as was Jim's comment that it is "not acceptable to have a minority reject a budget plan that will serve California". More optimistically, the speakers described initiatives that are in progress to correct these problems. In particular, Bob Schelen reported that ballot propositions to eliminate the two-third threshold for budgeting and taxation are now being drafted for presentation to the voters. I did enjoy the ice cream but, even more so, felt satisfied with what I learned at the social.



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