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2012 Election Campaign in Davis by Carl Schmid

During a recent visit to a coastal town, I enjoyed talking to two enthusiastic Obama supporters but was surprised to learn that they had absolutely no contact with either the local Democratic Party or the campaign to re-elect their own outstanding, Democratic Congressman. Moreover, while lamenting their limited campaign resources, these volunteers were entirely unaware of even the existence of a local Democratic HQ, which would gladly supply their needs. The contrast between this and the political campaign in Davis could not be clearer.

Five or more groups support the general Democratic campaign in Davis, namely: OFA, the DDC, the Yolo County Democratic Party, Congressman John Garamendi reelection campaign and the Davis College Democrats in addition to Senator Wolk's and Assembly-member Yamada's reelection campaigns. Davis Democrats take it for granted that each of these distinct organizations will work cooperatively while achieving their distinct missions. Indeed, they do so in an apparently seamless manner. A Davis Democrat can join any of these groups with confidence that they are helping in a common cause. College Dems. have the special mission of mobilizing students. Here, we summarize some activities of the others:

The **Davis Democratic Club** is naturally reaching out to Davis residents by staffing a table every Saturday at the **Farmers Market**. This outreach includes voter registration, directing volunteers, distrib-

uting information and soliciting campaign donations. (A modest donation for a lawn sign or a collector item Michelle Obama T-shirt supports the local campaign: photo below and see p. 2). In addition to



DDC at Farmers Market

the immediate goal of winning in 2012, the Club has the longer term mission of maintaining a strong Democratic presence in Davis. If you wish to help, contact Carl, <cwschmid @comcast.net>.

Obama For America has been staffing FM on alternate weekends with the Club. **OFA** has been the premier group supporting Barack Obama even before the primary elections in 2008. Their campaign priorities include fundraising, phone banking and **canvassing** in the neighboring battleground state of **Nevada**. As one example of fundraising, Dianna Myles and Paul Primakoff recently hosted a birthday party for President Obama (see photo to right).

Weekly **phone banks** are scheduled on Tuesday evenings 6:00-8:00 pm at Ann Griffith's home, 517 Jerome, and on Wednesday evenings 6:00-8:00 pm at the home of Martha and Tom, 912 Colby Dr.

For further information regarding these activities, contact Tom and Martha (756-4222).

Congressman John Garamendi has made Davis

central in his bid for election from our newly redrawn congressional district. The **Davis Democratic HQ (5th and Spafford Sts.)** has been largely staffed by dedicated young Garamendi interns. They have been registering voters and recruiting election volunteers, all to ensure an overwhelming voter turnout in the November election. Woodland, which historically has a relatively low voter turnout, is ground zero in this strategy. They have successfully recruited many young, bilingual community volunteers in our sister city (continued p3).



OFA Celebrating the President Obama's Birthday

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Calendar of Events

Tues., Sept 4, 7:00-9:00pm, regular DDC Board business meeting. Club members and the public are welcome: Pres. Sen and Secretary Yamagata draft the agenda, Davis Library on 14th St.

Every Sat., 8:00-12:00 pm, Davis Farmers Market. Come VOLUNTEER for an hour or two: The Club registers voters, greets the public and distributes information. This is a fun way to help reelect President Obama. Contact Carl, <cwschmid@comcast.net>.

Sunday, Oct. 7, 3:00-6:00 pm, Annual Yolo County Democratic Bean Feed. Keynote speaker (TBA) Great BBQ tri-tip dinner served with eponymous beans. Gibson House, Woodland, contact Kelsey <kelsey@mcquaid@ucdavis.edu>

Obama Lawn Signs Available at Farmers Market



Saturday morning at Farmers Market

The Club and OFA have been taking weekly turns organizing outreach at the Davis Farmers Market on Saturday mornings. Activities include registering voters, directing volunteers, distributing in-

formation and collecting donations to fund the local campaign. Lawn signs supporting President Obama's re-election are now available for a suggested donation of \$10 or can be bundled with the Club's neat Michelle Obama-Rosie-the-Riveter T-shirt for \$25. Picking up your lawn sign is an easy way to support the local 2012 Democratic campaign. Even better, volunteer an hour of your time by helping at the market or at the campaign HQ located at 5th and Spafford Streets in east Davis (see p.1)

DDC Pres. Sen Acknowledges Rep. Mike Thompson's Service



Davis has been extremely well represented in Washington for many years by Congressman Mike Thompson. Additionally, Congressman Thompson has been an extremely good friend to the DDC spending precious time to attend Club events and contributing support to our efforts. With redistricting, Davis will soon be represented by another great Democrat, Congressman John Garamendi. DDC President Sen recently took the opportunity afforded by this change to acknowledge and thank Congressman Thompson for his distin-

guished service by presenting him with a commemorative plaque on behalf of the DDC membership.

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Ways in which you can help include office work, precinct walking and phone banking. One fun activity is **Sundae on Sunday**, which begins canvassing at 3:00 pm every Sunday and concludes with an ice cream social hour at the HQ. To learn more or become involved, contact Andrew Kim (916-201-5435).

The **Yolo County Democratic Party**, which is committed to long-term party building, is also focusing attention on increasing the Democratic turnout in Woodland along with voter activities throughout Yolo County. Its annual fundraising event, the Bean Feed, will be held on Oct. 7 (see p. 2, Calendar) at the Gibson House in Woodland. In addition to the Bean Feed, the Party was well represented at the Yolo County Fair in Woodland (photo below). Other major goals are to pass Prop. #30 and defeat Prop #32. The Party needs HQ volunteers for registration drives, phone banks and precinct canvassing as the campaign progresses. To join these activities phone 759-1120 or email <slobadbobs@aol.com> or <kelseyimcquaid@gmail.com>.



Oliver Northrup and Mike Syvanen representing the DDC at the Yolo County Fair

No on 32: Paycheck Deception & Special Corporate Exemptions

Proponents of Proposition 32 say “Stop Special Interest Money.” This sounds great but do not believe their lie. Proposition 32 is cleverly designed to strip union support from Democratic causes while ceding an unhindered field to the Republican super-PACs. The importance of this issue cannot be understated; Rep. Judy Chu calls it “the most dangerous proposition of all time.”

This is not hyperbole: While unions would have the impossible task of obtaining annual, written permission from individual members to use their dues for political causes, billionaires could each simply write a single multi-million dollar check as recently demonstrated in the Republican primaries. The President of UFCW Local 5 said it well, “The measure is a wolf in sheep’s clothing designed to fool voters in approving a corporate power grab that will lead to even more corporate influence over our political system. What the backers won’t say publicly is that they’ve written a giant loophole for unlimited corporate spending on campaigns.” Learn about the deception of Proposition 32, educate your friends on its misleading claims and urge them to vote No.

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