



JUNE

NEWSLETTER

Meeting Reminder

Tomorrow, Wednesday, June 12, 2024

Please join us **TOMORROW, Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.** for our monthly meeting! We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow. Click below to pre-register on Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88690207867>
View the agenda below.

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks from President Eric Rudin;
2. Approval of Minutes from May 8, 2024 CCDU Meeting;
3. Report from Treasurer Judy Scott;
4. Report from VP of Membership Ron Ostrin;
5. Special Guest: LA County Supervisor, **Lindsey Horvath**;
6. Announcements;
7. Items from the Floor;
8. Adjournment.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WE MUST WIN THE GROUND GAME

Before those of you football fans get excited, no, I am not talking about Jim Harbaugh becoming the coach of the Los Angeles Chargers and reinstating a ground game first philosophy.*

Do you remember the 2016 national election? I sure do. I could not believe that our nation had actually elected Donald Trump to the Presidency. Now, in 2024, we may compound that error if we don't work to keep him and his hateful brand of extremism out of the White House. In 2016, Trump won Michigan and its 16 electoral votes by 11,602 votes over Hillary Clinton, out of almost 5 million votes cast. Trump won Pennsylvania and its 20 electoral votes by 68,236 votes out of over 5 million votes cast. He won Wisconsin and its 10 electoral votes by 27,257 votes out of almost 3 million votes cast. If those states went the other way, we would have had President Hillary Clinton and the Supreme Court would have been liberal ever since and for the foreseeable future. Roe v. Wade would still be the law of the land. Racist voting laws would be overturned. The NRA might not have a stranglehold over gun control legislation.

Here in Culver City in the race for City Council, Vice Mayor Dan O'Brien received 7,535 votes. Council Member Puza received 6,906 votes. Alex Fisch received 6,613 votes. Denice Renteria (who is running in this year's election as well) received 6,401 votes. Look at those numbers. Those are not wide margins when you look at the second City Council

seat and the next two candidates who just missed being elected. School Board seats were also won by slim margins. Board Member Brian Guerrero received 6,662 votes, VP Triston Ezidore received 6,570 votes, and Board Member Stephanie Loreda received 6,286 votes. Next were Summer McBride with 5,388, Darrel Menthe (CCDU VP of Endorsements) with 5,324, and Howard Adelman with 5,076. Again, not exactly wide margins. Not to mention a local Culver City measure that failed by 16 votes after ballots were cured by several of us.

What does all of the above data mean? It means that these upcoming elections may very well be nail biters again and we need to first educate our fellow Culver City voters about whom we have endorsed (once we do our endorsements) and what issues are the most contested. For example, as it pertains to the three seats on City Council being voted on, three of the candidates are committed to a "People's Budget," which is PR verbiage for Defunding the Police to the tune of 50% of the Culver City Police Department's budget. I believe that our neighbors should know that figure.

In another local election, the CCUSD Board of Education has two open seats. As those of you who have read my monthly messages know, we have some major issues with our School Board. Not only did our teachers and classified staff unions** not endorse the recent school bond a few months ago citing a lack of trust of the

CCUSD Board of Education, but negotiations between the unions and CCUSD just broke down with the unions alleging that CCUSD has negotiated in bad faith, a bargaining practice that violates labor law. Knowing who the candidates for School Board are and what they stand for will be of the utmost importance.***

How will we accomplish the goal of informing the public of the above and so many other important issues? We will organize. We will knock on our Culver City neighbors' doors to tell people what is at stake in the elections this November. Regarding national elections, we will populate phone banks for Democrats in swing districts, knock on doors in places like the 27th Congressional District (Antelope Valley to Santa Clarita mostly) to stop a MAGA incumbent from winning reelection, and do all the above to tell people how imperative it is to reelect President Biden and Vice President Harris. We cannot let the United States become an autocracy. We must start the work of reinstating Roe v. Wade. We must stop the war on women and so many others being conducted by elected officials within the GOP, which has become more extremist than ever. In short, we have to get to work, and it starts with the ground game. I look forward to seeing you out there.



Eric Rudin

Culver City Democrats United President

*I still think of them as the San Diego Chargers. It is horrible what Dean Spanos did to the people of San Diego.

**We were proud to have the leaders of both unions as CCDU Special Guest speakers recently.

***Just hours ago, the District agreed to reinstate the previously revoked offer. Negotiations remain ongoing regarding several issues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCDU's First Ever Candidate Forum!

In lieu of our July Monthly Meeting, CCDU will be hosting a Culver City Council Candidate Forum! **Join us TUESDAY, July 9, 2024 at 7:00p.m.** Details will be discussed in our June Monthly Meeting. Click the images below to RSVP! Or Visit:

<https://forms.gle/hkzEihNFUavMye18>

CULVER CITY COUNCIL
CANDIDATE FORUM
Tuesday, July 9, 2024

7:00 PM (Doors Open 6:30 PM)
Rehearsal Room
KIRK DOUGLAS THEATRE
9820 Washington Blvd, Culver City

CULVER CITY DEMOCRATS UNITED
EST. 2023

KIRK DOUGLAS THEATRE

This free and public event is open to the surrounding community. Club members are encouraged to RSVP to secure their seats.

MEET THE MODERATOR
Tamara Duricka Johnson
is an award-winning journalist and author. She's worked as a producer in several newsrooms across the country, including KTLA in Los Angeles, and she was on the Emmy-winning team at "Good Morning America" in New York City. She has contributed to The Los Angeles Times, "Today," and USA Today. She holds a master's degree from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism. Tamara is an avid volunteer in the Culver City community. She has three children who will be attending school in the Culver City Unified School District this fall.

INVITED CANDIDATES

- ◆ Albert Vera* *Incumbent
- ◆ Bubba Fish
- ◆ Denice Renteria
- ◆ Jeannine Wisnosky-Stehlin
- ◆ Nancy Barba
- ◆ Yasmine-Imani McMorrin*

SECURE YOUR SEAT NOW!
SCAN ABOVE TO RSVP TODAY
OR VISIT [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/HKZEIHNFUAVMYE18](https://forms.gle/hkzEihNFUavMye18)

Candidate looking to participate? Email endorsements@culvercitydems.com

CCDU at Fiesta La Ballona 2024

Friday, August 23, 2024 – Sunday, August 25, 2024

We are so excited to be participating in Fiesta La Ballona for the 2nd time! Like last year, CCDU needs volunteers for our booth. Please click below to sign up and select your availability!

<https://forms.gle/LZXzUc4q3nhULH428>

UPCOMING EVENTS

LEADERSHIP CULVER CITY
CANDIDATE FORUM
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2024
6:00PM



CLICK OR SCAN ABOVE TO RSVP OR VISIT:
[HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/NONPAR
TISAN-CULVER-CITY-COUNCIL-CANDIDATE-
FORUM-TICKETS-857080580087](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nonpartisan-culver-city-council-candidate-forum-tickets-857080580087)

CULVER CITY COUNCIL
CANDIDATE FORUM
★ Wednesday June 26th 6pm-9pm ★
Culver City Elks Lodge #1917, 11160 Washington Place
Learn about the candidates running for City Council:

 ALBERT VERA	 JEANNINE WISNOSKY STEHLIN	 BRYAN "BUBBA" FISH
 DENICE RENTERIA	 YASMINE-IMANI MCMORRIN	 NANCY BARBA

LCC Hosted by Leadership Culver City
RSVP to Attend: 

**EAT, DRINK, *and*
WATCH THE DEBATE**

The Westside Democratic HQ is inviting you to
join us for a Presidential Debate Watch Party!

RECONNECT WITH THE WDHQ TEAM!

PLAY BIDEN BINGO!

THURSDAY, JUNE 27
Doors open at 5:30 p.m. -- Debate starts at 6:00 p.m.
BARNEY'S BEANERY
1351 3rd Street Promenade in Santa Monica



WESTSIDE DEMOCRATIC HQ
DEBATE WATCH PARTY
THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024
6:00PM



CULVER CITY CAR SHOW

We had so much fun participating in the car show last month! Below are some pictures from our booth!

1
A FURRY FRIEND STOPS BY
TO TAKE A PICTURE WITH
PRESIDENT BIDEN AND VICE
PRESIDENT HARRIS



2
PRESIDENT ERIC RUDIN
POSING WITH A FRIEND
DURING HIS SHIFT AT THE
BOOTH



3
COUNCILMEMBERS VERA
AND ERIKSSON STOPPING BY
THE BOOTH



4
CLUBMEMBER, LESLIE
OSTRIN, WITH HONORARY
CCDU MEMBER, HUCK