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California
Statewide Primary Election
June 5, 2018

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PADILLA
2018



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Thurmond

for State Superintendent of
Public Instruction

SECRETARY OF STATE

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FOR CONTROLLER
EXPERIENCE MATTERS



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FOR STATE TREASURER

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OPPOSE

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DIANA BECTON
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Running June 5th Election
Ayore Riaunda
Democrat
Navy Reservist / Controller
for
Auditor-Controller
Union leader
Veteran
Auditor

President Katha Hartley's Message

The Democrats of Rossmoor are engaged in a great statewide struggle to literally preserve the benefits of liberty for ourselves and our posterity! This is no exaggeration. On June 5 one of the most important primary elections in California history will take place. Our efforts to Get Out the Vote (GOTV) are essential to making sure that candidates who reflect our values are elected. See below to help.



Of special importance are two campaigns. One is in Congressional District 10 where selecting a Democrat to run against Republican Congressman Denham is our chance to flip that district. DoR members are

helping in Tracy to get Democrats to vote. The other is selecting the right Contra Costa County District Attorney because the winner of the primary will actually win the office. We are encouraging you to support and vote for Diana Becton, the retired judge who is now the Acting District Attorney.

In addition, please review the list on page 14 of endorsed candidates who we support. We need your help with this election. Check www.democratsOFrossmoor.org to learn how you can contribute. Thank you for all you do.

Katha

Show up. Dive in. Stay at it.

—from President Obama's Farewell Address on January 10, 2017

May and June Flip Red Votes to Blue



All sessions are on Wednesdays, 4–6 p.m. in the Gateway Oak Room (the card room). Please bring your phone and laptop/iPad. Training will be provided.

May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, Wednesdays — Urgent Calls to CA CD 10 (Tracy) to Get Out The Vote

- Call CA Congressional District 10 (Tracy): urgent to Get Out the Vote! [See below.](#)
- RSVP: Diana at ddoughtie16@gmail.com or 510-541-9807

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GET OUT THE
VOTE

The GO Team, Tracy Democrats, Swing Left, and many other hard-working groups are making a push to **Flip the 10th Blue** by turning out Democratic voters for the Primary. There is a real danger that no Democrat wins if votes are split among several Democrats. We need your best efforts NOW and until June 5th. **Help make a difference!**

Please note: all major Democratic Party candidates for the offices (for which we invited candidates) were invited. The available dates were assigned first-come-first-served, based on the candidates' schedules and Rossmoor room availability. Not all invited candidates have responded. We will be inviting Democratic Party Primary winners to speak later in the year. **For the two offices below, no candidate won the Democratic Party endorsement.**

May 7 — Jennifer Newsom for Gavin Newsom, Candidate for California Governor

Jennifer Newsom will speak on her husband Gavin's behalf in his role as the "champion of families" on May 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gateway Fireside Room.

Jennifer Newsom is a documentary filmmaker and President and CEO of the non-profit The Representation Project. She is taking her advocacy of women, girls, and families on the campaign trail in support of her husband Gavin Newsom.

Newsom is serving his second term as Lieutenant Governor of California. A fourth-generation San Franciscan, he is a national progressive figure and was a prominent early advocate for marriage equality, gender equality, legalization of cannabis, and gun control.



Newsom began his political career in 1996 when San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown appointed him to serve on a city commission and as a member of the Board of Supervisors the following year. In 2003, Newsom was elected as the 42nd Mayor of San Francisco, the city's youngest in a hundred years. Newsom was re-elected in 2007 with 72 percent of the vote. He was elected Lieutenant Governor of California in 2010 and re-elected in 2014.

Newsom earned 39 percent of the delegate votes at the 2018 California Democratic Party Convention. **Besides Democrats John Chaing, Delaine Eastin, and Antonio Villaraigosa, there are over 20 other candidates for the governor's seat.**

May 14 — Jeff Bleich, Candidate for Lt. Governor

Jeff Bleich will speak on Monday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Gateway Fireside Room.

Bleich is a former top aide to President Obama and served in his administration as special counsel to the President, U.S. Ambassador to Australia, and senior advisor. He is the former chair of U.C. trustees and president of the California State Bar.

For three decades, Bleich devoted to meeting the needs of every Californian—especially those in the neglected middle-class—as a lawyer, teacher, and community leader. He



graduated top of his class at Harvard University, then earned his law degree from U.C. Berkeley with the highest honors.

Bleich says, "I am running because I want to do this job. A lot of people are running because they want to be something, I am running because I want to do something." He has been

endorsed by the *San Francisco Chronicle* and the Sierra Club.

Bleich is running against Democratic Party candidates Eleni Kounalakis and Ed Hernandez and eight other candidates.

“One person can make a difference, and everyone should try.” — John F. Kennedy

May 24 — Dinner/General Meeting

Carla Marinucci will speak at the May 24 Dinner/General Meeting on “Game-changers of 2018: The Candidates and Forces Reshaping American Politics.”



Carla Marinucci, *Politico’s California Playbook* reporter, has been consistently recognized as one of California’s leading political writers and top political bloggers. Before joining *Politico*, Marinucci was senior political writer for the *San Francisco Chronicle* and before that for the *San Francisco Examiner*.

She has covered presidential elections since 1996 and six California gubernatorial elections, including the historic recall that resulted in Arnold Schwarzenegger’s election and covered the administrations of four California governors. In 2013 the Society of Professional

Journalists honored Marinucci with a lifetime achievement award for her coverage of California politics.

As an award-winning investigative reporter at both the *Chronicle* and the *Examiner*, she reported on a wide range of issues including the abuse of immigrant laborers in California and the rise of drug trafficking and organized crime in Oakland and the Bay Area.

The May 24 meeting will feature the social/town square at 5 p.m., dinner at 5:45 p.m., and the speaker at 7 p.m. **Please reserve by May 21. The reservation form is on the last page.** Dinner costs \$35 for members and \$37 for non-members, or you may attend the speaker presentation for free after dinner. All are welcome.

June 28 — General Meeting

Former White House, public policy expert, and Robert Reich staffer **Yoni Landau will speak at the DoR’s General Meeting at the Event Center on Thursday, June 28, at 7 p.m. The town square/social hour will be at 6 p.m.**



Landau has devoted nearly all of his working life to activism and non-profit organizing. After receiving his MBA from Yale he worked first in the Office of Management and Budget, the largest office within the Executive Office of the President, and as a staffer for UCB professor, author, and national commentator Robert Reich before turning to activism and community organizing.

Landau co-founded CoFED, a non-profit campus food co-op before co-founding **Rapid Resist Action** in 2017. Its website states, in part, that, “Our theory of change is that local organizing efforts will build the long-term people power necessary to stop autocracy. We have the capacity to build those organizations now.” Identifying itself as a “California 501c4 that does not directly lobby or endorse candidates,” the organization is spreading across the country.

Bring your questions. As with all Democrats of Rossmoor events, everyone is welcome, regardless of political affiliation.

Petitions to take the first steps for a ballot initiative to adjust Prop 13 will be available at the town square of the April 26 General Meeting. Details below.

The California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of 2018 will: Restore Over \$11 Billion a Year for our Schools and Communities Services, but NOT Raise Taxes on Homeowners, Renters, or Small Businesses



Restore over \$11 billion a year in revenue for our schools and local communities by closing the Prop 13 Corporate Loophole.



NOT raise taxes on homeowners, renters, or small businesses.



Help small businesses by eliminating the burden of some businesses' personal property tax while also leveling the playing field for new businesses.



Mandate full transparency and accountability for all revenue restored to California's schools and local communities.

Newcomers Meeting

Almost 30 new members to our club gathered last month in Dollar Club House to get to know each other, learn about DoR, and tuck into the food and drink provided by club volunteers.



One of the newcomers, **Wendy Markel**, moved here from Alameda in October but grew up in India. "I was not a dyed-in-the-wool Democrat," she said, adding, "Back in the early 1960s Democrats and Republicans weren't so far apart." She said that the struggle for women's rights, including the right to a legal abortion, was a tipping point for her. "Watergate hooked me, too," she said.

Poppy Tanner moved to Rossmoor two years ago from Atlanta. Noting that she appreciates our club's friendly atmosphere, the life-long Democrat said that the political motivator for her is "dumping Trump."



Dennis and Paula Krauss moved here last fall from Rhode Island because two of their three children live in the Bay Area. Life-long Democrats, Dennis and Paula agreed that they "are motivated to dump Trump." Dennis said it's important to him to "help people who have not been as successful in life."



Several new members spoke up during an open discussion following the introductions. One said, "We all must push together to change things," while another declared "It's time for all hands on deck."

Be sure to say hello to these new members and others at DoR events who appear to be new or in need of a greeting.



Pages 6–11 of the newsletter contain Democratic Party endorsements.



Mark DeSaulnier for U.S. House, District 11



Mark DeSaulnier is our U.S. Representative and has served our 11th Congressional District since 2015. He previously served in the California Legislature 7th State Senate district 2008–2015. He represented California's 11th State

Assembly district 2006– 2008 and also served as a Contra Costa County supervisor 1994–2006 and on the Concord City Council 1991–1994.

DeSaulnier was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, where he attended Holy Cross. He worked for the Boston juvenile court, as a warehouse worker, and as a hotel services employee. Mark has been a small business owner most of his career and has been in public service for the last 25 years.

DeSaulnier says, "I'm running for Congress to help bring an end to the brinkmanship and gridlock in Washington, so that we can move forward with President Obama's agenda of creating more good paying jobs, growing our middle class, investing in our infrastructure, protecting Medicare and Social Security, advancing the use of renewable and home-grown energy, enhancing our education systems, reducing traffic, and making the United States a leader in innovation around the globe."



DeSaulnier is the California Democratic Party endorsed Candidate for U.S. Representative, 11th Congressional District.

His website is www.desaulnierforcongress.com.

Alex Padilla for Secretary of State



California Secretary of State Alex Padilla was sworn in on January 5, 2015. He is committed to modernizing the office, increasing voter registration and participation, and strengthening voting rights.

Padilla attended Los Angeles-area public schools and went on to graduate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. After briefly working for Hughes Aircraft, Padilla participated in the Coro Fellows Program, where he received leadership and public affairs training. He later worked for U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein.

At the age of 26, Padilla was elected to the Los Angeles City Council and for 7½ years represented the same east San Fernando Valley community where he grew up. He was elected to the State Senate in 2006 with nearly 75% of the vote and re-elected in 2010.

Padilla says, "It's hard to believe that in this day and age, we are working so hard to protect voting rights in the United States of America. But we are and we must. I am thankful to serve as California's Chief Elections Officer at such a critical time...I would be honored to continue serving you in defending and expanding voting rights."

Alex Padilla is the California Democratic Party endorsed candidate for Secretary of State.

His website is at www.alex-padilla.com.



**VOTE FOR
DEMOCRATS IN**

2018

**Betty Yee:
State Controller**



Beginning in late 2004, Betty Yee worked for the Legislature for four years and was then Governor Davis's Chief Deputy Director for Budget for 10 years. She then became the Chief Deputy to Board of Equalization member for

District 1 and then held that office from 2004–2014. She led the successful effort to force Amazon.com to collect sales taxes on online purchases, the so-called "Amazon tax".

Yee was elected State Controller in 2014. As State Controller, Yee sits on the California State Lands Commission, chairs the Franchise Tax Board, and serves as a member of the California Public Employees' Retirement System and the California State Teachers' Retirement System boards.

Yee states, "Since assuming the office of State Controller, I've built a strong foundation for experienced financial management and independent fiscal oversight that is effective, efficient, and transparent consistent with the public's expectations"

A native of San Francisco, Betty Yee earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from U.C. Berkeley. She went on to attend Golden Gate University, where she earned a master's degree in public administration.

 **Betty Yee is the California Democratic Party endorsed candidate for State Controller.**
Her campaign website is www.bettyyee.com.

**Fiona Ma:
State Treasurer**



Fiona Ma is one of the few CPAs to serve on the California Board of Equalization, representing the second district of the BOE since 2015.

Ma previously served on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors (2002–2006) before being termed out. She then served in the California State Assembly (2006–2012), where she was the first Asian woman Assembly Speaker pro tempore since 1850.

Ma received a bachelor's degree in accounting at Rochester Institute of Technology, a master's degree in taxation from Golden Gate University, and an MBA from Pepperdine University. She is a CPA and member of the Aspen Institute's 2009 Class of Aspen-Rodel Fellows.

Ma states, "California faces financial challenges that can only be solved through innovation, experience, and commitment. I'm running for Treasurer to make sure our state works for everyone. I have the financial knowledge and experience to ensure California stays an economic leader and economic powerhouse...I need no introduction to the economic structure of California; I'll be ready to hit the ground running on Day One!"

Fiona Ma is the California Democratic Party endorsed candidate for State Treasurer.
Her campaign website is at www.fionama.com. 

Ricardo Lara: State Insurance Commissioner



Ricardo Lara has dedicated his entire career to public service. He worked as a legislative staffer for years before being elected to the State Assembly in 2010.

Lara was elected to the State Senate in 2012. In his first term, he was elected chair of the influential California Legislative Latino Caucus and currently serves as vice chair of the California Legislative LGBT Caucus. Senator Lara serves as chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the California State Senate, considered to be one of the most influential committee in the Senate.

As a state senator, Lara has been a leader on numerous issues with which the office of the Insurance Commissioner interacts. He spearheaded the groundbreaking law that provides health care for 170,000 immigrant children, and he played a strong, dynamic role in shaping, implementing, and expanding Covered California. Senator Lara also recently co-introduced the Californians for a Healthy California Act (SB 562), which would create a single-payer healthcare system for the state.

Lara says, "I'm running to be California's next State Insurance Commissioner because I believe at my core that California needs a strong defender and a counterpuncher who will stand up to fight our bullying president Donald Trump and his increasingly reckless federal government on issues from healthcare access to economic security and more."



Ricardo Lara is the California Democratic Party endorsed candidate for State Insurance Commissioner. Lara's campaign website is at www.ricardolara.com.

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Tony Thurmond: State Superintendent of Public Instruction



Tony Thurmond currently represents California's Assembly District 15, which includes the East Bay communities stretching along the I-80 corridor from Hercules to Oakland. He serves as chair of the Assembly committee on labor and employment and as a member of the Assembly committees on education, health, and human services.

Before his election to the Assembly, Thurmond served on the Richmond City Council 2005–2008, the West Contra Costa Unified School District 2008–2012 and served as senior director of Community and Government Relations at Lincoln Child Center.

Thurmond is a graduate and former student body president of Temple University. He did his graduate work at Bryn Mawr College, where he received dual masters degrees in law and in social policy and social work.

Thurmond states, "But have no doubt—fighting for education starts with opposing the efforts by President Trump and Betsy DeVos to defund our public schools. I will fight the Trump Agenda to gut our public schools at every step. California needs to be ready to face this crisis head on."

Tony Thurmond earned the California Democratic Party endorsement for State Superintendent of Public Instruction with 89% of the vote. His campaign website is at www.tonythurmond.com.



Rebecca Bauer-Kahan: State Assembly District 16



Rebecca Bauer-Kahan is an accomplished attorney, environmental advocate, community volunteer, law professor, and mother. A Bay Area native, she has dedicated her career and personal time to improving her community, solving complex problems,

protecting civil rights, and fighting to ensure everyone has the opportunity to succeed.

As an attorney, Rebecca specialized in making sure that major corporations comply with environmental laws and regulations. She also oversaw her office’s pro bono program and expanded its efforts to include civil rights, immigration, homelessness, and domestic violence. Earlier this year, she coordinated the legal services effort at SFO on behalf of the International Refugee Assistance Project to assist refugees and immigrants impacted by the Trump Administration’s travel ban.

For the last seven years, Rebecca has taught appellate law and legal research and writing at Santa Clara University and Golden Gate University. She attended public schools before graduating from the University of Pennsylvania and Georgetown University Law Center.

Bauer-Kahan says, “I am running for the Assembly to stand up for our community’s core values and to bring my passion for solving problems to Sacramento. I will work tirelessly to get things done on the issues that matter most and deliver for our community and our families. I hope the people of the 16th Assembly District will take a closer look at Republican Assemblywoman Catharine Baker—and once they do—they will find she is seriously out of step with the needs of this district.” (See page 12 for some of Baker’s voting record.)

Rebecca Bauer-Kahan is the California Democratic Party endorsed candidate. Her

website is at www.rebeccabauerkahan.com.



April 26–May 15
Voter Information Guide mailing period



May 7–May 29
Vote-by-Mail Ballot mailing period

May 21
Close of voter registration

May 29
Last day to request a *Vote-by-Mail Ballot*

June 5
Election Day
7 a.m.–8 p.m.

TGWD — Lynn Mackey: CCC Supt. of Schools



Lynn Mackey is the Contra Costa County Democratic Party endorsed candidate for county Superintendent of Schools. She is a Contra Costa native, a career educator, and the current Deputy Superintendent for the

Contra Costa County Office of Education.

Mackey has spent 21 years as an educator, teaching and developing programs for some

of the most vulnerable students in our county. She pledges to "work to ensure that these and all students in our county have access to the best education possible by investing in our classrooms and providing effective training for our teachers ... and will also work hard to provide robust career technical education programs to ensure that all our students are prepared for college and career."

Lynn Mackey will speak at the TGWD DoR meeting on Thursday, May 10, 4:30–6 p.m. in the Creekside Club Room. Her website is at www.lynnmackey.org.



Diana Becton: CCC District Attorney

Diana Becton was appointed Contra Costa County District Attorney by the CCC Board of Supervisors in September 2017. She is already doing much to improve a department that many believe was locked into an Old Boys network.

Before holding office, District Attorney Becton served for 22 years as a judge in Contra Costa County, where she was elected as Presiding Judge. She currently serves as the Chair of the State Bar Council on Access and Fairness. A native of California, Becton

attended Oakland public schools and Golden Gate University School of Law. She also earned a Masters of Theological Studies at Pacific School of Religion.



Diana Becton is the Contra Costa County Democratic Party endorsed candidate for Contra Costa County District Attorney. Her campaign website is at www.becton4da.org.

Ayore Riaunda: CCC Auditor-Controller



Ayore Riaunda has been an accountant with the Contra Costa County Health Services Department for 21 years. Since 2004 he has been a Certified Government Financial Manager, a professional certification issued by the Association

of Government Accountants. He has 33 years of fiscal management experience.

Riaunda is a decorated U.S. Navy veteran and served as an Action Officer, Fleet Marine Force Warfare Specialist, and a Navy Reservist. He earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Montclair State University, New Jersey. He has lived in the county and Bay Area for 26 years.

Ayore Riaunda is the Contra Costa County Democratic Party endorsed candidate for County Auditor-Controller. For more information, visit his Facebook page at www.facebook.com/riaunda.for.auditor.controller.



(The California Democratic Party has taken the same positions.)

The League of Women Voters Recommends

- ✓ **PROPOSITION 68 —California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act (SB 5)—SUPPORT**

This measure would authorize California to issue general obligation bonds, with the money used to finance state and local parks, water conservation measures, water reliability to disadvantaged communities, and flood protection projects. California parks provide open space and recreation, improving health and community wellbeing. The water projects funded by this bond are forward thinking and are a key part of our state response to climate change.
- ✓ **PROPOSITION 69—Motor Vehicle Fees and Taxes (ACA 5)—SUPPORT**

If passed, this constitutional amendment would ensure that the existing transportation revenues we pay at the pump and when we register our vehicles can ONLY be used for road and transportation improvement projects. This amendment protects these transportation funds by prohibiting the state legislature from using these revenues for non-transportation purposes. ACA 5 protects existing taxes and fees we are already paying. It does not raise taxes one cent. The League supports measures to ensure adequate revenue to support needed services, including safe roads and good public transportation.
- ✗ **PROPOSITION 70—Greenhouse Gas Reduction Reserve Fund (ACA 1)—OPPOSE**

This measure would add a requirement that two thirds of legislators approve the first appropriation of any money collected from the sale by CARB (California Air Resources Board) of Cap-and-Trade allowances after 2024. At a time that we need efficient and effective investments in climate change solutions, this requirement could lead to deadlocks, inefficiency, and poor decisions.
- ✓ **PROPOSITION 71—Effective Date of Initiatives (ACA 17)—SUPPORT**

Currently, an initiative that is approved takes effect the day after the election unless the measure provides otherwise. Election results are not officially certified until five weeks after the election. While most election results are clear shortly after Election Day, that is not always the case. Prop 71 would provide that an initiative would take effect 5 days after the Secretary of State certifies the election results. This is a common-sense measure, ensuring clarity about what is—and is not—California law.
- ✓ **PROPOSITION 72—(SB 9) Property taxation: new construction rainwater capture system—SUPPORT**

This measure would allow an exclusion from additional property taxes for construction or installation of rainwater capture systems. These systems capture, store and use otherwise wasted rainwater for landscape irrigation and similar uses, saving more conventional water for personal use. With traditional water sources becoming less dependable, this is one more way we can diversify sources of usable water.

To learn how the League takes positions, visit www.lwvc.org/take-action/how-lwvc-takes-action.

Republican Catharine Baker's Voting Record



Listed below are some of Catharine Baker's 2017 votes that contradict her claim to be a moderate who cares about representing us in Assembly District 16.

Courage Score (www.couragescore.org) grades legislators on how well they stand up for their constituents over corporations or special interest groups seeking to exploit Californians, particularly the poor, disadvantaged, or communities of color. The organization gave Baker an "F" grade in its *People's Report Card of California*. The report states, **"There is not a single member of the California Assembly more out of touch with her district than Assemblymember Catharine Baker."**

Courage Score goes on to state, "When it comes to supporting progressive ballot measures, Baker's East Bay district ranks 26th out of 80 statewide...This is a district where equality, diversity, humane law enforcement, basic safety, and the environment are deeply held values! And yet, when given the chance to support those causes in Sacramento, Baker butchers it. Her voting record is in the bottom third — 56th out of 80...Catharine Baker's legislative record is full of votes that betray the values of her district. Time and again, her votes put corporations before employees, profits before the environment, and campaign contributors before her constituents."

Did Baker Vote to Expand Access to Affordable Housing and Homeownership?		
No	AB 73	Incentivizes the creation of housing on infill sites around public transportation
No	AB 1505	Requires new housing to have more affordable units
No	SB 2	Building Homes and Jobs Act: adds up to \$225 fee to some real estate transactions to finance low-income housing
No	SB 35	Streamlines approval process for affordable housing
Did Baker Vote to Reform our Criminal Justice System?		
No	AB 90	Improves the CalGang database and protects individuals
*	AB 424	Amends school zone gun laws
No	AB 1008	Ban the Box: prohibits employers from asking job seekers about past convictions on any application for employment
No	AB 1308	Provides consideration of release for more young adults
No	SB 180	Reforms War on Drugs-era sentence enhancements
No	SB 394	Eliminates life without parole sentences for minors
No	SB 395	Allows minors to consult lawyers during all interrogations
No	SB 620	Gives more options to judges in sentencing
No	SCR 48	Recognizes the need for more equitably sentencing of offenders in accordance with their involvement in the crime
Did Baker Vote to Provide Quality and Affordable Education?		
No	AB 19	Waives community college students' first year tuition when they are enrolled full-time and qualify for financial aid under a FAFSA or CA Dream Act application
Did Baker Vote to Ensure Immigration Enforcement that is Humane and Consistent?		
No	AB 208	Qualifying defendants charged with minor drug offenses can participate in pretrial diversion without incurring a drug conviction for immigration purposes
No	SB 613	No longer requires the Div. of Juvenile Justice, Dpt. of State Hospitals, or Dpt. of Developmental Services to cooperate with ICE regarding immigrants in their custody
No	SB 54	Makes California a sanctuary state for immigrants
* Chose not to cast a yes/no ballot.		<i>Continued on next page</i>

<i>Republican Catharine Baker's Voting Record, continued from previous page</i>		
Did Baker Vote to Secure Environmental and Climate Justice?		
No	AB 127	Mandates the closure of Aliso Canyon gas facility
No	AB 179	Includes environmental justice seat on California Transportation Commission
No	AB 523	Provides funds to cities most affected by pollution
No	AB 890	Mandates all new developments undergo environmental review
No	AB 1668	Better prepares cities and towns for drought
No	SB 252	Requires greater transparency for well permit applications in critically over drafted groundwater basins
No	SB 774	Increases accountability of Department of Toxic Substances
Did Baker Vote to Protect Voting Rights?		
No	AB 1367	Extends improper signature gathering tactics penalties to companies/ organizations
No	AB 1407	Pre-registers 16 & 17 year olds when they apply for CA driver's license or I.D.
No	SB 568	Moves the primary for all offices from June to March in presidential election years
No	SJR 3	Urges the state legislature and governor of each state to ratify the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote
no vote	SJR 11	Urges each state Secretary of State and other relevant state elections officials to join California in refusing to provide state voter data to the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity

I don't know how to explain to someone that he/she should care about other people.
 If someone doesn't care, then our disagreement is not merely political, but a fundamental divide on what it means to live in a society.

Upcoming Events

- May 1 Write2Blue:** Gateway MPR 2, 3 p.m.
- May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 Get Out The Vote texts/calls to CA Congressional District 10:** Gateway Oak Room, 4–6 p.m.
- May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 Flip Red Votes Text/ Phone Banks:** Gateway Oak Room, 4–6 p.m.
- May 7 Book Club:** *The Common Good* by Robert Reich. Gateway MPR 2, 3 p.m.
- May 7 Jennifer Newsom for Gavin Newsom.** Gateway Fireside Room, 6:30 p.m. See page 3.
- May 10 TGWD Lynn Mackey:** Creekside Club Room, 4:30–6:30 p.m. See page 10 for details.
- May 13 Mother's Day**
- May 14 Film:** *7 Days in May*. Peacock Hall, 1 p.m. **ONLY**
- May 14 Jeff Bleich:** Gateway Fireside Room, 6:30 p.m. See page 3 for details.
- May 24 General Meeting:** Carla Marinucci. Event Center, 5 p.m. social/town square; 5:45 p.m. dinner; 7 p.m. speaker. See page 4.

- May 28 Memorial Day**
- June 4 Book Club:** *A Higher Loyalty: Truth, Lies, and Leadership* by James Comey. Gateway MPR 2, 3 p.m.
- June 5 Election Day:** 7 a.m.–8 p.m. 
- June 5 Write2Blue:** Creekside Mulligan Room, 2–4 p.m.
- June 6, 13, 20, & 27 Flip Red Votes Text/ Phone Banks:** Gateway Oak Room, 4–6 p.m.
- June 11 Film:** *My Fellow Americans*. Peacock Hall, 1 and 7 p.m.
- June 14 TGWD:** TBD. Creekside Club Room, 4:30–6:30 p.m.
- June 17 Father's Day**
- June 28 General Meeting:** Yoni Landau. Event Center, 6 p.m. social/town square; 7 p.m. speaker. See page 4 for details.

SAVE to fill out your June 5 ballot and VOTE!

Please save the following list of the **California and Contra Costa County Democratic Party endorsed candidates** to either fill in your mail-in ballot or to take with you to the polls.

- ✓ U. S. House of Representatives, District 11: **Mark DeSaulnier**
- ✓ Secretary of State: **Alex Padillia**
- ✓ State Controller: **Betty Yee**
- ✓ State Treasurer: **Fiona Ma**
- ✓ State Insurance Commissioner: **Ricardo Lara**
- ✓ State Supt. of Public Instruction: **Tony Thurmond**
- ✓ State Assembly, District 16: **Rebecca Bauer-Kahan**
- ✓ Contra Costa County Superintendent of Schools: **Lynn Mackey**
- ✓ Contra Costa County District Attorney: **Diana Becton**
- ✓ Contra Costa County Auditor and Controller: **Ayore Riaunda**



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Visit www.votersedge.org/ca, enter your Zip code and address, and see your personal ballot with information about the candidates.

RSVP Form for May 24 Dinner/General Meeting

Thursday, May 24, 2018, at the Event Center
5 p.m. Town Square/Social — 5:45 p.m. Dinner — 7 p.m. Program
Speaker: Carla Marinucci

Member Name(s) _____

Guest Name(s) _____

Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Reserve by May 21. \$35 members/\$37 non-members. Total amount submitted _____
Please make your check out to *Democrats of Rossmoor*.

Put this form and your check in an envelope, and either:
Mail to Jane Williams, 2200 Golden Rain Road, #6, Walnut Creek, CA 94595
Or leave in the *Democrats of Rossmoor* mailbox at Gateway

- Catered by Scotts. Menu: circle one of the three entrees below:**
1. Parmesan crusted breast of chicken with leek and lemon cream sauce
 2. Cedar planked orange and bourbon salmon
 3. Portabella mushroom stuffed with rice and roasted vegetables

Served with hors d'oeuvres, salad, rolls, veggies, garlic mashed potatoes, tiramisu, wine, and coffee