



# El Cerrito Democratic Club

## May 2024 Newsletter

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## 1. El Cerrito Democratic Club General Information

The El Cerrito Democratic Club (“ECDC”) provides a forum for area residents to discuss and take action on issues and campaigns of local, national, and international importance. Our General Membership Meetings are open to all and held on the fourth Tuesday of each month except October and December, when we typically have our annual dinner and holiday party.

Our monthly General Membership Meetings are generally in a hybrid format accessible both in person at Hana Gardens Senior Apartments (10860 San Pablo Avenue, next to El Cerrito City Hall) and remotely via Zoom (<http://tinyurl.com/ECDCMonthlyMembershipMeeting>).

For those of us who’ve been able to come to Hana Gardens, it’s been wonderful to be in community and gather in person. Whether you join us in person or by Zoom, I encourage you to come a few minutes early to mix-and-mingle with fellow ECDC members.

The El Cerrito Democratic Club and its activities are supported by volunteers and the annual dues of its members. Please see the “Membership Renewal Reminder and Instructions” section towards the end of this newsletter for directions on how to join the ECDC or renew your membership.

El Cerrito Democratic Club executive board officer elections occur annually each January. Special thanks to our 2024 volunteer officers:

### El Cerrito Democratic Club Officers (2024)

- President – Champagne Brown
- Past President – Greg Lyman
- Executive Vice President – Carolyn Wysinger
- VP Media – Madeline Kronenberg
- VP Membership – Neil Tsutsui
- VP Programs – Ruthie Abelson Olivas
- VP Publications – William Ktsanes
- VP Records – Leslie Reckler
- VP Treasurer – Ed Crowley

The specific duties of officer positions are described in section “VII. Officers” of the Bylaws posted on the ECDC website at <https://ecdclub.org/club-documents/>.

If you’re interested in participating more actively in the ECDC, please consider volunteering with the Club and joining the Executive Board.

*Help is always greatly appreciated!*

- William Ktsanes, VP Publications

## 2. Information and Zoom Link for the Tuesday, May 28th General Membership Meeting

Our General Membership Meetings are generally in a hybrid format, accessible both in person at Hana Gardens Senior Apartments (10860 San Pablo Avenue, next to El Cerrito City Hall) and via Zoom (<http://tinyurl.com/ECDCMonthlyMembershipMeeting>).

For monthly calendar invites and reminders for ECDC's General Membership Meetings, you are invited to download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZUpOCvqDkpEtH10GiVZ7NcegZqDI\\_tJeMI/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGpqjwjHdKXsxGCRpwcBo\\_CXe3wpnpej7d1zU\\_CChZpNS31M-V4I5ZWL8z6](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZUpOCvqDkpEtH10GiVZ7NcegZqDI_tJeMI/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGpqjwjHdKXsxGCRpwcBo_CXe3wpnpej7d1zU_CChZpNS31M-V4I5ZWL8z6)

To join the monthly ECDC General Membership Meetings via Zoom, please use this link:

<http://tinyurl.com/ECDCMonthlyMembershipMeeting>

Zoom Meeting ID: 814 7976 2385; Zoom Passcode: c5fQKR

Dial In by Phone: +1 669 900 6833 or +1 408 638 0968

Meeting ID: 814 7976 2385; Phone Passcode: 920761

Please note that the Passcode is different if you dial in by phone rather than join through the Zoom link.

### May Meeting Agenda (Tentative)

6:20 pm – Assemble and Mingle

6:30 pm – Call to Order

6:31 pm – Approve May 2024 Agenda (**Action Item**)

6:33 pm – Approve Minutes from the April 2024 Membership Meeting (**Action Item**)

6:35 pm – Officer Reports: Membership (Neil Tsutsui), Finance (Ed Crowley),  
Website (Madeline Kronenberg), Publications (William Ktsanes), and  
Records (Leslie Reckler)

6:40 pm – Democratic Party of Contra Costa County (DPCCC) Report

6:45 pm – May Program: Kristin B. Connelly, Contra Costa County Clerk-Recorder and  
Registrar of Voters (30-Minute Presentation/15-Minute Q&A)

7:30 pm – Announcements (**please limit each to 2 minutes**)

7:40 pm – Good of the Order

7:45 pm – Adjourn

*\* Please send calendar events to the Executive Board in advance for possible discussion at the General Membership Meeting and publication in the monthly newsletter.*

- Champagne Brown, ECDC President

### **3. Minutes from the April 23rd General Membership Meeting**

El Cerrito Democratic Club  
General Membership Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2024

(in person at Hana Gardens, 10860 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito; and via Zoom)

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#### **Call to Order**

President Brown called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

#### **Approve April 2024 Agenda**

On the motion of Tsutsui and the second of Quinto the agenda was approved as presented.

Yes – Unanimous

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

#### **Approve Minutes from the March 2024 Membership Meeting**

On the motion of Tsutsui and the second of Lyman the minutes were approved as presented.

Yes – Unanimous

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

#### **Officer Reports:**

- Membership (Neil Tsutsui) – 108 members
- Finance (Ed Crowley) – Spent \$700 more than we have taken in; Ed reported after the meeting that the balance is \$8,944.74 with a check of \$35.98 for postage outstanding
- Website (Madeline Kronenberg) – Absent; no report
- Publications (William Ktsanes) - No updates; William continues to encourage ECDC members to submit newsletter articles and event announcements
- Records (Lesie Reckler) – No report

#### **Democratic Party of Contra Costa County (DPCCC) Report**

- DPCCC candidates came to talk about their platforms and introduced themselves.
- DPCCC changed their bylaws. DPCC changed their endorsement threshold to 55%.

- SAVE THE DATE – August 9, 2024 Roosevelt Dinner will be at Rossmoor in Walnut Creek. Biggest fundraiser of the year. Information is forthcoming.  
\* Possible Correction: *Per the DPCCC website, the Roosevelt Dinner will be on Wednesday, August 7th rather than Friday, August 9th; date to be confirmed*
- 20 DNC delegates will be elected by the members of the Executive Board.

#### **April Program: John Gioia, Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors**

- Last night approved the Community Clean Air Plan AB 617 for Richmond, San Pablo, North Richmond. Now, they need to implement the plan.
- Budget = \$6 billion dollar budget. Some pieces: Anyone can enroll in the county health program regardless of immigration status. Most of Measure X is used to fill a gap in the healthcare system. Measure X = \$7.5 million for health care centers in Antioch and possibly one in West County. \$4.5 million for Wildfire prevention/vegetation management \$ 1 million to promote food security, \$1 million for seniors. Completing family justice centers - mostly domestic violence, Richmond, CA. Renting fields of the school district. Setting aside \$400k to subsidize the use of West County fields and facilities for youth groups and funding a position at the Ed Fund to help manage that program. Updating general plans for unincorporated areas. Refineries moving to process oils that are less carbon-intensive and how do we have a just transition? Sea Level Rise - “Living levee” model project in North Richmond. Need to solve issues on a regional basis.

#### **Announcements**

- Quinto: The Fiona Ma fundraiser is being postponed. It will be rescheduled.
- Quinto: Contra Costa Mayors’ Conference is May 2 in Pinole.
- Nye: California Alliance of Retired Americans are doing a senior vote project. They hone in on districts that are flippable. They write postcards to elders in certain designated districts that are flippable. Dems could take the house if seats are flipped in five districts. Looking for volunteers for people who want to write postcards. Contact: Michael Nye

#### **Good of the Order**

#### **Adjourn**

President Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm in memory of longtime ECDC member Betty Brown who passed away on January 12th.

– Leslie Reckler, VP Records

#### 4. May Program: Kristin B. Connelly, Contra Costa County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters

Please join us in welcoming Kristin B. Connelly, Contra Costa County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters, as our guest and program speaker at the El Cerrito Democratic Club General Membership Meeting on May 28th.

Kristin was elected in November 2022 to a four-year term that began in January 2023. As Clerk-Recorder and Registrar, she has many responsibilities, among overseeing elections and officiating marriages.

Kristin recounts that her commitment to fair, impartial and secure elections was fueled by the Supreme Court's *Bush v. Gore* decision while she was in law school. Soon thereafter, she put her interest in election administration into action, first by organizing law students as non-partisan volunteer poll monitors in Cleveland, Ohio and later by training lawyers to handle Election Day calls from voters encountering difficulties.



As the Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters, Kristin oversees a staff of approximately seventy employees in Contra Costa County's Clerk-Recorder Division and Elections Division. Under her leadership, the Clerk-Recorder's office handles hundreds of thousands of property transactions and vital records each year while the Elections office focuses on increasing access to voting, ensuring transparency about election processes, and battling voting misinformation.

Prior to being elected Clerk-Recorder/Registrar, Kristin served for eight years as President and CEO of the East Bay Leadership Council (EBLC). She also served on the Acalanes Union High School District Governing Board for five years, including one year as President.

A native of Martinez and the East Bay, Kristin graduated from College Park High School in Pleasant Hill. She earned a bachelor's degree in political science from UCLA (as a Frank H. Buck Scholar), a master's in public policy from Georgetown University, and a law degree from Fordham University. Kristin practiced employment law for several years as an

Associate at the firm Sidley Austin LLP in New York City before returning to Contra Costa County, where she is raising her two teenage children with her husband T.J.

With the 2024 election approaching, misinformation has emerged as a serious threat to our democracy. Kristin strongly believes that a transparent electoral process is critical to restoring confidence in the integrity of our elections – and in our democracy.

We look forward to Kristin sharing updates about her office and efforts to safeguard voting rights when she meets with the ECDC on Tuesday, May 28th. ***Please join us!***

- William Ktsanes, VP Publications  
(with information provided by Kristin Connelly and ECDC President Champagne Brown)

## 5. Call to Action: ***Let's Take Back the House of Representatives!***

***Here's how to do it.*** The California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA), the AFL-CIO umbrella retiree organization consisting of union retiree groups and community based organizations, is working to flip five California House of Representatives seats. That, by itself, would change the composition of the House.

***Here's how it works.*** CARA is recruiting volunteer "Ambassadors" to help contact 5,000 No-Party Preference (NPP) senior voters in each of five congressional districts. The first contact will be by postcard, with CARA supplying the postcards, stamps, address labels, and script for volunteers to write. Next, there will be phone call follow-ups to ask voters if they received the postcards encouraging them to vote and to invite them to presentations where candidates will discuss issues particularly important to seniors – such as social security, medicare and medicaid. The discussions will be recorded and made available on the CARA website for anyone who missed the presentation.



There is a lot of writing and phoning to make this a successful project and win back the House! ***We need your help!***

If you want to participate in this historic opportunity to flip these California districts, contact me, Michael Nye, at [jaymichaelnye@gmail.com](mailto:jaymichaelnye@gmail.com) or (415) 342-5145.

- Michael Nye, ECDC Member  
Vice President, California Alliance for Retired Americans  
Director, Democratic Party of Contra Costa County, District 1

## 6. An Invitation from Current El Cerrito Councilmember and Former Mayor Paul Fadelli

*Paul & Michelle Fadelli  
invite you to join El Cerrito Mayor Tessa Rudnick and  
former mayors Mark Friedman, Greg Lyman,  
Lisa Motoyama, Rochelle Pardue-Okimoto and Gabriel Quinto  
at a happy hour reception in support of*



**Berkeley Mayor and ECDC-Endorsed Candidate Jesse Arreguin  
for California State Senate District 7**

**Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4 to 6 PM  
8646 Arbor Drive, El Cerrito  
(a few blocks from Moeser Lane and Arlington Blvd)**

**Libations and Appetizers Provided**

**Please RSVP to [pfadelli@comcast.net](mailto:pfadelli@comcast.net)**

**<https://www.jesse.vote/>**

**Help Jesse Win - \$35, Friend - \$50, Better Friend - \$100, or Best Friend - \$250**



## 7. El Cerrito Library “Op-Ed” from ECDC Member Michael A. Fisher

The El Cerrito Democratic Club provides a forum for area residents to discuss, debate and take action on issues of local, national, and international importance. While there seems to be consensus that the El Cerrito Public Library at 6510 Stockton Avenue is inadequate, the proposed location, size and financing of a new library is contentious and sparking debate.

At our August 2023 General Membership Meeting, Greg Lyman – former El Cerrito mayor, council member and past president of the El Cerrito Democratic Club – gave a presentation in support of building a new library as part of the development of the El Cerrito Plaza BART station. In the March 2024 ECDC Newsletter we published an “op-ed” response from ECDC member Betsy Bashor questioning the proposal to build a \$22 million, taxpayer-funded library at the BART Station; calling for greater transparency in the City’s planning process; and asking that other, less-costly sites to be considered. Below is a follow-up “op-ed” from ECDC member Michael A. Fisher in support of the El Cerrito Plaza BART station as presented by Greg.

Thank you Greg, Betsy and Michael. We welcome the differing perspectives and views of our members.

- William Ktsanes, VP Publications



Betsy Bashor’s Op-Ed in the March ECDC newsletter argues for the new El Cerrito library to be a two-story structure in the present location (Stockton site). It would be about 12,000 square feet – 40% smaller than the proposed single-story Plaza Station site of 20,000 square feet. I very much appreciate Ms. Bashor’s engagement on this issue.

City-hired library construction experts determined that use of the existing Stockton site is not acceptable. A time-limited, solid option for a new El Cerrito library – at an affordable price and without the problems of other potential sites – is the Plaza Station site.

**I urge all El Cerritans to engage with the City in the planning process for our new library. The next opportunity for focused engagement is Tuesday, June 11, from 6-7:30 pm at the existing library. Please consider attending and participating.**

## **Our Current Library Is Inadequate**

Ms. Bashor and I agree that El Cerrito needs a new, larger library. Our current library is seventy-five years old with deficits including: (1) inadequate size; (2) seismically unsafe, (3) traffic noise from cars and BART because of single-pane windows; (4) a leaky basement subject to flooding; (5) poor temperature regulation due to windows that don't close fully; and (6) restrooms that are not ADA-compliant. A new, larger, modern library is needed.

## **Why 20,000 Square Feet is Needed**

The city conducted professional needs assessments for a new library in 2006 and 2014. Each of these concluded that the “right size” for a new library for El Cerrito is 20,000 square feet. If you visit some of the newer libraries in the county, you will see how these roomier buildings use the space. At the Plaza Station site, there would be space for:

1. An expanded collection with increased collection types including more language and subject area diversity;
2. Places to read, write and research including a quiet room;
3. Meeting rooms for civic programs by community organizations;
4. More hours and spaces for senior programs and education events;
5. Small meeting rooms for tutoring students and adults seeking English literacy;
6. Computers and access to the Internet;
7. Refuge from excessive outdoor heat and cold, and polluted air;
8. Storage and display of important El Cerrito historical documents; and
9. A dedicated “bookstore” area for the Friends of the Library who raise money for library programs through the sale of used materials.

The actual allocation of space within the new library will be subject to public hearings and approval by the City Council. Modern libraries offer far more than books. They serve multiple needs for all ages and are true community centers. I urge everyone to engage in this process.

It is not clear that a two-story building on the Stockton site would be 12,000 usable square feet. The current footprint is 6,200 square feet and even if each story is that size, valuable floor-space would be dedicated to elevator and stairway access.

Even if the total amount of usable space using that site is 12,000 square feet, that amount is not sufficient to meet current and future needs noted above.

It's been 75 years since we've right-sized our library. 20,000 square feet would be average compared to similarly-sized Bay Area communities.

### **A Two-Story Structure on the Stockton Site is More Costly Per Usable Square Foot**

1. A two-story building requires an elevator which increases both construction and library maintenance costs. An elevator and stairwell consume valuable space on both floors and create foot traffic and other mobility issues for patrons and staff. Usable space is smaller, and the cost is greater.
2. A two-story building requires additional library staff for the same square footage. This increases county costs (for which we also pay taxes) and adds city costs for the increased staff needed for city-provided expanded library hours. Two-story libraries have a more difficult and expensive challenge to ensure safety of patrons, staff, and library materials.
3. If the new library were constructed on the Stockton site, the collection would need to be moved and stored and either be inaccessible during the construction period or be in a temporary location with additional rental costs. There are no such problems with the Plaza Station site.
4. The anticipated cost for the Plaza Station site is expected to be at least \$10 million less than a standalone building of equivalent size. This saving comes from infrastructure costs being shared between the city for the library and the rest of the BART project and is based on estimates by consultants who work with library construction.

### **Our Current Location on the Stockton Site is Less Accessible for People and Cars Than the Plaza Station Would be**

#### **1. Public Transportation**

Stockton site: The closest public transit to the Stockton site is the AC Transit bus stop on San Pablo Avenue 0.3 miles uphill to the library. To access the Stockton site from either BART station requires a non-timed transfer to an AC Transit bus. For those able to walk or ride a bicycle on the Ohlone Greenway, the site is 1-1/2 miles from the Del Norte Station and ½ mile from the Plaza Station.

Plaza Station site: The Plaza Station site is a tenth of a mile from both BART and AC Transit.

#### **2. Parking**

There is no off-street parking at either location and the City will likely manage street parking near the library for patron use only.

Stockton site: Street parking is very crowded during the hours when Fairmont Elementary School opens in the morning and when classes let out in the afternoon. The parking lot behind the library is owned by the school district and is not available to library users. It is unlikely that Stockton can accommodate diagonal parking.

Plaza Station site: The Plaza Station site is well-situated for those who choose to shop across the street at the El Cerrito Plaza Shopping Center. Parking on either Fairmount or Liberty is likely to be diagonal resulting in more spaces.

### 3. Student Access

Stockton site: Harding Elementary is an 18-minute walk, Fairmount Elementary is next door, and El Cerrito High is a 16-minute walk.

Plaza Station site: Harding Elementary is a 5-minute walk, Fairmount Elementary is a 12-minute walk along the protected Ohlone Greenway walkway/bikeway, and El Cerrito High is a 10-minute walk. It is more easily accessible to a greater number of students than the Stockton site. Many high school students already take BART to school; the new library would be on their way home.

### **Ownership of the Site**

The Plaza Station site is expected to be leased from BART to the City at a nominal cost (likely \$1/year) for 99 years. This is longer than the useful life of a building.

### **Cost and Funding of the project**

Either a library on the Stockton site or Plaza Station site will require bond funding through a parcel tax. The City Council has asked City staff to continue to explore the options for the Plaza Station Library and work with the developer. The costs will become clearer through this process, and interest rates will be known closer to the time of the ballot measure. This will result in a more accurate proposal. There will be an opportunity for public input and comment on any such proposal.

### **Time is Precious**

The Plaza Station site is a time-limited option that provides a new library for El Cerrito at an affordable price and without the problems presented by the Stockton site. While BART and its developers have agreed to allocate space for the library in the building, if the city's voters do not approve the bond financing, the space will be filled with other tenants. If that happens, El Cerrito will have lost its last opportunity to have a safe, affordable, appropriately sized, and accessible library.

The library would be part of the last development phase at the Plaza Station. Thus, any congestion from the construction would be gone when the library opens since the construction would be completed.

The City has been exploring new library options for many years. The Plaza Station site is the best, more affordable, most accessible, and proper location by far and is a limited time option. We need to support this proposal.

Michael A. Fischer, ECDC member

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El Cerrito Designated Library Commissioner

Immediate Past Chair, Contra Costa County Library Commission

*(Titles included for purposes of identification only)*

## **8. Future Events – *Mark Your Calendar!***

### **El Cerrito Democratic Club General Membership Meetings and Events**

**ECDC May General Membership Meeting** – 6:30 pm, Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

(4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month); hybrid format, in-person at Hana Gardens Senior Apartments (10860 San Pablo Avenue, next to El Cerrito City Hall) and remote via Zoom link

<http://tinyurl.com/ECDCMonthlyMembershipMeeting>

**ECDC June General Membership Meeting** – 6:30 pm, Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

(4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month); hybrid format, in-person at Hana Gardens Senior Apartments (10860 San Pablo Avenue, next to El Cerrito City Hall) and remote via Zoom link

<http://tinyurl.com/ECDCMonthlyMembershipMeeting>

**ECDC July General Membership Meeting** – 6:30 pm, Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

(4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month); hybrid format, in-person at Hana Gardens Senior Apartments (10860 San Pablo Avenue, next to El Cerrito City Hall) and remote via Zoom link

<http://tinyurl.com/ECDCMonthlyMembershipMeeting>

**ECDC Candidates Forum** – Time and Location TBD; Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

**ECDC August General Membership Meeting** – 6:30 pm, Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

(4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month); hybrid format, in-person at Hana Gardens Senior Apartments (10860 San Pablo Avenue, next to El Cerrito City Hall) and remote via Zoom link

<http://tinyurl.com/ECDCMonthlyMembershipMeeting>

**ECDC September General Membership Meeting** – 6:30 pm, Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month); hybrid format, in-person at Hana Gardens Senior Apartments (10860 San Pablo Avenue, next to El Cerrito City Hall) and remote via Zoom link <http://tinyurl.com/ECDCMonthlyMembershipMeeting>

**ECDC Annual Dinner** – 72nd Annual Dinner; Time and Location TBD; Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

**ECDC November General Membership Meeting** – 6:30 pm, Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month); hybrid format, in-person at Hana Gardens Senior Apartments (10860 San Pablo Avenue, next to El Cerrito City Hall) and remote via Zoom link <http://tinyurl.com/ECDCMonthlyMembershipMeeting>

**ECDC Holiday Party** – Time and Location TBD; Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

*\* There is no El Cerrito Democratic Club General Membership Meeting in October or December; ECDC's Annual Dinner is in October and its Holiday Party is in December.*

### **Other Community Events**

**El Cerrito Farmers Market** – 9:00 am-1:00 pm, every Tuesday and Saturday; since 1994; El Cerrito Plaza southwest corner parking lot (between Trader Joe's and Wells Fargo); <https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/7549/Contra-Costa-Certified-Farmers-Markets>

**Paul & Michelle Fadelli's "Happy Hour" Fundraiser in Support of Jesse Arreguin's Campaign for California State Senate** – 4:00-6:00 pm, Sunday, June 2nd; 8646 Arbor Drive, El Cerrito, CA 94530; please RSVP to [pfadelli@comcast.net](mailto:pfadelli@comcast.net)

**City of El Cerrito Library Workshop** – 6:00-7:30 pm, Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>; El Cerrito Public Library, 6510 Stockton Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530

**San Francisco Pride** – LGBTQIA+ events throughout the month of June; San Francisco Pride Parade down Market Street from Embarcadero to the celebration at Civic Center; beginning at 10:30 am on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>; <https://sfpride.org/> and <https://sfpride.org/parade>

**2024 City of El Cerrito & WorldOne 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival** – 11:00 am-5:30 pm, Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>; Cerrito Vista Park, 950 Pomona Ave, El Cerrito, CA 94530; <https://www.el-cerrito.org/702/July-4th-Festival>

**Roosevelt Dinner** – 6:00-9:00 pm, Wednesday, August 9th; Rossmoor Event Center, 1021 Stanley Dollar Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94595; annual fundraiser for the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County (DPCCC); <https://contracostadems.com/event/dpccc-2024-roosevelt-dinner-fundraiser/>

**2024 General Election** – Tuesday, November 5, 2024

- William Ktsanes, VP Publications

## 9. Membership Renewal Reminder and Instructions

**REMINDER!** – ECDC memberships expired on September 30, 2023. If you have not already renewed for 2024, **now is the time to renew!**

You can do so online at: <https://ecdclub.org/join/>

Or by mailing a check to: ECDC Membership  
PO Box 192  
El Cerrito, CA 94530

Dues are \$5 for students, \$20 for individual members, and \$30 for two adults at the same address. The newsletter comes with membership and is delivered electronically by email. The added cost for a printed, hard-copy, postal mailed newsletter is \$18 (in addition to dues). Please make checks payable to “El Cerrito Democratic Club” and provide an email address for all individual members.

If you have questions, please email Neil Tsutsui at [membership.ecdc@gmail.com](mailto:membership.ecdc@gmail.com).

Thank you!

- Neil Tsutsui, VP Membership

## 10. Call for Newsletter Submissions

The El Cerrito Democratic Club Newsletter is published eleven months a year (each month with the exception of a combined December-January issue) and in advance of the General Membership meetings. ECDC members, friends and supporters are invited to submit articles and announcements regarding local issues and events of interest. Submissions should be emailed to William Ktsanes at [wktsanes@gmail.com](mailto:wktsanes@gmail.com) for review and editing.

- William Ktsanes, VP Publications

## 11. Link to the ECDC Website and Bylaws

Periodically the Club updates our Bylaws. The bylaws were changed in October 2018 to meet DPCCC requirements; revisions were proposed and adopted during the January 2021, August 2022 and March 2023 ECDC meetings. The ECDC Bylaws are posted on the ECDC website at <https://ecdclub.org/club-documents/>.