



# El Cerrito Democratic Club

## September 2025 Newsletter

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## 1. El Cerrito Democratic Club General Information

Since 1952, the El Cerrito Democratic Club (ECDC)—one of the oldest Democratic clubs in the state—has provided 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 usually 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.

For monthly meeting and calendar reminders, you are invited to download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) invites to your computer:

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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, we 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 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 2025 volunteer officers:

### El Cerrito Democratic Club Officers (2025)

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

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/or joining the Executive Board.**

*Help is always greatly appreciated!*

Courtney Helion, VP Publication

## 2. Buy Your Tickets Now! El Cerrito Democratic Club Annual Dinner, October 25th 2025

Our plans are coming together for a fun ECDC Annual Dinner! Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 25, 2025, 6-9pm, at the Arlington Community Church. We are excited to have as our speaker Betty Yee, former California State Controller and Candidate for Governor. We will provide a catered dinner and ask that you bring drinks to share (wine and beer are ok). We are planning to have a silent auction and opportunities for sponsorship. We should be able to start selling tickets in person at the next ECDC Membership meeting (August 26). Many more details to come!



### EL CERRITO DEMOCRATIC CLUB **ANNUAL DINNER**

**BUY TICKETS AT:  
[HTTPS://ECDCLUB.ORG](https://ecdclub.org)**

**OCTOBER 25, 2025  
6 - 9 PM**

*Arlington Community Church  
52 Arlington Ave.  
Kensington*

**Early bird tickets: \$60  
After Sept 20: \$75**

*Dinner provided, please bring  
drinks to share.*

About

# Betty T. Yee

Candidate for Governor



Betty Yee is the former California State Controller. She was elected in November 2014, following two terms of service on the California Board of Equalization, the nation's only elected tax commission. Re-elected in 2018 for a second term as Controller earning the highest number of votes of any candidate nationwide that year --- over 8 million votes --- Betty was the 10th woman elected to statewide office in California's history.

As Chief Fiscal Officer of the world's then-fifth largest economy, Betty, among other responsibilities, served as a member of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) and the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) boards, whose combined portfolio reached \$800 billion. She led the work at both pension funds that culminated in the funds' net zero pledges.

Betty served on dozens of boards, commissions, and financing authorities affecting policies ranging from land management, affordable housing, and alternative transportation to crime victim compensation and health and educational facilities.

As Chair of the State Lands Commission, she provided stewardship of public-trust lands, waterways, and marine resources through economic development, protection, preservation, and restoration consistent with the state's environmental needs. In this capacity, she spearheaded, among other things, the shuttering of the last state oil platform on the Santa Barbara channel. As a member of several housing financing entities, Betty sponsored legislation to streamline the state's housing finance programs and called for stricter accountability over state funds directed towards addressing homelessness. Over her eight years as Controller, she and her audit team uncovered \$7.5 billion in unallowed spending.

With close to four decades of experience in public service specializing in state and local finance and tax policy, Betty earned a BA in sociology from the University of California, Berkeley, and a MPA from Golden Gate University in San Francisco. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of Ceres, a national sustainability organization, and the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies.

After her service as State Controller, Betty served as a Fellow with the University of Southern California Dornsife Center for the Political Future where she led a discussion and study group on the relationship of good governance and the health of our democracy. Betty is a declared candidate for Governor.



### 3. Information and Zoom Link for the Tuesday, September 23rd, 2025 El Cerrito Democratic Club General Membership Meeting

Our General Membership Meetings are generally held 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.

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 Zoom.

#### September Meeting Agenda

6:20 pm – Assemble and Mingle, Zoom Logins

6:30 pm – Call to Order

6:31 pm – Review and Approve the September 2025 Meeting Agenda (**Action Item**)

6:33 pm – Review and Approve the August 2025 Meeting Minutes (**Action Item**)

6:35 pm – Officer reports

President (Neil Tsutsui)

- Prop 50 updates, volunteer for canvassing Oct 4 & 5!

- Annual Dinner, Oct 25

Executive VP (William Ktsanes)

Membership (Greg Lyman)

Media (Madeline Kronenberg)

Publications (Courtney Helion)

Treasurer (Ed Crowley)

Records (Leslie Reckler)

Programs (Ruthie Abelson Olivas)

6:50 pm – DPCCC report (Champagne Brown)

6:55 pm – Program: ***“The Election Rigging Response Act (Prop 50) and Prospects for the 2026 Midterm Elections”*** (Neil Tsutsui)

7:45 pm – Announcements (2 minutes each)

7:55 pm – Good of the Order

8:00 pm – Adjourn

**Next Membership Meeting: none in October, but instead, we have the Annual Dinner, 10/25/25, 6-9pm**

Neil Tsutsui, ECDC President

## 4. Minutes from the August 26th El Cerrito Democratic Club General Membership Meeting

El Cerrito Democratic Club  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
6:30 PM, Tuesday, August 26, 2025  
(in person at Hana Gardens, 10860 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito; and via Zoom)

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### Call to Order

President Tsutsui called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

### Review and Approve the August 2025 Meeting Agenda

On the motion of Bashor and a second by Akacic the agenda was unanimously approved with no nays nor abstentions.

### Review and Approve the July 2025 Membership Meeting Minutes

On the motion of Tsutsui and a second by Bashor the agenda was unanimously approved with no nays but one abstention.

### Officer Reports:

President (Neil Tsutsui)

- **ECDC Annual Dinner** October 25, 6:00-9:00 pm. at Arlington Community Church. Speaker BettyYee. We will provide food, please bring drinks to share. There will be a silent auction and opportunities for sponsorship. If you have anything for the silent auction, please contact the E-Board. \$60 per person \$75 after September 20, 2025
- **Prop 50, "Election Rigging Response Act,"** was approved by the legislature and Governor. There will be an election on November 4th to ask the voters to redistrict. This is a response to Trump asking Texas to redistrict to change five seats to Republican in the House and secure the House for Republicans in the 2026 midterm elections. This is an all-hands-on-deck moment to precinct walk and drop literature. At next month's meeting, there will be a presentation on the '26 midterms including Prop 50.

### Membership (Greg Lyman)

- 129 members.
- Roster was submitted to DPCCC to calculate pre-endorsement delegates.

### Democratic Party of Contra Costa County (DPCCC) Report (Champagne Brown)

- Prop 50. Several redistricting commissioners are in favor of redistricting. Subtle changes are being made. California is following the redistricting commission's recommendations and is bringing the proposition to the people unlike Texas. Solano County losing Antioch, Desaulier getting the most of Contra Costa County. Josh Harder will get Antioch and Pittsburg, making that seat more reliably Democratic.

## Program: Greg Lyman, Committee 4 a Plaza Station Library

### THE EXISTING LIBRARY IS 75-YEARS OLD

- Not enough office space to allow full staffing
- No dedicated spaces for different users - Seniors, Youth, Children
- No space for programs, lectures, continuing learning
- No AC
- No ADA bathrooms
- Not meeting current building codes - seismic, ADA, air filtering

### WHY DO WE NEED A NEW LIBRARY?

#### A COMPARISON: BUILDING BASICS (CONTINUED)

Item	Existing Library	New Library
Meets Earthquake/Seismic Standards	NO	YES
Windows	Will not close, Single Pane	Sealed, Double Paned, Sound Insulation
Air Conditioning	NO	YES
Refuge Place (Earthquake, Heat/Cold Events, Smokey Air Days)	NO	YES
Emergency Power Site during Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Days	NO	YES

### WHY DO WE NEED A NEW LIBRARY: A COMPARISON – BUILDING ROOMS (CONTINUED)

Room	Existing Library	New Library
Staff Work Room	Too Small	Appropriate
Staff Lunchroom	None	Appropriate
Book Storage Area	Small, Floods	Adequate, Safe for Books

### WHY DO WE NEED A NEW LIBRARY?

#### A COMPARISON: BUILDING ROOMS

Room Type	Existing Library	New Library
Large Community/Multipurpose Room	NO	YES
Senior Program / Activity Room	NO	YES
Small Meeting Rooms	NO	YES
Young Children's Spacious Reading Room	INADEQUATE	YES
Special Study/Tutoring/Homework Rooms	NO	YES
Poetry/Author Reading/Discussion Rooms	NO	YES
Maker Space Room	NO	POSSIBLE
After Hours Meeting Room with Independent Access	NO	YES

## WHERE WILL THE LIBRARY BE LOCATED?

- The Committee for a Plaza Station Library recommends the ground floor of the BART TOD building to be built at the southwest corner of the BART Plaza Parking Lots at the corner of Fairmount and Liberty Streets.
- BART and the City have agreed to a lease of \$1.00 per year for 99 years.
- This location is convenient to BART, to the Ohlone Greenway, for walking, for bicycling and the city will ensure that there is short-term parking as well as parking for people with special needs
- This location is convenient to schools such as El Cerrito High School, Harding Elementary, Fairmount Elementary, Korematsu Middle School, Prospect Sierra School and more.

## WHEN BUILT DETERMINES COST

- BART's Transit Oriented Development moving forward - groundbreaking for Building A this year, 2025
- Library in Phase Three - scheduled groundbreaking in 2027
- Any other alternative would need a location and would be built in 2030, or later, at a much greater cost!

## COST GUESSTIMATE

	Plaza Station Library 2023 estimate for 2025 construction	Plaza Station Library 2025 guesstimate for 2027 construction	Stand Alone Library 2025 guesstimate for 2030 construction
Land Acquisition	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000
Building Exterior	\$4,611,000	\$7,000,000	\$10,000,000
Interior Improvements	\$5,775,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
Hard Cost Contingency	\$1,558,000	\$1,500,000	\$3,150,000
<b>Hard Cost Total</b>	<b>\$11,944,000</b>	<b>\$16,500,000</b>	<b>\$24,150,000</b>
Design Fee	\$1,194,000	\$1,650,000	\$2,415,000
Construction Management and Owner's Representative	\$768,000	\$996,000	\$1,379,000
City Fees, Permit Fees, Other costs	\$615,000	\$797,000	\$1,103,000
Soft Cost Contingency	\$258,000	\$344,000	\$490,000
<b>Soft Cost Total</b>	<b>\$2,835,000</b>	<b>\$3,787,000</b>	<b>\$5,387,000</b>
Furniture, Technology and Signage	\$1,420,000	\$1,420,000	\$1,420,000
Enhancement Contingency	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
<b>Furniture, Fixture and Equipment Total</b>	<b>\$3,420,000</b>	<b>\$3,420,000</b>	<b>\$3,420,000</b>
Project Contingency	\$1,194,000	\$1,650,000	\$2,415,000
<b>Project Estimated Total in Year Estimated</b>	<b>\$19,393,000</b>	<b>\$25,357,000</b>	<b>\$35,372,000</b>
Escalation to Construction Year	\$1,988,000	\$2,599,000	\$9,773,000
<b>Total Projected Construction Cost</b>	<b>\$21,381,000</b>	<b>\$27,956,000</b>	<b>\$45,145,000</b>

# HOW CONSTRUCTION FINANCED?

	Plaza Station Library 2023 estimate for 2025 construction	Plaza Station Library 2025 guesstimate for 2027 construction	Stand Alone Library 2025 guesstimate for 2030 construction
Principal	\$21,381,000	\$27,956,000	\$45,145,000
Annual Interest Rate	4%	4%	4%
Loan Period (years)	30	30	30
Interest	\$15,713,000	\$20,545,000	\$33,177,000
Total Loan Repayment	\$37,094,000	\$48,501,000	\$78,322,000
Annual Debt Service	\$1,236,467	\$1,616,700	\$2,610,733

# HOW CAN WE PAY FOR THE NEW LIBRARY?

- Borrow the money to design and build the library
- Create new revenue stream to pay for the debt
- Limit the new revenue to pay only for library expenses
- Have the revenue make the library costs independent of City's existing budget
- Create a new tax to cover the construction debt and initial operating costs above County minimum operations

Proposed Tax based on Improved Building Area (square foot)



## HOW WILL NEW TAX BE IMPLEMENTED?

- New Ordinance proposing up to \$0.17 per square foot of improved building area for up to 30 years after first bond issued
- City Council to adjust rate to be **only** what needed for Library Construction Debt and first 10-years of Library operations
- If Construction is delayed, City Council can adjust the maximum rate to maintain purchasing power
- Low Income Senior Exemption permitted
- Registered Voters petition the the City Council to place this New Ordinance on ballot

## HOW MUCH WILL A PROPERTY OWNER PAY?

Tax as a rate per square foot of improvement on all El Cerrito property. Improvement means houses and businesses.

MAXIMUM TAX RATE on Average Home	\$0.17/SF PER YEAR, EXAMPLE: (1,700 sf) X (\$0.17) = \$289/YEAR OR \$24.08/MONTH
PROBABLE TAX RATE on Average Home	\$0.12/SF PER YEAR, EXAMPLE: (1,700 sf) X (\$0.12) = \$204/YEAR OR \$17.00 PER MONTH

VACANT LOTS \$100 PER YEAR

DOES NOT COUNT GARAGES AND OTHER NON-HABITABLE SPACE FOR RESIDENTIAL

## HOW MUCH WILL A PROPERTY OWNER PAY?

### OPTIONS FOR LOWER TAX

1) Once the Special Library Tax is approved, the City will be able to apply for grants from private and public sources. Any funds granted can be applied to reducing the debt and therefore allow for a lower tax rate.

2) Senior Citizens who are eligible may have their taxes reduced or held back until their home is sold.

## HOW DOES PETITION WORK?

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- A petition signed by 10% of the registered voters is the “will of the people”
- Ten percent of the registered voters is 1,800 signatures
- City Council must put on a future general election, and may put on a special election
- Courts determined that ballot measures placed on the ballot by the “will of the people” only need simple majority
- Earliest possible election likely June 2, 2026

## WHY SIGN THE PETITION

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- Signing the petition only places the funding measure on the ballot - it does not enact the new Ordinance
- **Any new library** alternative needs funding and this new Ordinance is not specific to a Plaza Station Library
- The Plaza Station Library is the fastest and cheapest solution for a 20,000 square foot library - schedule and cost certainty
- The Plaza Station Library option expires in 2026 - signing the petition means this inexpensive solution remains viable

Please Sign a Petition Today!

Become a Circulator and collect signatures!

## COMMITTEE FOR A PLAZA STATION LIBRARY FPPC 146086

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[WWW.C4PSL.ORG](http://WWW.C4PSL.ORG)

## Announcements

- There are many organizations that are supporting the people of Palestine. Seek out organizations to lend support.
- AdHoc committee- El Cerrito Senior Center Action Committee meeting on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 2:00 p.m. Vets building on Stockton Ave 2:00-3:30 p.m. with John Gioia, County Supervisor.

## Good of the Order

Praise and remembrances were given in the memory of H.E. Christian (Chris) Peeples.

## Adjournment

President Tsutsui adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m. in memory of H.E. Christian (Chris) Peeples.

## 5. Program: Neil Tsutsui, *“The Election Rigging Response Act (Prop 50) and Prospects for the 2026 Midterm Elections”*

Neil Tsutsui is a Professor of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management at UC Berkeley and current President of the El Cerrito Democratic Club. Neil has served on a variety of local and regional committees, including as Chair of the El Cerrito Environmental Quality Committee, Chair of the Parks Advisory Committee for the East Bay Regional Parks District, and Vice-president of the West Contra Costa Sierra Club.



Neil was originally planning to present on the outlook for the 2026 mid-term elections, but now that Prop 50 will be on the ballot, he will also give an overview of the redistricting changes and what they mean for Democrats in El Cerrito and the larger Bay Area.

Neil has also launched a super-PAC, called “*Flip 1 Seat*” ([www.flip1seat.org](http://www.flip1seat.org)) to do targeted fundraising for flipping a single, currently Republican House seat in California.

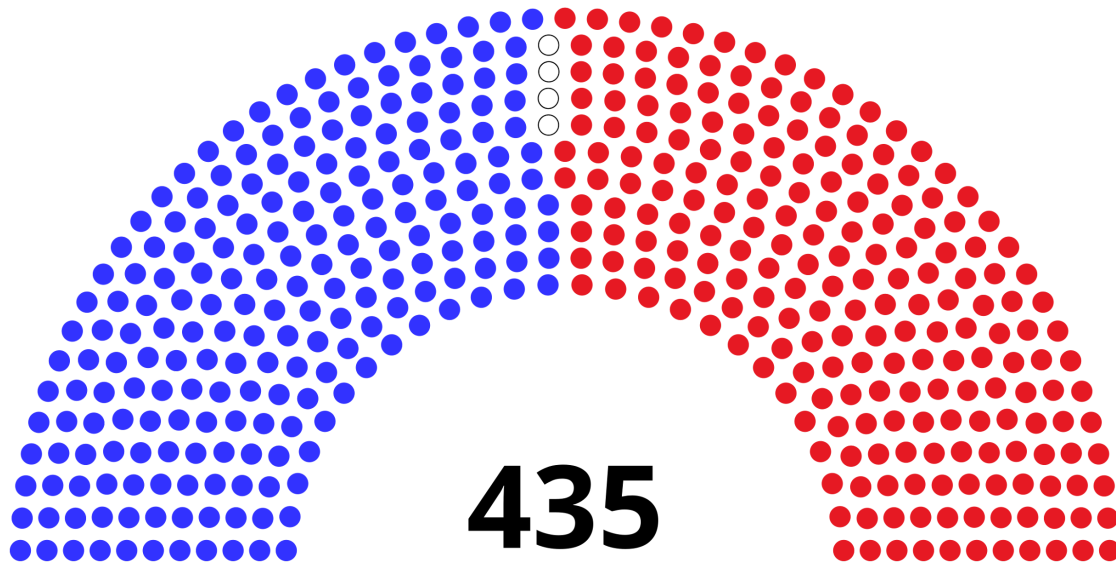


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## 6. Reiterating: What Does Redistricting Mean?

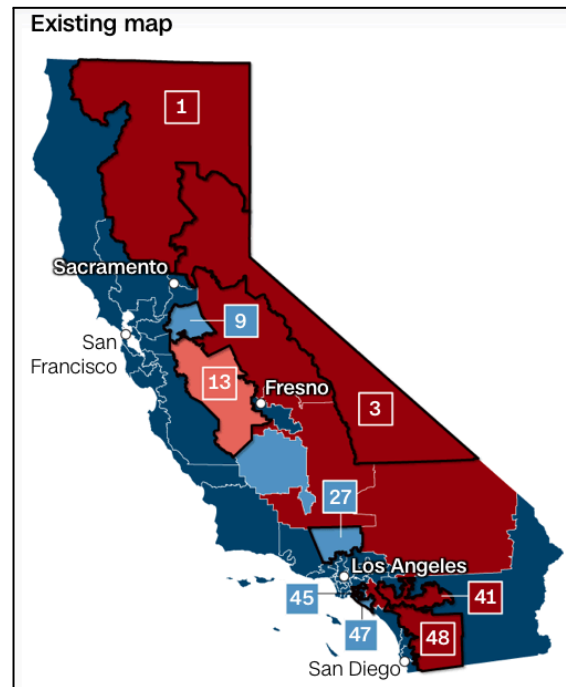
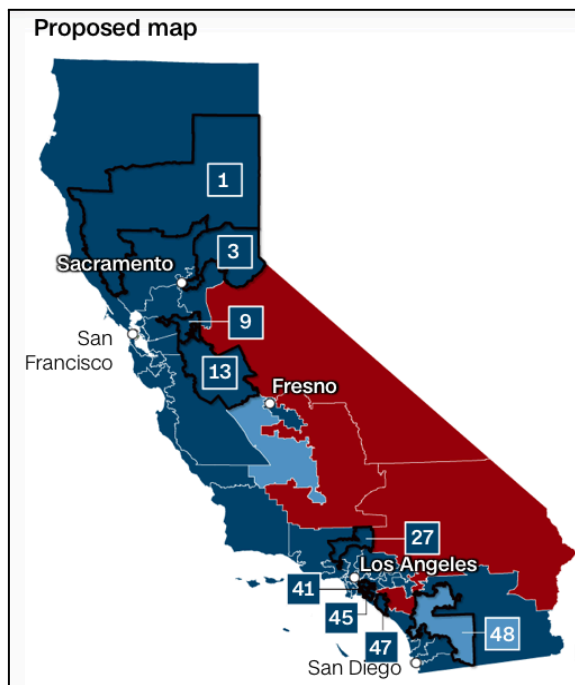


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**Winning back the House of Representatives starts now!**

As you have probably seen, there was lots of action these last weeks on California redistricting. Two momentous events in particular - the state Assembly and Senate passed the "*Election Rigging Response Act*" (Prop 50) and the California Supreme Court rejected a Republican challenge to redistricting.

Overall, the goal of this effort is to offset the mid-decade redistricting that Trump demanded in Texas to gain 5 Republican seats in the House. It is anticipated that the California redistricting would add an additional 5 Democratic seats, plus secure some wobbly blue seats.

The California special election will be on Nov 4, and ballots will drop Oct 6. It will be a short, intense sprint from now until then.

The California Democratic Party (CADEM) will be providing literature and access to PDI for local groups - I have requested 4000 walk pieces for El Cerrito.

Things are moving quickly, and I will try to keep you updated as I find out more, but here are some resources if you're interested in learning more.

Here is a link to the proposed maps:

<https://aelc.assembly.ca.gov/proposed-congressional-map>

Here is a link to the Secretary of State page about this special election:

<http://sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/statewide-special-nov-4-2025>

Here is a link to find out if your vote could be affected by redistricting plans:

<https://calmatters.org/politics/2025/08/find-out-if-your-vote-could-be-affected-by-newsoms-redistricting-plans/>

- Neil Tsutsui

## **7. Future Events - *Mark Your Calendar!***

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

**ECDC September General Membership Meeting** – 6:30 pm, Tuesday, September 23, 2025; (4th 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>

*Preliminary Monthly Program: Neil Tsutsui, "The Election Rigging Response Act (Prop 50) and Prospects for the 2026 Midterm Elections"*



**Canvassing in El Cerrito for YES on Prop 50!** October 4 and 5. Neil will be there to provide you with flyers, a walk list, and some helpful information. Register here: <https://mobilize.us/s/zqgb6L>

**ECDC Annual October Dinner** – 73rd Annual Dinner; Saturday, October 25, 2025. 6:00 - 9:00 pm  
Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave, Kensington; no General Membership Meeting in October; **special guest former California State Controller and Gubernatorial Candidate Betty Yee, topic TBD**

**ECDC November 2025 General Membership Meeting** – 6:30 pm, Tuesday, November 25, 2025; (4th 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>  
*Preliminary Monthly Program: TBD*

**ECDC Annual Holiday Party** – time, date and location TBD; no General Membership Meeting in December

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

**ECDC Executive Board Calendar** – The El Cerrito Democratic Club's Executive Board (E-Board) meets monthly via Zoom for about an hour to handle routine club business, plan programs for the monthly General Membership Meetings and discuss newsletter content. As with the General Membership Meetings, the E-Board meetings are open to the public. The Zoom Link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89264608412?pwd=c2sySEl5ZEplJl1lHVUM5bERCZGpEQOT09>.

Below is the ECDC E-Board Calendar November 2025:

2025 El Cerrito Democratic Club Executive-Board Calendar (E-Board)					
Monthly ECDC Executive Board Meeting (E-Board)	Deadline for Submitting the General Membership Meeting Agenda and Articles for the ECDC Newsletter	Monthly Newsletter Completed	Monthly ECDC Newsletter Postal Mailed (to those who have paid extra for USPS delivery)	Monthly ECDC Newsletter Emailed (by 6:00 pm)	General Membership Meeting Date
Thursday 9/4/2025	Thursday 9/15/2025	Tuesday 9/17/2025	Wednesday 9/18/2025	Saturday 9/20/2025	Tuesday 9/23/2025
Thursday 10/6/2025	Thursday 10/16/2025	Tuesday 10/21/2025	Wednesday 10/22/2025	Saturday 10/25/2025	none

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### **Other Community Events**

**El Cerrito City Council Meetings** – 6:00-9:00 pm, first and third Tuesday of most months; hybrid format; in the City Council Chambers at City Hall (10890 San Pablo Avenue) and via Zoom; agendas and recordings available; <https://www.el-cerrito.org/113/City-Council>

**El Cerrito Farmers Market** – 9:00 am-1:00 pm, every Tuesday and Saturday; El Cerrito Plaza, 9000 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530; southwest corner parking lot between Trader Joe's and Wells Fargo Bank; [www.contracosta.ca.gov/7549/Contra-Costa-Certified-Farmers-Markets](http://www.contracosta.ca.gov/7549/Contra-Costa-Certified-Farmers-Markets)



### **DPCCC and West County Dem Events**

<https://contracostadems.com/events/>

**West County Dems Monthly meeting** - 6:00 - 7:30 pm, second Tuesday of the month; This is a local Democratic club chartered by DPCCC. Meetings are via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83146226722?pwd=chRneSsxYkVnWWdTcTNQRnBBTmhzd09>

For more info, contact the club. <https://www.westcountydemocraticclub.com>

**DPCCC General Membership Meeting** - 7:00 - 10:00 pm, If you are not a DPCCC member and wish to attend, please RSVP to the DPCCC Secretary at [secretary@contracostadems.com](mailto:secretary@contracostadems.com).

If you are a DPCCC member, you should have received an email with details for the meeting about seven days in advance. If you did not, please email the DPCCC Secretary at [secretary@contracostadems.com](mailto:secretary@contracostadems.com).

*If you know of other community events that may be of interest to our members, please submit them to Courtney Helion at [ecdc.pubs@gmail.com](mailto:ecdc.pubs@gmail.com) for publication in future newsletters!*

- Courtney Helion, VP Publications

## **8. Membership Renewal Reminder and Instructions**

**REMINDER!** – ECDC annual memberships expire annually on **September 30th**. If you have not yet done so, please renew for 2025. **Now is the time!**

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 membership questions, please email Greg Lyman at [membership.ecdc@gmail.com](mailto:membership.ecdc@gmail.com).

Thank you!

- Greg Lyman, VP Membership

## **9. 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) 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 [ecdc.pubs@gmail.com](mailto:ecdc.pubs@gmail.com) for review and editing.

- Courtney Helion, VP Publications

## 10. 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/>.

1926 block-by-block street maps of El Cerrito

