



El Cerrito Democratic Club

August 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: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZUpcOCvqDkpEtH10GiVZ7NcegZqDI_tJeMI/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGpqjwjHdKXsxGCRpwcBo_CXe3wpnpej7d1zU_CChZpNS31M-V4I5ZWL8z6

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. Save the Date! 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

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, August 26th, 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.

July Meeting Agenda

6:20 pm – Assemble and Mingle, Zoom Logins

6:30 pm – Call to Order

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

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

6:35 pm – Officer Reports:

President (Neil Tsutsui)

ECDC Annual Dinner, October 25 at Arlington Community Church. Speaker Betty Yee. We will provide food, please bring drinks to share. There will be a silent auction and opportunities for sponsorship.

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

6:55 pm – Program: Greg Lyman, Committee 4 a Plaza Station Library

7:45 pm – Announcements (please limit to 2 minutes)

7:55 pm – Good of the Order

8:00 pm – Adjourn, in memory of H. E. “Chris”

Peoples

Neil Tsutsui, ECDC President



4. Minutes from the July 22th El Cerrito Democratic Club General Membership Meeting

El Cerrito Democratic Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
6:30 PM, Tuesday, June 24, 2025
(in person at Hana Gardens, 10860 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito; and via Zoom)

Call to Order

President Tsutsui called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Review and Approve the July 2025 Meeting Agenda

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

Review and Approve the June 2025 Membership Meeting Minutes

On the motion of Crowley and second of Tsutsui the minutes were unanimously approved with no nays nor abstentions.

Officer Reports:

- **President (Neil Tsutsui)**

Last day for membership for pre-endorsement. Membership influences the number of votes the club gets for endorsement. Tonight at midnight is the deadline. 1 vote for every 20 members in our assembly district.

- Now is the time to renew, since pre-endorsement is coming up this month.
- SAVE THE DATE! The Annual Dinner is October 25, 2025. The speaker is Betty Yee.

- **Executive VP (William Ktsanes)** No Report

- **Membership (Greg Lyman)** Not present. Neil reports 115-120 members.

- **Media (Madeline Kronenberg)** Old Facebook posts will be cleared.

- **Publications (Courtney Helion)** No report

- **Treasurer (Ed Crowley)** Balance: \$1,799.90 plus \$30 check, plus some membership renewals.

- **Records (Leslie Reckler)**

Save the Date. The Annual Dinner will be held at the [Arlington Community Church](#) on Arlington in Kensington. The honored guest is [Betty Yee](#), former Controller for California state and candidate for California state Governor, 2026.

- **Programs (Ruthie Abelson Olivas)** No Report

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

- At June's special meeting, the only topic was the rechartering of all clubs. ECDC was rechartered for another two years.
- Signs for Diana Becton have been purchased and are available.
- **Michael Nye District 1 Report**
 - The Central Committee donated \$5,000 to Diana Becton campaign to keep her name off the recall ballot.

Consider Bylaws change to update membership effective date to July 1.

This change is to include people who join the club at World One, which is held on July 4th.

On the motion Crowley and Second of Pace, the motion passed unanimously with no nays nor abstentions.

*Bylaws change = $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of at least 10 members present. 20 members present.

Announcements

- Buddy Akacic wants the ECDC to vote to take a position on the Richmond Street redevelopment project. Neil explains that the ECDC bylaws say that ECDC can take positions on ballot measures, candidates, and donations. It is not clear where the Richmond Street redevelopment project sits within the bylaws. Buddy wants the club to consider a change to the bylaws so that they can take positions on a wider range of issues.
- Joanna Pace - AC Transit is realigning their services and the Number 7 bus will experience realignment with fewer buses running. On Saturday, August 9th, there will be a bus ride party. Ride the bus to Emeryville and then ride the bus home. AC Transit is reducing the 7 to start another service (29).
- Senior Center Action Committee meeting Thursday 2 pm Vet's building on Stockton Ave. Open to all.
- [El Cerrito Historical Society](#) 50th anniversary starting next month. Sign up for the monthly newsletter.

Adjourn 7:47 p.m.

Program: Rosa Menjivar, The Latina Center, "Protecting Immigrants: Know your Rights" Seminar.

Everyone has rights regardless of religion or immigration status.

Agencias Principales de la DHS Key Agencies of DHS

El Departamento de Seguridad Interna (DHS) tiene 3 agencias de Inmigración claves:
Department of Homeland Security (DHS) houses three key Immigration agencies:

- **USCIS (Citizenship & Immigration Services)**
Principalmente procesa beneficios de inmigración (e.g. solicitud de ciudadanía).
www.uscis.gov



- **USCIS (Citizenship & Immigration Services)**
Primarily handles immigration benefits (e.g. citizenship applications).
www.uscis.gov

- **ICE (Immigration & Customs Enforcement)**
Generalmente a cargo de enforzar leyes de inmigración y procedimientos de deportación (e.g. redadas)



- **ICE (Immigration & Customs Enforcement)**
Generally, handles enforcement and removal proceedings (e.g. raids)

- **CBP (Customs & Border Protection)**
Típicamente opera a 100mi cerca de la fronteras (e.g. inspecciones en puertos de entradas)



- **CBP (Customs & Border Protection)**
Typically handles issues near the border (e.g. inspection at ports of entry)

Derechos si ICE llega a mi casa Rights if ICE Comes to my home

DOS MANERAS QUE ICE PUEDE ENTRAR A LAS CASAS:

1. Orden Judicial Válida/ Valid Judge's Order
2. Con el permiso suyo/ With YOUR permission

- No abra la Puerta.
- Preguntar que se identifiquen.
- Pedir ver una orden firmada por un Juez.
- Ejercer su derecho de permanecer en SILENCIO.
- Decir que no usted no autoriza revisar sus pertenencia.

- Do not open de door.
- Always ask for identification.
- Ask for a Signed Judge's Order.
- You have the right to remain SILENT.
- Say that you don't authorize them to through your things.

[We Have Rights - Videos](#)

RECURSOS/RESOURCES

- **The Latina Center**

3701 Barratt Ave. Richmond
Office: (510)233-8595 (2 Lawyer 1 day per month)
Cell: (510) 200-1264

Todo tipo de casos incluye Apelaciones de deportación
All types of cases, including deportation appeals

***Consulta por 30mn. Gratia**

- **Catholic Charities of the East Bay**

217 Harbour Way Richmond, CA 94801
(510) 429-4265

- **Immigrant Institute of the Bay Area, Oakland**
(510)451-2048

- **Social Justice Collaborative**
(510)992-3554

- **Oasis Legal Service**
(510)993-8807

- **East Bay Sanctuary Covenant, Berkeley**
Hotline: (510)646-8484
Text only (510)600-6661
Monday - Friday



Orden de
Deportación

Llame al 925-900-5151
y pida ayuda si...

Repasando Nuestros Derechos Constitucionales.

Reviewing Our Constitutional Rights – Especially 4th, 5th, and 6th Amendment.

4th

* Derecho contra búsquedas ilegales de su persona o propiedad.
* ICE y agentes policiales no pueden entrar a su hogar o revisar sus documentos sin su permiso o una orden Judicial.

* Right against illegal searches of your person or property.
* ICE and law enforcement agents cannot enter your home or review your documents without your permission or a Court order.

5th

* Derecho a permanecer en silencio y un proceso legal.
* Reusarse a firmar documentos.
* Reusar a entregar documentos.

* Right to remain silent and due process.
* Refusing to sign documents. Refuse to hand over documents.

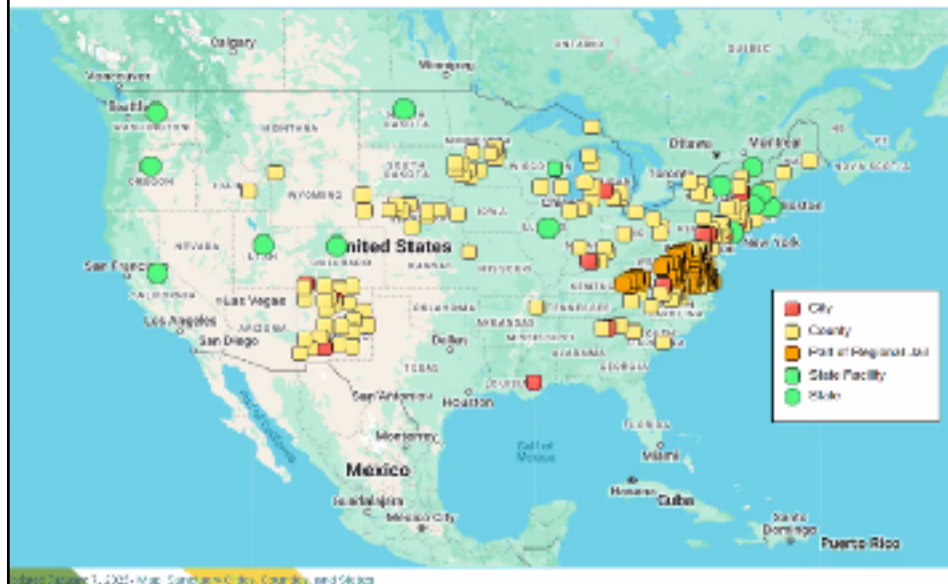
6th

* Derecho a un abogado para casos criminales (penales).
* Derecho de ser notificado como afecta un caso criminal (penal) a su caso o situación de inmigración

* Right to a lawyer for criminal (criminal) cases.
* Right to be notified how a criminal case affects your immigration case or situation

Sanctuary Map

Sanctuary Cities/ Ciudades Santuario.



Sanctuary Cities List

States

1. California
2. Colorado
3. Connecticut
4. Illinois
5. Massachusetts
6. New Jersey
7. New York
8. North Dakota
9. Oregon
10. Rhode Island
11. Utah
12. Vermont
13. Washington

Políticas de Santuario/ Sanctuary Policies

Las políticas de santuario incluyen:

- Negarse a atender las solicitudes de detención del Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas (ICE) sin orden judicial.
- Prohibir que las fuerzas de seguridad locales pregunten por la situación migratoria a menos que investiguen un delito grave.
- Proporcionar recursos a los inmigrantes, como asistencia jurídica, atención sanitaria y documentos de identidad.

Sanctuary policies include:

- Refusing to respond to detention requests from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) without a court order.
- Prohibit local law enforcement from asking about immigration status unless they are investigating a serious crime.
- Provide resources to immigrants, such as legal assistance, healthcare, and identification documents.

Ciudades Santuario/ Sanctuary Cities

¿Qué es una Ciudad Santuario?

Es un municipio que limita o niega su cooperación con el gobierno nacional para hacer cumplir la ley de inmigración.

El concejo y el alcalde de una ciudad normalmente se declaran ciudad santuario y posteriormente promulgan medidas y políticas que acogen y favorecen a los inmigrantes ilegales. Las ciudades santuario asumen la responsabilidad de recibir y procesar una afluencia de inmigrantes ilegales y brindarles servicios y recursos para que se aclimaten y vivan en el país y las comunidades a las que llegan.

What is a Sanctuary City?

It is a municipality that limits or denies its cooperation with the national government to enforce immigration law.

A city council and mayor typically declare themselves a sanctuary city and subsequently enact measures and policies that welcome and favor illegal immigrants. Sanctuary cities take on the responsibility of receiving and processing an influx of illegal immigrants and providing them with services and resources to acclimate and live in the country and communities they arrive in.

El concepto de ciudades santuario se originó durante el movimiento santuario de la década de 1980, cuando los líderes del suceso de Teolac, Oaxaca propusieron una ley a los senadores de cada estado sobre los gueros ridículos en Centroamérica.
Ciudades como San Francisco instituyeron este modelo en 1986 con resoluciones para limitar la participación local en la aplicación de las leyes federales de inmigración. www.sfbay.com

Documentos debería y no debería llevar con usted

Si usted tiene un **permiso de trabajo** válido o una **tarjeta de residente permanente** (es decir, "green card," en inglés), llévelos con usted en todo momento. –**Preferencia Copias.**



If you have a valid work permit or permanent resident card (green card), always carry them with you. **Copy.**



Si está en un proceso y no tiene tarjeta puede cargar la copia de sus recibos con su A #



If you are in a process and do not have a card, you can upload a copy of your receipts with your A #



No lleve con usted ningún documento de identidad o de inmigración falso.



Do not carry any false identification or immigration documents with you.



En todo momento, lleve con usted una tarjeta de sus derechos.



Always carry the "know your rights" card

Como localizer algulen que fue areestado? How do you locate someone who was arrested?

Localizar a alguien que fue areestado por ICE Puede tardar hasta 48 horas para que se actualice la informaci3n/
Locating someone who was arrested by ICE It can take up to 48 hours for the information to be updated.

¿QUE NECESITAS?

- 1) Numero de caso(si tiene uno)
- 2) Buscarlo con informaci3n b3sica como: Nombre, pais de origen y fecha de nacimiento.

WHAT DO YOU NEED?

1. Case number/ Case Number (if you have one/ If you have one)
2. Search for it with basic information such as Name, country of origin, and date of birth.



- Search -www.locator.ice.gov/odls/#/search

Cuales son sus Derechos Si es areestado? What are your Rights If you are arrested?

- ☐ Tiene derecho a hacer una llamada Telefonica
- ☐ Tiene derecho a llamar al consulado.
- ☐ Tiene derecho a permanecer en SILENCIO.
- ☐ Tiene derecho a hablar con un abogado o representante acreditado.
- ☐ Tiene derecho a negarse a firmar cualquier documento antes de hablar con su abogado.
- ☐ NO discuta su informaci3n de inmigraci3n con nadie que no sea su abogado.

- ☐ The right to make a phone call.
- ☐ The right to call your consulate.
- ☐ The right to remain SILENT (Being detained does not mean you have to answer questions.
- ☐ The right to speak to an attorney or accredited representative.
- ☐ The right to refuse to sign before speaking with your attorney or accredited representative.

Que hacer si inmigracion o la Policia me detiene al manejar o soy arrestado?

What do you do if immigration or the police stop you while driving your car?

- Manténgase en silencio.
- Presentar su licencia de conducir, Registración y aseguranza si se la piden.
- Mantener la calma y NO CORRER.
- Hagales saber con respeto: "No da consentimiento para registrar su persona o auto".
- Pregunte si esta arrestado.
- Pregunte si puede irse.

[Know your rights](#)



REMAIN SILENT
You have the right to remain silent. Immigration can use anything you say against you.

STAY CALM AND DO NOT RUN
Use your phone to take photos and notes about the stop, but stay calm and do not run.

ASK TO SPEAK TO YOUR ATTORNEY AND THINK TWICE BEFORE SIGNING ANYTHING
Don't sign forms you don't understand or don't want to sign. You have the right to speak with an attorney.

LEGAL HELP
America has a list of legal service providers if you need a lawyer. You can also download LULAC's Opportunities App to access pro bono legal services.

Que hacer si Inmigración llega a tu trabajo?

What should you do if immigration comes to your workplace?



NO CORRA
Manténgase en calma y no corra. Correr puede ser visto como una admisión de culpa.

NO LLEVE CON USTED DOCUMENTOS FALSOS
Proporcionar documentos falsos a ICE puede resultar en deportación o en cargos criminales.

NO INTERFERA CON LOS AGENTES DE ICE
Interferir con los agentes de ICE durante una inspección en el lugar de trabajo le puede exponer a cargos criminales.

NO FIRME NADA QUE NO QUIERA FIRMAR O QUE NO ENTENDA
Firme dos veces antes de firmar cualquier documento sin antes hablar con un abogado. Firmar un documento puede llevarle a estar desautorizado o a abandonar voluntariamente los Estados Unidos. Consultar con un abogado antes de firmar algo es la mejor manera de proteger sus derechos.

EL DERECHO DE PERMANECER EN SILENCIO
Usted tiene el derecho constitucional de permanecer en silencio y de no responder a cualquier pregunta. Si usted responde sin derecho de permanecer en silencio, cualquier cosa que diga puede ser usada en su contra.

MANTENGA NÚMEROS DE TELÉFONO IMPORTANTES CON USTED
Mantenga el número de teléfono de su sindicato y proveedor de servicios legales con usted.

Ingresa al portal [America.org](#) para descargar la tarjeta de Conozca Sus Derechos y para obtener una lista de proveedores de servicios legales.
*Este es un portal web de información legal.



DON'T RUN
Stay calm and don't run. Running may be seen as an admission of guilt.

DON'T CARRY FALSE DOCUMENTS
Providing false documents to ICE may result in deportation and criminal charges.

DON'T INTERFERE WITH ICE AGENTS
Interfering with ICE agents during a workplace raid may expose you to criminal charges.

DON'T SIGN ANYTHING YOU DON'T WANT TO SIGN OR DON'T UNDERSTAND
Think twice before signing anything without talking to a lawyer. Signing a paper may end up being an agreement to voluntarily leave the United States. Consulting with a lawyer before signing anything is the best way to protect your rights.

THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT
You have the constitutional right to remain silent and to refuse to answer questions. If you want to exercise your right to remain silent, show ICE your Know Your Rights card.

KEEP IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS WITH YOU
Keep the phone number of your union and legal services provider with you.

Go to [America.org](#) to download the Know Your Rights card and for a list of legal services providers.

En el Trabajo/ At the Workplace

DOS MANERAS DE ENTRAR/ TWO WAYS OF ENTERING

1. Una orden judicial válida/ With a valid judge's order
2. Con el permiso de su patrono/ They can enter with your boss Permission

Cuando ICE le muestra una orden administrativa con el nombre de un empleado/
When ICE shows you an administrative warrant with an employee's name:

- ☐ NO tiene que llevar a los agentes del ICE donde está el empleado nombrado en la orden (aunque se encuentren en el lugar de trabajo en ese momento).
- ☐ NO ayuda a los agentes del ICE o ayudan a la gente de seguridad en su situación inmigratoria o su país de origen.
- ☐ Supervise a los agentes para verificar que están cumpliendo con lo que dice la orden.
- ☐ Si usted o un empleado está dispuesto a hacerlo, tiene el derecho de que los agentes del ICE estén haciendo en su lugar de trabajo. Es posible que pueda demostrar que los agentes violaron sus derechos, o los derechos de sus trabajadores.
- ☐ You are not required to take ICE agents to the employee named in the order, even if they are present at the workplace at that time.
- ☐ Do not assist ICE agents in targeting individuals based on immigration status or country of origin.
- ☐ Supervise the agents to ensure they are complying with the order.
- ☐ If you or an employee is willing to record ICE agents at your workplace, you are permitted to do so. This can demonstrate that the agents violated your rights or the rights of your employees.

HABLAR CON SUS SUPERIORES Y HACER UN PLAN DE EMERGENCIA
TALK TO YOUR SUPERIORS AND MAKE AN EMERGENCY PLAN

Hacer un plan de emergencia - Brief trabajo, On a Plan De Emergencia/On a Plan of Work Emergency

7 Pasos Claves

1. NO ABRAS LA PUERTA si alguien que no conoces está tocando la puerta. Una vez dentro podrán seguir su búsqueda a otras personas de la residencia. Oficiales de control de inmigración no siempre usan uniforme.

2. ORDEN JUDICIAL (WARRANT) Para ingresar a tu casa deben tener una orden fechada y firmada por un juez, con la dirección y nombre de quien buscan. Es raro que tengan una orden judicial válida.

3. NO CONTESTES NINGUNA PREGUNTA de un oficial estatal o agente de inmigración si tratan de hablar contigo. Tienes el derecho a mantenerte en silencio!

4. NO FIRMS NADA sin antes hablar con un abogado. Tienes el derecho de hablar con un abogado.

5. PREGUNTA SI ERES LIBRE DE IRTE Si estás afuera de tu casa, pregunta al agente si eres libre de irte y si dice que sí, vete con tranquilidad.

6. DOCUMENTA Guarda cualquier información que puedas recopilar de esta interacción. (Anota fecha, lugar, horario. Si te sientas cómodo, toma foto del nombre y/o número de placa del agente).

7. COMUNICATE CON TU ABOGADO y/o agencias comunitarias de confianza para compartir lo sucedido.

1. DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR if someone you don't know is knocking on the door. Once inside they can expand their search to other people in the residence. Immigration enforcement officials are not always in uniform.

2. WARRANT To enter your home they must have a warrant that is dated and signed by a judge, with the address and name of who they are looking for. They rarely have a valid warrant.

3. DO NOT ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS from a state official or immigration agent if they try to talk to you. You have the right to remain silent!

4. DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING without first speaking to a lawyer. You have the right to speak with a lawyer, and there are organizations and resources to support you.

5. ASK IF YOU ARE FREE TO LEAVE If you are outside your home, ask the agent if you are free to leave, and if they say yes, leave calmly.

6. DOCUMENT Save any information you gather from this interaction. Write down the date, place, and time. If you feel comfortable, take a photo of the agent's name and/or badge number.

7. COMMUNICATE with your attorney and/or trusted community-based organizations to share what happened.



Plan de Acción/ Action Plan



Memorice el número de alguien en quien pueda confiar en caso de un arresto.



Haga un plan sobre quién puede cuidar de sus familiares niños y niñas, de su casa y de su mascota. Además busque a alguien que pueda notificar a su trabajo de su arresto.



Tenga todos sus documentos – acta de nacimiento, historial médico, antecedentes delictivos, etc. – en un lugar seguro y dele acceso a alguien de su confianza.



Lleve la tarjeta “conozca sus derechos” siempre.



Memorize the number of someone you can trust in case of an arrest.



Make a plan about who can take care of your family members (children), your home, and your pet. Also, find someone who can notify work of your arrest.



Have all your documents – birth certificate, medical history, criminal record, etc. – in a safe place and give access to someone you trust.



Always carry the “know your rights” card

PLANES DE SEGURIDAD/ SECURITY PLANS



Orden de Inmigracion/Immigration Order

U.S. Department of Justice
Immigration and Naturalization Service

Warrant of Removal/Deportation

File No. _____
Date: _____

To any officer of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service:

(For name of alien)

who entered the United States at _____ (Place of entry) on _____ (Date of entry)

is subject to removal/deportation from the United States, based upon a final order by:

☐ an Immigration Judge in exclusion, deportation, or removal proceedings
☐ a district director or a district director's designated official,
☐ the Board of Immigration Appeals
☐ a United States District or Magistrate Court Judge

and pursuant to the following provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act:
Section 241(c)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (Act), as amended.

I, the undersigned officer of the United States, by virtue of the power and authority vested in the Attorney General under the laws of the United States and by his or her direction, command you to take into custody and remove from the United States the above-named alien, pursuant to law, at the expense of the appropriation. "Salaries and Expenses Immigration and Naturalization Service 2002," including the expense of an attendant if necessary.

(Signature of official)

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION _____

Sample Judicial Order/Ejemplo de Orden Judicial

U.S. DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the
Southern District of California

In the Matter of the Search of
(Which describes the property to be searched
or identify the person to be searched)

SAC San Antonio
Texas, California 95015

Case No. _____

SEARCH AND SEIZURE WARRANT

To: Any authorized law enforcement officer 211-SN-0161 EFB

An application by a federal law enforcement officer or an attorney for the government requests the search
of the following person or property located in the _____ District of _____
(through the person or describe the property to be searched and give its location)
SEE ATTACHMENT A, ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The person or property to be searched, described above, is believed to conceal things the person or describe the
property to be searched
SEE ATTACHMENT B, ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

I find that the affidavit(s), or any recorded testimony, establish probable cause to search and seize the person or
property.

YOU ARE COMMANDED to execute this warrant on or before 5-9-2011
(and to return it here)

It is the day(s) 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. It at any time in the day or night as I find reasonable cause has been
established.

Unless delayed notice is authorized below, you must give a copy of the warrant and a receipt for the property
taken to the person from whom, or from whose premises, the property was taken, or leave the copy and receipt at the
place where the property was taken.

The officer executing this warrant, or an officer present during the execution of the warrant, must prepare an
inventory as required by law and promptly return this warrant and inventory to United States Magistrate Judge

I find that immediate notification may have an adverse result listed in 18 U.S.C. § 2703 (except the delay
of trial), and authorize the officer executing this warrant to delay notice to the person who, or whose property, will be
searched or seized until the warrant has been served. (Check) _____ (date to be served)

Check the box, justifying and state specific date of _____

Date and time issued 5-9-2011
4:10:00 PM

City and state: SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA EDWARD F. BRIDGEMAN U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Derechos si ICE llega a mi casa Rights if ICE Comes to my home

DOS MANERAS QUE ICE PUEDE ENTRAR A LAS CASAS:

1. Orden Judicial Válida/ Valid Judge's Order
2. Con el permiso suyo/ With YOUR permission

- No abra la Puerta.
- Preguntar que se identifiquen.
- Pedir ver una orden firmada por un Juez.
- Ejercer su derecho de permanecer en SILENCIO.
- Decir que no usted no autoriza revisar sus pertenencia.
- Do not open de door.
- Always ask for identification.
- Ask for a Signed Judge's Order.
- You have the right to remain SILENT.
- Say that you don't authorize them to through your things.

[We Have Rights - Videos](#)

Agencias Principales de la DHS Key Agencies of DHS

El Departamento de Seguridad Interna (DHS) tiene 3 agencias de Inmigración claves:
Department of Homeland Security (DHS) houses three key Immigration agencies:

- **USCIS (Citizenship & Immigration Services)**
Principalmente procesa beneficios de inmigración (e.g. solicitud de ciudadanía).
www.uscis.gov



- **USCIS (Citizenship & Immigration Services)**
Primarily handles immigration benefits (e.g. citizenship applications).
www.uscis.gov

- **ICE (Immigration & Customs Enforcement)**
Generalmente a cargo de enforzar leyes de inmigración y procedimientos de deportación (e.g. redadas).



- **ICE (Immigration & Customs Enforcement)**
Generally, handles enforcement and removal proceedings (e.g. raids)

- **CBP (Customs & Border Protection)**
Típicamente opera a 100mi cerca de la fronteras (e.g. inspecciones en puertos de entradas)



- **CBP (Customs & Border Protection)**
Typically handles issues near the border (e.g. inspection at ports of entry)

5. Program: Greg Lyman, Committee 4 a Plaza Station Library

Greg Lyman is a former City Council Member and strong advocate for El Cerrito. Greg is a co-leader in an effort to fund a new library in town and believes a library that is part of the transit oriented development at the BART Plaza Station will be the quickest and therefore the cheapest alternative for a single story 20,000 square foot library in El Cerrito.

Greg will provide a brief presentation about the need for a new library, the ideal library, funding needs for the library, the petition process for a library and the cost of a library at the BART Plaza Station. Greg will ask those present to sign a petition in support of putting the funding measure on a future ballot. For more information, please go to the campaign website at: <https://c4psl.org/>



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6. What Does Redistricting Mean?

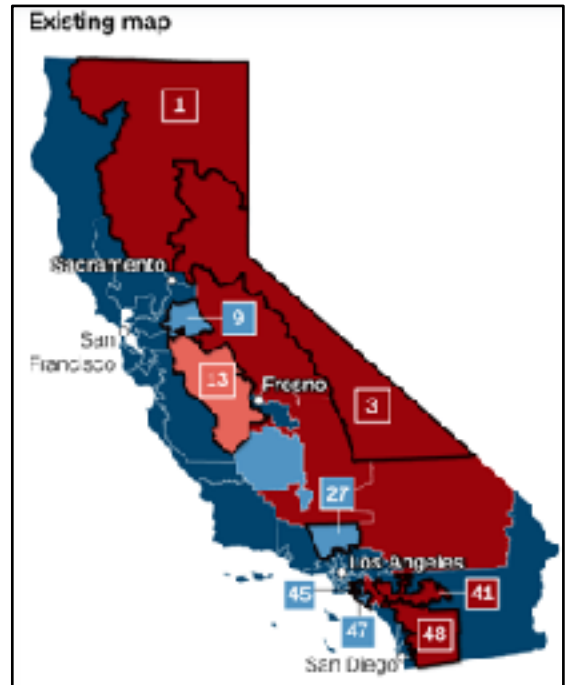
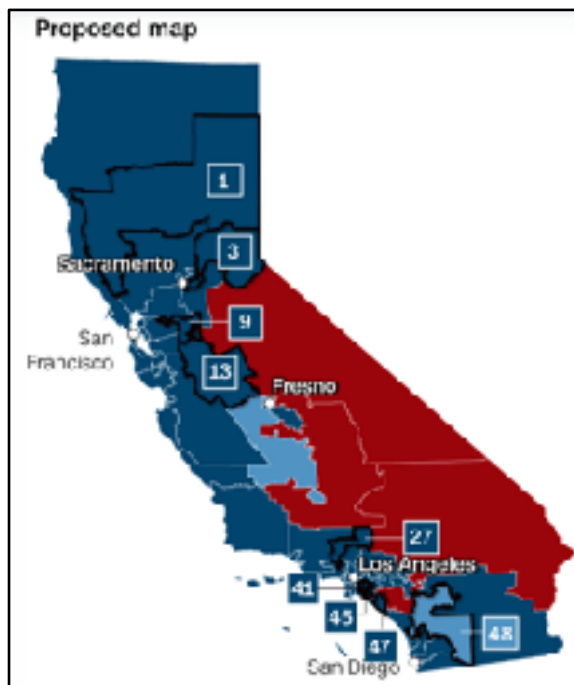


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Winning back the House of Representatives starts now!

As you have probably seen, there was lots of action this week 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 August General Membership Meeting – 6:30 pm, Tuesday, August 26, 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: Greg Lyman, Committee 4 a Plaza Station Library

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: TBD

ECDC Annual October Dinner – 73rd Annual Dinner; Saturday, October 25, 2025. Location and time TBD; 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=c2sySEl5ZEplJl1HVUM5bERCZGpEQT09>.

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 8/7/2025	Thursday 8/14/2024	Tuesday 8/20/2025	Wednesday 8/21/2025	Saturday 8/23/2025	Tuesday 8/26/2025
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 11/6/2025	Thursday 11/15/2025	Tuesday 11/18/2025	Wednesday 11/20/2025	Saturday 11/22/2025	Tuesday 11/25/2025

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



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.westcountymdemocraticclub.com>

DPCCC General Membership Meeting - 7:00 - 10:00 pm, August 21, 2025; If you are not a DPCCC member and wish to attend, please RSVP to the DPCCC Secretary at 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.

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 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.

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 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/>.

Early 20th Century developer's map of Richmond and El Cerrito



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