

**Our Mission:**

The El Cerrito Democratic Club (ECDC) is an officially chartered Democratic Club serving El Cerrito, Kensington and neighboring communities. ECDC is one of the larger and more active Democratic Clubs in Contra Costa County. ECDC's mission is to inform, organize and further Democratic Party political action at all levels of public decision-making and discourse. ECDC promotes candidates, legislation and issues of interest to Democrats in the El Cerrito area. ECDC stimulates public interest in governmental affairs and gives Democrats a chance to participate in a significant way on the election campaign process. ECDC serves as a forum for Democratic candidates and officials to communicate with our community.

**Our Endorsements:**

ECDC conducted a rigorous endorsement process that requires 60% of the members present at the endorsement forums to vote in favor of the endorsed candidates and measures. In 2018, three endorsement forums were held on August 25, August 28 and September 25. On August 25, the candidates for many races, including Assembly District 15, the City of El Cerrito and West Contra Costa County School District provided statements and responded to community questions. On August 28, ECDC members heard from Stege Sanitary District candidates and discussed and endorsed several Measures, including El Cerrito Measure V, City Charter measure. On September 25, candidates from AC Transit participated in a forum and members discussed several State ballot measures in detail. All positions presented on the other side of this flyer required a 60% affirmative vote of the members voting.

**Our Club:**

Membership is open to all Democrats and annual dues for each calendar year, due in January, are \$20 for one and \$30 for two at the same address. ECDC Members receive a monthly newsletter by email, attend regular meeting (fourth Tuesday of most months) and can vote on important club matters and club positions. Hardcopies of newsletters can be mailed for an additional \$12 per year. You can learn more about us, see past newsletters and join the ECDC through our website: [www.ECDClub.org](http://www.ECDClub.org)

**Membership Benefits:**

ECDC acts as a clearinghouse for ideas and a gathering point for Democrats in El Cerrito. As a community grassroots organization, ECDC provides:

- organizing of Democrats,
- scheduling of discussion of local,
- sharing of regional and national issues,
- educating voters,
- promoting progressive Democratic candidates and ideals at all levels of government,
- providing members with skills and experience for effective leadership and political action,
- informing members about public policy issues of local concern,
- meeting local officials that make those public policies, and
- access to special events regarding regional measures.

**Election Day is Tuesday November 6, 2018**  
**Don't forget to Vote!**

El Cerrito Democratic Club, P.O. Box 192, El Cerrito, CA 94530

# El Cerrito Democratic Club Endorsements

## Statewide Democratic Candidates:

- U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein
- Governor Gavin Newsom
- Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis
- Secretary of State Alex Padilla
- Treasurer Betty Yee
- Controller Fiona Ma
- Superintendent of Schools Tony Thurmond
- Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara
- Board of Equalization Malia Cohen
- Attorney General Xavier Becerra



## City of El Cerrito Candidates and Measures:

- El Cerrito City Council Gabe Quinto
- El Cerrito City Council Janet Abelson
- Stege Sanitary District Al Miller
- Stege Sanitary District Dwight Merrill
- Stege Sanitary District Juliet Christian-Smith

Measure V	El Cerrito Charter City	YES
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## Contra Costa County Candidates:

- U.S. Representative Mark DeSaulnier
- County Supervisor John Gioia
- County Community College John Marquez
- County Superintendent of Schools Lynn Mackey
- West Contra Costa County School District Consuelo Lara
- West Contra Costa County School District Madeline Kronenberg
- West Contra Costa County School District Stephanie Hernandez-Jarvis

## Regional Candidates and Measures:

- AC Transit Dollene Jones

Measure FF	Extends existing \$12/year parcel tax for wildfire protection, public safety and habitat enhancement	YES
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## Statewide Ballot Measures:

Prop. 1	Issue \$4 billion in bonds for housing programs and veterans' home loans	YES
Prop. 2	Authorize \$2 billion of millionaire's tax for homelessness prevention housing	YES
Prop. 3	Issue \$8.9 billion in bonds for water-related infrastructure and environmental projects	no decision
Prop. 4	Issue \$1.5 billion in bonds for children's hospitals	YES
Prop. 5	Revise process for homebuyers who are age 55 or older or severely disabled to transfer their tax assessments	NO
Prop. 6	Repeal 2017 fuel tax and vehicle fee	NO
Prop. 7	Authorize legislature to provide permanent daylight savings time if federal government allows	no decision
Prop. 8	Requires dialysis clinics to issue refunds for revenue above specified amount	YES
Prop. 10	Allows local government to regulate rent	no decision
Prop. 11	Allow ambulance providers to require workers to remain on-call during paid breaks	NO
Prop. 12	Bans sale of meat from animals confined in spaces below specified sizes	YES

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