

# El Cerrito Democratic Club Newsletter – February 2021

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### 1. Agenda for the February 23, 2021 Meeting

February ECDC Agenda

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84303785299?pwd=bUFyY3VHVXFYTEZaR3YvSIN4dUpQQT09

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6:20	Assemble and Mingle
6:30	Call to Order
6:35	Approve Minutes from January Meeting
6:38	Rank Program Topics for 2021
7:00	Program: Diane Becton
7:40	Announcements
8:00	Adjourn

# 2. Preview of the February 23, 2021 Program

February is Black History Month! To celebrate we are happy to have Contra Costa District Attorney Diana Becton join us! DA Becton is the first woman and first African-American to be elected District Attorney of Contra Costa County since the office was established in 1850. She has been noted around the nation as one of the most Progressive District Attorneys in the country. Her restorative lens on crime and how to prevent it has been a catalyst for criminal justice reform across our county. However, it has not gone without criticism. Join us as DA Becton gives updates on some of the policies from her office, dismantling racism and what it means to build the bench as we move towards 2022.

#### **District Attorney Diana Becton: Biography**

Contra Costa County District Attorney Diana Becton has spent most of her professional career as a judge, lawyer, and manager. On September 17, 2017, she was sworn in as the 25th District Attorney for the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office. In June 2018 District Attorney Becton was elected to a full term in office. District Attorney Becton served for 22 years as a judge in Contra Costa County, where she was elected as Presiding Judge.

Her top priority is keeping the streets of Contra Costa County safe from dangerous and violent criminals. District Attorney Becton is committed to safeguarding our communities from crimes that threaten our health, well-being, and livelihood, protecting our seniors from financial abuse, and for working on positive outcomes for our youth.

District Attorney Becton is the Immediate Past President of the National Association of Women Judges, the nation's leading voice for women in the judiciary. She currently serves as the Chair of the California State Bar Council on Access and Fairness.

A native of California she is a product of Oakland public schools and a graduate of Golden Gate University School of Law. Most recently, District Attorney Becton earned a Master of Theological Studies at Pacific School of Religion (2015).

District Attorney Becton serves as a frequent lecturer and panelist, and she continues to participate in many community outreach activities. She convened "Clean Slate Day" helping individuals to clean up their criminal records. In 2015, District Attorney Becton served as Co-Chair of the "Know Your Rights" Youth Symposium for West Contra Costa County, as part of a national dialogue to educate youth in our communities, and to open the lines of communication between youth and law enforcement. She serves on the Advisory Board of the Law Academy at De Anza High School in Richmond, California, and she convenes "Get Your House in Order," a program that assists elders and seniors. District Attorney Becton has two adult sons.

# 3. Recap of the January 26, 2021 Meeting

ECDC General Meeting Notes January 26, 2021

President Abelson Called the meeting to Order at 6:35PM

<u>Minutes</u>: Peeples/Xavier moved and seconded the November minutes as noticed and the motion passed unanimously.

<u>Treasurer Report</u>: 2021 Budget. Fischer/C. Brown moved/seconded Annual Budget as noticed and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Membership: Continuing to get renewals. No Action

<u>Bylaws</u>: Discussion of grace period that currently exists from January 1 to June 1 as discussed in Section IV Annual Dues. No change proposed. Discussion of reducing Notice from 10 days to 3 days. No change from the bylaws published were proposed. Fischer/Tait moved and seconded the bylaws as noticed with an additional change of "September" to "August" in Section IV. Annual Dues. Motion passed unanimously.

<u>Executive Officers</u>: Every January we elect officers for our Club. It was announced that William Ktsanes would like to be considered for VP of Publications. Peeples/Xavier moved and seconded the officers as noticed with the addition of William Ktsanes as VP of Publications. Motion passed unanimously.

El Cerrito Democratic Club Positions	2021 Officers
1. President:	Greg Lyman
2. Executive Vice President:	Champagne Brown
3. Immediate Past President:	Janet Abelson
4. Vice President-Membership:	Neil Tsutsui
5. Vice President-Treasurer:	Kathy Fleming
6. Vice President-Publications:	William Ktsanes
7. Vice President-Records:	Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch
8. Vice President-Programs:	Carolyn Wysinger
9. Vice President-Media:	Madeline Kronenberg

The officers below were elected to one-year terms:

<u>Discussion of 2021 Programs</u>. Here is a list of the topics developed at the meeting:

- Elected Officials Gioia, Skinner, Wicks, DeSaulnier, WCWD Sudduth, WCCUSD Reckler/Philips, BART Saltzman/Simon, AC Transit Peeples/Beckles, DPCCC Executive Board Nye/Smith, J., CCCDA – Diana Becton (Club to provide direction regarding the items we want to hear from)
- Build the Bench Prepare candidates for elected office and Boards and Commissions in West Contra Costa County including at County level – club to intentionally lead training and development (strategize on positions that are up for election in 2022 and 2024 and Club to develop them)

- 3. A Year in Review: Assessing our progress as a country, a state, and a club on acknowledging, addressing, and fighting racism, white nationalism, fascism, and systemic inequality. (to be addressed by the sub-committee)
- 4. Poor People's Campaign: 14 Policy Priorities to Heal the Nation website: https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/resource/policy-and-legislative-priorities/
- 5. Provide COVID relief that meets the scale of the crisis and addresses the disproportionate harm to Black, Latino, Indigenous, People of Color and other vulnerable communities.
- 6. Put people back to work, give workers more power, and transform to a Clean Renewable Energy Economy.
- Ensure Health Care for Everyone Health Care for All single payer for CA or Medicare4All – rooted in equity, with an equity lens
- 8. Defend and Expand Voting Rights, Strengthen Democracy and End Corruption.
- 9. End Endless Wars and Invest in Diplomacy and Peace to stop massively increasing Pentagon budgets that fuel wars and sap communities of vital investments in education, housing and more.
- 10. End Corporate Greed and Corporate Monopolies.
- 11. Criminal legal Update
- 12. Financing Programs how do we pay for the programs we need i.e. green new deal, fossil fuel divestment, modern monetary theory (MMT)
- 13. EC Plaza BART development (library, views, parking, density)
- 14. George Floyd Resolution Donations February (to be addressed by the subcommittee)
- 15. Anti-Racist Training for ECDC Members, (to be addressed by the sub-committee)
- 16. Double-Mind Syndrome for women in Politics. (to be addressed by the subcommittee)
- 17. Dismantle Racism, White Nationalism and Inequality in All Institutions. (to be addressed by the sub-committee)

Adjourned at 8:15PM

# 4. Future Program Topics and Speakers

#### ECDC 2021 Meeting Program Topics

The following topics were put forward at the January General Membership Meeting. We will be discussing which topics should be a primary focus for the 2021 Programs. We are seeking programs for the following eight meetings: March, April, May, June, July, August, September and November. The October Annual Dinner is a guest speaker. The actual format of the October event is still in flux. Please review the list attached. We will probably use the raised hand feature in zoom and an honor system to allow people to vote three or four times for their top priorities.

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The General Membership asks the Diversity Subcommittee to take on the following topics:

- 1. George Floyd Resolution Donations February (to be addressed by the sub-committee)
- 2. Anti-Racist Training for ECDC Members, (to be addressed by the sub-committee)
- 3. Double-Mind Syndrome for women in Politics. (to be addressed by the sub-committee)
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# 5. Membership Renewal Reminder and Instructions

#### All memberships are from January to December!

Greetings! I'm Neil Tsutsui, your new VP for Membership. Now that we've made our way into the New Year, I'd like to remind you to renew your membership for 2021. Dues are still \$5 for students, \$20 for single members, and \$30 for two adults at same address.

You can renew online here: <u>https://ecdclub.org/join/</u> or you can mail your check to P.O. Box 192, El Cerrito, CA 94530. Please make checks payable to El Cerrito Democratic Club and provide an email address for all members. If you have questions, please email me at: <u>membership.ecdc@gmail.com</u>. Thank you!

# 6. ADEM Election Results

Delegates to the California Assembly District Elections Meeting (ADEM) from each of California's 80 State Assembly districts were elected in January. Represented by Assembly member Buffy Wicks (Democrat) of Oakland, Assembly District 15 (AD 15) encompasses the northern coastal East Bay, occupying a narrow strip between the shores of San Francisco and San Pablo Bays and the Berkeley Hills. Included in the district are El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond, San Pablo, El Sobrante and Kensington in Contra Costa County and Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Piedmont and a sizable portion of Oakland in Alameda County.

California Assembly District Elections Meeting (ADEM)				
Assemble District 15 (AD 15) Elected Delegates				
Self-Identified Female	Other Than Self-Identified Female			
Rochelle Pardue-Okimoto	Alfred Twu (Executive Board)			
Ana Vasudeo	Dan Kalb			
Alexandria Rodriguez	Demetrio Gonzalez-Hoy			
Carolyn Wysinger	Zac Unger			
Dyana Delfín Polk	Soli Alpert			
Kate Harrison	Melvin Willis			
Connie Taylor-Smith	Devin T. Murphy			

Congratulations to the delegates below elected to represent AD 15:

# 7. 2021 Adopted Budget

The General Membership adopted the following budget at the January meeting:

ECDC 2021 Approved Budget – 1/26/2021

	2020 Approved	2020 Actuals	2021 Approved	2021 Notes
Starting Balance	\$8,065	\$8,423	\$12,203	
Income				
Member Dues (less fees)	\$2,455	\$5,030	\$2,555	32 Couples (\$30 enews), 52 Single (\$20 enews), 5 Couples (\$42 paper), 10 Singles (\$32 paper), 5 student/hardship (\$5) (134 members with 15 paper newsletter)
Dinner	\$2,000	\$0	\$1,800	60 dinners at \$30
Newsletter	\$180	\$72	\$60	5 subscriptions @ \$12
Other	\$430	\$884	\$350	Gifts and Pizza payments
Income Total	\$5,065	\$5,986	\$4,765	
Expenses				
Rent (meetings, dinner, PO Box, 4th)	\$1,340	\$300	\$375	3 meetings at 545 Ashbury and PO Box
Supplies	\$200	\$75	\$75	pens, poster paper, tape, bungee cords, dinner supplies
Equipment	\$600	\$0	\$50	Wayfinding Posters, Timer clock, Storage containers
Website	\$150	\$0	\$500	consultant to redesign website
Annual Dinner Food	\$2,050	\$0	\$1,775	65 guests at \$25 after tax and delivery and pizza 3 times @\$50
George Floyd Donation			\$3,000	Per George Floyd Resolution - donation to a local organization
Insurance	\$550	\$550	\$550	FY 2021-2022 insurance
Newsletter Postage	\$122	\$55	\$31	20 mailed per month at \$0.51 each (15 paid and 5 honorary)
Newsletter Printing	\$173	\$81	\$60	printer fees (20 per month with 6 pages average)
Other Printing	\$50	\$994		Endorsement flyers, annual dinner programs, meeting agenda
Memberships	\$350	\$0	\$350	Online software to manage membership
Contributions	\$350	\$0		DPCCC Dinner and BBQ
Nancy Gans	\$100	\$0	\$100	Honorarium
Affiliations	\$30	\$0	\$30	DPCCC
Political	\$649	\$0		Donation to DPCCC for 2022 door hangers
Speaker/Performer Fees	\$0	\$0		
Membership Recruitment	\$850	\$0		Events, Flyers, Dinners, postcards
Bank Fees		\$151		Paypal and Square fees
Expense Total	\$7,564	\$2,055	\$8,096	
Annual Change	-\$2,499	\$3,931	-\$3,331	revenue less expenditures
Ending Balance	\$5,565	\$12,354		beginning balance + annual change

# 8. Bylaws ECDC Bylaws (Revised January 2021)

Periodically the Club updates our Bylaws. The bylaws were changed in October 2018 to meet DPCCC requirements. More recently, revisions were proposed and adopted during the January 2021 Club meeting.

#### **EL CERRITO DEMOCRATIC CLUB BYLAWS**

# Approved 2002 and Amended August 26, 2003, June 24, 2008, June 23, 2015, November 24, 2015, February 28, 2017, October 20, 2018, and January 26, 2021

I. Name: The name of this organization is the EL CERRITO DEMOCRATIC CLUB (ECDC).

**II. Purpose:** The ECDC is a political organization for residents of El Cerrito, Kensington, and neighboring communities, chartered by the California Democratic Party, which:

- A. Provides a forum for area residents to discuss and explore issues of local, state, national, and/or international importance.
- B. Provides an opportunity for area residents to participate in a significant way in the election campaign process.
- C. Coordinates the exchange of ideas, plans, and information for the mutual benefit of its members.
- D. May endorse candidates and take positions on legislation and issues of interest to its members.
- E. Acts to promote the public welfare, serve the principles of democracy, oppose unfairness and discrimination, and does this by reason and with justice.

**III. Membership:** Any person becomes a "member in good standing" (hereafter "member" or "members") upon verified payment of annual dues and proof of registration in the Democratic Party. ECDC administrative information about members (e.g., name, address, phone number, e-mail address) is confidential except when disclosure would serve or promote ECDC activities or administration. Renewing members are renewed upon payment of annual dues.

**IV. Annual Dues:** The members shall determine the amount of the annual dues at the August meeting and shall be at least \$5/year. Dues may be waived by the Executive Board for good cause, such as inability to pay. Annual dues are for the calendar year. Dues must be paid by June 1st. Annual dues paid after August 1st shall cover the remainder of the calendar year and the following calendar year.

#### V. Meetings.

**A. Meetings.** Members shall meet regularly (member meeting), usually monthly but at least quarterly, at times, dates, and locations to be determined by the membership. Unless otherwise noticed, meetings shall include discussion of and action upon ECDC

business. The January organizational meeting shall include the election of officers and setting of the calendar. Additional meetings may be called by the Executive Board or by a vote of the members at any meeting. Notice of an additional meeting shall be mailed to the members pursuant to Section V.B.1(a) or (b) (Notice), or given at least 72 hours in advance by telephone, electronic mail, or any combination of means.

- **B.** Notice. Members have a right to notice and to deliberate on proposed ECDC actions.
  - 1. *Notice Defined.* Notice exists when the text of a proposed action and its implementation plan is either:
    - a. Mailed or electronically mailed to the members, in the ECDC News or otherwise, at least three (3) days prior to a regularly scheduled member meeting at which action is proposed, or
    - b. presented at a member meeting, informing the members that the members will be asked to act upon the proposal at a subsequent meeting.
  - 2. *Notice Unnecessary.* No notice is required when a proposed action is fairly encompassed by an ECDC action previously taken that is still in effect.
  - 3. *Waiver of Notice.* Notice of a proposed action may be waived by a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at a meeting, provided that those voting for the waiver constitute at least a majority of the required quorum for the meeting.
- **C. Conduct of Meetings.** The President or his/her designee shall preside at all meetings. Attendance and adequate minutes shall be taken at each meeting. The members shall designate a Rules of Order to guide matters not specifically covered by these Bylaws or standing rules.
- **D. Quorum.** Quorum at a meeting consists of five percent of the membership, but not less than 10 members.

#### E. Voting.

- 1. Only members in good standing (dues paid or waived) may vote.
- Any proposal that has been properly presented as specified in Section VI.B.1(a) or (b) (Notice) may be adopted by a simple majority of the members present and voting at the meeting, provided that those voting for the proposal constitute at least a majority of the required quorum for the meeting.
- 3. Any proposal for which Notice has been waived as provided by Section VI.B.3 (Waiver) may be adopted by the 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at the meeting, provided that those voting for the proposal constitute at least a majority of the required quorum for the meeting.

- 4. Members may not vote by proxy.
- F. Meeting Minutes and Recordings: Minutes of Executive Board and member meetings shall be Action Minutes summarizing the actions taken. The Secretary may add additional information. Recordings of online meetings shall be for the purposes of completing the minutes and verifying minutes. Recordings will be destroyed once the meeting minutes are adopted.

**VI. Newsletter:** ECDC shall distribute a newsletter to all members, including hardcopy newsletter subscribers, preceding each regularly scheduled member meeting. Within the limits of the budget, the newsletter shall include information on ECDC business, such as action taken at member and Executive Board meetings, notice of proposed actions as provided in Section V.B. (Notice), and any other matters as specified in these Bylaws.

**VII. Officers.** Administration of ECDC shall be conducted by its Officers (Section VII.E). In performing their duties, officers shall adhere to and be guided by the decisions of the members and Executive Board. The members may elect additional officers as needed. Any officer may appoint an assistant or assistants to aid in the performance of the officer's duties.

A. Term of Office. The term of office for all officers is one year.

**B.** Nomination Process. Nominations are made by the general membership during the January organizational meeting.

**C.** Vacancies. A vacancy in an office (for instance, by death or resignation) shall be filled by majority vote of the members present at any meeting, the notice of which shall have specified the proposed action as provided in Section V.B.1(a) or (b) (Notice).

**D. Election Process.** Officers shall be ECDC members and elected by a majority vote of the members present at the January organizational meeting. Election shall be by written ballot if contested. No member shall be elected to serve in more than one office concurrently.

#### E. Positions and Duties.

<u>1. President</u>: responsible for overall administration and management of ECDC, conducting meetings of the members and the Executive Board, assuming or assigning responsibilities of other offices that are vacant or not otherwise being performed, and representing ECDC positions as spokesperson. Committee chairs may be appointed by the president, subject to member confirmation.

<u>2. Executive Vice President</u>: in addition to acting in the absence of the President, is responsible for encouraging the development of action plans to achieve ECDC policy objectives, overseeing those plans, maintaining the ECDC policy platform and updating the platform to include policies approved by the membership in accordance with Section V.E (Voting).

<u>3. Immediate Past President:</u> act as President in the absence of the President and Executive Vice President.

<u>4. Vice President-Membership</u>: responsible for membership lists, accessing online voter information, membership development and recruitment, affiliation with other Democratic organizations, and annual re-chartering of ECDC.

5. Vice President-Treasurer: responsible for keeping and maintaining adequate and correct accounts of ECDC financial transactions, depositing all ECDC funds, distributing ECDC funds as authorized, and drafting a budget.

<u>6. Vice President-Publications:</u> responsible for the publication and distribution of ECDC News, ECDC miscellaneous publications, and development and maintenance of ECDC presence on the Internet.

<u>7. Vice President-Records:</u> responsible for member and Executive Board meeting minutes, meeting attendance records, and maintenance of ECDC's permanent records. The Vice President-Records may promulgate and implement a reasonable document retention policy.

<u>8. Vice President-Programs:</u> responsible for planning, scheduling, and arranging ECDC programs and speakers for ECDC meetings and special events, including the annual dinner.

<u>9. Vice President-Media</u>: responsible for relations with print and other media, monitoring press coverage, preparing press releases regarding ECDC meetings and actions, and acting as corresponding secretary preparing or overseeing ECDC correspondence.

F. **Removal.** A petition to remove an officer for cause may be submitted by ten members or the Executive Board. Reasons for removal include, but are not limited to, missing three consecutive Executive Board meetings without a valid excuse, or failure to faithfully perform the duties of the office. Members shall vote by secret ballot on the removal petition at a meeting the notice of which shall have specified the proposed removal as provided in Section V.B.1(a) or (b) (Notice). Removal shall require the majority vote of the members present at the meeting. The vacancy created by removal of an officer shall be filled as provided in Section VII.C (Vacancies).

#### VIII. Executive Board ("E-Board"):

- A. Membership. The E-Board consists of Officers.
- B. Duties. The E-Board acts for the membership between member meetings on:
  - 1. administrative details;
  - 2. follow-up actions on issues upon which ECDC has taken a position;
  - 3. time sensitive issues that must be decided before the next member meeting, and;
  - 4. calling additional meetings as specified in Section V.A (Meetings).
  - 5. The E-Board shall act with restraint and discretion.
- C. Actions. The Executive Board may act in a meeting or by a poll.

<u>1. Meetings</u>. E-Board meetings require prior notice to all E-Board members; action at E-Board meetings requires a quorum of five officers, and approval of action by a simple majority of those Officers present.

<u>2. Polls.</u> A majority of all Board members is required to approve an action taken by a poll. The Executive Board may not vote by proxy. All actions of the Executive Board shall

be reported at the next member meeting, the membership confirming, when appropriate, the actions taken.

3. <u>Committee Chairs</u>. Committee Chairs shall attend Executive Board meetings when their Committee reports and shall have advisory votes in actions pertinent to their Committee.

**IX. Endorsement of Candidates, Taking Positions on Ballot Issues, and Making Campaign Contributions:** ECDC may endorse candidates for public office, take positions on ballot issues, and contribute to political campaigns ("Endorsement Actions"). All Endorsement Actions shall be taken in accordance with ECDC Standing Rules on Endorsement.

An Endorsement Action may only be taken at a member meeting after notice has been provided to members in the ECDC News or otherwise, distributed in accordance with Section V.B.1 (Notice). All votes on Endorsement Actions are final and may not be set aside or reconsidered, even if the result is that no candidate is endorsed for a seat or no action is taken on a ballot issue or proposal to contribute to a political campaign.

**X. Use of ECDC Identity:** No person may use or authorize the use of the ECDC name, address, mailing permit, or any other item that would identify ECDC, except as follows:

- (1) listing ECDC as an endorser when endorsement has been properly obtained pursuant to Section IX, or
- (2) upon receiving the approval of 60% of the members present and voting at a meeting, but not less than 5% of the membership or 10 members, whichever is greater, provided notice of the exact use and the materials in which the item is to be used are provided pursuant to Section V.B. (Notice). No use may extend beyond the time specified by the members.
- (3) an officer or former officer of the Club may use their title with appropriate designation for former status.
- (4) an existing or former officer's title may be used in endorsement of another candidate so long as the title/former title is identified as "used for identification purposes only".

**XI. Amendments:** An amendment to these Bylaws may be considered at any member meeting in which notice is provided under Sections V.B.1(a) and (b). The affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members present and voting at the meeting, but not less than 5% of the membership or 10 members, whichever is greater, is necessary to adopt an amendment.

The members may adopt, amend, or waive any of the ECDC Standing Rules by a 2/3 vote of those present and voting at a meeting, provided that those voting for the adoption, amendment, or waiver constitute at least a majority of the required quorum for the meeting. ECDC shall not promulgate standing rules inconsistent with these Bylaws.

**XII. Representation to the Contra Costa County Democratic Central Committee:** ECDC is affiliated with the Contra Costa County Democratic Central Committee (DPCCC) and entitled to a voting delegate to the DPCCC. ECDC shall select a DPCCC Representative and a DPCCC Alternate to two

year terms starting in January of odd numbered years, starting in January 2019. Members shall select the DPCCC Representative and DPCCC Alternate during the September meeting of even numbered years. The affirmative vote of at least 50% of the members present and voting, but not less than 5% of the membership or 10 members, whichever is greater, is necessary to select the DPCCC Representative and DPCCC Alternate. All members present at the meeting are eligible to vote. Before the vote, candidates may speak. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. Balloting shall be by show of hands or by secret ballot at the discretion of the ECDC Executive Board. The ECDC Executive Board shall determine the process for voting administration, and may select a member or members to serve as judge(s) to monitor the fairness of the voting. Members that are already DPCCC voting member are not eligible candidates to represent ECDC. The ECDC Executive Board shall appoint members to serve any unfilled delegate positions.