



# El Cerrito Democratic Club Newsletter – May 2021

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## 1. Agenda for the May 25, 2021 Meeting

May 2021 ECDC Agenda

After this month's Special Program at 6:00 pm via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84342090452>, please join the ECDC General Meeting at 7:30 pm via a different Zoom link at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84303785299?pwd=bUFyY3VHVXFYTEZaR3YvSIN4dUpQQT09>

ECDC General Meeting ZOOM Meeting ID: 843 0378 5299

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Meeting ID: 843 0378 5299

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbSLJabijj>

Please note the time and schedule change as well as the two different Zoom links for our monthly Program and Meeting:

### Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> Program

6:00 pm – El Cerrito Plaza BART Community Public Meeting/Workshop; hosted by the City of El Cerrito on their Zoom account at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84342090452>

- *followed by* -

### Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> General ECDC Meeting

(switching Zoom rooms, immediately after the El Cerrito Plaza BART Community Meeting/Workshop)

7:30 pm – El Cerrito Democratic Club General Meeting at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84303785299?pwd=bUFyY3VHVXFYTEZaR3YvSIN4dUpQQT09>

7:30 Assemble and Mingle

7:35 Call to Order

7:40 Approve Minutes from April Meeting

7:45 Officer Reports: Treasurer, Membership, Events, Newsletter, Website, Secretary

8:00 General Business

8:15 Adjourn

## 2. Preview of the May 25, 2021 Special Program

Again, please note the time and schedule change as well as the two different Zoom links for this month's Program and Meeting.

Our Special Program will be an El Cerrito Plaza BART Community Public Meeting/Workshop starting at 6:00 pm and hosted by the City of El Cerrito. Our monthly ECDC General Meeting will follow afterwards and start at 7:30 pm.

### Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> Program

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- followed by -

### Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> General ECDC Meeting

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**Community Development Department  
BART Transit-Oriented Development  
Team Introduction and Community Meeting**

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**EL CERRITO PLAZA BART  
MAY 25 PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

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## Transit-Oriented Development at El Cerrito Plaza Station

Team Introduction & Community Meeting: Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6-7:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84342090452>



To keep current with the project, please visit:

<https://www.bart.gov/about/business/tod/el-cerrito-plaza>

If you need language assistance services, please call (510) 464-6752 at least 72 hours prior to the date of the event.

如需語言援助服務，請於活動日期之前至少 72 小時致電 (510) 464-6752。

Si necesita servicios para comunicarse en otro idioma, por favor llame al (510) 464-6752 al menos 72 horas antes de la fecha del evento.

Kung kailangan mo ang tulong ng mga serbisyo ng wika, paki tawagan ang (510) 464-6752 hindi liliit sa 72 na mga oras bago ang petsa ng pangyayari.

언어 지원 서비스가 필요하시면, 행사 날짜로부터 늦어도 72시간 전에 (510) 464-6752로 전화해 주십시오.

Nếu quý vị cần dịch vụ trợ giúp về ngôn ngữ, xin vui lòng gọi số (510) 464-6752 ít nhất là 72 tiếng đồng hồ trước ngày của dịp tổ chức.



### 3. Recap of the April 27, 2021 Meeting

Katie Ricklefs, Chair of the Democratic Party of Contra Costa, was our guest at the April ECDC General Meeting. She spoke with us and took questions about the Democratic Party's response to the Republican-led effort to recall Governor Gavin Newsom. Part of the coordinated effort involves highlighting Governor Newsom's doubling down on support for small businesses by investing an additional \$1.5B in COVID-19 relief grants as well as creating the largest state small business tax cut in history.



## THE LARGEST SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF PROGRAM IN THE NATION

- **Expanding Small Business Grants to \$4 Billion, Largest Program in the Country**
- **Largest State Tax Cut for Small Businesses in History**
- **Hundreds of Millions in Grants and Tax Credits to Attract Business to California**

California's recovery is underway, but we can't be satisfied with just going back to the way things were. The Comeback Plan outlines comprehensive strategies and major investments to address the state's most stubborn challenges. Under Governor Newsom's \$100 billion plan, California will roar back from the pandemic.

Governor Newsom's California Comeback Plan doubles down on support for small businesses to recover from the pandemic, investing **an additional \$1.5 billion in COVID-19 relief grants – bringing the total to \$4 billion**, representing the largest small business grant program in the country.

Earlier this year, Governor Newsom took swift action to deliver immediate relief to small businesses, including a historic \$6.2 billion tax cut for businesses – the largest state small business tax cut in history.

California is home to 4.1 million small businesses, representing over 99 percent of all businesses in the state and employing nearly half of the state's total workforce. Small businesses are critical drivers of economic growth and mobility—creating two-thirds of net new jobs, building wealth in communities, and innovating to solve global problems. The California Comeback Plan will allow California's businesses to come roaring back from the pandemic.

### KEY ACTIONS FOR SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES:

- **LARGEST SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM IN THE COUNTRY:** An additional \$1.5 billion for the California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program, bringing the total investment to \$4 billion.
- **LARGEST STATE SMALL BUSINESS TAX CUT IN THE NATION:** Governor Newsom signed a \$6.2 billion tax cut for those that received Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans, allowing them to keep more money in their pockets.
- **UNPRECEDENTED SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING:** Estimated \$895 million from the State Small Business Credit Initiative, which works to strengthen state programs that support financing of small businesses.
- **MASSIVE EXPANSION OF CALCOMPETES TAX CREDIT:** Increasing the tax credit to \$360 million, and establishing a \$250 million CalCompetes grant program, to incentivize businesses to relocate to California.
- **SUPPORTING CALIFORNIA'S PORTS:** \$250 million to address revenue impacts on ports to drive economic activity, goods movement, and regional employment.
- **PROMOTING GREEN SMALL BUSINESS:** \$200 million to expand sales tax exclusions through the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority to promote, grow and incentivize green manufacturing in CA.
- **TAX CREDITS FOR HIRING AND RETAINING EMPLOYEES:** \$147 million for the Main Street Small Business Tax Credit to assist small businesses that have hired and retained workers since the second quarter of 2020.
- **JUMPSTARTING TOURISM:** \$95 million to allow California's tourism industry, one of the largest economic drivers in the state, to come roaring back from the pandemic.
- **MITIGATING THE SALT DEDUCTION:** Small businesses can recoup some of their tax benefits lost from the 2017 the State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction.

## 4. June is Pride Month!



*June Pride Month is coming!!!*

As our state starts to open up, many local Pride organizations are opting for one more year of virtual events. EC Dems Board Member and San Francisco Pride Board President Carolyn Wysinger is happy to report that, although there will be no traditional parade down Market Street, San Francisco Pride WILL host a Covid Safe in person event! Along with the San Francisco Giants, SF Pride will be hosting the first ever Pride Movie Night at Oracle Park.

On June 11th and 12th Pride will host two amazing films on the big screen at Oracle Park. Friday's presentation will be the World Premiere of Lin Miranda's "In The Heights." This won't JUST be a movie screening. The pre-show will include some of the traditional sites that you see at SF Pride including Dykes on Bikes, Drag Performances and a few celebrity appearances! There are several levels of seating available from cabanas on the field to club level seating. Visit the event site for more information! <https://sfpride.org/movienight>

## 5. Request for Nominations for Central Committee Alternate

Are you interested in participating in party politics on the County level? El Cerrito Democratic Club is seeking an alternative voting representative to the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County (Central Committee).

The Central Committee meets the 3rd Thursday of the month via ZOOM at 7:00 pm. As an Alternate, you will become an Associate Member (\$24.00 yearly membership fee required) and be eligible to participate with one of our many committees such as Endorsements and Elections.

Please send an email to Executive Vice President Champagne Brown ([cbrownecdc@gmail.com](mailto:cbrownecdc@gmail.com)) with the subject line ECDC Alt. Voting Rep if you are interested. An alternate will be elected on Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at our next general meeting.

## 6. Membership Renewal Reminder and Instructions

Please remember to renew your Club membership – and many thanks to all who have renewed already! Dues are still \$5 for students, \$20 for single members, and \$30 for two adults at same address.

You can renew online at: <https://ecdclub.org/join/> or you can mail your check to PO Box 192, El Cerrito, CA 94530. Please make checks payable to El Cerrito Democratic Club and provide an email address for all members.

Memberships follow the calendar year, so your renewal now is good through December 31, 2021. If you have questions, please email Neil Tsutsui, ECDC's VP for Membership, at: [membership.ecdc@gmail.com](mailto:membership.ecdc@gmail.com). Thank you!

## 7. Link to 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 ECDC meeting. The ECDC Bylaws are posted on the ECDC website: <https://ecdclub.org/>