



Progressive Democrats of Benicia
Equity & Justice for All

TO: Members

RE: Membership meeting, July 12th, 7:00 p.m., Benicia Library

Hello, members! Our next meeting is just around the corner, next **Thursday, July 12th at 7:00 p.m., at the Benicia Library in the Dona Benicia Room**. We have a full program planned, and I have attached the agenda for your information. Here are the highlights:

1. Lynette Henley, Region 2 Director, CA Democratic Party and member of the Solano County Democratic Central Committee, will share her thoughts about the recent June primary results, and also provide here suggestions as to how we as a Club can best spend our efforts toward the races and candidates in the upcoming November General Election.
2. There will also be a panel discussion on the Benicia School Board Trustee elections, in which three seats on the five-member Board are up for election. The deadline for filing is August 10 and our panel members will share their experiences and suggestions regarding Benicia's schools. Our hope is to generate interest in the races and support for progressive-minded candidates.
3. There will also be discussion on CA-10, the California Congressional District where Josh Harder hopes to unseat Republican incumbent Jeff Denham. Campaign activities will be heating up very soon in Tracy and surrounding areas to "flip" CA-10 to the Democrats. We'll be identifying activities which PDB and members can support to elect Josh Harder.

You should notice that much of the agenda is oriented toward activities. Benicia has City Council (two seats) races and the aforementioned Benicia School Board elections (three seats) scheduled for this November. Plus there are the efforts to flip CA-10 and other California Congressional districts to Democrats, not to mention statewide races for Governor and U.S. Senate (in each case PDB endorsed the underdog candidates). Recognizing this, much of PDB's meetings scheduled through October, in one manner or the other, will be largely focused on electoral politics, especially these races and candidates. After all, the principal purpose PDB came together was to focus on electoral politics and support progressive Democrats for election.

After five new memberships from or since the June 18 meeting, our membership is up to 67! Steady growth from our first public meeting on July 27, 2017. Though, **I must politely point out that some membership dues have lapsed and not up to date for 2018**. If you think you haven't paid your 2018 dues, then you probably have not!! Drop me a note if you're not sure, and I'll let you know. Better yet, pay up when you come next to next Thursday's meeting!!!

I sure hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Benicia's fireworks last night were great, and we got views of Martinez and Concord's fireworks as well! Hope to see you **next Thursday, July 12, 7:00, at the Benicia Library**. As always, please let me know if you have any comments or questions, and don't forget to visit your web site at www.progressivedemocratsofbenicia.com. Lots of good information there, Roger Straw, Jack Kolk, and Craig Snider are doing a great job keeping it fresh and informative. Give them a shout out next time you visit!

See you July 12th!!!

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