“Enough is enough!” “Do something!” The chants rise from those caught in the crushing crucible created by gun violence. As the adage counsels, I know that “there but for the grace of God go I.” Like the grieving citizens of El Paso, Dayton, Gilroy, Las Vegas, Parkland, Newtown…the list is so long there is not enough space in this column, we also grieve, and now we, the Democrats of Rossmoor, are doing something. We are mobilizing and joining together as the largest Democratic Party Club in the nation—now 1,020 strong and still growing! That is our good news! It demonstrates our common commitment to saving our integrity, dignity, the actual form of government that we hold so dear…and lives! This is not an exaggeration. As we congratulate ourselves for the surge in our membership, we can view the increase as a signal that we want to be organized to fight this battle together. There is great strength in numbers.

How grateful I am to belong to the party that is dedicated to protecting the lives of its citizens. I encourage you to consider Franklin Roosevelt’s words from 1935: “We can never insure one-hundred percent of the population against one-hundred percent of the hazards and vicissitudes of life. But we have tried to frame a law which will give some measure of protection to the average citizen and to his family…” His quote ends, “…against the loss of a job and against poverty-ridden old age.” The words were spoken as he signed the Social Security Act.

FDR’s opening statement reflects the platform of our Democratic Party today. Any one of our candidates could end the sentences with, “…against the loss of health care coverage.” Or “…against the ravages of gun violence that strikes without warning in places we deem safe.” Or “…against the immediate threats of the climate crisis that is descending with frightening speed on all of us.” Or “…against dangers posed by deteriorating infrastructure which, if addressed, would create jobs in locations now suffering from closed factories, closing coal mines, and closed-minded politicians who refuse to act.” Or “…against the inequities that have resulted from tax plans that reward a small and already affluent percent of our citizens.” So many possible endings to FDR’s statement.

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These are solid life issues, real goals that, if actualized, will give “some measure of protection to the average citizen and his/her family.” These goals don’t impose socialism! They are about moral capitalism. In a recent article in America Magazine, conservative Republican columnist David Brooks said, “I think I’m more aware of how capitalism, unbalanced, just rationalizes selfishness…. And it also justifies a sort of amoralism. It turns off the moral lens. It hasn’t made me anti-capitalist, but it’s made me see the ways that capitalism—and specifically the meritocracy—have on balance created a very shallow view of life.”

The Democrats of Rossmoor do not have shallow views of life. We believe in the common good and "securing the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity."

So, join us in our fight. Every Wednesday afternoon, from 4–6 p.m. in the Gateway Oak Room, dozens of volunteers led by Rose Holmes in partnership with Commit to Blue and Swing Left are writing letters to lapsed Democrats in target states to encourage them to reregister and vote in 2020. We are texting again thanks to Susan Lewis who will train you. We are registering voters—contact Carol Weed. We are asking our members to donate even a dollar to campaigns of presidential candidates who are targeting important issues just to make sure they participate in debates. Support candidate Lt. Col. Amy McGrath, who is running against Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, and Arizona where Mark Kelly is running against Senator Martha McSally. As the campaign progresses, there will be exciting work to do, and all of us can help in some way. Watch our website, read our weekly updates and newsletters, and find an action that appeals to you. We’re grateful to all of you for being part of us, the largest Democratic Party Club in the Universe, and we need you now more than ever!

(I wonder if Trump knows what “vicissitudes” means? He’s certainly caused enough of them.)

Katha Hartley

September 7 — East Bay Rock the Congress

On Saturday, September 7, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., at Berkeley City College (2050 Center Street, Berkeley), Rock the Congress events will engage new and experienced activists and facilitate collaboration among progressive grassroots group leaders to win elections. Visit www.rockthecongress.org/eastbay for more information or to purchase the $25 tickets. The DoR contributed funds to support this event.

Keynote presentations, panel discussions, and interactive breakouts featuring recognized leaders in electoral politics and issue-based advocacy will dive into activist groups’ national strategies to achieve victory in 2020.
September 12 — Democratic Party Presidential Primary Debate Watch Party

September 12 the DoR will present the televised Democratic Party Presidential Primary debate in the Gateway Fireside Room. Social hour will be 4:00–5:00 p.m. The debate will run 5:00–8:00 p.m. Join us!

Refreshments will be available. Wine and soda will be available for a donation to support our activities.

The following candidates qualified to participate:
- Former Vice President Joe Biden
- New Jersey Senator Cory Booker
- South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg
- Former Housing Secretary Julián Castro
- California Senator Kamala Harris
- Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar
- Former Texas Representative Beto O'Rourke
- Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders
- Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren
- Businessman Andrew Yang

September 17 — Voter Registration Training

Volunteers who have not previously registered voters with our DoR team are invited to join a training session on Tuesday, September 17, from 1:00–3:00 p.m. in Gateway Multipurpose Room 3. Reservations are required; please contact Carol Weed at carol4ofa@gmail.com.

The two-hour program includes a discussion of the nuances of both the paper form and online registration, an introduction to the supplies the group uses, as well as what to expect at the different sites volunteers may choose. There are special concerns during a presidential primary election, and we are encouraging Election Day voters to get their ballots early.

We register voters in several venues. Some sites are in Rossmoor; many are outside Rossmoor. These include live music, farmers’ markets, a flea market, televised debates, retirement residences, an art and wine festival, the veterans’ hospital, and the ceremony for newly naturalized U.S. citizens.

Volunteers are scheduled in pairs—a newcomer teamed with someone experienced. Volunteering to register voters is a wonderful opportunity to spend a couple hours getting to know your partner or going to an interesting place you’ve never been before … all while helping make democracy a reality.

September 17 — Local Candidates’ Forum

Tuesday, September 17, we will have a Candidates’ Forum in the Gateway Fireside Room 6:00–9:00 p.m. Following the forum, the DoR will have endorsement votes to proportionately allocate the 35 DoR delegates who will vote at the Democratic Party Contra Costa County Pre-endorsement Conference on October 6. All who are registered Democratic Party voters and DoR members in good standing will be eligible to vote. Bios for the Democratic Party candidates for U.S. Representative, District 7 State Senate, and District 16 State Assembly are listed on pages 8 and 9.

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The September general meeting be Thursday, September 26, in the Event Center. At 6 p.m. there will be a Town Square and social hour; drinks and snacks will be served. Donations will be accepted for soft drinks and wine. At 7 p.m., Sarah Hesketh, Senior Vice President of External Affairs at the California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems (CAPH) will speak on “Update on the Health Care Landscape: Opportunities and Risks.”

CAPH is a non-profit trade association that represents California’s 21 public healthcare systems, which serve as the core of the state’s health care safety net. Hesketh leads the organization’s advocacy work that includes helping advance policy efforts and the legislative platform and building relationships with key stakeholders at the state and federal level. Most recently, she led the organization’s effort to defend the Affordable Care Act and protect the Medicaid expansion, which now serves more than one in three Californians.

Prior to joining CAPH in 2011, Hesketh was the Director of Health Care Policy and Community Development at Working Partnerships USA, a non-profit organization in San Jose. She has a Master’s Degree in Applied Economics and Finance, and a Bachelor’s Degree in Global Economics from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Democrats and Republicans sharply differ over whether the government is responsible for ensuring all Americans have health care coverage

Is it the federal government’s responsibility to make sure all Americans have health care coverage? (%)

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Who’s not online in 2019

% of U.S. adults who say they do not use the internet

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October 10 — TGWD

Walnut Creek City Council members Kevin Wilk and Justin Wedel will provide two different perspectives on the city of Walnut Creek at the October Thank God We’re Democrats (TGWD) on Thursday, October 10, at 4:30 p.m. in the Creekside Club Room.

Kevin Wilk was elected to his first term on the Walnut Creek City Council in November 2016. Justin Wedel was first elected in November 2012, was re-elected in November 2016, and was selected as Mayor for 2018.

Pitch In! by Rose Holmes

What are all those people doing in the Gateway Oak Room on Wednesday afternoons? Every Wednesday between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. as many as 115 volunteers show up to engage people all across the country to vote.

This is big, this is important, this must be done, and it’s fun! The Democrats of Ross- moor partners with several organizations to make this important work happen.

Following the Swing Left 2020 strategy to register more Democratic voters, volunteers are encouraging citizens to register or re-register to vote in states where more voters will make the biggest difference in 2020. DoR In 2018 getting registered voters in swing districts to the polls was key.

In 2020 the focus is on registering voters in 11 key states (such as Arizona, Colorado, Texas, Ohio, North Carolina), states critical to winning the Electoral College, the Senate, and the State Houses key to rolling back republican gerrymandering.

Each week volunteers prepare about 1000 letters to potential Democratic voters. Included in each letter is a Voter Registration form. Swing Left pays for the registration form to be returned to the state. Each letter a volunteer prepares costs $.80 to mail. Donations of cash or stamps are always needed and appreciated. Stop by the Swing Left table during Town Square at DoR general meetings to find out more.

As we know, people of color are being disenfranchised from the voting process. To help correct this, volunteers are partnering with the NAACP to do focused calls each week to encourage citizens to re-register to vote. Most do not realize they have been taken

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The DoR’s main partner in these efforts is Commit to Flip Blue (CTFB), CTFB anchored the Rossmoor GOTV operation for the 2018 Elections. The DoR will continue to partner with CTFB working for a Democratic sweep in 2020. The millions of texts sent all over the country by our DoR famous texting team have had a direct impact on key state and national races—join us every Wednesday to text!

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off the rolls! A postcard is sent as a follow up if the person cannot be reached.

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October 24 — Dinner/General Meeting

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DEMOCRATS OF ROSSMOOR DINNER
Thursday, October 24, 2019, in the Event Center
5:00 p.m. Town Square/Social — 5:45 p.m. Dinner — 7:00 p.m. Speaker
Speaker: Paul Pierson, U.C. Berkeley political science professor

Member Name(s) ____________________________________________
Guest Name(s) ____________________________________________
Phone # ____________________________ ____________________________
Email Address ____________________________ ____________________________

Reserve by October 18. Members and guests $38. Total amount submitted ____________________________
Please make your check out to Democrats of Rossmoor.

Put this form and your check in an envelope, and either:
• Mail to Jane Williams, 2200 Golden Rain Rd. #6, Walnut Creek 94595
• Or leave in the Democrats of Rossmoor mailbox at Gateway.

Menu catered by Scotts: hors d’oeuvres; salad with mixed greens, cucumber, tomato, and poppy seed vinaigrette; sourdough bread; garlic mashed potatoes; seasonal vegetables; chocolate mousse; wine; and coffee. Check one entree below per attendee:

☐ Salmon Alla Bella (lightly breaded in egg and Parmesan cheese) with caper lemon butter sauce
☐ Chicken Piccata with mushroom Marsala sauce
☐ Vegetarian Wellington on wilted spinach with roasted sun-dried tomato sauce

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“The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything.”
— Albert Einstein

“Don’t blame a clown for acting like a clown. Ask yourself why you keep going to the circus.

No one is born racist. It’s taught.

“Quit teaching it!”

“You know what I would really like to see go viral? basic human decency

“The Republicans are the party that says government doesn't work, and then they get elected and prove it.”
— P.J. O'Rourke

“The secret of freedom lies in educating people, whereas the secret of tyranny is in keeping them ignorant.”
— Maximilien Robespierre
Marisol Rubio, CA District 7 Senate Candidate

Marisol Rubio is running against Steve Glaser for the State Senate District 7 seat. Her charity work began at age 15 when she donated her hard-earned $20 per month on a $2.75 per hour wage to Christian Children’s Fund, despite being poor herself.

A few years later, Rubio’s infant daughter was diagnosed with brain cancer, and her advocacy on her daughter’s behalf not only saved her daughter’s life, but also enabled her daughter to overcome her cognitive deficits. Her compassion for others combined with her daughter’s triumph over otherwise certain death, disability, and a life of poverty spurred her political activism and compelled her to run for public office.

Rubio grew up in Chicago, Illinois, and attended the University of California at Berkeley, where she majored in Molecular and Cell Biology with an emphasis in Neurobiology and was the recipient of the P.E.O. Women’s Leadership Award and Scholarship. Rubio majored in neurobiology so that she could better advocate for her daughter and became a voice for high-need students as a bilingual science teacher, multi-subject and special education tutor, health promotion officer, and disability student advisor for eight years.

Rubio has held several leadership and organizational roles and worked in collaboration with people across many professional and demographic backgrounds over the past twenty-four years. Rubio has resided in our community for over six years. She understands all too well the challenges currently faced by local families, because she lived through them firsthand as a single mother of a disabled child navigating a broken health care and education system that leaves too many families, like hers, behind.

Rubio was elected a Democratic National Convention Delegate, where she drafted the Disability and Caregiver Rights Platform, and is an elected Democratic Party of Contra Costa County At-Large Delegate.

As the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County Issues Committee Co-Chair, Rubio passed several key resolutions in just two months, including two resolutions she co-authored (and that were adopted) and one prioritized by the California Democratic Party Platform. She also helped pass the Green New Deal for California, the DPCCC Calls for A Presidential Debate on Climate Change, and the Public Banking Act. She is currently working on gun control, housing, and disability resolutions.

Visit www.marisol4ca.com to volunteer, donate, or for more information.

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Incumbent State Senator Steven Glazer, three-term mayor of Orinda, was first elected to the state senate in 2015 and reelected by a 67% margin in 2016. A review of his votes and ratings by special interest groups reveals that Senator Glazer is a pro-business fiscal conservative who votes against unions and government regulation. He favors low taxes and a balanced budget. Conservative groups rate him in the 20% to 25% bracket due to his progressive positions on individual rights and social issues. Planned Parenthood rates him at 100%.

Glazer has consistently voted for the rights of the LGBTQ community, prison reform, and the basic human rights of convicted criminals. He is for gun safety education and background checks but against preventing the sale of high-powered weapons and ammunition. While voting in favor of statewide sanctuary status for undocumented immigrants, he denied them access to Medicare coverage. He is for the bullet train. The Sierra Club, Environmental Justice Alliance, and League of Conservation Voters rate Glazer’s positions on the environment between 80% and 85%. To volunteer, donate, or for more information, visit www.glazerforsenate.com.

Rebecca Bauer-Kahan was elected to the California State Assembly in 2018 to represent our District 16. She was appointed to serve in the Assembly leadership as Assistant Speaker pro Tempore and selected by her colleagues as Chair of the Select Committee on Women's Reproductive Health. She also serves on four standing committees: Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials, Privacy and Consumer Protection, Public Safety and Banking and Finance.

In February, Bauer-Kahan introduced a package of bills. Three of these passed the senate and were signed into law by Governor Newsom:

- **AB 1292 Trust Transfer Gun Control Requirements** — Modernizes current law that oversees the transfer of a firearm housed in an estate or trust.
- **AB 1421 Smart Justice Fiscal Savings Reform** — Seeks to establish cost savings for the courts and jail system by prohibiting the flash incarceration of individuals who served their jail sentence but are unable to pay court fines or fees.
- **AB 1532 Deadly Food Allergen Handling** — Requires food servers to learn about allergens and cross contamination as part of their training the food handler’s card examination.

Bills that are still under consideration include topics such as gun control for people in mental health programs, an extension of Covered California, requirements for online out-of-state higher education programs, strengthening protections for victims of human trafficking, and electrifying and modernizing ports.

Bauer-Kahan was born in Santa Clara County in 1978. She is the granddaughter of immigrants who came to America to escape the Holocaust. She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and Georgetown University Law Center. Returning to the Bay Area, she practiced environmental law and taught appellate law and legal writing at Golden Gate University and Santa Clara University. She worked with major tech companies on intellectual property cases, involving topics including copyright, trademark, and trade secret theft. Visit www.rebeccabauerkahan.com to volunteer, donate, or for more information.
Contra Costa County has between 3,000 and 4,000 people living without homes. Walnut Creek's Trinity Center serves between 50 and 60 people on average every Monday through Friday. Trinity interviews and grants membership—with VERY few exceptions—to all with low or no income who want to use its services. Trinity provides a place for members to “hang out” between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., have breakfast, a hot lunch, and access to showers, washers and dryers, clothing, canned and packaged food, phone use, and a mailing address. The Center also has personnel who provide referrals to services provided elsewhere in the County (social services, housing location, medical, mental health, and substance abuse treatment), as well as help with applications for eligible benefits, assistance with getting on wait-lists for scarce housing they can afford.

Additionally, Trinity Center operates—at another location—an Evening Program that provides overnight shelter for its members every night from December through April each year.

Trinity began operations November 1, 2012, in a house on the property of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 1924 Trinity Avenue, a block from the Lesher Center in downtown Walnut Creek. They took over when the former provider of services two days a week, Fresh Start, ended its program after more than ten years in that location. Trinity gradually increased its services to five days a week. To build a new building at that same location, Director Donna Colombo and staff spent three years planning and obtaining approvals from the St. Paul's congregation and the city, as well as finding a builder and financial contributors. In April 2018, construction began on the new building, to be named St. Paul's Commons. The new center will have 44 housing units with rents affordable to people with extremely low incomes (below $30,000 per year) and space on the ground floor for Trinity Center's services to expand.

Trinity Center's move in 2018 from Trinity Avenue was necessary for the construction of St. Paul's Commons. Space was secured at the corner of South California and Botelho Street in a building that had formerly housed restaurants. It was expected to use this location until St. Paul's Commons is completed in 2019.

However, this August, Trinity had to move to a new temporary location on Boulevard Way, next to the Sufi Reoriented Temple, because the South California location was no longer available. Additional help, especially money, is now needed for resources including a shuttle bus to transport members between downtown and the Boulevard Way location. Late this year, the final move will be made to the new St. Paul's Commons on Trinity Avenue; more help will be needed then.

The Democrats of Rossmoor have been very supportive of Trinity Center and its work with our homeless neighbors. At the DoR monthly meetings, we put contributions in the boxes at each table. We have financially supported various Trinity Center projects, such as providing food for the Food Shed, and help for the Winter Evening Program. We hope to continue and even increase our support during this current financial squeeze.

TRINITY’S MEMBERS AND STAFF GREATLY APPRECIATE OUR DoR CONTRIBUTIONS!
**Upcoming Events**

**September 2 Book Club:** cancelled

**September 2 Labor Day**

**September 4, 11, 18, and 25 Letter Writing/Texting:** Gateway Oak Room 4:00–6:00 p.m.

**September 9 Film:** *The Final Year*. Peacock Hall at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**September 12 Democratic Party Presidential Primate Debate Watch Party:**
Gateway Fireside Room, 4:00–8:00 p.m. See page 3 for details.

**September 17 Candidates’ Forum:** Gateway Fireside Room, 6:00–9:00 p.m. See page 4 for details.

**September 26 General Meeting:** Sarah Hesketh. Event Center, 6:00 p.m. Town Square, 7:00 p.m. speaker. See page 4.

**October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 Letter Writing/Texting:** Gateway Oak Room 4:00–6:00 p.m.

**October 7 Book Club:** *American Carnage: On the Front Lines of the Republican Civil War and the Rise of President Trump* by Tim Alberta. MPR 2 at 3 p.m.

**October 14 Film:** *Angels in America*. Peacock Hall. Part I at 1:00 p.m. and Part II at 7:00 p.m.

**October 10 TGWD:** Kevin Wilk / Justin Wedel Debate. Creekside Club Room 4:30 p.m. See page 5 for details.

**October 24 Dinner/General Meeting:** Paul Pierson. Event Center, 5:00 p.m. Town Square, 5:45 p.m. dinner, 6:00 p.m. speaker. See page 6 for details and for the RSVP form.

A video of presidential candidate Governor Jay Inslee speaking to the Democrats of Rossmoor on July 23 is now available at [www.democratsOFrossmoor.org/political-events](http://www.democratsOFrossmoor.org/political-events).

**2019 Membership Form**

2019 dues paid August 1–November 30 are $10. $20 dues paid in December apply to 2020 dues.

Check One: [ ] New member [ ] Returning member

Name(s) ________________________________ Date ______________

Please print.

Address __________________________________________________________

Phone __________________ Email ________________________________

Are you a registered voter at this address? ______ As a Democrat? ______

(We need this information for the Democratic Party, Region Two)

Volunteer for any of the following? ______Voter registration ______Event set-up

On behalf of Democratic Party candidates & issues: ______Write cards/letters ______Phone ______Table

Place your check (made out to Democrats of Rossmoor) and this form in an envelope and:

Leave it in the Democrats’ mailbox at Gateway during office hours,

mail it to Sue De Carlo, 901 Terra California Dr. #6, Walnut Creek, CA 94595,

or bring the form/check to the Membership Table at any meeting.

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