

# The Pass Democrat

Newsletter of the Pass Democratic Club—March 2017

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and the Pass Democratic Club on Facebook and Twitter (@DemocraticPass)

Executive Board Meeting: Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sun Lakes Country Club Restaurant at 6PM

#### Executive Board Members

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LEGISLATION - Vacant  
SCHOLARSHIPS - Blanche Teague  
WEBSITE - Jackie & Kelsey Atwood  
COMMUNICATIONS - Shawn Holt  
MEDIA RELATIONS—Clara Wooten-Thomas  
NEWSLETTER - Leeann McLaughlin  
PARLIAMENTARIAN - Pelton Teague  
LOGISTICS - Betty Ann James  
PROGRAM CHAIR - Vacant

## March Meeting

Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

**\*\*NEW MEETING LOCATION\*\***

**Banning Women's Club**  
**175 W. Hays St., Banning**

Doors open at 5:30pm  
Meeting begins at 6:30pm\*\*

#### Special Presentation:

**Elle Kurpewski, DHQ Manager**  
**"Progressive News" Show Host**

#### Important Contacts:

US Senator Dianne Feinstein  
(310) 914-7300  
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(213) 894-5000  
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[cadem.org](http://cadem.org),  
[invisibleguide.com](http://invisibleguide.com)

More next month!

## IT'S TIME TO RUMBLE

by Betty McMillion

November 8, 2016 will go down in history as the decline of the United States of America and of democracy. But only if we let it. We have to get going folks and in order to do that your Executive Board has been meeting, talking and planning.

We have set up the new Communications Committee and we are planning on our next meeting at the home of Leeann McLaughlin. The new Chair is Shawn Holt and he is the owner of ADEPT International, a business that teaches communication skills.

We have been meeting at the Democratic Headquarters of the Desert and planning on how to get our message out there. Currently we are working on updating and establishing our Facebook Page, website, the newsletter and we are exploring emails and Twitter.

What will we be messaging? We will be getting information on new and upcoming Bills, executive orders and government issues that we will be attacking and or endorsing. The more people we can reach out to through the media, the more our

message will be heard. All of you can help by forwarding emails, using the Facebook page, learning Twitter, writing letters and doing phone banking. We will make the messages available to everyone using the media.



So let's get up, get going and leave grieving behind us. Now more than ever we must stand up for what we believe in and fight for.

## HOW THE TRUMP STOLE AMERICA

In a land where the states are united, they claim,  
in a sky-scraping tower adorned with his name,  
lived a terrible, horrible, devious chump,  
the bright orange miscreant known as the Trump.  
This Trump he was mean, such a mean little man,  
with the tiniest heart and two tinier hands,  
and a thin set of lips etched in permanent curl,  
and a sneer and a scowl and contempt for the world.  
He looked down from his perch and he grinned ear to ear,  
and he thought, "I could steal the election this year!  
It'd be rather simple, it's so easily won,  
I'll just make them believe that their best days are done!  
Yes, I'll make them believe that it's all gone to Hell,  
and I'll be Jerk Messiah and their souls they will sell.  
And I'll use lots of words disconnected from truth,  
but I'll say them with style so they won't ask for proof.  
I'll toss out random platitudes, phrases, and such,  
They're so raised on fake news that it won't matter much!  
They won't question the how to, the what, why, or when,  
I will make their America great once again!"  
The Trump told them to fear, they should fear he would say,  
"They've all come for your jobs, they'll all take them away.  
You should fear every Muslim and Mexican too,  
every brown, black, and tan one, everyone who votes blue."  
And he fooled all the Christians, he fooled them indeed,  
He just trotted out Jesus, that's all Jesus folk need.  
And celebrity preachers they all crowned him as king,  
Tripping over themselves just to kiss the Trump's ring.  
And he spoke only lies just as if they were true,  
Until they believed all of those lies were true too.  
He repeated and Tweeted and he blustered and spit,  
And he mislead and fibbed—and he just made up sh\*t.  
And the media laughed but they printed each line,  
thinking "He'll never will win, in the end we'll be fine."  
So they chased every headline, bold typed every claim,  
'Till the fake news and real news they looked just the same.  
And the scared folk who listened, they devoured each word,  
Yes, they ate it all up every word that they heard,  
petrified that their freedom was under attack,  
trusting Trump he would take their America back.  
From the gays and from ISIS, he'd take it all back,  
Take it back from the Democrats, fat cats, and blacks.  
And so hook, line, and sinker they all took the bait,  
all his lies about making America great.  
Now the Pant-suited One she was smart and prepared,  
she was brilliant and steady but none of them cared,  
no they cared not to see all the work that she'd done,  
or the fact they the Trump had not yet done thing one.  
They could only shout "Emails!", yes "Emails!" they'd shout,

because Fox News had told them—and Fox News had clout.  
And the Pant-suited One she was slandered no end,  
and a lie became truth she could never defend.  
And the Trump watched it all go according to plan—  
a strong woman eclipsed by an insecure man.  
And November the 8th arrived, finally it came,  
like a slow-moving storm but it came just the same.  
And Tuesday became Wednesday as those days will do,  
And the night turned to morning and the nightmare came true,  
With millions of non-voters still in their beds,  
Yes, the Trump he had done it, just like he had said.  
And the Trumpers they trumped, how they trumped when he won,  
All the racists and bigots; deplorable ones,  
they crawled out from the woodwork, came out to raise Hell,  
they came out to be hateful and hurtful as well.  
With slurs and with road signs, with spray paint and Tweets,  
with death threats to neighbors and taunts on the street.  
And the grossest of grossness they hurled on their peers,  
while the Trump he said zilch—for the first time in years.  
But he Tweeted at Hamilton, he Tweeted the Times,  
And he trolled Alec Baldwin a few hundred times,  
and he pouted a pout like a petulant kid,  
thinking this is what Presidents actually did,  
thinking he could still be a perpetual jerk,  
terrified to learn he had to actually work,  
work for every American, not just for a few,  
not just for the white ones—there was much more to do.  
He now worked for the Muslims and Mexicans too,  
for the brown, black, and tan ones, and the ones who vote blue.  
They were all now his bosses, now they all had a say,  
and those nasty pant-suited ones were here to stay.  
And the Trump he soon realized that he didn't win,  
He had gotten the thing—and the thing now had him.  
And it turned out the Trump was a little too late,  
for America was already more than quite great,  
not because of the sameness, the opposite's true,  
It's greatness far more than just red, white, and blue,  
It's straight, gay, and female—it's Gentile and Jew,  
It's Transgender and Christian and Atheist too.  
It's Asians, Caucasians of every kind,  
The disabled and abled, the deaf and the blind,  
It's immigrants, Muslims, and brave refugees,  
It's Liberals with bleeding hearts fixed to their sleeves.  
And we are all staying, we're staying right here,  
and we'll be the great bane of the Trump for four years.  
And we'll be twice as loud as the loudness of hate,  
be the greatness that makes our America great.  
And the Trump's loudest boasts they won't ever obscure,  
over two million more of us—voted for her.

by John Pavlovitz

## Tracking Legislation (the easy way)

### **www.congress.gov (THOMAS)**

A government resource, and therefore the information contained within it is objective, straightforward, and sometimes quite dry. While it is a great resource, if you are looking for opinions and write-ups on legislation, you may want to use one of the other resources available to you. If you are looking for straightforward facts about where a bill is being debated, or when a committee has a hearing, this might be a great site for you. Some websites, including GovTrack, will use information found on THOMAS.

### **www.govtrack.us**

GovTrack, which is similar to Open Congress, is probably the most visited legislation tracking website available. Not only does GovTrack give you the ability to track legislation, but it also allows you to track your representative's voting record. Unlike OpenCongress, GovTrack is run by a for-profit LLC. GovTrack has a website, Twitter handle, Facebook page, and a blog. If you are busy and wish to have the work done for you, GovTrack is probably the best site for you. GovTrack offers a service that will send you email updates as bills move through the legislative process.

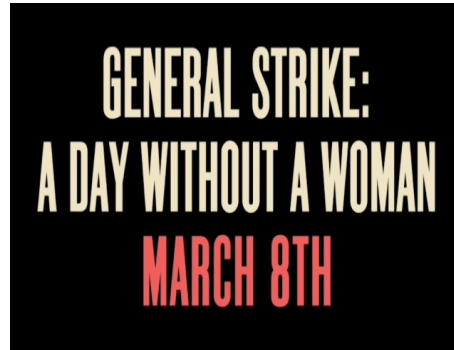
### **www.opencongress.org**

OpenCongress allows anyone to follow legislation in Congress, from a bill's introduction through voting. OpenCongress is operated by the Sunlight Foundation, which is a non-partisan nonprofit organization that advocates for a transparent government. Unlike THOMAS, OpenCongress is much more user friendly and interactive. When you use OpenCongress you can compare voting records, rate your support or opposition to a piece of legislation, and you can register with the site and interact with other users.

Additional resource: [www.pbs.org/now/politics/legislation.html](http://www.pbs.org/now/politics/legislation.html)

Attribution: [www.wikihow.com/Track-US-Legislation-and-Congress](http://www.wikihow.com/Track-US-Legislation-and-Congress)

## NEWS



San Bernardino City Unified Schools declared safe zones for students and families.

In alliance with MoveOn, Working Families Party and Indivisible we gathered at City Hall to demand that Palm Springs declare itself a "Sanctuary City". We are asking our Palm Springs City Council and Mayor to take legislative action via ordinance NOW. We stand with Oakland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, Boston, New York, Austin and many other cities refusing to comply with executive orders that hurt our families and communities.

Republicans revealed four drafts of potential health care bills. One would let insurers charge older customers higher rates. Another would replace the law's unpopular individual mandate with a requirement that people maintain "continuous" coverage if they want to avoid more expensive policies. If you're concerned about the path that Congress is currently taking, Andrew Sprung has written a [comprehensive explanation of the actions you can take right now to protect the ACA](#), to raise your voice about the perils of voting to repeal before the American people have

seen the replacement, and hopefully convince Congress to avoid a scenario where millions of Americans lose their health insurance. [www.healthinsurance.org/repeal-and-replace/6-ways-you-can-resist-insta-repeal-of-obamacare/](http://www.healthinsurance.org/repeal-and-replace/6-ways-you-can-resist-insta-repeal-of-obamacare/)

**Tell Congress to put national security over party politics: No Bannon on the National Security Council.** President Trump's decision to remove the Director of National Intelligence and the Chairman of the Joints Chiefs of Staff (actual national security experts) from the National Security Council and instead give a permanent seat to Steve Bannon was an unprecedented politicization of what is supposed to be a non-partisan body.

***Call your Senators and ask them to cosponsor [S.291](#) to [modify the requirements for membership in the NSC](#). Call your Representative and ask to cosponsor [H.R.804](#) to [prevent political appointees from serving on the NSC](#).***

[www.womensmarch.com/100/action2](http://www.womensmarch.com/100/action2)  
The website lists opportunities for engagement and protests including a call tool, Women's March postcards, Huddles, the marches on March 8, April 15, April 22 and the March for Justice and Climate on April 29. One easy way to show your opposition is to get together with your Huddle, hold up a #NoBanNoWall sign, take a group photo and Tweet it to your Senators and Members of Congress. You can find your Senators' twitter handles here:

<http://womensmarch.com/call>

## **ALERT!**

**Indivisible websites for meetings and actions in our area (insert zip) are listed at:**

[www.indivisibleguide.com/group-meetings](http://www.indivisibleguide.com/group-meetings)  
[www.indivisibleguide.com/indivisible-action](http://www.indivisibleguide.com/indivisible-action)

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## Join or Renew Invite a Friend

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Employer Name \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Address \_\_\_\_\_

Must be a registered Democrat.  
Enclose \$30 individual  
or \$50 for two at same address

Representative Ruiz would like to hear directly from you. How has the  
ACA directly impacted you, your family, and your friends?

Please enter the following website and tell your story!

[http://email.capitolenews.com/q/mFKC8lhyKavwosKrwWTlyezdL2--  
WJazHISLhJObzoyWzPQo5zVEgX6Y](http://email.capitolenews.com/q/mFKC8lhyKavwosKrwWTlyezdL2--WJazHISLhJObzoyWzPQo5zVEgX6Y)



[www.taxmarch.org](http://www.taxmarch.org)

**MARCH FOR SCIENCE**

EARTH DAY

APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

[www.marchforscience.com](http://www.marchforscience.com)

Riverside County DHQ Communications Committee with Shawn Holt (5th from right)!



*Our own Sylvia Carrillo at the Riverside Women's March!*



## News (cont.)

Attorney General Becerra Joined State Attorneys General nationwide Seeking Constitutional Protection for Non-Citizens and Condemning Executive Orders Not Protecting Individual Freedoms..

Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia (D-Coachella) joined Assemblymember Christina Garcia (D-Bell Gardens) and Assemblymember Chris Holden (D-Pasadena) to introduce AB 378, legislation crafted to create further climate justice guidelines to mitigate pollution impacts to disadvantaged communities.

Dear Friends,

I am troubled by the idea that federal elected officials or candidates could pay their own businesses or their families businesses with campaign funds or taxpayer dollars to increase their own profits. That's why this week, I introduced the Ruiz Ethics Package to ensure politicians, regardless of party, don't exploit their position for personal gain.

The Campaign Spending Integrity Act and the Public Service Spending Integrity Act prohibit federal candidates and elected officials from spending campaign funds and taxpayer dollars on business they or their families own. The Public Service Transparency Act requires candidates for President, Vice President, and cabinet-level positions to release their tax returns to ensure the public is aware of any conflicts of interest.

These bills send a message to politicians that they can't abuse their authority and use campaign or government funds to get rich off the people they serve. To learn more about the Ruiz Ethics Package, visit my website [here](#).

Sincerely,



Raul Ruiz, M.D.  
Member of Congress

## Income Inequality/ Middle Class Erosion Articles of Interest

[www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2017/01/americas-great-divergence/514784/](http://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2017/01/americas-great-divergence/514784/)

[www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2016/12/2016-diverging-economies/511838/](http://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2016/12/2016-diverging-economies/511838/)

<http://247wallst.com/special-report/2014/02/27/ten-states-where-income-inequality-has-soared/>

[www.businessinsider.com/income-and-wealth-inequality-charts-2015-4](http://www.businessinsider.com/income-and-wealth-inequality-charts-2015-4)

[www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2013/12/05/u-s-income-inequality-on-rise-for-decades-is-now-highest-since-1928/](http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2013/12/05/u-s-income-inequality-on-rise-for-decades-is-now-highest-since-1928/)

## Steve Bannon Believes The Apocalypse Is Coming And War Is Inevitable!

Read the full story here:  
<http://a.msn.com/01/en-us/AAmJE3r?ocid=se>

