

The Pass Democrat

Newsletter of the Pass Democratic Club—April 2017

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Sad News

It is with deep regret we announce the passing of our longtime friend and club member, Pat Azarnoff on March 16, 2017.

Pat and her Husband Roy were long time members of the Pass Democratic Club. They served on the Executive Board and it was due to their efforts that the club could set-up and maintain our 2008 office. Pat organized the entire office and established the schedule for all volunteers. She was the recipient of the 2008 Pass Democratic Club Volunteer of the Year Award. Pat held a Master's Degree in Child Development and special education from Boston University and was an Author. Pat also was the Founding Director of Pediatric Projects a non-profit corporation that developed special toys and equipment for hospitalized children.

Roy died August 25, 2012. He held a PHD from the University of Missouri. He was the Director of the Los Angeles Area Agency on Aging, director of the Western Center for Clinical Studies and a Professor at Boston University and an Author. He also set-up the Pass Democratic Club original website, our entire computer system and was a member of the Riverside County Democratic Central Committee.

It was our honor and pleasure to work with both of these outstanding people and we miss them. But they have left behind an enormous legacy of good works and we honor their memory.

Executive Board Meeting: Saturday April 1st
Sun Lakes Country Club Atrium at 6PM

Executive Board Members

PRESIDENT - Jackie Atwood 951-849-4986
1st VP MEMBERSHIP - Betty McMillion 951-769-6636
2nd VP VOTER REGISTRATION AND
POLITICAL ACTION - Sylvia Carrillo
RECORDING SEC'RY - Nancy Sappington
CORRESPONDING SEC'RY - Betty Ann James
TREASURER - Marlene Damato

Committee Chairs

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

May Meeting

Wednesday, May 17th
175 W. Hays St., Banning
(10 freeway, exit 8th St N, right
Ramsey, left 2nd, right Hays)

Doors open at 5:45pm
Meeting begins at 6:30pm**

Special Presentation:

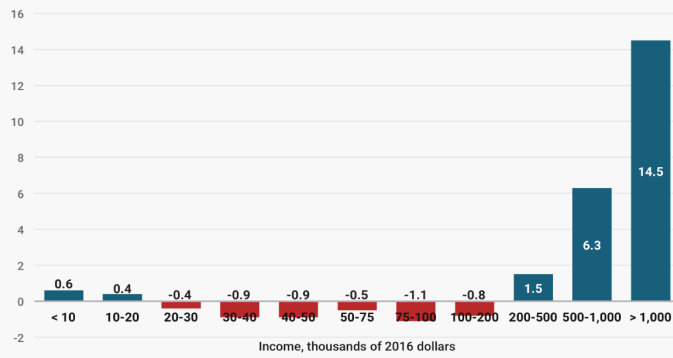
To Be Announced
(check passdems.org)

Important Contacts:

US Senator Dianne Feinstein
(310) 914-7300
US Senator Kamala Harris
(213) 894-5000
US Representative Raul Ruiz, M.D..
(760) 424-8888
ST Senator Mike Morrell (R)
(951) 919-7731
ST Assemblymember Chad Mayes
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County Supervisor Marion Ashley
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cadem.org,
invisibleguide.com
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TRUMP'S TAX PLAN PROPOSAL RESULTS (Business Insider)

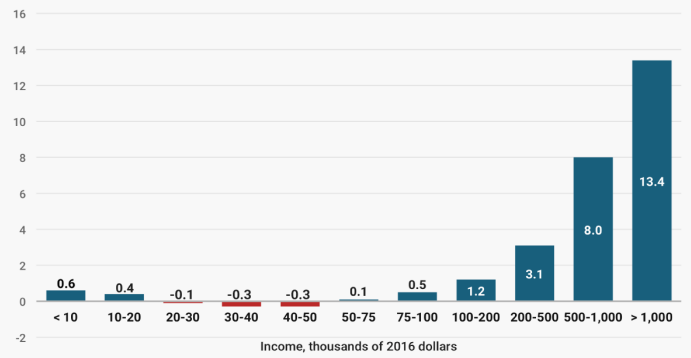
PERCENT CHANGE IN AFTER-TAX INCOME: HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD



SOURCE: Tax Policy Center

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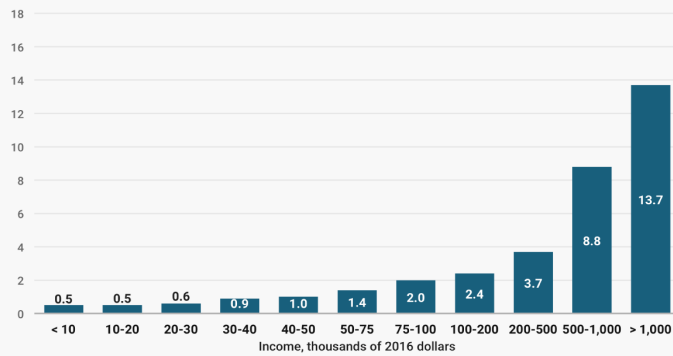
PERCENT CHANGE IN AFTER-TAX INCOME: CHILDREN



SOURCE: Tax Policy Center

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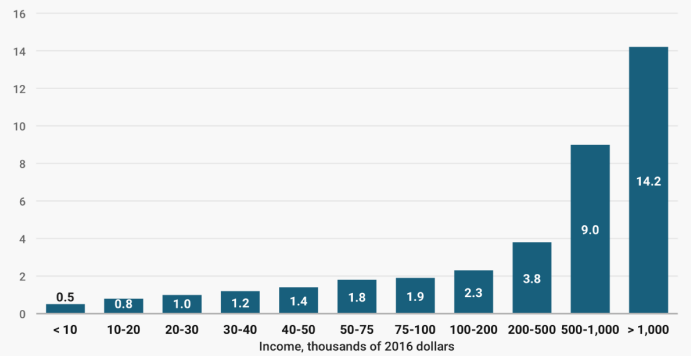
PERCENT CHANGE IN AFTER-TAX INCOME: JOINT



SOURCE: Tax Policy Center

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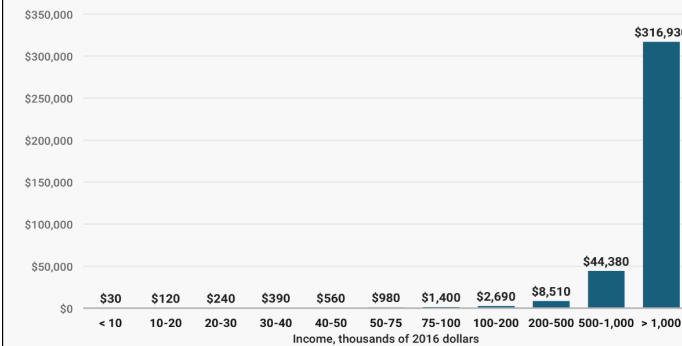
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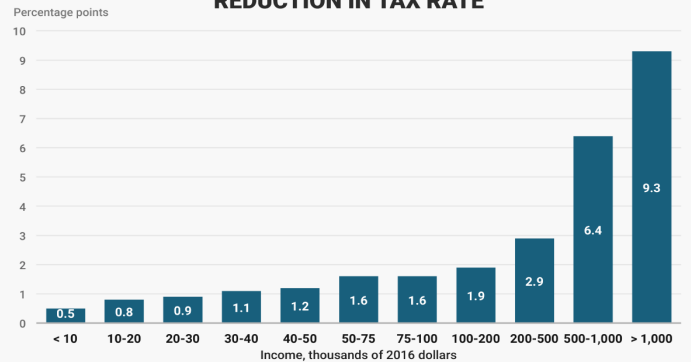
REDUCTION IN TAXES



SOURCE: Tax Policy Center

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REDUCTION IN TAX RATE



SOURCE: Tax Policy Center

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A quick synopsis of some of the main changes that would affect taxpayers. Instead of seven, we'd have three income tax brackets. Current: 10%, 15%, 25%, 28%, 33%, 35%, 39.6%. Proposed: 12%, 25%, 33%. The standard deduction would go way up. It jumps from \$6,300 to \$15,000 for singles; for married joint filers, it jumps from \$12,600 to \$30,000. Personal exemptions and exemptions for dependents would be eliminated, as would the head-of-household deduction. Families with children under age 13 could deduct childcare costs, capped at the state average. The alternative minimum tax, a complicated surtax that raises rates on middle- to upper-middle-class earners, would be axed. It currently affects nearly 5 million people. Gift taxes and estate taxes would be gone; capital gains held until death would be exempt up to \$5 million per person.

Blue News

Congress extended federal government funding through 4/28/17. With these five hurdles to avoiding a government shutdown it is unclear when a new budget will be approved: Obamacare Payments, Sanctuary Cities, Border Security, Miners Health Care and Pensions, and Defense Money. Read more at:

www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/five-hurdles-to-avoiding-a-government-shutdown/ar-BBzSprh.

See Politico's leaked list of cuts at: www.politico.com/f/?id=0000015b-14ec-d040-a17b-bfee7410001

House and Senate Republican majorities may be vulnerable in the 2018 midterm elections. Become involved and help elect your local Democratic candidate. Read more at: www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/midterm-trends-threaten-gop-house-majority/ar-BBzDuWF?li=AA5a8k&ocid=spartandhp

Trump's tax plan is a boon to the rich, and anathema to the poor and middle class. React and Resist. Read more at www.npr.org/2016/11/13/501739277/who-benefits-from-donald-trumps-tax-plan

Trump's health care "repeal and replace" bill is thankfully in limbo, although threats such as removing funding resulting in the ACA collapse are alarming. Additional info at: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/trump-threatens-coverage_us_58eebb13e4b0bb9638e13674

Meanwhile California is mounting its own single payer plan, SB 562 entitled *The Healthy California Act*.

Read the bill at www.healthycaliforniaact.org

California passed a 10 year \$52 billion roads and infrastructure bill (SB 1) this month raising gas taxes and registration fees by an average of \$10 per month per family. The five year \$100 billion list of 51 priority projects includes roads, levees, bridges, ports, train and public transit systems, water storage and recycling projects, and energy, military, veterans and emergency operations facilities and services. Any federal money received would be in addition to that California raises for its aging infrastructure. More information may be found at www.latimes.com/politics/essential/la-pol-ca-essential-politics-updates-california-submits-100-billion-in-1486590025-htmstory.html AND www.infrastructurereportcard.org/state-item/california

May Day Rallies and Protests Planned Throughout Southern California

Thousands of workers, immigrant-rights activists and other protesters will take part in May Day marches and rallies May 1 in support of causes ranging from better-paying jobs to immigration reform, triggering street closures in downtown Los Angeles.

Rallies are planned throughout the day at various locations, including one at Los Angeles International Airport in connection with a one-day strike by janitors and other workers at the facility, but downtown will be the main rallying point for protests by such groups as Occupy L.A., the Youth Justice Coalition and Rise Up L.A. Occupy L.A. planned a "May 1 Four Winds/General Strike" event involving four "caravans" converging on downtown L.A. The South Wind caravan will start at Cal State Dominguez Hills in Carson, the West Wind at Wilshire Boulevard and Ocean Avenue in Santa Monica, the North Wind at Panorama High School in the San Fernando Valley, and the East Wind at Cesar Chavez and Atlantic Avenue in Monterey Park.

Around noon, protesters will gather at 41st Street and Central Avenue, then head to Figueroa Street and Exposition Boulevard before staging a 2:30 p.m. rally at Sixth and Main streets. A larger rally is planned at 7 p.m. at Pershing Square.

Supporters of the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles will take part in a May Day march for jobs, education and "peace in the world," with participants gathering at Olympic and Broadway at 1 p.m. and marching an hour later north on Broadway. A rally is planned for 3:30 p.m. at Broadway and First Street.

Local rallies are planned in Redlands, Riverside, Anaheim, Santa Ana and possibly other cities as the date draws closer. Some or all may be posted on www.may1.org

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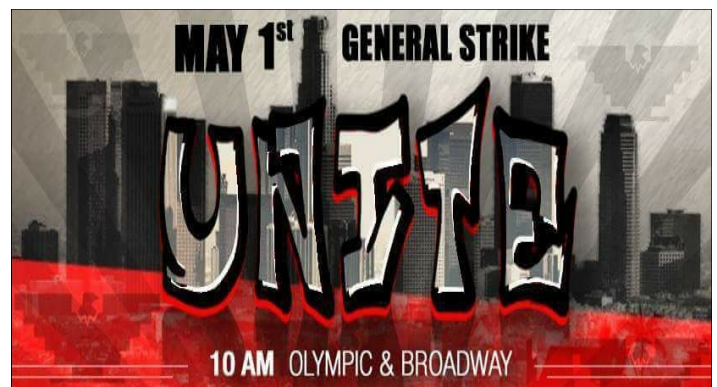
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Employer Name _____

Employer Address _____

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



— ALL OF US —
MAY 1
SHUT IT DOWN

With One Voice

My name is..... and no one is paying me to say this. I am the face of America. I am a patriot and I love my country.

Today and in this moment, I join with other patriots around America and together we say WITH ONE VOICE:

WE are the majority of our country. You do not have a mandate. You won the Presidency but you lost America.

WE are the people. Corporations are not people. Us. Flesh and blood, living, breathing human beings.

And we are watching.

We are watching you in the school boards and the city councils.

We are watching you state representatives and governors.

We are watching you, congress people, senators and President.

You work for us. Your power is of the People, by the People, and for the People.

And when you act, we demand that you will act for us and for the generations that come after us.

We expect you to recognize that healthcare is a right for all. We expect you to fulfill your January promise and provide insurance for everyone.

We demand that you make decisions that protect our air and our water and our land.

We expect your policies to protect the environment not only for today, but for tomorrow and for a thousand generations.

We demand that you enact policies that level the playing field by raising up our poor, strengthening our middle class, and requiring the wealthiest among us to pay their fair share.

We insist that you help our public schools be the best that they can be for all of our children, who are our greatest asset and our greatest hope.

We demand that you show compassion to those seeking to come into our country for a better life or to escape persecution, regardless of what they look like or what religion they practice.

We demand that you protect and represent all of our citizens.

We expect equal treatment regardless of skin color, religion, gender, age, socioeconomic status, and sexuality.

We expect this protection at home, at work, at school, when we pray, when we walk on the public streets, and when we seek to exercise our right to vote - even if it isn't for you.

And we demand that our votes be counted equally, regardless of our wealth or political contributions and connections. Regardless of where we live.

We expect you to eliminate the gerrymandering of our districts. We see your efforts to rig the system, and we will not tolerate it.

We are listening. We are watching.

We Will let you know with one voice when we disagree, and we expect you to listen and to act.

We will persist. We are strong and resilient, proud Americans. These snowflakes aren't melting.

This is a moment. We are speaking to you. Right now. With one voice. We stand together.

We are indivisible.

Many snowflakes make an Avalanche.

And Winter is here.

I don't know –

it's hard for me to see any U.S. ties to Russia...

except for the Flynn thing
and the Manafort thing
and the Tillerson thing
and the Sessions thing
and the Kushner thing
and the Carter Page thing
and the Roger Stone thing
and the Felix Sater thing
and the Boris Ephsteyn thing
and the Rosneft thing
and the Gazprom thing
and the Sergey Gorkov banker thing
and the Azerbaijan thing
and the "I love Putin" thing
and the Donald Trump, Jr. thing
and the Sergey Kislyak thing
and the Russian Affiliated Interests thing
and the Russian Business Interests thing
and the Emoluments Clause thing
and the Alex Schnaider thing
and the hack of the DNC thing
and the Guccifer 2.0 thing
and the Mike Pence "I don't know anything" thing
and the Russians mysteriously dying thing
and Trump's public request to Russia to hack Hillary's email thing
and the Trump house sale for \$100 million at the bottom of the housing bust to the Russian fertilizer king thing
and the Russian fertilizer king's plane showing up in Concord, NC during Trump rally campaign thing
and the Nunes sudden flight to the White House in the night thing
and the Nunes personal investments in the Russian winery thing
and the Cyprus bank thing
and Trump not releasing his tax returns thing
and the Republican Party's rejection of an amendment to require Trump to show his taxes thing
and the election hacking thing
and the GOP platform change to the Ukraine thing
and the Steele Dossier thing
and the Leninist Bannon thing
and the Sally Yates can't testify thing
and the intelligence community's investigative reports thing
and Trump's reassurance that the Russian connection is all "fake news" thing
and Spicer's Russian Dressing "nothing's wrong" thing
so there's probably nothing there
since the swamp has been drained, these people would never lie
probably why Nunes cancels the investigation meetings
all of this must be normal
just a bunch of separate dots with no connection.

---Lane Crothers



Executive Order 3/31

Presidential Executive Order on Establishing Enhanced Collection and Enforcement of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties and Violations of Trade and Customs Laws

Executive Order 3/31

Presidential Executive Order on Providing an Order of Succession Within the Department of Justice

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Presidential Executive Order Regarding the Omnibus Report on Significant Trade Deficits

Executive Order 3/29

Presidential Executive Order Establishing the President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis

Signed Legislation

4/13 - H.J.Res. 43 - Joint Resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule submitted by Secretary of Health and Human Services relating to compliance with title X requirements by project...

4/13 - H.J.Res. 67 - Joint Resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to savings arrangements established

by qualified State political subdivisions for non-governmental employees.

4/3 - H.R. 1228 - An Act to provide for the appointment of members of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to replace members whose terms expire during 2017, and for other purposes.

4/3 - S.J.Res. 34 - Joint Resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission relating to "Protecting the Privacy of Customers of Broadband...

3/31 - H.R.1362 - An Act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Pago Pago, American Samoa, the Faleomavaega Eni Fa'aua'a Hunkin VA Clinic.

3/31 - S.J.Res.1 - Joint Resolution approving the location of a memorial to commemorate and honor the members of the Armed Forces who served on active duty in support of Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield.

3/31 - H.J.Res.42 - Joint Resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relat-

ing to drug testing of un-employment compensation applicants.

3/28 - S. 305 - Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017

3/27 - H.J. Res. 37 - Joint Resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Defense, the General Services Administration, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration relating to the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

3/27 - H.J. Res. 44 - Joint Resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of the Interior relating to Bureau of Land Management regulations that establish the procedures used to prepare, revise, or amend land use plans pursuant to the Federal Land

3/27 - H.J. Res. 57 - Joint Resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to accountability and State plans under the Elementary and Secondary Education

3/27 - H.J. Res. 58 - Joint Resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5,

United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to teacher preparation issues.

3/21 - National Aeronautics and Space Administration Transition Authorization Act of 2017

3/13 - H.R.609 - To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs health care center in Center Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, as the "Abie Abraham VA Clinic".

2/16 - H.J.Res.38 - Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of the Interior known as the Stream Protection Rule.

2/14 - H.J.Res.41 - Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to "Disclosure of Payments by Resource Extraction Issuers".

1/31 - H.R.72 - GAO Access and Oversight Act
1/20 - S.84 - A bill to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces.

