



**CANDIDATES STATEMENTS
FOR THE 2009 and 2010
California Democratic Party
38th Assembly District Convention**

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36	Registration: 9:00AM Meeting: 11:00AM	CTA District Office 1027 West Lancaster Blvd. Lancaster
37	Registration: 12:00PM Meeting: 2:00PM	Newbury Park Library 2331 Borchard Road Newbury Park
38	Registration: 12:00PM Meeting: 2:00PM	Nobel Middle School Little Theater Room 10 9950 Tampa Ave. Northridge

**38th Assembly District Candidates posted on cadem.org
as of Jan. 4, 2009:**

Michael Ballard: I was born near Dodger's Stadium and have lived in Southern California all of my life, mostly in various parts of the City or County of Los Angeles.

I make most of my living as a software engineer and I dabble in computer and network hardware on the side.

Outside of work, I am a photographer, a musician, occasionally a set builder and sometimes a volunteer construction worker for Habitat for Humanity. Yes, I wear a variety of hats. I registered to vote when I turned 18 and have faithfully voted in every election except one since then. I did not get involved in the process until the 2000 Presidential election. I made my first campaign contribution to the Gore campaign. In 2004, I supported Wes Clark and then John Kerry. I joined my first Democratic club and attended rallies, speeches and fundraisers. In February of 2007, I briefly met Barack Obama at a rally in South-Central L.A. I contributed to his campaign, did phone-banking during the primaries and was IT Guru for the local Democratic Headquarters through election night.

I am now looking for a way to continue to participate in the process and to make sure that the issues and opinions of my neighborhood are heard by those who have the ability to do something about them.

Farid Ben Amor In this historic era of change, it is time to reform our state party conventions so that they offer maximum opportunity for delegates to do their jobs, which is to affect party policy on behalf of the voters who elected them. If you honor me with your vote, I will

be that change agent.

It is time to do much more than go to these conventions to listen to our leaders. It is now time to go to these conventions to be heard BY our leaders, on behalf of our voters.

If you honor me with your vote, I promise to begin an immediate dialogue among us all, before the convention, as to how everyone feels about how we can reform our Party structure. The reform I suspect we may all want would guarantee a new convention structure that would enshrine an open conduit of communication from Democrats to delegates to party leaders, IN THAT ORDER.

Walter Cameron I have a record to show that I can and will accomplish a new kind of communication, co-operation, and true Democracy among everyone in our District. I am one of the fifteen people who created the City of Santa Clarita. I chartered the Democratic Club of Santa Clarita Valley in 1978. I was 38th District Los Angeles County Male Democrat of the year in 2003.

I have founded and led five different environmental, community and public service non profit, public service corporations. In addition to listening to all of you, and beginning the dialogue to lead to reform, I want to use the Convention opportunity, as I have for the last three conventions, to gather support for a solution to one of the greatest threats to our District ever proposed, the largest sand and gravel mine of its type presented to the Federal BLM in US history. This is the so called CEMEX mine.

These conventions should be the chance for active Democrats to have their views heard and implemented as Party Policy. I believe that each of us has great ideas as to how that can happen.

Please vote for Allan Cameron. Call me at 818-634- 8669.

Linda Courtnage I have remained anti war, anti Homeland Security, against Guantanamo and for health care for all since 2001. The Patriot Act and rule by fear is counter to the Constitution. I support a fair tax system with the distribution of wealth from corporations to the working people of America. It is my hope by continuing to raise these issues, results will follow. It is imperative the U. S. begin a rational approach to foreign policy based on American ideals rather than who is the "dictator de jour". The supply of arms and weapons around the world must end.

We need to transition defense companies to alternative energy companies to solve energy and environmental problems.

We can not be proud of our ranking in the world in education, health care, mortality, infant death nor the way we treat the least fortunate in our communities. The time for a new way of thinking, a new way of addressing problems and a new reputation for the USA is long overdue.

Mike Cruz I am the former Chair of the 38th delegation to the LA. County Democratic Party Central Committee. I'm the incoming 2009 President of The Democratic Club of Santa Clarita Valley.

Over the last several years I have not only financially supported democratic candidates; I have walked precincts and phone banked. From the local level to the federal level. My goal as a delegate is to secure the resources we need to turn the 38th AD blue.

In addition, I'm proud to have the endorsements of: Eric Bauman, Chair of the Los Angeles County Democratic Party Darren Parker, Vice-Chair of the Los Angeles County Democratic Party and Chair of the African American Caucus for the California Democratic Party.

I am a proud member of EAA and supporter of unions. Lastly, I am an active member of the Canyon Country Advisory Comm., Calgrove Corridor Coalition, National Hispanic Environmental Council and a member of the Santa Clarita Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at mikscruz@earthlink.net

Lastly, I ask for your vote! Together...we can turn the 38th Blue!

Denise De Anda It is a great honor to be able to run for this position. I am a recent college graduate from USC with a double major in Political Science and Communication. I believe I can fairly represent a large portion of my area that otherwise would not be represented fairly. I come from a highly concentrated Latino community, but feel that living in the Los Angeles area has also credited me in being able to understand all other types of groups and communities. I can promise I will take this roll extremely seriously and will do my absolute best to get more people involved in the political process. I am eager to become more actively involved in politics because I have a passion for it and would love to become a hands-on member for the Democratic Party. Thank you so much for this opportunity!

Melody Godinez I am a family practice physician who has lived in the San Fernando area since 1975 moving to my present location in 1999. A Democrat all these years I am finally pleased to see a man of excellence, Barack Obama elected President. The failure of our society to progress over the last 28 years has left us desperately in need of bipartisan action in several critical areas including the economy (more jobs at living wage), energy dependency (shift from fossil to renewable fuels), healthcare (access to affordable care for all), infrastructure (bridges, schools and levies in California) and education (access to a good college education for all eligible). Numerous other issues including Gay Rights, crime prevention and social security need to also be addressed.

Bruce Hector M.D. My medical experience has afforded me the opportunity to develop not only one on one communication skills but I have also engaged in extensive public speaking. I have learned to discuss complex issues in a manner intelligible to all. I have learned patience and the ability to listen to others. In the 1970's I studied under R. Buckminster Fuller and through comprehensive anticipatory design science proved that humanity has the capability to meet all the needs of the planet's citizens at a standard of living most Americans enjoy now at the expense of none or the environment.

Now is the time to move forward on this goal with America developing the model that will be adopted by the rest of the world not by conquer or military threat but by example that will compel all toward the same through an overwhelming democratic choice. I seek an active role in that movement and to work with others similarly inclined during the years I have left. To do so we must develop a message that resonates with all especially conservatives who seem to be a majority in my Congressional District. Please vote for me as a representative to the California Democratic State Party Convention. Thanks. Bruce Hector M.D

Dwight Hines One lesson that we can take from our mountain top experience of November 4th is that only in America can our dreams drive our destiny. Dreams exist due to our hard work

and selfless sacrifice. We must become part of something greater than ourselves.

We are on this journey called life but for a brief moment. What we make of it determines not only what we are but also who we would be. Whatever obstacles may line our paths, we must hold fast to that which is good and summon the courage to do that which is right. We are a good people with the capacity to do great things.

I am a foot soldier in the Democratic Party. My mission is to support and enhance the goals of our party, lend support to our office holders, widen our voter base through outreach and voter registration, and seek out common ground with all Americans.

I pledge to never forget that it is you that I work for and, in all that I do, you will be foremost in my thoughts. My commitment to you will guide my actions.

Kristin Ingram-Worthman I was part of a group of super-committed volunteers who helped get Barack Obama elected President. I spent many nights after work and entire weekends phonebanking and attending meetings. We volunteers had many great conversations about change and how we can make our country, our state, and our communities better places. I want put these conversations to work.

I have been a resident of Santa Clarita for 12 years. I am an elementary school teacher, and I am bilingual in Spanish.

Chad Jones I have been honored to serve on the State Central Committee for the last four years and as the 38th AD's Executive Board representative for the last two years. During my time on the State Central Committee I have attended every convention, passed a resolution regarding the protection of public employee pension benefits, and worked for almost two years to pass a change to the party's bylaws to ensure our party's delegates are not undermining the campaigns of our Democratic nominees.

I am the President of Valley Grassroots for Democracy, one of the largest and most active Democratic clubs in Los Angeles County. VGFD provided the most adult volunteer hours at the 2008 Democratic Campaign Headquarters, where we made over 300,000 calls to voters. In my position on the Executive Board of the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley, I have been the Technology Chair and webmaster, helping bring our online presence into the 21st century.

The 38th AD is gerrymandered so that about half the district is in the San Fernando Valley and half in the Santa Clarita Valley. While I live in Granada Hills, I have been active in the Democratic Alliance for Action in Santa Clarita. I helped arrange endorsements and financial support from the San Fernando Valley for the Santa Clarita City Council campaigns of Maria Gutzeit and Diane Trautman. Through my work with DPSFV I provided the voter lists for the Santa Clarita headquarters.

I'm a native Angeleno and have worked at UCLA for 17 years. I believe in Clean Money, universal health care, ending the war in Iraq, holding government officials accountable for their actions, and full marriage equality. Thanks to a courageous California Supreme Court my partner of almost 13 years and I were married in October and don't plan on letting a bunch of right-wing wackos take that away from us.

It would be an honor and a privilege to again serve on the DSCC and I ask for your vote.

David Lutness I am a Democratic activist working every election. I have been involved in California politics for 10 years. I'm usually a "behind the scenes" guy who produces the walk lists, gets the data analyzed, downloads materials for the walking packets, etc. Our Party did an incredible job in the 2008 election but we have a lot to do with the new Redistricting Plan looming. We must develop a robust Red Zone program to get Democrats elected in Republican districts and to protect the seats we now have that may be threatened with redistricting. I will work to make sure we have a strong Red Zone program throughout the State.

I am also very interested in working on building a sustainable, green economy which includes greatly enhanced public transportation, urban infilling, the development of alternate energy sources, preservation of our water resources and a shift from believing that urban sprawl is ok. I have attended our conventions and E-Boards for 10 years.

I will work for you and represent the people of our District. Please vote for me. Thank you.

Michelle Ostrove As a delegate for the California Democratic Party, I will evoke change in California. My personal background include: BSBM, MBA, member of the League of Woman Voters and participated in the Los Angeles Mayoral Elections.

Lynne Plambeck I have been an active member in the 38th AD for many years and have worked on several campaigns in every job from walking precincts to campaign manager. I hold a locally elected office and am one of the few democrats elected in Santa Clarita. My focus is environmental issues, and if elected I hope to ensure that those issues are inserted into all political discussions. However, I also work well with labor and social justice advocates. I will listen to others in our AD and do my best to represent all our views at future conventions.

Rosalind Scarbrough No particular statement at this time.

Marcia Schneider I think we need substantial change in the way we budget and legislate - I'm frustrated with too much legislation taking place in poorly written and inaccurately marketed ballot propositions! Our legislators ought to be doing most of this work - and we can hold them accountable.

To respond to changing conditions, we need flexibility - Too much of the revenue and spending is restricted by "set in stone" propositions and amendments whose usefulness may have expired.

We need responsiveness - a majority vote ought to be enough to make a decision in all but the most serious decisions. Requiring 2/3 votes to get regular Sacramento business accomplished has slowed us to a crawl.

We are Californians - we should be leaders – in education, healthcare, job creation, environment. I know we can do better!

Term limits are another obstacle to strong legislation - only the lobbys have long standing relationships and power. If the legislator is doing a good job - lets keep them in there!

Its been so exciting to see voters become engaged and hopeful during this last Presidential Election. I am committed to helping us all stay in the process. I am a School Nurse, working in Simi Valley with High School and Elementary families, Teen moms and babies. I am a UCLA grad BS and MS.School Nurse Credential CSULB.

Donna Schwartz Mills I've been a registered Democrat since I was able to vote - but other than volunteering for a failed no nukes campaign in the 1970's, I've not been politically active – until this year. It's important that we keep the momentum going and I want to help.

Bradley Smith I appreciate this opportunity to seek your support for the position of delegate; as a life-long resident of the district and a U.S. Navy veteran, I know that democracy demands citizen participation.

As Americans born in the second half of the 20th Century, we have all witnessed tremendous change in my own country and in the world, including spectacular progress in civil, social, and human rights in the United States and internationally, the expansion of democracy world wide, and the end of the Cold War. Those changes are the foundation of the century we find ourselves

living in; trying to understand them, and using that understanding to better our party, community, city, and nation - as best as my abilities allow - is an honorable endeavor, and one I would be honored to pursue with your support. I appreciate your vote.

Steven Tannehill I have been active for many years helping elect high quality officials to public office, as well as serving as a publicly elected official. I am interested in furthering that work as a delegate to the 2009 State Convention.

I believe in responsive, smart, professional government as embodied by President Elect Obama.

We need smart, effective funding of public infrastructure - roads, schools, levees and the like - along with smart, responsive effective rules and oversight of the marketplace to insure businesses and workers have a fair playing field with known rules so they can flourish now and in the future.

As a delegate I would be accessible to all constituents and would vote to insure the platform we adopt and the candidates we put forward meet that standard. My personal background includes a bachelors' and masters' degree from UCSB & UCB; a career in housing finance; and over ten years of service as a public school board trustee.

Steve Tannehill, Tanpublic@ca.rr.com

Barbara Wilson Having resided in the Santa Clarita Valley for nearly 35 years, I have observed phenomenal growth in our community. Unfortunately for me, my professional responsibilities and my family responsibilities often precluded any meaningful participation in community involvement. It would be a mistake, however, to assume that I had no interest in giving back to this community that has given so much to my family. Now that I am "mature" (the new word for old), I have retired and can now become involved in contributing and in helping to shape agenda building in our community. My name is Barbara B Wilson. Please consider giving me the opportunity to represent you.



Take this information with you when you go to the polls to vote. For more information on voting locations please visit <http://www.cadem.org> The official web site of the California Democratic Party or give us a call at 661-295-9318, leave your name, zip code and phone number. We'll call you back . . . Minerva and Todd Hoover.

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