



From the desk of Brad Parker

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Los Angeles Democrats,

I am running for Chair of the Progressive Caucus of the California Democratic Party. On Tuesday, March 10, I will be seeking the endorsement of you and the LACDP Central Committee. Let me tell you why.

Progressive Policy: I have worked with many of you over the last four years on issues of importance to Progressives across the country. We have had some successes like the Net Neutrality resolution that I brought forward in 2007. Collaborating with Labor Chair, Jim Gordon, we produced an unprecedented victory for all of America on this essential issue. I chaired and co-wrote the Internet plank of the CDP platform. I worked with our Co-Chair Jo Olson and our Vice Chair Ahjamu Makalani on the "Immigration Town Hall". The proposal that I worked on the hardest and am most proud of is the, "Progressive Plan" (www.progressivecaucuscdp.org). I co-authored this blueprint for Progressive organizing, strategizing and energizing with Ahjamu Makalani.

Progressive Grid: I propose to you that we build a network of networks, linking the local Progressive clubs, statewide activists, the AD groups and individual members from around the 58 California counties with the Progressive Caucus. We should then link the Caucus to national organizations and build out through the states Parties across the nation. With a Progressive Grid, we will create an inter-connected communications wheel with the Progressive Caucus at the hub - a multi-directional democratization of information and action.

Progressive Economics: Progressive economics is the best long-term design for creating prosperity and opportunity for all. To that end, I have been writing and collaborating on the problem and the solution. You can find my essay, "Who's Minding The Store?" at: www.riozen.com/salon2.html. In it, I explore the social aspects of the new economic realities. Then please read, "Progressive Economic Principles Essay" at: www.economicsfordemocrats.com (co-written with Mark Pash).

Partial Endorsement List:

John Garamendi - Lt. Governor of California, Sacramento - Walnut Grove

Art Torres - Chairman, California Democratic Party, San Francisco

Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer - Secretary, CDP, Los Angeles

Christine Pelosi - Platform Chair, CDP, DNC Member, San Francisco

Julia Brownley - Assemblymember AD 41, Santa Monica

Mike Feuer - Assemblymember AD 42, Los Angeles

Jeffrey Prang - Mayor of West Hollywood

Jo Olson - Co-Chair, Progressive Caucus, CDP, DSCC AD 42, Los Angeles

Ahjamu Makalani - Vice Chair, Progressive Caucus, CDP, Los Angeles

Joye Swan - Co-Founder, Progressive Caucus, DSCC AD 42, Los Angeles

Dana Dean - Officer, Progressive Caucus, CDP, Benicia

Darren Parker - Chair, African American Caucus of the CDP, Los Angeles

Sergio Carrillo - 17th Region Director, CDP, Los Angeles

Coby King - Co-Chair, Rules Committee, CDP, Los Angeles

Damian Carroll - LA Reg. Dir., CYD, Los Angeles

Leah Herzberg - 2nd Vice Pres., Valley Dems United, DSCC 41 AD, Encino

Joe Halper - President, Pacific Palisades Democratic Club, Los Angeles

Agi Kessler - Chair, Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley, Los Angeles

Cara Robin - President, West LA Democratic Club, DSCC AD 51, Los Angeles

Carole Lutness - DSCC AD 38, Santa Clarita

Maureen Cruise - DSCC & E. Bd. Rep - 41 AD, Los Angeles

Bob Handy - 10th Region Director, CDP, Port Hueneme

Placido Salazar - Past Chair, Chicano-Latino Caucus, CDP, Marin

Luke Breit - Chair, Environmental Caucus of the CDP, Sacramento

Lila Garrett - Host of "Connect the Dots" on KPFK, DSCC AD 42, Los Angeles

Raymond L. Cordova - Chair of South County Labor, AFL-CIO, Orange County

Robert Longer - DSCC AD 10, Vice President, CWA Local 9421, Sacramento

Progressive Democrats of the Santa Monica Mountains, Los Angeles (Topanga)

Capitol Area Progressives PDA - DFA, Sacramento

Because I believe that I have the vision and a plan to represent you faithfully and forcefully over the next two years - I am a candidate for Chair of the Progressive Caucus. I look forward to your collaboration on all of these proposals. I ask for your vote and thank you for your support!

For more complete policy information and my endorsements list please check out my Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=61613942455> further...

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