



# Folsom Area Democratic Club

*Democratic Values, Local Action*

## November Newsletter

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## NO MEETING THIS MONTH

November and December are for spending time with friends and family. Take some time to rest, recuperate, and reflect. While we have a break from meetings and daily actions we are planning and coordinating. We'll be ready to roll by the New Year!

## TIME TO RECHARGE!

We look forward to seeing you all at the next membership meeting

**JANUARY 22, 7PM**

In the meantime, please check our

**Website** and **Social Media Sites**

for updates, and sign up for the



FADC  
Holiday Party!

# IN LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS

## A Different Newsletter



### A Letter from the Editor

*Dear FADC,*

In light of recent events, I decided to change up the newsletter a bit. I thought it might be too soon to feature our “recent accomplishments.” People may still be a little raw over how things turned out - I know I am. Instead, this newsletter will focus on healing, hope, and encouragement.

There will be plenty of time later to look back at what we accomplished. For now, we all need some words of inspiration, and optimism.



# MESSAGES & LETTERS

## A word from our President & other notes

### President's Message

Following Donald Trump's election, each of us has an essential perspective and valued insight that will shape further thought and effective action. I share my first three below as one individual's.

**One:** We lost. We can spend time focusing on the unfairness of the opponent, the faulty motivation of voters, any mistakes that anyone made, and even minimize the size or margin of the count. The core truth is that Trump and his party didn't hide any of who he is and what he and they stand for. And we didn't either. We have to deal with that reality.

**Two:** There is a lot of energy immediately on how we can resist MAGA initiatives. I will actively join in that. I will not stand by when rights are threatened, humans will be hurt, or the planet ruined.

**Three:** With that, I pledge to return the Democratic Party to its assertive and constructive essence. I will not be satisfied playing whack-a-mole with daily MAGA pronouncements, with mocking sketches on SNL, and with superior observations on our opponents' lack of grace. The modern Democratic Party was built on championing miners, supporting farmers against rapacious bankers, and bringing modern basics to rural communities. We were known as the party of the little guy and the ignored woman. We have to take positive and concrete action to convince those people that is who we are and we have for too long taken comfort in assuming that we just have to make people as "smart" as we are.

**Finally:** We can do this. We do care. We can communicate. And we will win!



# MORE MESSAGES

## Additional Words of Hope & Encouragement



“I do not concede the fight that fueled this campaign . . . Sometimes the fight takes a while. That doesn’t mean we give up”

**“You have power”**

**“Do not despair”**

**“It’s going to be okay”**



“This is not a time to throw up our hands. It is a time to roll up our sleeves . . . to organize, mobilize and engage!”

**“We must insist!”**



“We cannot think it is enough to just resist, that it is sufficient to persist. Detante. . . isn’t enough. So, this time we must insist.”

“No more polite acceptance or making excuses for prejudice. We have to demand better of ourselves & our leaders.”

“We exist between these moments . . . between these harms and we are responsible for making the good and making change and we must insist!”



# MORE MESSAGES

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“And we have to regroup and we have to continue to fight and continue to work day in and day out to create the better society for our children, for this world, for this country, that we know is possible”

**“It’s possible”**

**“This isn’t forever ”**

**“This isn’t the end”**



In 1984 “the only state the Democrats won was Minnesota. . . Everyone thought that’s the end of the Democrats, but 8 years later there was a Democrat back in office”

We need to stop blaming each other for what went wrong. We need to talk about what went right and how we move forward



We need to formulate a plan - peaceful, thoughtful and legal - to protect our people. I know we’re tired, sad, angry, confused. That’s okay, that’s normal, that’s good. We must rest up and regain our strength, to channel our emotions to fight. We must work with our blue sisters and brothers to form a network - to save what we need, reinforce what we have, and get ready to “build back better.” Meanwhile, we will help those who are stuck in a red sea to make it to sanctuary. Our children are watching. Get some sleep. We have work to do!

# A FEW ACTIONS If You're Up For It



There's still time to turn those seats Blue!  
"More fun than canvassing." (just ask David). Ballot curing is still ongoing.  
Click the button, above, to sign up.



Voter Registration is still ongoing at Sierra College. Speak to those young voters and get them registered and ready for the next election. Click the button, above, to sign up.

## FADC OFFICERS FOR 2024

Folsom Area Democratic Club officers for this year are:

President: [David Sanders](#)  
Vice President 1: [Bob Dresser](#)  
Vice President 2: [Jag Nagendra](#)  
Recording Secretary: [Teresa Garcia](#)  
Treasurer: [John Wright](#)  
Past President: [Tejas Sood](#)  
Communications: [Shelly Amrhein](#) & [Julian Sarafian](#)  
Membership: [Tammy Shaw](#)  
Fundraising: [Kavita "Dolly" Sood](#)  
Political Action Chair: [Cheryl Davis](#)



# MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Current membership count:

**291**

**Still going strong!**

We may be on a hiatus from actions right now, but we are still here for you. And, we are all needed for the fight to come!

## **FADC Holiday Party**

Meet up with fellow Democrat friends to share food, drink, and conversation. Whether you want to commiserate, contemplate, conspire, or just chat, join us this December at the FADC Holiday Party.

Please mark your calendars, and sign up by clicking the image, below!



*Sunday, December 8      4:30-7:30 pm*  
*Robert H Miller III Rotary Clubhouse*

## **In the Meantime**

If you joined before October 1 please remember to renew your membership before December 31. You can also direct new prospective members to register through our [ActBlue link](#)



# TIPS FOR THE SEASON

## Tips for Visiting with Family

*Fearing that holiday visit with obnoxious family members?  
Here are a few ideas to make it more bearable.*

- Kindly notify family in advance that politics are strictly “off limits”
- Excuse yourself to “get some air”
- Partake in whatever spirits are available, early and often
- Repeat everything they say as a question
- Use their 2020 conspiracies against them - “you were right! The elections aren’t secure. This election was clearly stolen”
- Create new, wilder conspiracies - “Birds are clearly government drones. They’re the ones controlling the weather.”
- No is an answer. Don’t feel obligated to go if it makes you uncomfortable.
- Remember, friends are the family you choose. We’re always here for you.



## TIPS FOR GIFTING

Buy from businesses that give back to a cause you believe in or that supports women or minorities.  
Penzeys, Patagonia, Bombas, Republic Restoratives, GameStop, etc.  
Or, get a gift card for a local, Dem-friendly, business.  
Back Bistro, Big Apple Bagels, Ruby’s Books, etc.



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