



Folsom Area Democratic Club

Democratic Values, Local Action

January Newsletter

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JOIN US AT THIS MONTH'S MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 7PM

FOLSOM MOUNTAIN MIKE'S PIZZA

717 E. Bidwell St. Suite 4. Come early to buy food and chat.

Please RSVP by signing up on mobilize.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

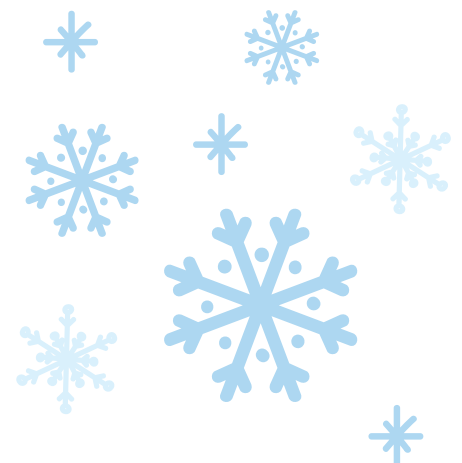


THIS MONTH'S AGENDA at-a-glance:

- Housekeeping
- Speaker Presentation - Jag Nagendra
- Political Actions
- Updates from the Board
- Upcoming Events

THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER / PRESENTATION:

[Jag Nagendra](#) ~ Folsom City Council District 3 Candidate



MESSAGES & LETTERS

A word from our President & other notes

President's Message

Membership.

With the new year, we are keenly focused in both getting our existing members to renew and recruiting new members. Our count as I write on January 14 is 148.

Despite assumptions about how the North County is tough for Democrats, our membership became the largest Democratic club in all of Sacramento County. And, we are going to blow past that distinction as we continue our efforts from New Year's Day in recruiting, re-recruiting, and in offering member activities and services.

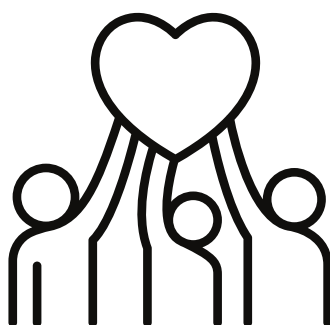
We start by recognizing that critics (and there are always some) rightly point out that "Membership" is not enough. Knowing that, we also recognize that it is the first and essential dimension to an effective grassroots organization.

Think of a three-dimensional structure with Membership as the base. It gives the structure for a solid foundation to build on. With it, you have the names and contact information of like-minded folks who care, and without it, you have a large number of isolated individuals who don't know whether anyone else does.

With that base, we then build out the other dimensions: Political Action, Issue Information, and Social Connection. Our board and members are busy working on all of that because, with all of it, we are a club that is worth belonging to and increasingly makes a difference in elections and governance.

Whether it is dropping in to our monthly Democracy and Drinks (January's was amazing), offering guest speakers at our monthly meetings, or updates on votes before Congress and the California legislature, we are adding to your chance to engage.

So, thanks to everyone who has already renewed and joined, thanks to you who have encouraged your friends to do so, and thanks to you who today put renewal on your to-do list. And, for the latter just go to our Folsom Democrats website and select "Join."



UPCOMING ACTIONS

Jump Into 2025

Folsom



Democratic Club

An election-denying convicted felon who launched a bloody insurrection just escaped all legal consequences and retook the presidency. While our democracy is in grave peril, it is not dead. There's still an enormous amount of power available to us in the democratic process, and we need to get as many people as possible to use as much of it as possible.

The Republicans want to isolate us to make it easier to divide and conquer. But by forming, joining, leading, and building our Club, we create power we can wield, and we are going to give it everything we got

In FADC, we will turn our fear, anger, and grief into **action**. We come together to hold each other up, protect each other, and fight for our values. We invite you to join us.

We are forming several teams to exercise our power to protect our democracy, hold our electeds accountable to protect our rights, and WIN in 2026 and 2028 elections. We are organizing to take specific actions on the local, state, and national level. We will go into more detail at our January 23 Member meeting.



We are looking for team leads and members for the following areas:



1. **Folsom City Council Action Team** - Tracking Council agendas and important issues and actions members can take.
2. **Folsom Area Fun & Service Team** - social activities, community service, etc.
3. **Folsom Area Good Trouble Team** - Pertinent local issues (ex. \$150 campaign contribution limit, voter registration efforts)
4. **Bookish Club** - Monthly book club
5. **State Action Team** - Tracking local state elected officials bills and votes, and actions members can take
6. **Federal Action Team** - Tracking federal elected officials bills and votes, and actions members can take
7. **Federal Dem Majority Team** - Voter outreach to other states with critical Congressional special elections in 2025 (postcards, text banks, phonebanks)
8. **Anti-Project 2025 Action Team** - Tracking critical issues being proposed/implemented by Trump/Republicans

Interested in being a team lead or member, join us at the January 23 meeting. If you're interested but can't make the meeting, contact Cheryl Davis at CherylFADC@gmail.com.

We believe that you — we — have power. So, for now, we take a deep breath, show our determination, start taking action and, and say loudly so others nearby who are doubting can hear: we will win.

MORE ACTIONS

Rapid Response

FADC is Oriented

In keeping with our resolve to take action to defend and protect our rights and our democracy, you will receive emails from us with the Subject line: **RAPID RESPONSE: Urgent Action Needed.**

In these emails we will be asking you to call or email an elected official on an urgent issue. We know - there is going to be a lot of them. We will be strategic based on the priorities you establish at our January meeting and ongoing.

If a Rapid Response Action coincides with the newsletter publication or a website update, it will be added to the newsletter and/or website, accordingly.

Let's start right now!

Newly re-elected Congressman Kevin Kiley is joining his fellow Republicans in holding up disaster aid to our neighbors in Southern California unless Democrats agree to increasing the debt limit so they can provide additional tax cuts to their billionaire buddies.



- **Call Kiley's D.C. Office at 202-225-2523.** You may get a staff or have to leave a voice message.
- Identify yourself as a constituent living in Folsom, Orangevale, Fair Oaks, etc.
- Tell him you are appalled that he would hold up much needed assistance to our neighbors who have lost everything. Lives have been lost, homes destroyed and he is playing politics with their suffering. Shame.



FADC OFFICERS FOR 2025

Folsom Area Democratic Club officers for 2025 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

MORE ACTIONS

Off-Cycle Election

California Assembly District 7 (AD7) Delegate Elections

The California Assembly District 7 (AD7) **Delegate Elections** are just around the corner. We're encouraging all of our members to **register now to vote electronically** for the **election starting January 31st**.

These elections make a real difference in our Assembly District and in our state party. They determine who will represent our district as delegates in the California Democratic Party. By participating, you'll help ensure that our community's voice is heard and that we have strong advocates for our values at the state level. Delegates play a crucial role in shaping the party's platform, endorsing candidates, and elevating the voices of our community in state-level decisions. To learn more about ADEM Delegates [CLICK HERE](#)

Registering to vote electronically is simple and allows you to take part in this important process from the comfort of your home. To register, visit <https://ademelections.com/home>. If you miss the January 31 deadline for electronic voting, you can register to vote in person until February 23rd.

Together, we can support candidates who champion our community and continue to build a stronger Democratic presence in our district. Your participation matters! Click here to [learn more about candidates running in AD7](#).

If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to us at folsomareademocrats@gmail.com.

Step 1: Register to vote with CA as a registered Democrat

Step 2: Go here: <https://ademelections.com/home>

Step 3: Click "Register Here" under the "Online Voting Registration" option:

The image shows three registration options side-by-side. The first is 'Candidate Registration' for the CA Democratic Party, with a 'CLOSED' status and a 'Registration closed' button. The second is 'Online Voting Registration' for the Assembly District Election Meeting, with a 'CLOSED IN' status and a 'Register here' button. The third is 'Vote in Person' for the Assembly District Election Meeting, with a 'CLOSED IN' status and a 'Register here' button. Each option includes a table with counts for different categories.

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Online Voting Registration			
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Register here →			

Vote in Person			
46	2	7	21
DEM	REP	IND	OTH
Register here →			

The middle one^

Step 4: Fill out the form and make sure to use an email that you have access to.

Step 5: The form should send a 4-digit code to your email. Open your email, and input that code into the spot that it gives you.

Step 6: Registration should be complete and you should see a message like this:

The image shows a confirmation screen from CADEM. It features a large green checkmark icon and the word 'Successful' in bold. Below this, it states: 'You have successfully registered to vote online in Assembly District Elections. Your online voting credentials will be mailed to your registered mailing address on or before January 31, 2025. Online voting will open on January 31, 2025, and will close on February 23, 2025, @ 6:00PM.'

Make sure to record the "PIN" that the form gives you, and keep it somewhere safe! Then, plan to vote on February 22nd-23rd!

OH, FOR FACT'S SAKE !

Speaking of Kiley

Get to Know Kevin Kiley - if you can

When he's not busy hiding from his constituents, it's hard to know where Kiley stands on issues, other than himself. Here's a summary of Kiley's recent ratings:

- Abortion - 100% by multiple "pro-life" organizations
- Campaign Finance/Elections - 0% by End Citizens United
- Defense/Foreign Affairs - 0% by Peace Action
- Environment/Oil - 0% by National Parks Conservation Association, 100% by Independent Petroleum Association of America
- Family- 91% by Eagle Forum (#1 accomplishment - blocking the ERA)
- Guns - 92% by NRA, 77% by Gun Owners of America
- Health/Reproduction - 7% by Planned Parenthood
- Unemployed/Low Income - 3% by RESULTS (working to end poverty)

~Gutless, entitled Kiley keeps vacillating on providing disaster relief to the victims of the L.A. fires. Not only has he not been clear about his support for the victims, he's been hiding, with other Federal Republicans, at Mar a Lago while California burns. When he's shown a shred of decency supporting the fire victims, he can't help but use it as a platform to rail against California fire & water management, and our government in general.



MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Current membership count: 150 And Counting!

Wow! What a great start to the new year! It's encouraging to see so many of the 2024 members renewing their membership and new members joining up for 2025.

If you haven't signed up yet, what are you waiting for? You can register through, and direct other new prospective members to register through our [ActBlue link](#)

FADC Members are the Democratic Party People!

We had an such an amazing turnout, and an amazing time at our January **Drinks & Democracy**, we're ready to do it again.

If you're ready for another fun gathering with fellow Dems, or if you missed the last one and are feeling left out, please join us at the next social event in February. Same time (new month), same station. Check your email and the website for a future link to register.



NOTICES & LINKS

TEAM LEADERS & IDEAS WANTED!

Join us at a meeting or email us any time at folsomareademocrats@gmail.com if you're interested in joining the club, leading a team, or if you have ideas. Suggested categories for ideas and teams include:

- Topics for our new "Oh, For Fact's Sake" section
- Other topics or items you'd like to see in the newsletter
- Political actions
- Social gatherings
- Website additions
- Community outreach

Get
Involved

TAKE A STAND

LEAD A TEAM

Join the Club

Meet a Friend



HELLO
January



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