



Folsom Area Democratic Club

Democratic Values, Local Action

December Newsletter

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NO MEETING THIS MONTH

Are you rested and ready for action?

Our next meeting is almost here. The first meeting of the new year is just four weeks away. Please make a plan to come find out what FADC has in store for 2025.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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

JANUARY 22, 7PM

In the meantime, sign up for the meeting now:

[REGISTER HERE](#)



and check out our

Website and **Social Media Sites**

for updates, and sign up for
our first social event of the year



MESSAGES & LETTERS

A word from our President & other notes

President's Message

Of course, we wish you a happy and restful holiday. By any measure, 2024 has been a tumultuous year driven not only by rhetoric but events in the United States and around the world. It is a fair bet that the new administration in Washington will bring us more turbulence - they have promised it, thrived on it and are betting that it will work for them.

We will strongly and boldly support hardworking Americans and those in our country and around the world who must be treated with decency and democracy. Our party will need new ideas and initiatives - whether nationally or locally - but we need not reinvent a party platform out of thin air but one that is based on our long-standing and substantial commitment that has brought us nutrition, healthcare, wages, education, and many other basic human needs that the Republican Party has fought against every step of the way. And we will be sure to keep democracy on that list.

We look forward to the needs of the present and the future knowing that we have proved ourselves true in the past.

Happy holidays and see you in January.

from the Editor

As 2024 comes to a close, our time for rest, reflection and gathering with relatives draws to an end. Unless you've taken this time to completely cut off from society, you know we have our work cut out for us in 2025 and beyond. While we know this will not be easy, we are a community, here to support each other, share the burden, and try to make it a little more fun. If you haven't already been engaging in actions to support our Democracy, the time starts now!

MOVING FORWARD

A Sneak Peek at FADC in 2025

Nevertheless, They Persisted. . . .

Six weeks ago, we woke up on Wednesday, November 6 in shock and disbelief, feeling disappointment and sorrow, angry and wondering “What the hell happened?”

We lost an election that we believe was the most important election in our time and for the survival of our democracy. Now, we face an American fascist movement on the verge of claiming power. Trump takes office with a plan to institute the worst parts of Project 2025. He'll be enabled by a judiciary packed with right-wing ideologues and a congressional majority stacked with MAGA foot soldiers. And he's assembled a bloc of corporations and billionaires eager to do his bidding in exchange for tax cuts and corrupt favors.

But he has no mandate for the staggeringly harmful agenda he's about to unleash on the country. And together, we have the power to fight back. Democracy is in grave peril, but it is not dead. Our future depends on all of us choosing to fight back. Join us.

- Take some time to read INDIVISIBLE: A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO DEMOCRACY ON THE BRINK. This document lays out approaches and actions we can take to get through the next two years, from standing up and saying NO to Project 2025 to pushing elected Democrats in local, city, or State office to block, delay, and challenge MAGA's attacks to building an electoral majority coalition that delivers big wins in 2026.
- Come to our January 22 member meeting where we will discuss how we will stand up for our democracy...and win!

FADC OFFICERS FOR 2024

Folsom Area Democratic Club officers for 2024 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

EASING BACK IN

Additional Reading Material

Reading is Rewarding

For those of you not quite ready to jump into action, or if you're looking for something to do with your "down time" pick up a not-yet-banned book with a message. While some of these works of fiction may read a bit darker today than the unlikely warning they served as years ago, you may find in them a ray of hope, or a potential path forward.

Some of these books you may have read in school. They are worth reading again as they take on new meaning. Most of these are relatively short reads you should be able to find at the local library, or used book store. Some of our members may already own some of these books. Strike up a conversation at our next gathering and ask.



A FEW SMALL ACTIONS

A few things to get you started...



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, to the left, to sign up.



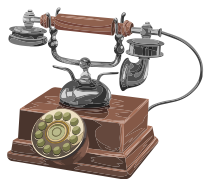
Although FADC isn't currently hosting any postcard writing events, there are still ways to engage in political postcard writing. Postcards to Voters is working on special elections throughout the country to get more Democrats elected. If you've written for Postcards to Voters before, you know what to do. If you haven't, click the icon and follow the steps to get started. If you're having trouble, send us an [email](#) and one of our experienced postcard writers will help you through it.

Although the Senate may have adjourned for the year, you can call your representatives now to get them ready for the road ahead.

Call Senator [Adam Schiff](#) at [\(202\)-224-3841](#) and leave a message

Call Senator [Alex Padilla](#) at [\(202\) 224-3553](#)

Call Representative [Kevin Kiley](#) at [\(202\)-225-2523](#) and tell him to start working for you



OH FOR FACT'S SAKE !

Hoover Edition



Oh For Fact's Sake! is a new section that will include researched facts on a specific topic each month. If you'd like to suggest a future topic, please see [Notices & Links](#) for more information

Assemblymember Hoover on the Environment

Our State Assemblymember certainly has a strong voting record on environmental issues, but do you know what it is? When Josh Hoover isn't busy sucking up to the Chambers of Commerce, NRA, and Kevin Kiley, he's been hard at work voting against our planet. Here's his voting record over the past legislative session:

- NO on AB 1167 - requiring funding for restoration and abandonment when transferring ownership of oil wells
- NO on SB 261 and SB 253 - requiring large companies to disclose their climate risk and carbon emissions respectively
- NO on AB 1866 - to clean up idle oil & gas wells
- NO on SB 1053 - placing restrictions on single-use plastic bags
- NO on AB 347 - restricting the use of PFAS substances (also known as "forever chemicals") in "juvenile products", food packaging, and textiles

In addition to his abysmal voting record on environmental issues, Hoover is working to speed climate change by authoring a bill (AB12) that would roll back regulations adopted by the California Air Resources Board that require reduction in the carbon intensity of transportation fuels in the State.



Wow! Our representative sure doesn't seem to be representing us. At least not those of us who like breathing clean air, drinking clean water, and not becoming sick from toxic chemicals in the products we buy.

What can you do?

- 1) Call Hoover's office ([916-294-9774](tel:916-294-9774)) and tell him to start voting for our future.
- 2) Help us elect someone who cares in 2026.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Current membership count:

310

Let's keep it up!

Of our 310 current members, over 100 have renewed or signed up for 2025!
That's a great start. If you have not yet registered or renewed, though,

The Clock is Ticking.....

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](#)

FADC Members fight the good fight and have FUN doing it!

Our 2024 *Holiday Party* was a huge success. Please check out our Facebook Page for photos from the event!

If you missed us at the Holiday Party, or if you're ready for another fun gathering with fellow Dems, please join us at the upcoming January social event. Sign up by clicking below.



NOTICES & LINKS

IDEAS WANTED!

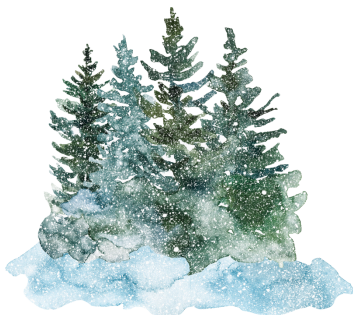
We want to hear from you. Let us know your thoughts and ideas. You can either tell us at the meeting or email us any time at folsomareademocrats@gmail.com

Suggested categories for ideas 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
- Something we’ve done in the past you’d like to see more of



Winter
is here



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