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The Women Democrats of Sacramento County mourn the loss of Senator Dianne Feinstein

The Women Democrats of Sacramento County mourns the loss of Senator Dianne Feinstein who recently passed away. She was a political icon and trailblazer as the first woman president of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, the first woman mayor of San Francisco, and the first woman from California elected to the United States Senate and a list of many more "firsts". She championed tough issues such as gun reform, violence against women and environmental issues. Her political impact was far-reaching and her legacy will last for generations.



Senator Dianne Feinstein...The Trailblazer

The first Jewish woman to serve in the United States Senate, Senator Feinstein's rise in politics began when she was thrust into the spotlight following the assassination of San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk. She once served as the first female president of the board of supervisors, before becoming mayor and served San Francisco as its 37th mayor for nine years, during which time she was on the list to become Walter Mondale's Vice Presidential running mate in 1984.

Elected to the United States Senate in 1992, Senator Feinstein served her state and our Nation for over 30 years as a titan for women's rights, standing up as a voice and an example for what we can achieve when glass ceilings are shattered. Senator Feinstein was the City of San Francisco's first female mayor and California's first female senator.

The Senator exemplified distinguished leadership and an unwavering commitment to public service, having seamlessly transitioned from her role as Mayor of San Francisco to United States Senator, with dedication, compassion, and resilience, particularly in her pursuit of justice and support for women's rights. She was a true public servant and greatly contributed to the welfare of the nation.

Her legacy of integrity, exceptional leadership, and advocacy will be remembered as a beacon of inspiration, reflecting her commitment, courage, and compassion. The profound impact of her service, political prowess and grand successes will resound perpetually.

A pillar of strength and one of courage, Senator Feinstein was a political pioneer—powerful, fierce and tenacious—she became a mentor and role model for a multitude of women and a historical political icon who left a trailblazing legacy in California and our nation.



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WOMEN DEMS TOWNHALL WITH THE HONORABLE ADAM SCHIFF

By Pat Lynch

Nationally known California Congressman Adam Schiff told a packed Sacramento audience, “We will get through this.” Brought to town August 4, 2023, by the Sacramento Women Democrats, Schiff delivered a vibrant and compelling address to a full house in the spacious Oak Park Community Center.



“His focus on economic issues surprised me at first,” said attendee Jo Wardle. “But he convinced me that’s what this election will be about.”

Highlighting the need for a living wage and childcare for working parents, Schiff emphasized that everyone should benefit from American prosperity, not just corporate shareholders. He also advocated for an expansion of the Supreme Court and a code of ethics for that institution. Positioning himself firmly for women’s reproductive rights, the LGBTQ community, and others targeted by the extreme right, he stated, “We are in perilous times.”

Acknowledging the malignant influence of Trump and the GOP’s culture attacks, Schiff said again, “If, at the end of the day, we don’t address fundamental economic problems, we fail.” He noted that he’d walked the picket lines in the Hollywood writers and actors strike and said few of the many who work in this field are wealthy movie stars.

Schiff, former Chair of the House Intelligence Committee, and the lead manager in Trump’s first impeachment trial, also vigorously critiqued the hard right’s attempts to undermine voting by using fake electors, intimidating voters, and losing local polls to make it harder for likely Democrats to vote.



Adam Schiff with Pat Lynch

“Voter’s rights are central to the survival of Democracy,” he declared. Trust in the voting system is essential, and Trump and his ilk try fiercely to undermine that trust.



“I’ll never forget

what he did for us...”

He returned to his economic theme, citing the GOP effort to marginalize labor and oppose collective bargaining. “We’ve done a terrible job making sure working people aren’t left behind,” he said.

However, he found optimism and hope in a long career dedicated to improving salaries and working conditions, helping victims of gun violence, supporting the Green New Deal and a host of policies designed to better the lives of regular Americans. After a resounding standing ovation, Schiff patiently posed for pictures. One person in line, Ellen Cochrane, said, “I’ll never forget what he did for us—he got a yearly cost of living increase for retired teachers.” Another, Eileen Kennedy, said, “I love how he stood up to Trump.”





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Women have begun to see that if I go through that doorway, I take everybody through it.

-Dianne Feinstein



"It has been a great pleasure to watch more and more women walk the halls of the Senate."

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein

Message FROM THE PRESIDENT



It is hard to believe we are entering into the final quarter for 2023. Time does not stand still and neither does the Women Democrats of Sacramento County!

It is fun to look back and marvel at everything we have done so far this year. We walked proudly in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. March and the Cesar Chavez March. We were present at the Earth Day and Sacramento Pride events. We formed a coalition with Fem Dems, Placer County Dems and Women Dems of El Dorado County and held an ERA rally on the West Steps of the Capitol demanding the Equal Rights Amendment be published as the 28th Amendment in the US Constitution.

But that's not all, we held Town Halls for Congresswoman Katie Porter and Congressman Adam Schiff who are running for US Senate seat. We are waiting for Congresswoman Barbara Lee's campaign to give us the green light and that will complete our goal to host all 3 of the candidates. And we are finalizing our most important obligation as a club - endorsements for our 2024 local candidates.

So what's next? We're having a huge Anniversary Event to celebrate our 70 years of existence and influence in the Sacramento Region! Yes! It's finally time to raise our glasses high and toast all of the wonderful memories, successes and faithful members for all of the hard work and support given throughout the years. As we honor the legacy of our past, let us pledge to continue to stand up against attempts to reverse what took years for women and minorities to attain. We must continue to fight for the right to make choices for our bodies, our families, and our voices in elections.



The Women Democrats of Sacramento County:

Celebrating 70 years!

We hope you'll attend our 70th Anniversary Celebration that will honor the organization's legacy as the oldest registered Democratic Club in Sacramento County! WDSC will also honor local elected officials, dedicated Members of the Legislature, key community partners, and we are honoring trailblazing women. Join WDSC on Wed., October 11, 2023, 5pm at the Sterling Hotel Sponsorship is available. Email sacramentowomendems@gmail.com. [Get tickets here!](https://secure.actblue.com/donate/wdsc70th)



Member Spotlight

A Profile of Esther Franklin

By Susan E. Holbrook

Esther Franklin has been a committed member of the Women Dems for **over 20 years**.

This dynamic Woman has the heart, soul, and spirit of a born activist. She has marched numerous times to support many causes

the years, including the 1966 farmworkers 250 mile march, starting in Delano, California, to let the public and lawmakers know about the mistreatment of farmworkers. By the time Cesar Chavez, the farmworkers and supporters, like Franklin, had reached the steps of the Capitol Building in Sacramento, California, the National Farm Workers Association had won its first Union Contract.

Labor unions and labor rights are the pillars of Esther's activism. She worked in politics helping to elect public officials who supported improving conditions for workers and their right to unionize. Esther also worked tirelessly, walking precincts, doing other volunteer work on campaigns for Robert Matsui who twice won a seat on Sacramento City Council and later Congress, where he served for 26 years. She also hosted a fundraiser at her home to help elect Barbara Boxer, who would go on to represent California in the House and Senate from 1993-2017.

Esther Elizabeth Felkner Franklin was born in Garden City, Kansas on July 28, 1925. Her parents Della and Henry Felkner owned a farm there. One of Esther's favorite memories is sitting with her father, who while milking a cow, told her stories, poems and jokes. Her mother was a "country nurse" who often delivered babies at the surrounding ranches and farms.

She began elementary school in a one room schoolhouse. The farm life came to an end as the dust storms struck the plains in the drought years of 1934-1940. The family set out by bus to Salt Lake City which became their new home.



Photo above (L-R): WDCS member Pennie Taylor with her mother, Esther Franklin and Sally Berlant

Esther completed her education there. She graduated high school at 16 and enrolled in the University of Utah. There, she received her bachelor's degree in English. Esther loved writing and enjoyed working on the university's newspaper. She married her first husband who became a professor of engineering at Chico State. There they had two children.

Her thirst for knowledge and education, always a big part of her life, led her to enroll at Chico State. While a student, she met Ben Franklin, who held a Ph.D. in political science, and later would become her second husband. Dr. Franklin soon found that he earned more selling peaches during the summer than he did as a university political science professor. He began to organize the university professional staff and faculty to form a union for better pay and working conditions. Esther soon joined him in the fight. An organization was formed in the late 1980's and it grew in membership and eventually joined with other national teachers unions.

Her working career began as a teacher. After World War II, there was a critical shortage of teachers. Esther had a special teaching certificate and found herself teaching in Richmond, CA. She loved teaching so much she went back to Chico State to earn a master's in education. Then, there were four summers at the University of Washington in Seattle where she earned a master's in librarianship.

Esther wanted to combine her love of education and librarianship and accepted a consultant's position in the Sacramento Office of Public Education. Working in county education, she was instrumental in the drive to have a librarian at each public school in the county. As she saw the newer generation becoming more interested in movies and television, she acquired audio visual teaching materials for the county office. Soon, deliveries of books and AV equipment were being made to 40 elementary schools – most of them without libraries.

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Heidi Sanborn

Heidi Sanborn is an elected Board Member representing Ward 7 on the Sacramento Municipal Utility District Board and an endorsed candidate and member of Women Dems. Heidi is a long-standing, prominent, recognized leader and advocate in the solid waste industry in California for over 25 years. Heidi has been a leader in the solid waste industry for over 30 years, focused on source reduction and implementation of cost-effective projects that support a circular economy. She is an internationally recognized thought leader and advocate for producer responsibility and truth in labeling.



Collaborating with local government leaders, Heidi was one of two founding co-directors of the [California Product Stewardship Council](#), formed in 2007 to change the way waste management is funded in California. In 2015, Heidi became the Founding Director of the [National Stewardship Action Council](#), a 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization that advocates for a Circular Economy using Product Stewardship and Extended Producer Responsibility.

Heidi was the guest speaker for the Women Dems' July meeting. She enthusiastically discussed her work in reducing waste in our landfills by going after big corporations and making them fiscally responsible for cleaning up their product waste and changing their packaging. Heidi was the driving force behind the landmark new packaging law titled the "Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Produce Responsibility Act" (SB 54), authored by Senator Ben Allen (SD 24).

Heidi shared her years' long battle and the path it took in bringing major players together to carve out commitments in managing and reducing corporate waste. The result of her hard work and labor was Governor Newsom's signing of the bill on June 30, 2022.

She is not only an expert in policy, but also in program implementation and regularly keynotes at national and international conferences.

The most poignant part of Heidi's presentation was when she shared how her father, Clark Stevens, taught and inspired her as a child about the need to protect the environment. She attributes his teachings to becoming the activist she is today. She introduced her father, who was sitting in the audience as she was speaking. It truly was a touching moment for all of us.



EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENTS NOW!

Members of the Women Dems participating at the ERA Rally

Photo above from left to right: Michelle Collins, Rosanna Herber, Sandra Hazel, Anna Ioakimedes, Annette Emery, Amy Thibault

On Sunday, July 2nd, the Women Dems joined with Placer County Women Dems, Women Democrats of El Dorado County and Fem Dems and held an ERA Rally on the West Steps of the Capitol. This was part of a National call to action to get President Biden's attention and call on him to publish the Equal Rights Amendment as the 28th Amendment of the Constitution.

We were joined by numerous speakers: Jackie Smith, (President of Placer County Women Dems); Paula Villescaz (San Juan school board member and AD6 candidate); Rosanna Herber (SMUD board member and AD6 candidate); Dr. Flojaune Cofer (candidate for Sacramento City Mayor); Neva Parker (AD3 candidate); Roger Dickinson (Sacramento City Council District 2 candidate); Braden Murphy (Sacramento County Board of Supervisor District 3 candidate) and many others.



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She notes, "How lucky I was to research in that area, and I spent many hours in Washington, D.C. at the Library of Congress." She became friends with the rare books librarian and was able to see and work with some of the 6,500 volumes owned by our third President, Thomas Jefferson. Those rare books were actually sold by Jefferson, at cost, to the original Library of Congress when it was established on April 24, 1800.

Eventually, Esther returned to Sacramento where she published *The Others at Monticello*. It was two volumes and covered both of Jefferson's homes, Monticello and Poplar Forest. That was followed by a teaching and research guide, *Thomas Jefferson, Inquiry History for Daring Delvers*. All are available at national bookstores and online. She stayed in contact with other authors who wrote about Jefferson as well as some of his descendants. She also was invited to attend the first Jefferson-Hemmings family reunion in 2000. (If interested, please research Sally Hemings, an enslaved woman, serving in Jefferson's household. Thomas Jefferson fathered at least six children with her, four survived into adulthood).

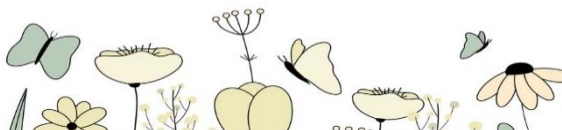


Photo above (L-R): Women Dems members
Esther Franklin and Heather Fargo

All her life, Esther Franklin has continued her love of books, writing, and politics. Her political interests included attending Women Democrats of Sacramento County membership meetings. She was also active in local, and international peace work, through the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, a non-partisan organization. At 90, Esther attended the 100th anniversary of the organization at The Hague, home of the International Court of Justice, with her daughter and son-in-law, Pennie and Howard Taylor.

Her message has been consistent all her 98 years. She is the lady who promotes peace and social justice on a global scale. At the same time, she also has worked tirelessly to unionize workers and elect politicians who focus on working families, and a more peaceful world.

"You can't just talk about peace, you have to believe in peace," Esther Franklin asserts. Citizen of the world, resident of Sacramento, and of course, still a member of Women Democrats of Sacramento County.



University of California, Davis Professor of Law Aaron Tang, provided a stimulating presentation for our Speakers Series. In August, Professor Tang outlined some of the main points in his new book,



[Supreme Hubris: How Overconfidence Is Destroying the Court—and How We Can Fix It.](#)

As a former clerk to Associate Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, he brought keen insight into how the Court has lost the public's confidence in even-handed decision-making.

He cited numerous examples of how the Court's conservative and liberal justices have become increasingly uncompromising in their efforts to solve society's problems and have delegitimized opposing views in the cases that come before them.

In his book, Tang proposes a different approach to hard cases: one in which the Court acknowledges the arguments and interests on both sides and rules in the way that will do the least harm possible. To restore the Court's legitimacy, examining a surprising number of popular opinions where the Court has applied this approach—ranging from LGBTQ rights to immigration to juvenile justice—Tang shows how the least harm principle can provide a promising and legally grounded framework for the difficult cases that divide our nation.

Join us at the [70th Anniversary Celebration](#) for the Women Dems as we honor women who are Trailblazers!

Keynote Speaker: Betty Williams

Betty serves as the longest-serving president of the [Sacramento NAACP](#). The lifelong civil rights advocate has been front and center on some of the 21st century's most important civil rights issues. She established a legal redress committee, which has played a key role in the branch's advocacy work, and continues to fight for policy change, education access, and the end to racial violence.



Senate President pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins (SD-39) was elected to the state Assembly in 2010. In 2014, she became the Speaker of the Assembly. Sen. Atkins has been a champion for affordable housing, the environment, healthcare, veterans, women, the LGBTQ community, and mitigating the increasing impacts of climate change. She has authored landmark legislation on housing and several critical pieces of legislation.

Heather Fargo, former mayor of Sacramento, has also served for 11 years as council member. Afterwards, she became the Executive Director of the CA Strategic Growth Council where she pursued a more sustainable future for CA and the world. She is President of the [Capital Women's Campaign](#), guiding Sacramento women to flex their political and financial power.

Colonel Pat Thompson is a decorated army nurse who served her country with distinction for over thirty years—from conflict zones in Central America to working inside the Pentagon. She and her wife, Barbara Brass, are infamous activists for LGBTQ equality and are the subject of a compelling film, [Surviving the Silence](#), that discusses their specific journey which has also inspired them to co-author their memoir.

Penelope Oliver is a student activist, interviewer, journalist, writer, poet, artist, community organizer, and youth leader. She is concurrently a high school and college student completing her A.A. degree in Administration of Justice. She has interviewed the political elite including First Partner Jennifer Newsom, Treasurer Fiona Ma, and Secretary of State, Dr. Shirley Weber. Penelope was awarded the Presidential Call for Service from President Joe Biden, along with the Presidential Educational Excellence Award.

Emily Autenrieth opened [A Seat at the Table Books](#) in Elk Grove as a way to support the community beyond being a place to pick up a copy of the latest bestseller or BookTok phenomenon. The store hosts weekly events ranging from book clubs to acting as a central meeting location for various community organizations. The bookstore offers a full menu of items, online and in-person sales, gift cards, etc. and is a resource for books, coffee, snacks, play dates, and education.

California Counties are Guarding against Physical and Other Possible Threats

By Eric Wiesenthal

Next year, during the March primaries and right through the races in November for the White House and Congress, members of the Women Dems and other party activists in Sacramento County will be in the thick of canvassing, phone banking, and texting for elections at all levels. At present, there is confidence in the integrity and security of the work done by the Sacramento County's Voter Registration and Elections Office.

Since 2020, however, that has not been the case in a number of counties across the country. And here in California, there have been well-documented, significant, and chilling examples of intimidation, physical and verbal threats, and other harassment faced by county registrars and the election officials who work for them.

When the U.S. Senate's Judiciary Committee convened its August 2022 hearing, "Protecting Our Democracy's Frontline Workers," senators heard testimony not only from federal election security officials, but also graphic reports from voter registrars in Shasta County, Nevada County, and Contra Costa County.

Shasta County's Registrar of Voters Cathy Darling Allen, who has served nearly 20 years, described the evolution of increasing hostility toward officials from city councils to the county board of supervisors, in addition to the election process itself.

During a recall election of a county supervisor and the general election for local officials in 2022 and its aftermath she reported the following:

- bullying and interference of election workers with accusations of possible election fraud on the part of the Registrar and her staff;
- a large number of election observers, many of whom were aggressive with election workers or volunteers;
- the need for local police to be assigned to the Voter Registrar's office during the elections that year; and
- the installation of security equipment, including cameras, reinforced gates, and tighter access controls to the facility where ballots are processed.

"We are being accused of unethical behavior with no basis in fact, under the watchful eye of many observers – and before the final results of the election are known," Allen testified to the committee. This level of intimidation "is unprecedented in my experience," she added. And Allen noted, that "attacking the process is now part of losing an election; it has become a campaign tactic. But it is a campaign tactic that can and is eroding our democracy by eroding confidence in it."

After numerous court challenges and state-mandated audits, however, voter fraud hardly registers on the radar nationally. As they anticipate 2024, however, federal officials and those managing elections at the state level again anticipate open hostility to the voting process in the form of social media conspiracies and possible physical threats. Regardless of trends in other states, California has one of the most strenuous voting systems testing and certification programs in the nation.

The Secretary of State's Election Division is responsible for maintaining the accuracy of voter registration lists throughout California and the overall integrity of our state's elections. The Division receives daily updates to its database from the Social Security Administration, Department of Motor Vehicles, death records provided by the Department of Public Health, and the Department of Corrections felon information database.

Behind the scenes and before every election, all 58 counties must validate that their voting systems are identical to the Secretary of State's digitally secure system that is protected by a cryptographic coding system. Further safeguards exist because none of the state or county voting systems are connected to the Internet or modems or hardware that could be "hacked." All voting systems also have been built to withstand physical tampering. Before, during, and after every election, the voting machines, their software, and all ballots must adhere to mandatory chain of custody procedures developed by the Secretary of State's office in accordance with state laws and regulations. And finally, after every election, each county must conduct an audit by hand count and other auditing to identify and resolve any discrepancies.

In 2018, Sacramento County's Voter Registration and Elections Office entered into a contract for new voting machines with Dominion Voting Systems. Yes, that *Dominion* which won a nearly \$900 million settlement in its defamation lawsuit against Fox News, whose news anchors bluntly asserted that its voting machines were being tampered with by foreign entities and otherwise providing fraudulent results.

These voting systems have been certified using federal and state approved standards. The County Registrar's Office ensures the integrity during elections through a system including:

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Act as if the whole election depended on your single vote.



Endorsements in School Board and Sacramento City Races

The Women Democrats of Sacramento County is proud to announce endorsements for the special school board elections in San Juan Unified and Natomas Unified School District, as well as the Sacramento City Council and Mayoral races.

Women Democrats' endorsement committee member Annette Emery participated in a group interview for the San Juan and Natomas Unified School Board races. Both positions will be elected in a special election on November 7, 2023. This new effort, organized by the Democratic Party of Sacramento County, allowed all of the local Democratic clubs to jointly interview candidates and make a recommendation for endorsement. Women Democrats voted to approve the recommendations of:

- [Brenda Borge](#) for Natomas Unified District Trustee, Area 4,
- [Moe Sarama](#) for San Juan Unified District Trustee, Area 7

Seven members of Women Democrats volunteered their time to form an endorsements committee to interview candidates for Sacramento City Council and Sacramento Mayor.

Following a review of candidate questionnaires and an individual in-person interview of each candidate, the committee recommended the following candidates for endorsement.

Women Democrats is pleased to be able to support so many candidates that we have previously endorsed, in addition to an exciting first-time candidate for Mayor!

- Sacramento City Council District 2 - [Roger Dickinson](#)
- Sacramento City Council District 4 - [Katie Valenzuela](#)
- Sacramento City Council District 6 - [Eric Guerra](#)
- Sacramento City Council District 8 - [Mai Vang](#)
- Mayor of Sacramento - [Dr. Flojaune Cofer](#)



Photos top to bottom: Brenda Borge, Moe Sarama, Roger Dickinson, Katie Valenzuela, Eric Guerra, Mai Vang, Dr. Flojaune Cofer. Bottom photo: Women Dems Political Director, Anna Ioakimedes with endorsed candidates.



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- ballots voted in-person at vote centers being deposited in secured drop boxes and brought back to the Registrar's office nightly;
- chain of custody logs and procedures that are in place at all times;
- staff that is trained in signature analysis to verify that signed ballot envelopes match signatures on file;
- tabulation machines that undergo multiple accuracy tests before official counting begins to avoid any duplication or other counting errors;
- that ballot counting occurs at the Registrar's facility secured under 24-hour video surveillance;
- and counted ballots are stored in a secured cage under 24-hour surveillance and are clearly labelled with the tabulator's name, date and other certification.

Election security at all levels of government continues to be a heated and controversial subject ranging from cybersecurity to the safety of election workers to defending the integrity of the election process.

The Brennan Center for Justice, an independent, nonpartisan law and policy organization based at New York University, has taken a hard look at the range of issues as America prepares to vote next year. "U.S. elections face serious threats to their security and integrity, both from foreign adversaries and domestic actors seeking to undermine confidence in the democratic process," according to the Center's April 2023 report, *Securing the 2024 Election*. "These threats," the report continues, "have evolved and expanded in recent years to include disinformation campaigns, harassment and intimidation of election workers, insider attacks from within election offices, and cyberattacks."

One of the nation's most expansive organizations bolstering election security is the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), an arm of the federal Department of Homeland Security. Through its 24/7 Election Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center, it's able to share alerts with all 50 states and more than 3,200 local governments. It also works with election equipment and service providers through a national coordinating council.

And immediately before and through every election day across the U.S, the agency runs a national operations center coordinating with a range of partners including other federal intelligence agencies, the FBI, Department of Defense, campaign officials and political parties, and social media companies.

For the most part, the American public in 2022, "soundly rejected election deniers who sought influence over elections in crucial battleground states like Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, and Pennsylvania," the Brennan Center stated in its report. But "substantial work needs to be done to protect the people, systems, and infrastructure necessary for voters to cast their ballots and have their votes counted."

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Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections

The [Voter Registration and Elections](#) website contains information on laws, regulations and policy guidance, district and election information, and also vote centers, campaign information, FAQs, Q&As, and other information.

You may register at any time, but to be eligible to vote in an upcoming election, your Voter Registration Form must be submitted online by midnight no later than 15 days before that election. If you are mailing a Voter Registration Form, it must be postmarked no later than 15 days before that election.

If you miss the 15 day deadline to register to vote, you can register conditionally at any Vote Center in the County of Sacramento. Please check election-specific information for locations and dates. Conditional voters fill out a provisional ballot that is counted once their eligibility is confirmed.

Voter Qualifications - You may register to vote if you meet all of the following requirements:

- Citizen of the United States
- Resident of California
- At least 18 years of age on or before Election Day
- Not in prison for the conviction of a felony
- Not prohibited from voting by a court because of mental incompetency

Once your registration form is received and processed, we will send you a Voter Notification Card within four to six weeks indicating that you are now a registered voter. You can also check your eligibility online. If you are unsure about your voting status, please call the County of Sacramento Voter Registration and Elections Department at (916) 875-6451.

16 and 17-year olds can pre-register to vote if they meet all of the following requirements:

- Citizen of the United States
- Resident of California
- Not in prison for the conviction of a felony
- Not prohibited from voting by a court because of mental incompetency

Applicants will be sent confirmation when their voter pre-registration application is processed, or they will be contacted if more information is needed to confirm their eligibility. You may register to vote or change your registration information online or via mail.



WOMEN DEMOCRATS OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY

70th

ANNIVERSARY

Celebration

[GET TICKETS HERE](#)



WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 11, 2023

5:00-5:30PM - ARRIVAL/NO HOST BAR

5:30-7:30PM - DINNER AND PROGRAM

LOCATION: STERLING HOTEL
1300 H STREET, SACRAMENTO

TRAILBLAZER

AWARD RECIPIENTS:

- SENATOR TONI ATKINS
- FORMER MAYOR HEATHER FARGO
- COL. PAT THOMPSON
- PENELOPE OLIVER
- EMILY AUTENRIETH

FPPC# 980730



GUEST
SPEAKER:

**BETTY
WILLIAMS**

PRESIDENT
SACRAMENTO NAACP

TICKETS:

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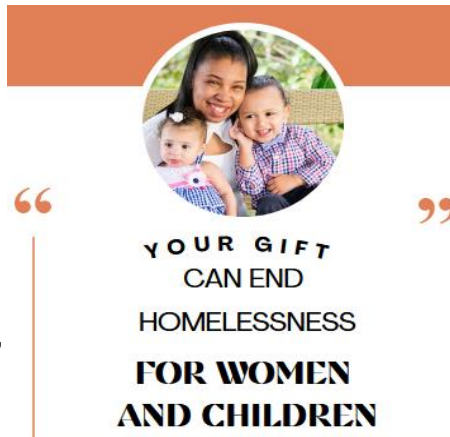
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At our August General Meeting, the Women Dems donated more than 150 pounds of gently used and new clothing to the Women's Empowerment organization.

Women's Empowerment educates and empowers women who are experiencing homelessness with the skills and confidence necessary to get a job, maintain a healthy lifestyle, and regain a home for themselves and their children.

The mission of Women's Empowerment is to educate and empower women who themselves are experiencing homelessness with the skills and confidence necessary to get a job, maintain a healthy lifestyle, and regain a home for themselves and their children.



The program focuses on providing skills and confidence to women experiencing homelessness to get a job, maintain a healthy lifestyle, and regain a home for themselves and their children. The clothing drive was organized by the California County Superintendents which provides a wide range of program and technical support to county school superintendents in 58 counties.



Women Democrats of Sacramento County Executive Committee

The Women Dems' elected officers, directors and members-at-large are committed to enhancing the cause of democracy within the County of Sacramento and beyond. They are hardworking volunteers and share a passion to enhance the WDSC organization and mission.

Officers

- President – Sandra Hazel
- Vice President – Dr. Elizabeth Sherrell-Davis
- Treasurer – Julie Chapman
- Secretary – Debbie Richardson

Directors

- Annette Emery, Membership Director
- Anna Ioakimedes, Political Affairs Director
- Pamela Dominisse, Fundraising Director

Members at Large

- Linda Reed
- Eric Wiesenthal

Past President

- Kate Van Buren

Newsletter Committee

- Debbie Richardson, Editor-in-Chief
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