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DEM RIVERSIDE UPDATES

Sheila Kay Riley

WDC Campaign & Election Committee Chair

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Well, right around the corner, a new year as well as a new decade is coming. Lots will be going on in this 2010 election year!

In order to get ready for our efforts to elect more Democrats, the **Riverside Central Committee** will again be offering the **Political Activism Training**. Anyone who is thinking of running for office in 2010 (or beyond) should have attended at least a couple of these trainings, as one just isn't enough. Volunteers also are needed and we hope to see many of them so they can decide what campaigns they want to work in and what roles they see for themselves.

The training will be held all day in **Riverside** on both **Saturday, January 16th** and **Sunday, January 17th**. It will be an exciting weekend and attendees will hear the best of the information from **EMILY's List**, **DFA (Democracy for America)** and **Wellstone Training**. Mark your calendars now. Also, let me know (by email: sheilaandruss@aol.com) right away if you plan to attend or know someone who should know more about the training. More information to follow!

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President's message

By Corinne Parker, WDC President

THE YEAR AHEAD FOR I.E. DEMOCRATS

A new year always brings new opportunities and 2009 sure left us with plenty of opportunities – or if you're not feeling so optimistic: more challenges. But I want you to know: we are ready and able to tackle any and all challenges ahead. I really believe it.

The efforts of our most recent years have provided a sturdy launch pad: Our PAC is growing, currently with 70 members; more Democrats are registered in the City of Riverside (thanks to several WDC members); we continue to offer four scholarships each year to local youth; and we are partnering with the 2010 Census to help improve the quality of life in our community. We have our congressional candidate Bill Hedrick to get into office; plans to develop a Democratic Headquarters; and our continued participation in Political Activism Campaign Training (thanks to Sheila Kay Riley et al).

The road ahead for us WDC PAC members is clearly paved. As the I.E. struggles with low unemployment rates, cuts in education, foreclosures and an ailing economy, lets address those concerns by focusing on the basics: getting our candidates elected and registering more Democrats.

This will take work, but I know we can do it. Remember how you felt at the beginning of the year? Like big winners after a long, grueling race. Let's recapture that feeling, pull back our sleeves and get to work for what we've always believed in. And let's do what we Democrats do best: address the needs of everyday Americans, here in our own community.

Thank you for being part of the WDC PAC. I look forward to spending some good, quality time with you all. ♡

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There are many area races in 2010. Of course, our own most important race is electing **Bill Hedrick** to represent us in Congress – for the **44th Congressional District**. Bill is going to need all the help (money, time, being a volunteer, etc.) we can give him in order to get him elected. I'm the contact person between the campaign and the **Democratic Party**. So, if you can help in any way, please contact me.

There are **many other races in our area**. We've got to, for sure, have **Democratic** candidates in each these races! Filing date is soon (mid-February through mid-March, 2010) with the primary being held in **June, 2010**. I've listed the incumbents for some of these area races and here's a glimpse into them:

64th Assembly District – currently being held by a Republican and **Jose Medina** is seeking the **Democratic Nomination** for this race.

County of Riverside Offices (currently all Republicans): County Assessor; Auditor; District Attorney; Sheriff; Treasurer/Tax Collector.

County Board of Supervisor, John Travaglione (a Republican) will likely be running for re-election to represent the 2nd Supervisorial District.

The County **Superintendent of Schools** and other County **Board of Education** Trustees.

Jurupa Unified School District - 2 Trustees

- Mary Burns (Democrat) – Trustee Area 3
- Dawn Brewer (Republican) – Trustee Area 4

Riverside Community College District - 3 Trustees

- Jose Medina (Democrat) & running for 64th AD
- Virginia Blumenthal (Republican)
- Janet Green (Republican)

Jurupa Area Recreation & Park District - 2 seats

- Larry David Riddle (Republican)
- Bob Hernandez (Republican)

Jurupa Community Services District - 2 seats

- Kenneth James McLaughlin (Republican)
- R.M. "Cook" Barela (Republican)

Rubidoux Community Services District -2 seats

- John Skerbelis (Republican)
- Ruth Anderson Wilson (Democrat)

Western Municipal Water District – 3 seats

- Charles D. Field (Republican)
- Tom Evans (Republican)

As you can see from this list, we have a lot of work to do! We've got to keep the **Democrats** we do have who hold elected office, as well as replace the Republicans with **Democrats**. In the 2009 election cycle there were many races which were decided simply based upon those who filed to seek that office. Oftentimes, when there were, for instance, two seats open, only one or two people declared their candidacy. We've got to do a lot better than that if we're to build of "**Riverside Democratic Farm Team**." (Ask me what that means, if you don't already know).

Also, I should add that this information is prepared by a human being (that would be me, Sheila) so there may be some errors. If so, I apologize and please let me know the correct information ASAP. Thanks!

Now, there are many state-wide races including re-electing **Senator Barbara Boxer** and filling many of the state-wide offices – such as the **Governor** and many, many others!

If I haven't provided you with enough election news, there really is more. At a date to be determined in February, we will be co-hosting a **candidate forum** with the **Moreno Valley Democrat Club** and the **Democrats of Greater Riverside**.

There are **Democrats** running in two races who will be seeking the **Democratic endorsement**. As a preview to the Pre-Endorsement Caucus (more about that in the February WDC Newsletter) to be held in March, we need to hear from these candidates:

State Senate Race – 37th Senate District

- Art Guerrero
- Justin Blake

State Assembly Race – 65th Assembly District

- Jayson Sandoval
- Carl Wood

Happy "Politicking" and don't forget to sign up for the January 16th and 17th Political Activism Training – to really make a big difference!



Sheila Kay Riley

WDC OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS

On December 6th, the WDC held its 2009 Holiday Party and **Officer Installation** for 2010. Ballots for the Executive Board were available for WDC attendees.

WDC members that attended voted; and the following were announced as members of the **2010 WDC Executive Board**:

Corinne Parker.....President
Barbara KerrVice-President
Suzanne Tanenbaum.....Chief Financial Officer
Sheila K. Riley.....Secretary

In addition:

Sheila K. Riley has once again accepted the **Campaign/Election Committee Chair**. And Marisa Yeager has accepted the **Membership Chair** position.

Thank you to all who participated and donated to the **Riverside Community Settlement House**. We welcome your support and comments. ♪

WDC PAC partners with 2010 Census

If you recall, at our November General Membership meeting, a representative from the Riverside Office of the U.S. Census gave a presentation on the importance of getting an accurate population count in 2010.

We learned that based on census data, communities can get federal funding for much needed services. As an example, an accurate count would assist in identifying numbers of families who have recently relocated because of the high unemployment and foreclosure rates in our area.

In addition, local governments can utilize the information as a guide for planning locations for hospitals, schools and roads.

We also learned that the questionnaire is shorter than ever with only 10 questions – takes just 10 minutes to complete. More importantly, the Census Bureau cannot share the responses with any individual or any organization, including federal agencies and law enforcement entities. This is where the 2010 Census folks need our help.

As a 2010 Census Partner, we can help send a strong message about the importance of the census and the benefits of being counted. Our communities need to realize that it is important and safe to answer the census.

The form will be mailed to households between February and March, 2010. In the meantime, help is needed. For more information, call the Riverside office: 951-324-2010. ♪



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

A SCORE FOR OUR VERY OWN RIVERSIDE COUNTY!



I have some exciting news! Senator Barbara Boxer is moving to Riverside County! Yes, it's true - she will reside in the City of Rancho Mirage - which means she will file her re-election papers at the Riverside County ROV office. We are expecting this to be a big deal – no, let me rephrase: we **NEED TO MAKE THIS A BIG DEAL!**

Barbara will need our support more than ever. We will need to gather signatures and supporters. WDC PAC and each Riverside Dem club will receive 10 petitions each for signatures.

Sometime in mid-**February**, (we will get the word out on the confirmed date) **all Democrats** should be at the ROV for a big, big showing! Let's make a lot of noise, carry signs and show our support. Then, let's stretch the momentum through to Election Day in November.

If you would like to collect signatures for Senator Boxer's re-election, please email me: [corinne.parker@yahoo.com!](mailto:corinne.parker@yahoo.com)

I think Democrats are right. We fight for the American dream, for the environment, for privacy rights, a woman's right to choose, a good public education system.

-Barbara Boxer

For more information on Senator Boxer's campaign, go to: www.barbaraboxer.com

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Remember: this is **YOUR** newsletter, too!



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NEXT MEETING: WED JAN 6



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