

# Lamorinda

## DEMOCRATIC CLUB

www.ldclub.org

February 2016

**THIS MONTH'S MEETING**  
**AT-A-GLANCE**

Thursday, February 11  
7 p.m.

Lafayette Library and  
Learning Center  
Community Room  
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd  
Lafayette, CA

*\$5 donation at the door waived  
for students and Lamorinda  
Democratic Club members  
who have paid their 2016 dues.*

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### **Standing Together: SEIU 1021 in Contra Costa County**

#### **Club's February Meeting to Feature SEIU 1021 Chapter President Dan Jameyson**

The Lamorinda Democratic Club's next meeting on Thursday, February 11, will feature SEIU Local 1021 Chapter President Dan Jameyson who will talk about Standing Together: SEIU 1021 in Contra Costa County.

The club's meeting will be held at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd, in Lafayette. The club's social hour will begin at 7 p.m., with a business meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. The program begins at 8 p.m.

Jameyson's presentation will cover who SEIU 1021 is and how they are organized, labor myths and facts, the state of the Contra Costa County labor community, SEIU 1021's member-driven political program, and an update on SEIU's strategic campaign around raising the minimum wage.

Jameyson currently serves as SEIU 1021's Chapter President and as the Co-Chair of the SEIU 1021 Contra Costa Community on Political Education. He is also the Concord Naval Weapons Station Steering Committee Chair for the Contra Costa County Central Labor Council (AFL-CIO), the President of the Concord Democratic Club, and a member of the California Democratic Party's Credentials Committee.

### **Club Endorses Cheryl Cook-Kallio For 16th Assembly District**

The Lamorinda Democratic Club during its January 30 meeting voted to endorse Cheryl Cook-Kallio in her campaign for our 16th Assembly District seat currently held by a Republican.

Cheryl Cook-Kallio has dedicated her life to public service and volunteerism. A celebrated public school teacher, respected Pleasanton City Councilmember, and tireless community activist, Cheryl has fought to enhance public education, increase affordable housing options, improve streets and roads, and make our community safer.

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# What Are You Thinking? Reporting Back on Our Feedback Forums

*By Tracy Brog  
Lamorinda Democratic Club Board Member*

Following the lead of the dedicated and tireless Democrats of Rossmoor, the Lamorinda Democratic Club conducted a Democratic Voter Feedback Forum in the Fall 2015.

The idea was to give our community the chance to express their views on a variety of issues, for us to get a sense of which issues are most important to registered Lamorinda Democratic voters, and to summarize and quantify the results so they can become a useful tool for winning future elections.

Several Contra Costa Democratic clubs recently collaborated by establishing a “Clubs Council,” to consolidate efforts and create a more comprehensive voter turn-out and engagement strategy.

Although there was clear overlap and repetition in the concerns among forum participants in both Democratic clubs, there were also some notable differences. This is why we believe it is useful to have the surveys conducted at a local club level and to encourage other clubs in the county to conduct forums of their own.



Here is a summary of the results of these forums. More detailed results are available on our website at [www.ldclub.org](http://www.ldclub.org). And we look forward to continuing the conversation with you and Democrats in our area!

## The Take-Aways

Lamorinda Democrats want to see new aggressive, progressive ideas with regard to clean renewable energy, environmental protection, creating new jobs supported by high-quality, innovative education.

They want to see investment in new and creative transportation solutions and infrastructure improvements. They feel very strongly about supporting teachers with higher pay but are less enthusiastic about the current teacher tenure system. The majority of Lamorinda Democratic Club members who participated in our survey support unions, but not without some reservation.

With two possible exceptions, the Lamorinda Democratic Club results were fairly close to those of the Democrats of Rossmoor, who ranked Medicare concerns higher and student debt lower.

Most notably missing from our Forum/Survey were questions about poverty, income distribution, tax policy, and more specific topics within foreign policy. These are items we may like to consider adding to new and improved surveys in the future.

Although this was a tiny sample of Democrats, we think it's worthwhile to continue collecting as many opinions as we can.

Hearing the voices of local Democrats is critical to winning elections, affecting policy, and making the kinds of differences we would like to see in our communities.

## **Club Endorses Cheryl Cook-Kallio for 16th Assembly District (continued)**

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As a teacher Cheryl provided our youth with the best foundation possible to be successful in the 21st century. She spent 39 years educating our youth in the areas of Advanced Placement U.S. History and U.S. Government, and HonorCK WTP ASMs Economics.

During this time her professional accolades include the American Civic Education Teacher Award, the Fremont Education Foundation Excellence in Education Award, Irvington High School's Teacher of the Year, State Senator Liz Figueroa's Woman of the Year, Assemblymember Alberto Torrico's Citizen of the Year, Teacher of the Year by the Sons of the American Revolution and a James Madison Memorial Fellowship.

Cook-Kallio served eight years on Pleasanton's City Council. During her time as Vice-Mayor and Councilmember, she led the way to increase affordable housing, expand parkland and implement curbside recycling. Working with regional transportation agencies Cheryl improved streets and roads finding solutions to traffic gridlock.

Cheryl earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of North Carolina, Charlotte and her Masters of Arts degree in U.S. History with an emphasis on the U.S. Constitution from San Jose State University. She holds teaching credentials in Social Science and English, with a supplemental credential in Spanish.

In 2002, she was selected to serve as a James Madison Congressional Fellow for United States Senator Diane Feinstein on the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee. In 2005 Cheryl was selected to serve as a James Madison Federal Courts fellow in Washington D.C.

For more information about her campaign, please visit [www.cook-kallioforassembly.com/](http://www.cook-kallioforassembly.com/).

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## **2016 Club Membership Dues Now Due Support Your Club's Activities!**

Membership dues for the Lamorinda Democratic Club for 2016 are now due. Dues are \$55 per year for a single membership and \$110 per year for a family membership.

Membership in the club gives you the right to vote in club elections and for club endorsements. We also welcome additional contributions to support our work. Membership dues help to cover the expenses of our monthly meetings, our outreach efforts like the distribution of this newsletter, and our endorsement activities to promote the election of Democrats at the local and state levels.

If you pay your dues, the \$5 suggested donation at the door for our regular meetings will be waived. We hope you will take advantage of this by attending more of our meetings to get more value for your membership.

Please pay your membership dues today! You can use the remittance envelope included in the newsletter or you can pay on-line via our website at [www.ldclub.org](http://www.ldclub.org). Look for the "Join/Renew" button in the website's left column.

Thank you all for your continued financial support of our club. Your annual contribution assists in educating, engaging, and electing Democrats. If you have any questions, please send us an email at [president@ldclub.org](mailto:president@ldclub.org).

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## **Contribute to the Club's Newsletter**

We welcome contributions of letters and articles to the newsletter. Please limit submissions to 400 words. We also welcome notices pertaining to events and activities of interest to Democrats. Publication is subject to the discretion of the Lamorinda Democratic Club's Board of Directors. Please contact Craig Cheslog at [craig@cheslog.com](mailto:craig@cheslog.com) for more information.

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