



Happy New Year – countdown until Biden is President

I hope you are ready to join us for our first meeting of the New Year! We are not going to let the COVID lockdown prevent us from coming together to talk and take action! If you haven't joined a ZOOM meeting I hope you start the New Year trying it! I know you all want to be together again in person but COVID isn't going to stop us.

Tehachapi Mountain Democratic Club Membership General Meeting **Time: Jan 7, 2021 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)**

Join Zoom Meeting

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When you log onto the Zoom you will be put in a waiting room so we can weed out any would be Trumpers. Try to log-in a few minutes early and be patient, we will get to all of you!

Action Needed: And you thought elections were over – NOT!

In addition to the Georgia run-off Senate races, we still have one more local race to decide!

The final election and request is to register to vote for your ADem representative. ADem stands for Assembly Democrats and only registered Democrats can in each Assembly District and run and vote to be our local representatives to the state party.

To register to vote in an Assembly Dems election, you must qualify as a registered Democrat. Please enter your name, address, and birthdate, exactly how you registered to vote, so Kern Democratic Central Committee can verify your voter status. Once registered you will receive a paper mail ballot to complete.

Most of you know that the leadership of our California Democratic Party is shaped by our ADem representatives. Many of Kern Democratic Central committee members are running or supporting others who are running. And many of you will recognize those who consistently work to support local Democrats. In order to have a voice, **you must register before 1/11/21** in your assembly district. The link for registration is <https://www.ademelections.com>.

We have invited members of the Progressive slate to join our meeting on Jan 7th.

And now, late night reading if you are having trouble sleeping until Biden is President....

Election

“Poor and diverse voters fueled CA record ballots cast”

All told, Californians cast a record 17.8 million ballots in the general election, a hefty 22%, or 3.2 million, above the last presidential election — a remarkable increase given the state’s population grew by less than 2% from 2016 through 2020.

“County election data shows greater political involvement but mixed party benefits”

They point to two other takeaways: Local political districts are more competitive than they may appear, and neither party can take its traditional support in the county “for granted.

“Split Ticket Voter are A Small Group, But they Could Decide the Georgia Runoffs”

On Jan. 5, control of the U.S. Senate will be decided by a pair of runoff elections in the Peach State, and Democrats Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock will likely need to win some votes from people who didn’t vote for them last time, as Democrats got fewer votes than Republicans in both races on Nov. 3

“Trump abused his powers. His shadow may block reforms.”

Privately, some Republican members of Congress agree that he badly abused his power and opened a path that a future president could take to even more seriously damage American democracy.

Issues

“Potential Health Policy Administrative Actions”

However, with the political balance of the Senate uncertain, some Biden proposals, like creating a new public option and lowering the Medicare age to 60, are less likely to be enacted. Even so, as president, Biden could exercise executive branch authority to move forward on a variety of policy changes he has advocated through administrative action without Congress.

“Global warming and the presidential election”

The climate plan Mr Biden released in July includes faster, deeper cuts to America’s carbon emissions than either of his Democratic predecessors envisaged. Mr Biden promises a commitment to de-carbonizing the electricity grid by 2035.

“Great year for markets but not for workers”

Don’t count on vaccines bringing jobs back. Companies have found ways to reduce the role of humans.

History

“The Real Origins of the Religious Right”

They’ll tell you it was abortion. Sorry, the historical record’s clear: It was segregation.

“Heather Cox Richardson, History Professor”

The attempt of the senators to get Congress to appoint an investigatory committee into alleged fraud in the election is dangerous and unprecedented, and they know it.

I hope you enjoyed some of the articles, I try to select a variety knowing that most of you are avid readers. I’d love your feedback – do you like to receive these, do you never read them, do you wish I’d send more? I’m open to all your feedback.

See you soon!