PDC Board Nominated for the 2017 Year

By Diane Rolfe, Chair of the Nominating Committee

The PDC Board approved at the December Board Meeting the selections of the Nominating Committee’s to serve as Officers and Board Members in 2017. These individuals will be voted on by the PDC Members at our February 18th Annual Meeting. The individuals nominated to hold Officer positions are:

- President: Zack Ross
- Vice-President: Emy Thurber
- Secretary: Jules Brouillet
- Treasurer: Max Ross

The new PDC Board Members nominated are: Max Ross, Leora Tanjuatco, Karl Kramer, Eitan Fenson and Pam Salvatierra. It is traditional that the new Board Members submit a short 5-8 sentence BIO as a fun way to introduce each new Board Member to the entire membership. In alphabetical order, please thank the following individuals for being willing to serve all of us on the PDC Board.

**Eitan Fenson:**

With a Ph.D. in Mathematics, for the past 30 years I have held positions from engineer to CEO as a Silicon Valley technologist. I am married to my best friend, we have 3 grown children who are a complete joy to me and my wife, and we live in Los Altos. My first involvement in political activism was in 2004, when I spent time on Columbus, Ohio knocking on doors, phone banking and providing tech support to the local Kerry campaign office. I did the same for Barack Obama in Denver, CO in 2008, and when I returned from Denver I was recruited by Silicon Valley for Obama to incorporate and run Silicon Valley Action Network (SVAN), its 501(C) 4 successor. In 2010, I worked with Rita Friedman to found the DVC, with the objective of bringing together all Mid-Peninsula Democratic stakeholders to form a unified campaign operation that would transcend individual campaigns, bringing together the energy and passion of sv4obama/SVAN, the wisdom and connectedness of the PDC, and the national stature of OFA. And so the DVC was born. In the 2012 campaign was the treasurer of the DVC and ran its technical operation, and in 2016 I became the DVC campaign Manager.

**Karl Kramer:**

Karl Kramer has 30 years experience as a trial lawyer and intellectual property counselor. He is a retired partner of the international law firm of Morrison & Foerster (known for its pro bono work and Democratic Party affiliations), where he had been the head of litigation and managing partner of the 100-
Dear Democrats,

First, the bad news: it is January 2017 and Donald Trump will be inaugurated as the 45th president of these United States. Seeing as how January is a cold, blustery month, it seems fitting that a cold, blustery man will take over as leader of our nation during this time.

The good news: there’s always alcohol.

I kid, but there is no doubt in my mind that the first part of 2017 is going to be a very difficult time for us Democrats on a national level. Acclimating ourselves to a nation under a Republican Congress and President Trump has the potential to be very, very painful.

So, let’s concentrate on the positive things we have going on here on the local level.

- We have a majority in the California Legislature, which means that California can continue being a trailblazer for policies that protect minorities and the underserved.
- We have decent folks serving us at the local level, including city councils and county boards of supervisors.
- We have oodles of new folks taking an interest in their Democratic party in the aftermath of Trump’s win. Who knows what ideas this new blood will spawn?
- We have a passionate crop of young people looking to move into leadership roles within the Democratic party locally and nationally.

I hope you’ll be part of this positive part of our party. Join us at the upcoming Annual Meeting in February (details can be found inside this issue). Come learn more about our club and how we can work together to promote our candidates and values. Be open to others who fall under the Democratic umbrella, but whose ideas may differ from yours. Start conversations with the innon-political people in your life and invite them to the Annual Meeting.

Thank you for playing your part.

Nicole

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Don’t Let Trump Destroy the World

By Katherine Forrest, PDC Board Member

Given what President-elect Donald Trump has said and the people he intends to appoint to top government positions, we can expect to have a number of serious environmental challenges ahead of us during the next four years. These include the critical matter of climate change, plus water pollution, air pollution, extinction of endangered species, and toxic chemicals in products and the environment. [http://readersupportednews.org/news-section2/318-6640883-if-you-want-to-see-how-donald-trump-will-destroy-the-environment-read-this-legislative-roadmap]

However, no matter what the Federal government will be doing, states can continue to address climate and environmental matters. Now is a good time to increase our attention to state, county, and local actions so we can continue to make progress against climate change and environmental destruction.

California is already a leading state in a number of ways, including in a number of environmental matters, and Governor Jerry Brown has made it clear that California will not back down on its climate actions just because of Trump’s election.

In Santa Clara and San Mateo counties, a number of local government officials and companies have made it clear that Silicon Valley will be taking an active role against the impact of climate change. Both counties have adopted Clean Choice Energy, which will become available to the populace in 2017. In Santa Clara County, ballot measures were passed in November that provide for more local affordable housing and generous funding for expanded mass transit. Both of these will cut down on fossil fuel use and air pollution, as fewer people will have to drive, and those who do will not have to drive as far.

We can all support environment-sparing efforts. Let your employers know you want them to increase their climate friendly actions, and to design and manufacture products that will spare the environment. Suggest that they offer a reward to employees who come up with things the company can do that will cut down on waste and environmental impact; such things often save the company money, too.

Choose products and foods that are more climate- and environment-friendly. Talk with your friends, neighbors, and family about things that you and they can do to help spare the environment and lessen your climate impact—and then do them.

Stay on top of what our elected officials are doing, and let them know what you want them to do to help protect the world.

Think of the coming four years as wartime. Trump & his people are out to destroy our planet and our future. This will be the time for all of us to fight against what they are doing and to support each other in this battle. In addition to making changes in our own lives, we should join with others, support people and groups that are moving in the right direction, demonstrate, and speak openly to others about what is happening.

PS. I wrote this in Denton, a small city in northern Texas where I’m enjoying the holidays with family members. The temperature here yesterday afternoon—on Christmas Day—peaked at 78 degrees Fahrenheit.
‘Tis the season to offer opinion on the course that should be taken by the Democratic party and its candidates. Hence …

The party should make a greater effort to trumpet their accomplishments. Most voters are better off at the end of the Obama years than they were at the start, Obama Care has provided insurance for millions, yet the Republicans gain traction with their plan to dismantle it – now changed to “replace it.”

Everyone is sick of the partisan bickering. Democrats need to do their part to restore civility – even if the effort is not reciprocated. Again, those efforts need to be publicized.

The Party needs to expand their efforts at the state level across the country. We need more rational state legislators.

The Party needs to encourage candidates who agree with the basic philosophy of the Democratic Party in all races – even when the candidates do not agree on every specific issue. Note the great support for Bernie Sanders who was not of the “establishment” – not to mention another in the Presidential race who was, and still is, far from the party leadership in his party.

Both the Party and its candidates need to learn to speak plainly and openly. No hedging of positions, no hour-long expositions of the fine points. Trevor Noah, host of *The Today Show*, speaking after the first presidential debate, pointed out everyone listening could understand what Trump was saying and where Trump stood on the matter being discussed. (Whether Trump stayed with that position, or later even acknowledged what he had said, is another matter!)

Computer hacking, once again, is in the headlines.

The underlying problem is that the internet was designed to be open and available to everyone. There was no plan to deal with evil minded users – or even just the mischievous. As the use of the internet grew it became impossible to install meaningful protection. The problem is both political and practical. Powerful players in the computer world want to maintain their ability to snoop. And there are too many users and too many applications that rely on the current system thus significant changes are impractical.

No prudent person should write and send an email if severe damage would ensue were the content to become public. That email could be compromised on the sender’s computer, on the receiver’s computer, or on one of the servers through which it passed. On top of that is the possibility of inadvertently sending the missive to the wrong person.

For most users of email this is not a significant issue. Embarrassing content is likely to cause little stir; and there is low expectation of a hacker being interested. However, anyone working for an elected official or working for a campaign organization should be more cautious. In that regard, the authors of the DNC and Clinton campaign emails bear some responsibility for any impact resulting from the leaked communications.

There is no reason to doubt the intelligence community assessment that Russia was behind the hacking of the emails and the release of that information. And there is no reason to doubt that our computer experts can retaliate in kind. That will not stop the practice. Until effective encryption becomes available everyone should assume that nothing on the internet can be truly private.

However, lack of privacy or security on the internet does not mean that all computers are vulnerable. A computer that is isolated from the internet is also isolated from the problems of the internet.

The New Year should be a time of optimism and hope for the future. That is a hard task given the result of the November elections. However, in the spirit of grasping at straws, here are some reasons to believe that the coming four years might be less worse than we might otherwise expect:

Trump’s sole agenda seems to be promotion of his own fortune and image. Very few policy imperatives seem to last long enough to produce any results.

Trump’s appointments are rich folk with little or no governmental experience. They should soon discover that the practice of giving orders, as in the corporate world, does not work quite the same way in the government.

There are many Republican members of the Senate and the House who have their own strongly held positions on issues. They are not likely to cave in to the whimsy of a president who does not seem to have the attention span needed to get things done in the legislature.

Some leaders with little interest in policy details delegate authority, Bush to Cheney for a recent example. Trump appears to have no inclination to follow that path.

Here’s hoping for a Happy New Year in spite of it all.
Risks of Fracking in California

By Judy Plaska, PDC Board Member

According to EcoWatch (EcoWatch.com), a major Report released on Dec. 13, 2016 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) found scientific evidence that hydraulic fracturing or fracking under specific conditions presents a real threat to US water supplies.

The EPA Report confirms that fracking has contaminated drinking water when certain risk factors are present. These conditions increase the risk, severity and frequency of fracking-related water pollution. All six risk factors apply in California! These include:

1. When water withdrawals for hydraulic fracturing are done in times or areas of low water availability, particularly in areas with limited or declining groundwater.
2. When spills occur during the handling of hydraulic fracturing fluids and chemicals or produced water that result in large volumes or high concentrations of chemicals reaching groundwater.
3. When hydraulic fracturing fluids are injected into wells with inadequate mechanical integrity, allowing gases or liquids to move to groundwater.
4. When hydraulic fracturing fluids are injected directly into groundwater.
5. When treated hydraulic fracturing wastewater is discharged inadequately to surface water.
6. When disposal or storage of hydraulic fracturing wastewater is put in unlined pits resulting in contamination of groundwater.

"This Report shows that Californians are right to be deeply concerned about fracking pollution's threats to our water," said Hollin Kretzmann of the Center for Biological Diversity. A 2014 report by Ceres stated that 98% of fracking occurs in areas of the state experiencing high or extreme water stress.

Oil companies in California also use fracking fluids with unusually high concentrations of chemicals according to a 2015 report from the California Council on Science and Technology. The EPA was able to identify chronic oral toxicity values from the selected data sources for 98 of the 1,084 chemicals that were reported to have been used in fracturing fluids between 2005 and 2013. According to the EPA Report, "potential human health hazards associated with chronic oral exposure to these chemicals include cancer, immune system effects, changes in body weight, changes in blood chemistry, cardiotoxicity, neurotoxicity, liver and kidney toxicity, and reproductive and developmental toxicity."

The above ground disposal of hydraulic fracturing wastewater has also impacted the quality of ground water and surface water. In particular, discharges of inadequately treated hydraulic fracturing wastewater to surface water resources have contributed to elevated levels of hazardous byproducts.

"Percolation pits, in particular, were commonly reported to have been used to manage produced water from stimulated wells in Kern County, California, between 2011 and 2014," the EPA report states. The document also highlights the risks of spills of oil industry wastewater, noting that over a recent five-year period "18 percent of the spills impacted waterways."

California's long history of oil production makes it more prone to fluid migration through older wells. The state also has many wells in close proximity to one another (high density) and unmapped wells, which increase this risk even further.

Groundwater tables and injection zones in California are close together, according to the California Council on Science and Technology, increasing the risk that fracking fluids may directly reach a source of groundwater.

The Cawelo Water District in California's Kern County has been processing water from oil fields in which fracking has occurred and using it for irrigation. Records show that statewide, millions of gallons of wastewater are later discharged to irrigation canals for agricultural use. Wastewater is also sometimes discharged into surface water.

The oil industry in the State has been allowed to dispose of vast quantities of oil wastewater into unlined pits that threaten groundwater. Unlined pits, in particular, provide a direct pathway for contaminants to reach groundwater. California continues to allow the oil industry to use unlined pits for oil wastewater storage and disposal. A survey by the State Water Resources Control Board and regional water boards found hundreds of active unlined pits in the state. While oil officials recently implemented a regulation against discharging flowback fluid from fracked wells into such pits, the state does a poor job of tracking

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PDC/PYD Annual Membership Luncheon
The Peninsula Democratic Coalition (PDC) and The Peninsula Young Democrats (PYD)
present
Congressman Ro Khanna
An American teacher, lawyer, politician, and the Representative for California's 17th Congressional District.

Saturday, February 18, 2017

Time: Doors open at 11:30 am for Lunch Buffet at noon at the Los Altos Youth Center, 1 N. San Antonio Road, Los Altos
Lunch Buffet Cost: FREE for members
Cost: $5 for lapsed or non-members.
Join the PDC/PYD onsite and lunch is free!
Renew/Join for 2017 and skip the renewal lines:
www.peninsulademocrats.com/join_pdc

Don’t miss this PDC 2016 Annual Meeting: Board election, lunch, speech!
www.peninsulademocrats.com
PDC Holiday Party Was a Smashing Success!

The PDC/PYD celebrated the 2016 winter holiday season with the fantastic Annual Holiday Party. We had a record turnout and celebrated our common democratic values with wonderful outlay of food and drink! It will be the party long remembered...!
Unite for the Women’s March

OFFICIAL STATEMENT from the National Organizers

On January 21, 2017, we will unite in Washington, DC for the Women’s March on Washington. We stand together in solidarity with our partners and children for the protection of our rights, our safety, our health, and our families -- recognizing that our vibrant and diverse communities are the strength of our country.

The rhetoric of the past election cycle has insulted, demonized, and threatened many of us--women, immigrants of all statuses, those with diverse religious faiths particularly Muslim, people who identify as LGBTQIA, Native and Indigenous people, Black and Brown people, people with disabilities, the economically impoverished and survivors of sexual assault. We are confronted with the question of how to move forward in the face of national and international concern and fear.

In the spirit of democracy and honoring the champions of human rights, dignity, and justice who have come before us, we join in diversity to show our presence in numbers too great to ignore. The Women’s March on Washington will send a bold message to our new administration on their first day in office, and to the world that women’s rights are human rights.

We stand together, recognizing that defending the most marginalized among us is defending all of us.

We support the advocacy and resistance movements that reflect our multiple and intersecting identities. We call on all defenders of human rights to join us. This march is the first step towards unifying our communities, grounded in new relationships, to create change from the grassroots level up. We will not rest until women have parity and equity at all levels of leadership in society. We work peacefully while recognizing there is no true peace without justice and equity for all. HEAR OUR VOICE.

This is an INCLUSIVE march, and EVERYONE who supports women's rights are welcome.

PLEASE SHARE, we need to spread the word everywhere! And there are groups forming for EVERY STATE, so search for your local group as well!

We especially need HOSTS and ORGANIZERS from marginalized communities for this to be truly inclusive, please DM your state administrator to get involved!

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Washington, DC:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/198007357318321
WEBSITE: https://www.womensmarch.com/
TWITTER: https://twitter.com/womensmarch
INSTAGRAM: http://www.instagram.com/womensmarch
RSVP on our OFFICIAL EVENTBRITE: 
bit.ly/womensmarchrsvp (not required, but greatly helpful for planning!) This is FREE and EVERYONE who supports women's rights are welcome.

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lawyer Silicon Valley office. Karl is looking forward to helping get out the vote in 2018 and 2020!

Max Ross:
Max Ross is a mechanical engineer who was born and raised in Palo Alto. He has engineering degrees from the University of Michigan and an MBA from the University of Chicago. After 14 years in the Midwest, he is happy to be back in The Bay. Max’s liberal values came from a desire to treat everyone with respect. He cares strongly about civil rights and education. In his free time, Max likes to run, design and build art, and continue his education. Go Giants.

Pam Salvatierra:
I am a longtime progressive advocate in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. As a registered nurse, wife, mother and grandmother, I am committed to enhancing quality of life across all of our neighborhoods. My Democratic Party resume includes a delegate for Rich Gordon to the California State Convention, phone bank coordinator for Barrack Obama (2008 and 2012), team leader for Organizing for America’s Affordable Care Act outreach, co-founder of the Mid-Peninsula Democratic Volunteer Center, coordinator for numerous local, state and national Democratic candidate’s meet-ups and fundraising events. I believe that grassroots activism is key to realizing a shared vision of environmental stewardship, healthcare for all, quality education and social and economic justice.

Leora Tanjuatco:
Leora Tanjuatco grew up in Millbrae. After attending the University of Virginia, she came back to the Bay Area and has lived here ever since. When she’s not canvassing or tabling, she is probably running long distances or eating large amounts of food. She works as the organizing director at the Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo County. She’s been an active member of PDV, and is excited to serve on the board of PDC.

We are sorry to be losing the following Board members who have served our organization with dedication and great effectiveness in the past year. These individuals are: Marc Berman, now our elected CA AD 24 Assem blyman, Pamela O’Leary, Lucas Ramirez, and Noveed Safipour.

Returning Board Members are Jules Brouillet, Andrea Eaton, Nicole Fernandez, Kate Forrest, Stephanie Grossman, Davina Hurt, Kristen Johnson, Carol Kuiper, Laura Martinez, Amy Pearl, Judy Plaska, Diane Rolfe, Joe Rolfe, Zack Ross, Kavita Tankha, Emy Thurber, Jim Thurber, and Cory Wobach.

We thank our energetic and well-organized PDC President for the past two years, Nicole Fernandez, Vice-Presidents Judy Plaska and Lucas Ramirez for superb Programs, and Emy Thurber, who has served ably as our Secretary.

The Nominating Committee who undertook this task with enthusiasm was Kristen Johnson, Nicole Fernandez, Emy and Jim Thurber, Diane and Joe Rolfe and Zack Ross.
• The National Enquirer headline in checkout aisle touts “proof” that Obama was born in Kenya, and says “Trump already bringing dignity back to the White House.”

Standby for Trump tweeting that the Enquirer should be the US paper of record.

• The morning after announcing they were gutting the Office of Congressional Ethics, House Republicans dropped the plan. Who’s in on the pool with me as to when they reintroduce it?

• In France, a new law that mandates workers’ “right to disconnect” just went into effect. The law requires companies with more than 50 employees to establish hours when staff should not send or answer emails. At this point, France may need to consider a wall to keep potential Americans immigrants.

• Hadn’t heard of her but like her style: British singer Rebecca Ferguson will perform at Trump’s inauguration on one condition—that she can sing “Strange Fruit,” a 1937 protest song.

• Trump playing the skeptical role in allegations against Russia, “I know a lot about hacking. And hacking is a very hard thing to prove. So it could be somebody else.” Did Putin tell him to say that?

• The House GOP defied chair Paul Ryan on January 2 and quietly voted to gut the Office of Congressional Ethics. Among other things the proposal would bar the panel from reviewing any violation of criminal law by members of Congress, accept anonymous reports of Congressional wrongdoing, and make any public statements or hire any communications staff.

Right, because we shouldn’t disturb all those fragile new alligators in the swamp?

• But okay, a last minute effort to gut the ethics office? Who’s going to be the 2017 politician to stand up and say “Have you no sense of decency?”

• Mariah Carey apparently thinks her New Year’s Eve performance was sabotaged so ABC could get better ratings. Wow, that’s paranoid enough against the media that Mariah maybe really should be singing at the Inaugural.

• Guess President-Elect Trump got the Jed York “Winning with class” memo? “Happy New Year to all, including to my many enemies and those who have fought me and lost so badly they just don’t know what to do. Love!”

• That “special relationship” is going so well. Headline in London Times “Use Brexit to steal UK trade says Trump aide.” The story notes how “Wilbur Ross, the billionaire incoming commerce secretary” has called Brexit a “God-given opportunity.” for the U.K.’s rivals, including the US.

Well, at least we have Russia… Sigh.

• An interesting side note from President Obama’s news conference about the election, and one I hope future Democratic nominees might heed. (I HATE HATE HATE the present defense.): “If you think you’re winning, then you have a tendency, just like in sports, maybe to play it safer.”

• John McCain, showing signs of why he used to be every Democrat’s favorite Republican, on the alleged Russian hacking: “If they are able to undermine an election, they’re able to undermine democracy.”

Of course to be fair, perhaps there is a bit of sour grapes that the election they didn’t hack was 2008?

• Saw a complaint that President Obama has played 66 rounds of golf in 2016 year. How long until Americans start begging Trump to go play golf?

• Just trying to imagine what GOP would be saying if a Democratic President-Elect was defending Russia against our intelligence services?

• Really, are there any more surprises w/ Trump & Putin now? Maybe some wonder what they’ll get each other for Valentine’s day.

• Reports are that Trump is considering corporate lawyer George Conway as solicitor general. While Conway has little of the usual government experience, he is married to Kellyanne Conway.

Is this another of those moments where we put down the novel or turn off the movie as too implausible?

• The latest fake news on Obama is that he is anti-Semitic. Given all that he’s been accused of amazed he’s been elected—twice.

• President-elect Donald Trump “If you have something really important, write it out and have it delivered by courier, the old fashioned way because I’ll tell you what, no computer is safe.”

Well he and his friends ought to know.

• Sarah Palin has called on Trump to leave the UN. And she’ll then do her part by keeping an eye on Russia from her house?

• Bristol Palin wrote a blog post attacking “A-listers” who have refused to perform at Trump’s inaugural, and saying Hollywood is chock-full of “sissies.”

Is Bristol really just upset Trump hasn’t asked her to perform a dance?

• After President Obama expelled 35 diplomats, Russia has vowed to retaliate. Wonder they are threatening—that to interfere w/ our elections?

• Donald Trump’s tweet on Putin’s decision not to respond with sanctions to Obama’s sanctions “Great move on delay (by V. Putin) – I always knew he was very smart!”

Or at least Putin can count the days until January 21?

• A women singer from the Mormon Tabernacle Choir has resigned from the group saying that “Looking from the outside in, it will appear that Choir is endorsing tyranny and racism by singing for this man…” and she “could never look myself in the mirror again with self-respect” if she performed at Trump’s inaugural.

Well, yeah, we all know those crazy liberal Mormons.

• Lin-Manuel Miranda, asked by a British interviewer about bringing Hamilton to London in 2018: “It’s a rap musical about the Founding Fathers of America—are you worried that the British won’t know much about the subject? “Can I tell you a dirty secret? Most Americans don’t know either.”

• Apparently Trump is writing his own inaugural speech. Presumably 140 characters at a time?

• Trump on Russian hacking—“I think that computers have

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONTHLY MEETINGS
Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee
meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at 70 West Hedding, San Jose. Call 408/445-9500 for information. All are welcome to attend.

San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee
meets for their General Meeting on the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m at the Transport Workers Union, Local 505 building located at 1521 Rollins Road in Burlingame.*

The PDC Board of Directors meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second WEDNESDAY of each month at the Palo Alto Unitarian Church, 505 East Charleston Road, Palo Alto, Fireside Room; all are welcome.

EVENTS: JANUARY 2017
Saturday, January 7
California Democratic Party Assembly District Elections, AD-24, (Assembly member Marc Berman)
Doors Open, 10:00 a.m.; Candidate Speeches, 10:30 a.m.; Registration Voting: 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Counting Ballots Begins: 1:00 p.m. Where: Hillview Community Center, 97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos. Convener: Alyson Abramowitz, ala@ind-alchemy.com or 408-594-2889. Following candidate speeches, attendees can get a ballot and vote. Be part of electing delegates to represent us as plans to rebuild the Democratic Party and WIN in 2018 unfold. All registered Democrats within AD-24 (Marc Berman’s District) are eligible to attend and vote in this important Assembly District election to select delegates.

Sunday, January 8
Democratic Party Assembly District Elections, AD-22
(Assembly member Kevin Mullin)
Doors Open/Candidate Speeches, 9:30 a.m.; Registration and Voting: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Counting Ballots Begins: TBD. Where: Transport Workers Union, Local 505, 1521 Rollins Road, Burlingame, 40102. Convener: Nicole Fernandez, nicole.a.fernandez@gmail.com or 650) 274-5189. Following candidate speeches, attendees can get a ballot and vote. Be part of electing delegates to represent us as plans to rebuild the Democratic Party and WIN in 2018 unfold. All registered Democrats within AD-22 (Kevin Mullin’s District) are eligible to attend and vote in this important Assembly District election to select delegates.

Monday, January 16
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service
Honor the life and legacy of Dr. King by participating in area activities for this Day of Service or create your own.

Tuesday, January 17, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Planned Parenthood Mar Monte’s Roe v Wade Luncheon with Senator Barbara Boxer
Senator Boxer will be speaking on “The Art of Tough”. Sponsored by Democratic Women of Monterey County, Planned Parenthood, Mar Monte. Information CLICK HERE.

Friday, January 20, 6 p.m.
INAUGURATION DAY PROTEST
Where: King Plaza, Palo Alto City Hall Plaza, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto. FREE and OPEN to the PUBLIC.

Saturday, January 21
Women’s March on Washington
Where: Washington, DC (and other Tier 1 cities around the country.) Learn more. CLICK HERE. Also, see note from DVC Lead Mei-Hsia Tan in TAKE ACTION.

EVENTS: FEBRUARY 2017
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
PDC ANNUAL MEETING & Board Elections.
Where: Los Altos Youth Center, 1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos. $5 non-members. FREE to members who have renewed for 2017. RENEW YOU MEMBERSHIP TODAY online through ActBlue or by US Mail. (Membership form attached.)

Additional calendar listings are available on the PDC website as they become available. Be sure to check our Facebook page, too!

Fracking
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wastewater and existing pits likely have vast quantities of fracking flowback fluid.
The EPA did not assess the risk from earthquake faults near fracking sites and the potential effect on drinking water. Santa Clara County has a fracking site in the South County area called Sargent Field with four nearby earthquake faults including the San Andreas.

Sources: The EPA “Hydraulic Fracturing for Oil and Gas: Impacts from the Hydraulic Fracturing Water Cycle on Drinking Water Resources in the U.S.” and the EcoWatch.com website.
ATTENTION: JOIN or RENEW your PDC membership now!

If you are joining the PDC, we welcome you! If you are renewing your membership, we thank you for your continued participation and membership!! Enjoy the benefits of many fine PDC events and the monthly newsletter, The New Democrat. Your membership will last until December 31!

☐ NEW  ☐ RENEWAL
☐ Individual Membership ($35 per year)
☐ Household ($40 per year)
☐ Students/Seniors ($25 per year)
☐ I want a $10 DISCOUNT ON DUES IF I RECEIVE THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL ONLY

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☐ I/we also want to join the Peninsula Young Democrats (35 years or younger)
   (no additional cost but please provide birthdate(s) ____________________________)

☐ I/we would like to make an extra donation to support the work of the PDC, such as:
   • support local Democratic candidates and help fund the North County Democratic Headquarters
   • fund the Stanford Democrats (which, under University rules, is not allowed to charge its members dues)

Enclosed is my additional contribution for:
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complicated lives very greatly “The whole age of computer has made it where nobody knows exactly what is going on. And we have speed — we have a lot of other things, but I’m not sure we have the kind of security we need.” So it’s the COMPUTERS fault... fine. Now okay take out the word “computers” and substitute “guns.”

- Men/women quotes of the year from the London Times, following the break-up of Iggy Azalea and Nick Young: Azalea on Instagram: “Unfortunately although I love Nick and have tried and tried to rebuild my trust in him, it’s become apparent in the last few weeks I am unable to. I genuinely wish Nick the best. It’s never easy to part ways with the person you planned your entire future with but futures can be rewritten and as of today mine is a blank page.”

Young on Twitter: “Single.”

- Thousands of people signed a petition demanding a Hunter College professor be fired after his husband heckled Ivanka Trump on a JetBlue flight.

So to show that in this country we shouldn’t bother people’s family members, we want to fire the heckler’s family member?

- Trump Tower’s lobby was briefly evacuated this afternoon after reports of a suspicious package being discovered, though the package turned out to be harmless. Was it actual genuine tortillas mistakenly sent to Trump Grill for Taco Bowls?

- Apparently President-Elect Trump wasn’t very happy with the interview with Obama said he would have won a third term. This tweet “President Obama campaigned hard (and personally) in the very important swing states, and lost. The voters wanted to MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!”

Okay, whatever you think of Trump, can you imagine his tweets if he had actually LOST? (or if we simply didn’t have the electoral college.)

- Scary thought: Trump doesn’t drink. So he is sending all these tweets completely sober.