



Happy Blue Year! January is jam-packed, and Valley Grassroots for Democracy needs **YOU** to ...

... Come to ADEM meetings on the weekend date assigned to **YOUR** Assembly District, and vote for delegates to represent **YOU** in the California Democratic Party. The first date is next Sunday, January 13! Several VGFD club members are running, and they need **YOUR** in-person support at these ADEM meetings - see details below for your district.

... RSVP and join VGFD for the Women's March on Saturday, January 19 (in place of our regular January meeting). Your RSVP alerts us to look for you, and helps us text you if we become separated. See details below.

We hope to see everyone early and often in 2019!

Regards,

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ADEMs - Elect Delegates to the California Democratic Party

Mark your calendar to attend your Assembly District's "ADEM" meeting in mid-late January. Several VGFD members are running for (re)election as delegates, and if you're a registered Democrat, they need **YOU** to come to the meeting for your Assembly District and vote!

These meetings, held every two years, are the process for registered Democrats to elect delegates of their Assembly District to be delegates to the California Democratic Party conventions. Delegates, also known as members of the **Democratic State Central Committee (DSCC)**, are responsible for planning and attending informational meetings throughout the region and working with other DSCC delegates throughout California to represent their communities.

Time and date depends on the California Assembly District in which you're registered to vote.

AD 45: Sunday, January 13, 11:30-2:30, Organization of Istanbul Armenians, 19726 Sherman Way (at Corbin), Winnetka, CA 91306. **Club members running:** Doris Dent, Lloyd Dent, Gregg Solkovits and Victoria Solkovits.

AD 39: Saturday, January 26, 9:30-12:30, IBEW Local 11, 400 Chatsworth Drive (at Pico Street), San Fernando, CA 91340. **Club member running:** Chris Anderson.

AD 46: Sunday, January 27, 10:00-12:45, State Building Auditorium, 6150 Van Nuys Blvd (at Calvert Street), Van Nuys, CA 91401. **Club members running:** Adrienne Burk and Tauby Ross.

AD 38: Sunday, January 27, 10:30-1:30, Simi Valley Town Center Public Room, 1555 Simi Valley Town Center (between Jefferson Way and Simi Town Center Way), Simi Valley, CA 93065.

To find the date, time and location for other Assembly Districts – and information about all the candidates – use the link below and scroll to review. (Note, the scrolling is hard to see on some devices; there are 3 skinny bars near the right side of the screen.)

<https://www.cadem.org/our-party/adem/elections>

To confirm which Assembly District you reside in, use this link:

<http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/>

NOW is the time to start making *YOUR* voice heard in preparation for 2020!

January Monthly Meeting: Instead, We March!



January 19th, 3rd Annual Women's March L.A.
VGFD Meeting Point: North Hollywood Station (Red Line)
7:30 am, meet at station entrance from Parking lot, top of escalators

Get your signs ready and join us in exercising our First Amendment Rights! Carpool, Lyft or Uber to meet up at North Hollywood Station (parking likely to be crowded). We will ride the Red Line together, get off at Civic Center - Grand Park Station, and then regroup at the Northeast corner of S. Hill Street and W. 1st Street, then move our group as close as possible to the main stage.

Be sure to RSVP so that we are looking for you, and so we can text you if we become separated.

RSVP: March with VGFD



NEXT MEETING: Saturday, February 16th, 10:00 am

State Office Building Auditorium
6150 Van Nuys Boulevard (entrance on Calvert Street, 2 blocks north of Oxnard Street)
Van Nuys, CA 91401

[Map/directions](#)

Street parking. *Be sure to check the meters!*

2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

Mark your calendar for the third Saturday of each month at 10:00 am.

January - NO meeting (Women's March)

February 16

March 16

April 20

May 18

June 15

July - NO meeting (Picnic)

August 17

September 21

October 19

November 16

December - NO meeting (Holiday Party)

Volunteer Opportunities with Valley Grassroots for Democracy

MEETINGS, PROJECTS AND CLUB EVENTS

We're always looking for ideas for meetings, projects and club events. Even crazy ideas are welcome!

Specifically, we need you for:

- planning meetings and political action
- speaking at meetings on a topic that interests you

- hosting a meeting
- social media updates
- publicity
- community outreach

If you have experience or want to enhance your skills, let us know. Contact Cindy Kalman by email at cindy.kalman@yahoo.com or speak to a board member in person.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LACDP)

VGFD needs **YOU** for an opening as an Associate member of the LA County Democratic Party. Speak to a board member at the next meeting.

FIND OUT WHERE THE CANDIDATES GET THEIR MONEY

This is also a good link for finding out who is funding propositions and measures. **Just click this [link](#) for the specific election you are interested in.** All the candidates will come up. There are lots of choices on this page, but all candidates and groups must file quarterly. You can copy and paste this URL in your browser:

<http://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/Campaign/Candidates/>

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019....

or join for the first time.... or come back to the fold.

We have a busy year(s) ahead. *We need **YOU** to make a commitment to take part!*

We've gotten off to a great start with very-well-attended events. Membership heading into 2019 is already higher than it's been in years.



Your membership for 2019 -- only \$15 -- includes the summer picnic and holiday party... plus all the good stuff we and you will plan throughout the year to swell the Blue Wave, such as issues education, organized activities/actions, entree to political leaders, camaraderie with like-minded people, etc. Our first of many events will be our participation in the Women's March Los Angeles.

We know the way in California! Let's continue to show the way for the rest of the country!

Click [here](#) to renew/join now.

JOIN NOW!
CLICK HERE to
Become a Member

Valley Grassroots meets on the third Saturday of each month at 10:00am. We meet at the State Building Auditorium, 6150 Van Nuys Blvd (at Calvert), Van Nuys ([map/directions](#)), one block north of the Van Nuys Orange Line stop. Ample metered street parking. The auditorium entrance is on Calvert.



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