



We hope you'll join us for the Valley Grassroots May Meeting on Saturday, the 18th. **Adrin Nazarian** (AD 46) will be our featured speaker, and we'll discuss pros and cons of LAUSD funding **Measure EE**, which is on the June 4 special election ballot in LA County. May also brings another opportunity for *YOU* to write letters to get out the vote for 2020 – this time, targeting **Florida**.

Scroll down for details, plus updates on Swing Left's Unify or Die fund, LA County Vote Center input meetings, and the thundering momentum of VGFD's resolution to reform ballot initiatives.

See you soon! Best regards,

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Featured Speaker: Adrin Nazarian (AD 46)

Saturday, May 18, 10:00 am
State Office Building Auditorium
6150 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91401

At Valley Grassroots for Democracy's May Meeting, Adrin Nazarian will speak about legislation he has been working on and answer questions. Adrin represents the southeast San Fernando Valley, including Van Nuys, Hollywood Hills, North Hills, Studio City and other SFV communities. One factoid about the state's taxes will make your jaw drop!



Measure EE for LAUSD on the LA County June 4 Ballot

In short, Measure EE would allow a property tax increase (with some exceptions for age and disability status) to fund increased investment in LAUSD teachers, services and facilities, offsetting cuts to funding over the years, most notably the 1978 passage of Prop 13. At our May Meeting, you can count on Valley Grassroots to tell you everything you need to know to make an informed choice. Preview Measure EE here:

[Measure EE](#)



2020 Is Still Coming

Valley Grassroots for Democracy is committed to writing letters every month, as part of the Swing Left/ VoteFwd.org projects to flip the Presidency, the Senate, and many key state legislative seats. Last month, we wrote 340 letters to voters in Georgia (for 2020) and in Pennsylvania (in an effort to win a special election Congressional race on May 21.) Great job, everyone!

For those who want to stay after the May Meeting, we'll be writing letters to Florida's "most likely to vote Democrat" unregistered voters, urging them to register and be ready for the 2020 elections, and we'll provide a light lunch. To help us order the right amount of materials – and food! – please [RSVP](#) .

[RSVP](#)



Help Take Back the White House, Starting NOW

Contribute to Swing Left's "Unify or Die Fund". Your donation will go to the eventual Democratic nominee for President, exactly when he or she needs it most: right after the convention in July 2020, as the run up to the general election begins. This same strategy gave Katie Hill over \$250,000 right after her primary victory, when she only had \$400 left in her campaign fund.

Republicans are already building up Trump's war chest. We can't afford to wait. Donate today!

[Help take back the White House, starting right now](#)

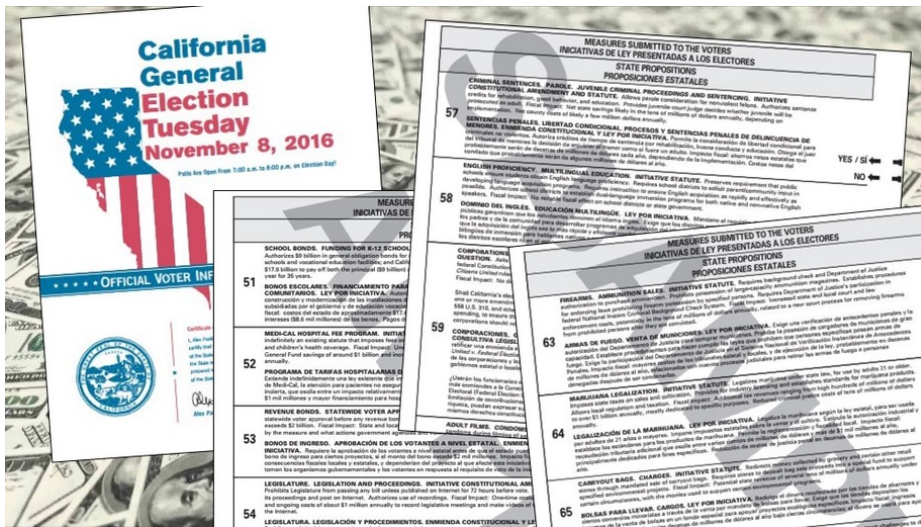


Community Vote Center Meetings Resume

As we've discussed, LA County is putting a new voting system in place for 2020. A key feature will be fewer, but larger, voting centers, and the County Registrar is holding community meetings to gather input on where to locate voting centers and related issues.

Check out upcoming meetings on LAVote.net, using the link below, and find those closest to you. Coming up: May 18 in Studio City; June 11 in Calabasas; June 18 Tarzana; June 22 Northridge. Feel free to post your nearest meeting on your personal Facebook page and in your local library, and tell all of your friends.

[Find Vote Center Meetings](#)



The Little Resolution That Could

The Ballot Initiative/ Referendum Process Reform Resolution authored by VGFD President Cindy Kalman and former President Adrienne Burk was approved by our Club last month, and has been submitted to the California State Party to be considered at the upcoming State Convention. At last count, we have over 70 endorsements, including State Delegates and other Democratic Clubs. Valley Grassroots Dems kick ... up our heels!

[Ballot Measure Reform 04.28.19](#)

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:

- 2020 campaign work
- 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.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, May 18th, 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)

BECOME A MEMBER OF VALLEY GRASSROOTS FOR DEMOCRACY

We have a busy year (or two) 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. We've started working together on issues and taking action for elections of 2020!



Your membership -- 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, and more.

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

Click [here](#) to 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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