



NEW WEBSITE

We have a **new set of web pages**. Please check them out and let us know what you think. You can respond to the **editor**.



October 18 Action

No Kings march and rally on October 18, 1:30 -3:30 p.m., Davis Civic Center Park.



The Davis Activist Circle of **Indivisible Yolo** needs assistance with planning and the day of the protest. This is a massive undertaking, and every volunteer matters to make it a fun, safe, and successful event!

To volunteer for planning or day-of-event support (training provided), please **fill out** the volunteer form. **Register** for this event and plan to bring friends.

DDC Fall BBQ

October 25, 2025

2 to 5 p.m.

(see "Coming Up" on page 3)

DDC's 75th Birthday



On September 17, the Davis Progressive Business Exchange honored the Davis Democratic Club with a luncheon and cake celebrating the club's 75th birthday at Lamppost Pizza (photo by Luba Schmid).

Shown from the left are Richard Yamagata, Supervisor Sheila Allen (District 4), former Supervisor Jim Provenza, and Bob Bockwinkel. Yamagata and Bockwinkel are club members and Progressive Business Exchange members.

From the Campus Democrats: Summer Update



Thomas Alvarez

The Davis College Democrats (DCD) had a very active summer! – from volunteering with Congressman Mike Thompson's office in hosting public forums and fundraising events across his district, to giving public comment on a number of issues in the state legislature and city council, to discovering and working with mutual aid organizations serving

vulnerable communities, and now to our efforts kicking off and organizing with the Yes on Prop 50 campaign for the upcoming November 4th Special Election. DCD has kept an active profile in youth political activism.

This summer has been an important time for DCD to identify and focus on the next biggest struggles of the new school year, and for us all to learn what is at stake for our inaction in this political climate. DCD's executive board could not be prouder of our dedicated membership who have stayed engaged with us even over their summer break, and to the countless local and statewide organizations and officials that have offered us a hand in partnering with their own political actions. With their help, we are now more confident that DCD will not only be an agent for change on our college campus, but a valuable leader in pushing for progressive reform across California. This is especially true as DCD gears up for an election which none of us expected.

It is more important than ever for all political organizations to lean on one another for support, and for our allies to work together and ensure that our impact is ten times as much as we expected. So, as DCD plans this school year to be handing out Prop 50 literature, registering students and community members to vote, and continuing to volunteer with community service operations, we hope that everyone can find time to join alongside us!

Thomas Alvarez
President, Davis College Democrats

Davis College Democrats Join Divest Musk Yolo

Elon Musk is damaging our democracy. From DOGE cutting USAID to his attempting to influence Wisconsin's supreme court election, he has repeatedly used his wealth to influence politics.

Even no longer in DOGE, he is funding Republican candidates for the 2026 midterms. We have a responsibility to hold him accountable through his finances. That's why I'm a part of Divest Musk Yolo, an organization pushing local community leaders and organizations to join the effort to divest from all of Musk's companies. This effort is happening across the world. From Denmark to Charlotte, North Carolina to the Bay Area, people are standing up to Musk's corruption. Here in Yolo County, we have collected over 1,500 signatures in support of our movement.



Divesting from Musk isn't just important because of the social causes he funds but also because of how unstable the companies he runs are. They are objectively a bad investment. Many pension funds and 401k's invest in Elon Musk's companies. We are calling on CalPERS and CalSTRS to divest from Musk's companies as these investments are a risk to community members' pensions. Many local municipalities also use Musk's companies' products such as Tesla. These cars repeatedly have been shown to have hazardous issues, such as catching on fire, people being locked inside, and the faulty dangerous self-driving system. At Divest Musk Yolo we believe these vehicles are a safety hazard and our tax dollars shouldn't be spent on them. We want our communities to be safe and our tax dollars to be spent on reliable vehicles.

From unstable investments to safety hazards to shady investments in Republican political campaigns, the potential damage Musk represents to society is deeply dangerous. That's why we are calling on the people of Yolo County, alongside people around the world, to come together and call on our local leaders to join the Divest from Musk movement.

Benton Buecker
Political Affairs Director, Davis College Democrats

Indivisible Yolo is on a Roll!



From DDC member Tim Ainsworth (Letter to the Editor, *Davis Enterprise* 9/5/25.)

Ongoing Activities

Visibility Brigade

Get on an overpass and tell ~7,000 vehicles what you think! The Brigade is out there Thursday and Sunday mornings. [Learn more](#) and get involved by emailing [Vicky](#).

Farmers Market

Community Engagement Action Orbit will be at the Davis Farmers Market on Saturday from 8 a.m -1 p.m. [Sign up](#) for a shift at the table.

Disappeared in America

First Wednesday of the month, protest ICE actions. The next event will be 4:30-5:30 p.m. on October 1 at 23 Russell Blvd. in Davis. [Register](#).

Friday Happy Hour

5-6:30 p.m. at Dunloe Brewing (610 3rd St.) in downtown Davis. No RSVP needed. Non-alcoholic options available and outside food is welcome.



For Yes on 50, Indivisible Yolo is mounting a massive campaign. You can read about their efforts in the [Indivisible Yolo newsletter](#).

The following activities are specific to Davis:

Canvassing September 23; October 3, 5, 14, 24, 26; November 2. You can register [Sign up](#).

Phone banking with our partners Bay Area Coalition and Sister District. Sign up for [In-person](#), for [Zoom](#), and for [Spanish](#).

Stop Trump's interference

President Trump is afraid he will lose the House of Representatives in 2026. As a result, he has taken the extraordinary step of pressuring Republican leaning states to redraw their Congressional maps mid-decade to make them more favorable to Republican candidates. Texas has already done this, the Missouri legislature is meeting to do this, and other Republican states are expected to follow.

In response to President Trump's effort to rig the 2026 House election, California in a defensive effort has placed Proposition 50 on the ballot. Proposition 50 would redraw the California map to help level the playing field and provide a fairer election in the House across the 50 states. I encourage you to vote YES on Proposition 50 and stop President Trump's unprecedented effort to interfere in the House elections in 2026.

Coming Up

Verbs

Saturday, October 4, 5-8 p.m.

Event in support of Proposition 50. Special Guests: Congressman Mike Thompson and Congressman Adam Gray.

Woodland (address shared upon [RSVP](#))

Minimum donation: \$150

DDC Fall BBQ

October 25, 2-5 p.m.

Souza residence, 2424 Rodin Place, Davis.

This is a semi-potluck event with suggested donation: \$20 per person, \$30 per couple, \$10 students. The club will provide barbecue bockwurst hot dogs, some non-meat alternatives, chicken, salads, beverages, and dessert.

Keep us posted

Editor: Barbara Sommer.

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Submitting letters and articles

Format in Word and send as email attachments to Barbara Sommer basommer@ucdavis.edu

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