

Siskiyou Democrats Grassroots News

Special Election Edition, May, 2022



**Reminder:
Mail in your ballots
before June 7th!**

MAIL IN THOSE BALLOTS!

It's voting time again – and your mail-in ballots need to be postmarked by June 7. If you haven't already mailed yours in, we recommend that you do so several days **BEFORE June 7** to make sure they are counted. You can go to the polls to vote if you prefer – just bring your mail-in ballot with you. If you've misplaced your ballot, you can still go to the polls – a poll worker will check to make sure you haven't already voted, and then give you a fresh ballot.

If you don't know where your polling place is, or need more information on returning your ballot, the Siskiyou County Clerk has information posted online: [Returning Your Ballot](#).

For our local county races, we are deciding on several offices **in June**. This election, there are only a few contested positions – Supervisor, District 3 and Superintendent of Schools. We have endorsed **Matthew Hilliard for Supervisor** – so encourage your friends in the Weed and Lake Shastina areas to vote for him! There are two candidates for **Superintendent of Schools - Allan Carver and Marie Caldwell**. You'll find background information on these candidates on page 2.

The US Senate race is a bit confusing, since our endorsed candidate, **Alex Padilla**, appears twice. He's both running to complete the term of Kamala Harris until November, and then being *nominated* for the position, that final vote to take place in November. That vote will give him a full 6-year term. If he's your choice, vote for him **BOTH TIMES**.

For the list of all local candidates, visit the Siskiyou County Clerk Elections page: [LIST OF CANDIDATES June 2022](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Siskiyou Democrats have several events coming up, and we would love your support! If you are interested in helping, send an email to: siskiyoudems@gmail.com.

July 1 to 4 - Fourth of July Event in Mt Shasta: The Siskiyou Democrats will have a booth at the 4th of July event. Max Steiner, Candidate for Congress, will be there for at least one day – we'll let you know when you can meet him!

July 30 - Siskiyou Democrats Fundraising BBQ: Please join your fellow Democrats in Weed for a great BBQ. See page 3 for detailed information.

August 10 to 14 – Siskiyou Golden Fair: We will again have a presence at the fair this year. We will be sharing a booth with Max Steiner, Candidate for Congress, who will be there for the fair. So, stop by the booth!

LOCAL CANDIDATE INFORMATION



[Matthew Hilliard](#) is running to represent the 3rd District on the Board of Supervisors, challenging Michael Kobseff. He holds undergraduate degrees in Social Ecology and Theater, and a Master's in Social Work. He has worked for Sutter Health, Siskiyou Behavioral Health, and for the Karuk Tribe. Currently he is doing healthcare consulting and is a member of the DCCSC. The three issues that Matthew is highlighting in his campaign are *water*, *behavioral health*, and *affordable housing*. He believes in the importance of getting stakeholders together to negotiate water-sharing agreements that work for everyone; in recruiting more qualified behavioral health professionals to the county; and in keeping the county affordable for all.



[Marie Caldwell](#) is a longtime Siskiyou County resident and educator. She has served in many roles, including teacher, principle, superintendent, and is currently the director of Siskiyou Works, a workforce development organization. She is highly focused on career and technical education and believes that pairing students with career pathways that match their interests and aptitude will keep them engaged in education and lead to careers with a living wage. As Superintendent of Schools she aspires to be visible, accessible, and accountable to the community, parents, and educators.



[Allan Carver](#) has served as a teacher, principle, and superintendent, as well as working with kids suffering from addiction and mental health issues. He is currently Assistant Superintendent of Schools, running the educational services department. He stresses that the county needs to get back to relationship-building and cultivating positive feelings around school. Allan has been working to implement a mental health and wellness program to provide training, counselors, and other resources to all county school districts. Allan has referred to schools as hubs of the community where we can “check politics at the door” and collaborate on ways to support our kids.

Together Again! Summer BBQ Fundraiser!!



Join Us! Siskiyou Democrats
July 30 Fundraiser: 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm (Dinner at 5pm)
Carrick Park, Weed
Purchase your \$30 Tickets: [ACTBlue BBQ Tickets](#)
Or send a check to Siskiyou Democrats, PO Box 4,
Mt. Shasta, CA 96067

At long last, the DCCSC will host an **in-person fundraiser this summer!** We'll gather for a BBQ on **July 30 at Carrick Park in Weed.** As in the past, the Committee will provide delicious food, followed by an auction of spectacular desserts. **Max Steiner**, Candidate for Congress, will be there with us, and we'll meet Mount Shasta High senior **Sam Shelly**, this year's recipient of the DCCSC \$1,000 scholarship.

This won't be your everyday BBQ. Thanks to team leader and master chef Karen Zeigler, the menu will include grilled teriyaki chicken, pulled pork sandwiches, salads, and vegetarian options. And a no-host bar will offer wine, beer, non-alcoholic drinks, and sodas.

Mark your calendars now and spread the word! Bring lots of friends. Let's break our previous record of 220 attendees, as we head into this **make-or-break off-year election** cycle.

GET TICKETS @ [ACTBlue BBQ Tickets](#)

Siskiyou Democrats Picnic at Carrick Park



Directions: Carrick Park is located off Highway 97 on Maple Street in Weed. To reach Highway 97, take the Central Weed Exit 747 off I-5, head north through town towards Klamath Falls.

Maple Street is about 2 miles up Highway 97. A right turn onto Maple will take you right to Carrick Park.

Meet Sam Shelly – Siskiyou Democrats Scholarship Winner



Sam Shelly with mom Colleen, after the awards ceremony at Mount Shasta HS.

We are delighted to announce **Sam Shelly** as the recipient of the first \$1,000.00 DCCSC Scholarship.

Sam is a highly qualified Mount Shasta High School graduating senior. Aspiring to a major in physics and astronomy, he has an overall 3.95 GPA, with a 4.10 GPA in grades 10-12. And he's an active community volunteer. He's assisted programs such as the Mount Shasta Farmers Market, and his concerns regarding voter rights and access to voting led him to demonstrate his Democratic values by volunteering as a poll worker in the 2020 Presidential Election.

We look forward to following Sam's progress as he enters Vassar College this fall and wish him the very best.

Alert! Watch LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS in NOVEMBER!

There is deep concern about Republican attacks on public education in the US. And now it's happening here! A recent OpEd in the NY Times takes an in-depth look: <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/04/22/opinion/red-scare-culture-wars.html> To quote author Jamelle Bouie: "To be clear, this isn't some secret. Christopher Rufo, a right-wing provocateur who helped instigate both the panics against "critical race theory" and against L.G.B.T.Q. educators in schools, has openly said that he hopes to destroy public education in the United States."

The Siskiyou Union High School District has experienced this up close. Over the past two years, locals Kevin Charter, Paul Chapman, James McIntyre, and others have been relentlessly attacking and intimidating the board and administrators. The recent resignations of Sati Shah (Mt Shasta High School Principal), Mike Matheson (Siskiyou Union High School District Superintendent), and Barry Barnhart (Mt Shasta Union School District Principal/Superintendent) demonstrate just how successful the tactics of this group have been. We need to watch Board elections in November!

YREKA POOL WATCH!

As part of our Community Involvement activities, your grassroots committee has been working to support efforts to build a free public swimming pool in Yreka. After much debate, on April 5 the Yreka City Council voted to go ahead with building the new Yreka Swim Center and Native Park on Foothill Drive, contingent on passing a ½% sales tax in the November election.

The sales tax measure was developed as a way for the City of Yreka to address long-standing needs to maintain and improve the city's parks, while providing on-going maintenance and operation funding for a new pool and park. This increase in tax revenue will also provide the City with additional funds for fire services, and the flexibility to complete needed City projects. The cost to an individual of the sales tax will depend on the amount of taxable goods purchased. For example, \$100 of taxable goods would cost only an additional fifty (50) cents. This won't impact food buying, since most grocery items are non-taxable.

In our next News issue, we'll give more detail on our beautiful park and pool design. But for now, a heads-up: **we will be canvassing in Yreka during September, to inform residents of the value to the community of the sales tax measure.** If you're interested in helping, contact Robin Richards at robinrichards9@gmail.com.

Democratic Central Committee Siskiyou County

To increase access to all Democrats in Siskiyou County, the SISKIYOU GRASSROOTS DEMOCRATS COMMITTEE and the SISKIYOU DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE will conduct meetings via Zoom. If you are interested in attending, please send an email to: siskiyoudems@gmail.com to request a digital meeting link.

The Siskiyou Grassroots Democrats Committee meets second Tuesday of the month. The Central Committee meets the second Wednesday of the month. The Siskiyou Democrats Grassroots News is produced by the DCCSC to provide information on what is happening in our county.

Your Democratic Central Committee of Siskiyou County (DCCSC):

Officers: Alice Rogers – Chair, Abigail Van Alyn- Vice Chair, Katherine Shelton – Secretary, Robin Richards – Treasurer; Members: Neldena Anderson, Rick Green, Ann Herfindahl, Matthew Hilliard, Al Lugo, Carolyn Miller, Larry Marks, Dolly Verrue, and Karen Zeigler. For more information, visit our website: siskiyoudemocrats.org, Facebook page: [SiskiyouCountyDemocrats](https://www.facebook.com/SiskiyouCountyDemocrats) or Instagram: [SiskiyouCountyDemocrats](https://www.instagram.com/SiskiyouCountyDemocrats) or Twitter: [siskiyoudems1](https://twitter.com/siskiyoudems1)
Send donations to: DCCSC, Post Office Box 4, Mt. Shasta, CA 96067 or to: [Siskiyou Democrats Act Blue](https://www.democratsactblue.com).