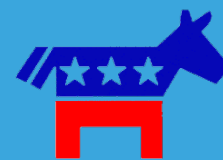




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LOCAL CLUB TO EXPLORE CLIMATE ACTION GOALS

Is the Green New Deal part of San Diego's future?

When Hasan Ikhata, new Executive Director of SANDAG, our region's transportation and infrastructure planning agency, proposed blowing up the old, long term freeway-centric transit plan and replacing it with a more public transit, eco-friendly model (in order to more readily reach our state-mandated climate action goals), it sent shockwaves throughout San Diego County and its 29 local jurisdictions.

The City of San Diego, with City Council (and MTS) President Georgette Gómez in strong support, will use its clout on the SANDAG Board to push for the plan. The County Board of Supervisors just voted 3-2 against the new plan, with Nathan Fletcher voting in the minority to support Ikhata's initiative.

Climate Action Campaign, long an advocate of mass transit over more freeway construction, saw its Director of Programs, Sophie Wolfram, recently appointed by the Mayor to San Diego City's Mobility Board.

What is in store for the future of transportation in the county, and what goals are reasonable vs aspirational?

On Wednesday June 5, Hasan Ikhata, Georgette Gómez, Nathan Fletcher, Sophie Wolfram, along with Jack Shu, President of the Cleveland National Forest Foundation (and long-time LMDC member) will discuss our region's transportation future and what that means in our fight to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and disastrous global warming. The conversation will be moderated by Colin Parent, CEO of Circulate San Diego, and member of the La Mesa City Council.



Hasan Ikhata



Sophie Wolfram



Nathan Fletcher



Georgette Gómez



Jack Shu

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2020 Presidential Debates: What You Need to Know

When is the first 2020 Democratic Primary Debate?

The first 2020 Democratic Primary Debate, aired on NBC and MSNBC, will be held over 2 nights on June 26 and June 27, 2019. The debate will feature back-to-back primetime broadcasts on consecutive nights to ensure each candidate gets access to a primetime audience.

Which candidates will be in the debates?

So far, 19 candidates have qualified for the first Democratic debate in June.

Qualified Candidates: Biden, Booker, Bullock, Buttigieg, Castro, Delaney, Gabbard, Gillibrand, Harris, Hickenlooper, Inslee, Klobuchar, O'Rourke, Ryan, Sanders, Swalwell, Warren, Williamson, Yang

Learn more about each candidate on our 2020 candidate list

www.uspresidentialelectionnews.com/whos-running-for-president-in-2020/

Candidates will have until late June to meet the qualifications needed to attend the first debate.

How many debates will there be?

The Democratic National Committee has sanctioned up to 12 debates starting in June of 2019, with the early debates possibly featuring back-to-back nights of primetime broadcasts.

Democratic Primary Debate Schedule

The Democratic National Committee has not announced the actual dates of the debate but has said there will be 6 debates in 2019, starting on June 26-27, and another 6 debates in 2020 starting in January.

June 26 & 27, 2019

NBC News Democratic Primary Debate | 9 p.m. ET (6 p.m. PT)

Aired On: NBC, MSNBC and Telemundo

Live Stream: NBCNews.com

Location: The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts in Miami Beach, Florida

Sponsors: TBD

Moderator: TBD

Qualified Candidates: Biden, Booker, Bullock, Buttigieg, Castro, Delaney, Gabbard, Gillibrand, Harris, Hickenlooper, Inslee, Klobuchar, O'Rourke, Ryan, Sanders, Swalwell, Warren, Williamson, Yang

Not Yet Qualified: Gravel, Moulton, Messam, Williamson

Qualifications: A candidate will need to either have at least 1 percent support in three qualifying polls, or provide evidence of at least 65,000 individual donations from a minimum of 200 different donors in at least 20 states.

July 30 & 31, 2019

CNN Democratic Primary Debate

Aired On: CNN

Live Stream: CNN.com

Location: Detroit, Michigan

Sponsors: TBD

Moderator: TBD

Qualified Candidates: TBD

Qualifications: A candidate will need to either have at least 1 percent support in three qualifying polls, or provide evidence of at least 65,000 individual donations from a minimum of 200 different donors in at least 20 states.

For more information, visit: www.uspresidentialelectionnews.com/2020-debate-schedule/2020-democratic-debate-schedule

JUNE PROGRAM: CLIMATE ACTION GOALS PANEL CONT. FROM P1

Panel moderator
Colin Parent

The all-star panel happens at the regular meeting of the La Mesa Foothills Democratic Club on Wednesday June 5 at the La Mesa Community Center, 4975 Memorial Dr. The meeting starts with a social ½ hour from 6:30 - 7:00 PM, with the panel beginning at 7PM sharp. The club and members supply snacks, salads, desserts and beverages to all attendees.

The La Mesa Foothills Democratic Club, now over 500 members strong, meets the first Wednesday of every month. Our large and active Club represents the communities of San Carlos, Allied Gardens, Del Cerro, La Mesa, College Area, Santee, Mt. Helix, Casa de Oro,

Spring Valley and other close-by areas. Please join us as a guest or become a member, with our modest annual dues starting at \$30. Like us on facebook and check out our new website: lamesafoothillsdemocraticclub.com. Come march with us in the La Mesa Flag Day Parade on Saturday, June 1st at 10 AM. We meet up at the Community Center parking lot. More details to follow on our website.

OTHER ITEMS

LMFDC Voter Registration Committee Chair Josan Feathers, along with Merrill Perry and Garry Armacost will coordinate with the East Chapter of the Progressive Democratic Club to host registration events at Cuyamaca and Grossmont Community Colleges. We are looking for contacts at local high schools, parents or teachers, to host registration drives for students who will be 18 in 2020. If you or someone you know would like to host, contact lmfdceditor@gmail.com

La Mesa Democratic Club meets the first Wednesday of each month at the spacious La Mesa Community Center, 4975 Memorial Dr, just north of University Ave. in La Mesa.

Our meetings start with our 6:30 PM social time (featuring salads, snacks, desserts and beverages supplied by the club and its members) and 7 PM meeting and program. Please join us as a guest or become a member, with our modest annual dues starting at \$30. Like us on Facebook and check out our new website:

lamesafoothillsdemocraticclub.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Club Election of Officers and Board Members At Large

Wednesday, June 5, 6:30PM

Want to become more involved in helping elect Democrats? Share your experience and passion by joining the LMFDC Board of Directors. For more information, contact Nominating Committee Chair, Linda Armacost lmfdemclub@gmail.com

Blue Wave 2020 BBQ

Wednesday, July 3, 5PM - 8:30PM • Cost: FREE!

Harry Griffin Park, La Mesa

BBQ hot dogs, apple pie, the Famous Pie Baking Contest, music, and presentations by our San Diego County 2020 Candidates and Office Holders. We've invited the entire SD Congressional Delegation, (except Duncan Hunter, of course), State Assembly persons, State Senators, City Council, County Supervisors, and many more! Bring your own food and beverages if you like, and the club will supply hot dogs and chips and beverages.

La Mesa Flag Day Parade

June 1, 2019

Join your fellow club members as we proudly march in the Flag Day Parade! We are looking for red, white, and blue hybrid or electric cars for our marching unit. We have signs and festive gear to wear. We always get a big cheer because we turned La Mesa BLUE.

LA MESA CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

8130 Allison Ave, La Mesa, CA 91942

June 4, 6:00 PM

June 25, 6:00 PM

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