

2018 Dean Club Brainstorm

1. Establish a young voter committee
2. Establish a resistance committee
3. Establish a fundraising committee
4. Establish a Dean Club Instagram presence
5. Protect Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security
6. Protect the ACA
7. Lobby everyone we elected to Congress to make voting rights the number 1 issue for 2019
8. Lobby our elected representatives to sponsor or support legislation that is very popular with the public (e.g., Medicare for All, voting rights, paper ballots, an end to gerrymandering, etc)
9. Lobby for changing the policy at the border to avoid immigration travesties
10. Lobby for gun reform
11. Lobby to remove the California National Guard from the border
12. Lobby local cities to take action on progressive legislation (e.g, gun legislation, poverty legislation, etc.)
13. Address the homeless problem and lack of food in our county
14. Establish a presence on Twitter
15. Support SB 850 (Wiener)
16. Increase funding for the VA and improve the quality of care
17. Lobby our representatives to demand tax returns and start investigating crimes and lack of oversight
18. Lobby to get us back on track with the Paris accords
19. Support local efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emission
20. Encourage Dean Club elected candidates to support the club
21. Identify and recruit candidates to run for local office
22. Build club membership and work with organizations we've supported such as Mi Familia Vota, etc.
23. Support the work of the California Clean Money Campaign
24. Pass SB 47, the Petition DISCLOSE Act (Allen)
25. Pass extension of the DISCLOSE Act for issue ads and independent expenditure ads
26. Work toward public financing of elections
27. Push for HR-1 to include disclosure on political advertising and open-source voting systems and paper ballots
28. Expunge records of people convicted of low-level drug crime (drug use as opposed to distribution)
29. Defend and improve bail-bond reform
30. Support Prop 13 reform (California School and Local Communities Funding Act)
31. Lobby our representatives to support computer-generated legislative districting
32. Urge other states through our members of Congress to adopt independent redistricting commissions
33. Communicate with Democratic clubs and young Democrats in the Central Valley to exchange ideas and increase turnout in the next election
34. Support local gun control measures, such as dealer regulations, buy backs, and safe storage

35. Oppose the Delta tunnels
36. Support a requirement to have liability insurance on guns
37. Ask Bill Barrett to talk to us about gun insurance
38. Find a club treasurer
39. Educate ourselves about red-flag laws
40. Lobby to integrate and coordinate financing of health care to incentivize lowering delivery costs
41. Work toward a permanent Democratic volunteer center with staff
42. Lobby Congress to protect people's right to birth control and a woman's right to choose
43. Elect a progressive replacement for Eric Bauman
44. Work to promote incentives for more housing
45. Work to expand rapid transit between Fremont and our side of the Bay as an urgency item using the right away that is already there (the bridge)
46. Build the club
47. Work on better ways to provide transit in our county
48. Encourage women to run for office via specific organizations like Emerge and Close the Gap
49. Have measurable goals for next year
50. Hold fundraisers for our club
51. Actively recruit people who are discouraged in the Silicon Valley Democratic Club and welcome them to our club
52. Not allow the club to be divided over presidential candidates
53. Educate ourselves and others about the Gann limit
54. Support an oil severance tax
55. Support the state of California in their efforts to oppose Trump
56. Support our Speaker-elect Nancy Pelosi and Senator Dianne Feinstein against attacks that are misogynist and ageist
57. Support abolishing the death penalty
58. Defend the Americans with Disabilities Act
59. Work to ensure that indigent defendants have access to attorneys
60. Support veterans, especially those with PTSD or injuries
61. Work to address prescription drug pricing