



# Bonita Democratic Council

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## Bonita Democrats Elect 2007 – 2008 Executive Board

At the June 21, 2007, Election Meeting the Bonita Democrats elected their new Executive Board:

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The Bonita Democratic Council was founded by Matthew Lyons in April 2005 and proudly serves the over 13,500 registered Democrats in La Verne and San Dimas. BDC is chartered by the Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee (LACDCC) and is affiliated with the California Democratic Council (CDC). **Join us today!**

## Join the Bonita Democrats at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual PICNIC IN THE PARK

**When:** Saturday, August 18

**Time:** Noon

**Where:** San Dimas Canyon Park

Bring yourself and a favorite dessert or side dish and we'll treat you to the food, drinks and great company. Meet and greet other local Democrats and our local candidates and elected officials.

**CONFIRMED:** talk with **Russ Warner**, Democrat for the 26<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

Please RSVP to Matt Lyons at 909-599-9661 or [mtlyons@aol.com](mailto:mtlyons@aol.com) no later than Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

Hope to see you there!

## Russ Warner Announces Candidacy for Congress

"America needs new leadership and an end to the war in Iraq," says Warner

Rancho Cucamonga, CA Democrat Russ Warner announced his candidacy for Congress in California's 26th Congressional District Tuesday, calling for an end of the war in Iraq and David Dreier's nearly three-decade tenure in office.

"I am taking on this fight because the war in Iraq must be stopped and because America needs new leadership not career politicians like David Dreier who have become a part of the problem in Washington, D.C.," said Warner, a Rancho Cucamonga businessman. "Unfortunately we are represented in Congress by a man who has been there for 28 years, has failed to lead and instead become a mouthpiece and rubber stamp for the Bush Administration's war policy and failed agenda."

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## Dreier Votes Yet Again to Indefinitely Extend the Iraq War

*"The best way to protect our national security and to support our troops is by bringing them home now,"* Warner said.

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA — Last night, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Responsible Redeployment from Iraq Act, a bill that would begin the safe and strategic redeployment of our troops within 120 days and would bring them home from Iraq by April 1, 2008.

Predictably, Congressman David Dreier voted against the bill while offering no ideas or counter-proposals on how to begin safely removing our servicemen and women, stuck in the middle of Iraq's civil war, from harm's way.

Once again, David Dreier voted against bringing our troops home and against our community's values. We need to support our troops by bringing them home now, and when they come home we must ensure they have access to the medical care and veterans benefits they were promised," said Russ Warner, a small businessman from Rancho Cucamonga.

The devastating cost of this war was brought home to Warner and his family in a personal way. Warner's son Greg served in the U.S. Army and was sent to Iraq for 17 months. His son's service and sacrifice inspired Warner to speak out against the war and run for Congress.

Dreier has been a staunch supporter of Bush's war in Iraq from day one, repeatedly voting to support Bush's disastrous policies that have cost the lives of thousands of U.S. soldiers. Dreier used his former position as Chairman of the House Rules Committee to block investigations of pre-war intelligence, voted against giving troops fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan a bonus and voted time and again to give President Bush a blank check to continue the war indefinitely.

"Unfortunately we are represented in Congress by a man who has been there for almost 28 years, has failed to lead and instead become a mouthpiece and rubber stamp for the Bush Administration's war policy and failed agenda," Warner said.

Warner is a dedicated husband and father and a successful small businessman who will work hard for America's families. Russ and his wife Kris have lived with their three sons in the 26<sup>th</sup> Congressional District for over 27 years, which includes parts of two counties and over 30 cities, covering more than 50 miles from La Crescenta to Rancho Cucamonga.

With 16 months before the general election, Warner has established himself as a serious challenger to David Dreier. Warner has raised over \$100,000 from over 250 individual contributors in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, which ended on June 30<sup>th</sup>, and has more than \$150,000 Cash on Hand.

## Warner Announces Candidacy cont.

"As a member of Congress, I know that we need more people like Russ Warner who have integrity and courage and will come to Washington to fight for change and to get things done," Solis said.

Warner's campaign is supported by a broad range of community activists, labor and political leaders, including Congresswoman Hilda Solis (D-El Monte).

"My son served this country honorably and witnessed first hand the failed policy in Iraq. His service and his sacrifice inspired me to stand up and speak out, and that's why I made the decision to run for Congress. We need to support our troops by bringing them home, and when they come home, we must ensure they have access to the medical care that they need and deserve," Warner said.

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"I know what it's like to struggle with the problems we all face like the rising costs of health care and skyrocketing gas prices that are a result of this administration's failed energy policy. I will take those experiences and skills to Washington and fight every day to make sure our government is accountable and focused on serving the people of the 26<sup>th</sup> District," Warnersaid.

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## VOLUNTEER at the L.A. County FAIR

September 7 – 30, 2007  
Wednesday – Sunday

The Los Angeles Democratic Party is hosting a booth at the Los Angeles County Fair from Sept 7-30, Wednesday through Sunday. Volunteers are needed for 3 to 4 hour shifts. Call Brad Johnson or Jen Zabriskie at 626-967-9608 or email [lafair@writepitch.com](mailto:lafair@writepitch.com) for more information or to reserve a date.

Friday, September 14 – San Dimas Day  
Wednesday, September 19 – Glendora Day  
Wednesday, September 26 – La Verne Day