

Waiting for Sherman

In his play, "Waiting for Godot," Samuel Beckett's tramps squander an eternity waiting for a man who never materializes. The literary tragicomedy remains a masterpiece of futility: two men circling the same arguments, returning to the same patch of earth, consoling each other with a hope neither believes.

The play's plot is an oddly fitting frame for Democratic voters in California's 32nd District with 15-Term, 30-year Democrat incumbent, Congressman Brad Sherman.

Here, the voters sit in barrels — parents, students, workers, retirees, accountants, homeless, and even billionaires — gathered beneath a leafless monetary tree, rehearsing their lines as they wait for Sherman to step onstage after 30 years of probably well-intended but ineffective service and tell them what he has been doing to fight Donald Trump and what the future means.

Spoiler: he hasn't, and he can't. But that does not stop Democrats from continuing to wait and vote for him.

It's the great existential joke of modern politics: voters behave as though one man in one political party controls the tides, the seasons, and the destiny of their lives.

Democrats wait for Sherman because he is convenient. They wait for the Democratic Party because they are familiar. They wait for clarity because the alternative is admitting the truth: this is more than an endless cycle, it is the initial stages of a political transformation.

As they wait for Sherman, the truth groans and creaks into motion. A change is coming. I am that change. I am Larry Thompson, a new, centrist Republican, running for Sherman's congressional seat to represent you.

The thing Beckett understood in his fabricated theater of the absurd is — unless you face the truth and make a change, your future will continue to obey the script.

My assistant suggested I do not write this email as no one will know anything about Samuel Beckett or his play, "Waiting for Godot". I said hell, nobody will probably even know who Brad Sherman is. They will just see the (D) after his name on the ballot and vote for him.

We must have voters break this hopeless Godot behavior.

Stop waiting...open your mind...I will stand on stage with fresh answers and positive actions for your future.

Thanks, Larry ("The Sanity Man")