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Democrats need someone like Kennedy

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I still remember being a young Connecticut state senator seeking my second term, going to Waterbury to hear, see and again meet John F. Kennedy.

In 1958, Kennedy had attended a political dinner, I believe at the Hotel Garde in New Haven, and I was at the head table, running for my first term. He exuded confidence and magnetism.

Then it was 1960, and Kennedy was coming to Waterbury for a stop marking the end of his presidential campaign. The excitement was palpable. People literally hung out of [windows](#). Thousands upon thousands of people crammed on the Green, waiting for a glimpse of Kennedy.

Kennedy, as I recall, rode in a convertible, which moved very slowly because of the crowds around the [car](#). There were no negative signs and no indication of opposition. It was almost like the crowning of a king. The enthusiasm was overwhelming, and I have never before nor since experienced the feeling of unity in support of this dynamo who promised to lead us into a better world. Who knows where Jack Kennedy would have taken us if he had had the opportunity, and had his life not been snuffed out by an assassin's bullet in 1963.

During a number of calls I had with Kennedy, he exuded the same dynamic personality we all witnessed when he campaigned and when he was president.

No 2020 Democratic candidate can hold a candle to Jack Kennedy. Bernie Sanders, 78, is the most exciting, but only because he makes the most noise – not because of any sense of magnetism. Joe Biden is the clear favorite of those who above all want to oust President Trump. Biden can [win](#). But an exciting candidate? No.

Who can bring excitement to the Democratic [ticket](#)? There is only one person, and that is former first lady Michelle Obama. She is respected, revered, and would be a candidate much like Jack Kennedy. Someone you would wait to see, like Kennedy, in the wee hours of the morning. Obama could defuse President Trump's nonsense like swatting an insect away and would have the field to herself.

Just one problem. When you have a good life, why would you want to be president? Bottom line, the odds of Obama running aren't good.

So we have to stick with the best we have, and that is Biden. Although not terribly exciting, he has the overall best chance to knock out Trump, and that is in the best interest of the United States.

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