

# DEMCCO General Meeting

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April 22, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Bill Fowler and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved/seconded (Sanders/Clark) to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved/seconded (Spencer/Mascia) to approve the Minutes of the March 25, 2017 meeting as written. The motion passed.

## A New Candidate is Running for the 49<sup>th</sup> Congressional District (Mike Levin)

**Introduction** (Bob Spencer): Mike Levin was raised in South Orange County. He attended public schools before going to Stanford University. He graduated from Stanford with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science. He then went to Duke University where he graduated with a law degree. Mike was a previous executive director of the Orange County Democratic Party. He is currently an environmental attorney and focuses on clean, sustainable energy.

**Mike Levin's Remarks:** He is greatly disturbed by the administration's position on climate change. Rep. Issa has a poor record on climate change, for example, he is in favor of the Carlsbad natural gas power plant and Mike is not. While Rep. Issa is in favor of an interim solution for the SONGS nuclear waste, Mike said he recommends the Yucca Mountain location in Nevada. Mike considers Rep. Issa hypocritical because he has backed Trump 100% and even though he previously said he supported a special prosecutor to investigate Russian interference in the 2016 election, he changed his mind a day or two later. Mike will listen to his constituents' different points of view unlike Rep. Issa who only listens to the 1%.

### **Responses to Questions:**

The campaign is focusing on Rep. Issa and his hypocrisy and the value of having a discussion of ideas.

We need to get back to common sense carbon reduction to achieve climate change success. Mike committed to work hard to flip the 49<sup>th</sup> Congressional District whether it is for Doug or himself.

Rep. Issa's sober living homes bill is just a way for him to make a name for himself.

## Carlsbad and Oceanside City Councilmembers' Report

### **Chuck Lowery:**

- Many people are using medical marijuana and they are not criminals. There's an Ad Hoc committee forming to investigate and regulate medical marijuana. Contact the Oceanside City Council if you want to be on the 7-member committee promoting having access to medical marijuana.
- Oceanside is moving ahead with forming voting districts. This will not alienate voters.

### **Esther Sanchez:**

- The movement to voting districts is critical to everyone in the room. Because of the Voting Rights Act, many government entities have received letters requesting them to comply. In addition to the Oceanside City Council, letters have been received by Vista, Oceanside Unified School District, TriCity Healthcare and many more. We need to move forward to spread the word and insure that neighborhoods and communities are not cut up.
- A grassroots movement is moving against the Morro Hills development.
- The Oceanside City Council is now requiring that a council member must get approval to bring items to the Council.

#### President's Report (Bill Fowler)

Mike Lewis, Ken Dalpe and Carol Law were recognized for their ongoing support of DEMCCO. The nominating committee including Carol Hilton and Andrea France were thanked for their efforts this past year. The members of the Executive Board were thanked for their ongoing work for DEMCCO.

#### Treasurer's Report (Mary Meyers)

The bank account balance is \$11,372.

#### Political Action Committee (PAC) Report (Lisa McKethan):

- PAC has turned into real action. Chair, Pat McFarland, is open to new ideas and being involved in several issues.
- The committee meets at 9:00 a.m. prior to the general meetings.
- A second meeting is being held on the first Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m. at the Brown Cup Café and Lounge at 401 N. Coast Highway in Oceanside.

#### DEMCCO Book Club (Barbara Mead)

Planning to meet after our general meetings. See Barbara for more details.

#### Recognition of Guest, Visitors and New Members

Doug Applegate, candidate for House of Representatives for the 49<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

#### Announcements:

- Sign up for a bus trip to Harrah's Casino on June 17.
- Mike Bullock will be taking the DEMCCO propositions to the California Democratic Convention in May.
- The CA49 Action Network is providing training for the Community Organizing Program on May 6 or May 20.
- Bonnie Dumanis is resigning as San Diego County District Attorney. The interim District Attorney will have an edge to win the next vote.
- Commission on the Status of Women and Girls is meeting in San Diego on May 6. Contact Pat Amador to carpool.

50/50 Drawing: Lisa McKethan won \$62.

Adjournment:

It was moved/seconded (N.Breen/Loughney) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. Next meeting: May 27, 2017

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Slater, Secretary  
Approved 5/27/17