

DEMCCO General Meeting

September 23, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by First Vice President Bob Spencer and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved/seconded (B.Daniels/L.Breen) to approve the Agenda as written. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved/seconded (V.Roy/D.Savage) to approve the Minutes of the July 22 and August 26, 2017 meetings as written. The motion passed.

Announcements:

- The Nominating Committee is seeking people to run for the following offices: First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Communications Chair and Fundraising Chair.
- The next DEMCCO Happy Hour will occur on Thursday, October 19 at 5:00 p.m. Please RSVP.
- This year's fundraiser will be a Holiday Party on December 9, 2017.

Labor Leaders Speakers

Emiliana Sparaco has been an organizer for the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) local 221 for 2 years. She led the "Fight for 15," the successful nationwide effort that started with fast food workers to raise the minimum wage to \$15 per hour. SEIU represents 14,000 members—the largest union in San Diego and Imperial Counties—the largest segment of members are San Diego County workers who are very diverse and are led by women. SEIU is a social justice union who works for change through organizing with other groups through coalitions, fuel the resistance through civic engagement and building power, and flip the 49th Congressional District.

In the recent bargaining effort with the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the Board rejected SEIU's attempts to work collectively to improve services for our community. Even though San Diego is a wealthy county, this wealth is not available to all people. The poverty rate is 13%, homelessness is increasing, the current Hepatitis A outbreak is caused by an unhealthy environment, and housing costs are burdensome at an average of \$1800 per month. In San Diego County, there is under-enrollment in safety net programs including CalFresh, CalWorks and MediCal.

SEIU 221 has built the "Invest in San Diego Families Coalition" with other partners such as ACLU and San Diego Organizing Project. The coalition is working to make changes by attending town hall meetings, packing the budget hearings, doing lobby days, sending emails, etc. SEIU 221 was instrumental in bringing about term limits for supervisors and next year, 4

out of the 5 current supervisors will be termed out. We're hopeful that new supervisors will be elected who have compassion for solving the problems in the county. A 5-year contract with wage increases and improved working conditions was recently ratified without having to go on strike. Moving forward, we need to change the political landscape by electing a majority of members of the County Board of Supervisors—4 of the 5 supervisors are up for election in 2018. SEIU has endorsed Nathan Fletcher. The 49th Congressional District is very important. If DEMCCO would like to sponsor a walk to register voters, SEIU will support it.

Charles Finn is the 1st Vice President and PAC Chair for Oceanside Teachers Association (OTA). OTA represents the teachers of the Oceanside Unified School District and is part of the California Teachers Association (CTA) which is by far the largest and most powerful state organization of the National Education Association (NEA). OTA works cooperatively with other employee organizations such as the California State Employees Association (CSEA). By law, OTA political activity is limited to issues related to the school board and school bonds.

OTA's most recent activity has been about the school district's districting efforts. The Board approved a plan that was inadequate. The County Board of Supervisors listened to OTA and overturned the Board-approved plan in favor of the "OHS modified map" plan. As a result, there are currently 3 trustees living in one district. The most recent trustee, Eleanor Evans, will keep her seat and Gleisberg and Wickmann will not be eligible to run. The remaining 2 trustees, Blessing and Corwin, will be up for re-election in 2018.

OTA carefully vets trustee candidates with a 25-question survey, personal interview, etc. in order to find those who put kids first. The working conditions for teachers are the learning conditions for students. The best way to support teachers is to elect trustees who will support education. Districts 1, 4 and 5 have traditionally been underserved.

What's Happening in Morro Hills

Dennis Martinek has a doctorate in urban planning and is on the Oceanside Planning Commission. He is seeking support to begin a petition making changes in the city's use of open land. The Oceanside City Council is starting to use up open land and this should be the people's choice. In Oceanside, only 3 votes are needed to approve projects. The city council approved a plan to put 900 homes on the current North River Farms.

An organizational meeting will be held today at 1:00 p.m. at Rancho San Luis Rey.

Recognition of Guests, Visitors and New Members

- Victor Roy: running for District 2 of the Oceanside City Council. Right now, he is the only Democrat running for city council.
- Doug Applegate: running for Congress against Darrell Issa in the 49th Congressional District. He currently has many union endorsements and will begin virtual town halls on a regular basis.

- Elizabeth Warren: running against Rocky Chavez for Assembly member of the 76th Assembly District. She has been an organizer for many years and is a bridge builder. She will be your voice and accountable to you.
- Corinna Contreras: is the Vice President of the North County Latino Democrats. She is running for Vista City Council from District 1. Two more people are needed to run as well.
- Marggie Castellano: running for State Senator for Senate District 36 against Pat Bates.

Pre-endorsement Delegate Process:

- ✓ Next month the membership will vote for delegates to go to Orange County for a Pre-endorsement Conference that will be held in January 2018.
- ✓ People who are voting members of DEMCCO by July 1, 2017, are eligible to run as a delegate. If interested, please complete an application (available at the back of the room or on the DEMCCO.org website) and return it to Bill Fowler.
- ✓ Delegates will be voting on endorsements for Governor, U.S. Senate, Congress, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, and all other state offices.

Announcements:

1. The Nominating Committee is seeking members to run for 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Fundraising Chair, Communications Chair, and 3 members-at-large for the Nominating Committee. If interested, consider contacting Andrea France-Sanders at France72409@yahoo.com and let her know for which office you want to run.
2. NAACP Blue and Gold Gala, a formal affair, will be held on October 14. See Ken Dalpe for a sponsorship flyer.
3. Mike Bullock asked members to contact Governor Brown in support of signing into law AB 805 (SANDAG reforms). If anyone knows of any elected officials who are interested in resolutions, let Mike know. We are currently in the 45-day period allowing for public response to the San Diego Community Action Plan on Climate.
4. Jim Hamilton announced that the movie "Denial" will be shown tomorrow at the Mission Marketplace Theater in Oceanside at 3:00 p.m.
5. Paul Kerr announced his candidacy for Congress for the 49th Congressional District.

50/50: Winner is Simon Angel who won \$63.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until October 28, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Slater, Secretary