

DEMCCO General Meeting Minutes – September 28, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by President Linda Slater, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Business:

- Approval of the Agenda. Motion made by Vince Loughney to remove agenda item 5, Endorsement of candidates for Oceanside Mayor. Discussion commenced. Jason Bercovitch, Vice Chair of NAC said that item can't be removed from agenda, but can vote to take a "no position" position, requiring 1 round of voting. No position would require 50+ to delay vote. Motion ruled out of order and agenda was approved.
- Approval of Aug 24th General Meeting Minutes – Laura Cunningham noted 2 corrections. It was moved (judge) to accept the minutes as amended. Minutes approved with 3 nay votes.
- New Members and Visitors attending were Diane Henderson, Don Gomez, non-member, Ken Leighton and Kathie Nadzan.

Endorsement for the Oceanside Mayor Race:

Linda Slater reminded all that the endorsement proceedings are for members only, private and no video or audio is allowed, though still shots are ok. Andrea Sanders, member, asked where in the bylaws does it not allow video/audio taping. Linda Slater reported that the E-Board agreed to a policy of asking first and that discussions during endorsements is not allowed. Jason Bercovitch said it's up to the chair to decide and Linda Slater reminded all that traditionally it's not allowed.

David Hall, Parliamentarian, reminded everyone to please wait to be called on and follow due course.

Endorsement for the Oceanside Mayor Race: Linda Slater reminded attendees that at the Aug 24th meeting, members approved a motion to have an endorsement for the critical race of Oceanside Mayor due to the North Area Caucus and Central Committee schedule to consider this race strategically critical in October and November. While the Endorsement Committee recommended not having an endorsement at this time, the E-Board felt a responsibility to carry out the approved motion of the members and consideration of an endorsement for Oceanside Mayor was placed on the meeting agenda. Since then, 3 other candidates came forth; Ruben Major, Chuck Lowery, and Zack Beck. All candidates including Esther Sanchez were present.

Linda Slater also related events leading up to this endorsement meeting; all candidates were sent the Candidate Questionnaire and submitted them as required by our Bylaws. DEMCCO membership was officially notified on September 13, 2019 by email of the intention to conduct an endorsement vote for the Oceanside Mayor race. DEMCCO reached out to all prospective candidates by notifying the 2 candidates who filed an intent to run with the City of Oceanside, City Clerk Office (Esther Sanchez, Ruben Major), verbal notification to Chuck Lowery who attended the September 12 E Board meeting, and verbally by receiving a phone call on September 27 from Zack Beck. Letters of candidacy for Esther Sanchez and Chuck Lowery were sent to DEMCCO membership by email. No suitable letter was received from Ruben Major so a notice with a link to his website was sent by email. No letter was received from Zack Beck. Candidates' questionnaires for review by members are on the table where Jane Marshall, Secretary, is sitting but can't not be removed from the room per the Bylaws.

Linda Slater announced that the 4 candidates will have 4 minutes for candidate statements (with timer) and by random drawing will be Chuck Lowery, Ruben Major, Zack Beck, and Esther Sanchez. Chuck Lowery announced that he is withdrawing from the race and gives his endorsement to Zack Beck. The other candidates proceeded. Two written questions were asked of all candidates, who then were asked to leave the meeting area for comments from members (up to 3 for and 1 against) candidates and no endorsement. Members then voted by written ballot.

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Presentation: “Organizing that Works” by Kathy Rallings:

- Due to the lateness of the meeting, it was moved (Jane Marshall) to revise the agenda to remove the presentation for today and to hold it at the October General Meeting. The motion passed.

Approval of Resolution “Opposing Oceanside City Council Majority to convert from elected offices to appointed positions of City Clerk and City Treasurer”:

- Victor Roy spoke about the March ballot initiative in Oceanside to appoint vs. elect the City Treasurer and City Clerk. He asked for DEMCCO support. Members then voted by written ballot.

Announcements:

- Michelle Ialeggo for Superior Court Judge 36th Seat spoke about her candidacy and asked for DEMCCO’s endorsement.
- Tim Nadar for Superior Court Judge 18 or 30th Seat spoke about his candidacy and asked for DEMCCO’s endorsement.
- Gary Bland from San Marcos Democratic Club announced the North County Area Fundraiser on Oct 13 from 3-5PM at Hacienda Vega in Carlsbad. The funds raised will be used to add doorhangers specific for Oceanside, Carlsbad, San Marcos and Escondido which would greatly improve voters’ in these cities ability to determine which candidates they should vote for. He suggested sponsorship from DEMCCO. It was moved (M. Gomez) to approve a \$500 sponsorship and a vote was taken by show of hands. The motion passed.
- Cecily Resnick, Go-Team Coordinator for Coastal North County, requested neighborhood leaders for canvassing in Oceanside and Carlsbad in February 2020. She announced that Steve Burrell is the new Coordinator for Oceanside. A Coordinator for North Carlsbad is needed.
- 50/50 Drawing: a member won \$102. Thank you for your donations to the 50/50 raffle!

Ballot Vote results:

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Zack Beck	12 votes (11.5%)
Chuck Lowery	0 votes
Ruben Major	15 votes (14.4%)
Esther Sanchez	61 votes (58.7%)
No Endorsement	16 votes (15.4%)
Total:	104 votes (100%)

- A late ballot marked for Esther Sanchez was turned in but not counted as it did not change the outcome. No endorsement decision met the 60% threshold. Another endorsement vote in the Oceanside Mayor race can be done after the March 2020 ballot.
- The resolution passed. DEMCCO’s official position is to oppose the change of Oceanside City Clerk and City Treasurer from elected to appointed positions which will be included in the 2020 Primary election ballot in Oceanside.

RESOLUTION

Yes: 71 (79%)
No: 19 (21%)
Total: 90 (100%)

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Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM until October 26, 2019.

Submitted by: Jane Marshall, Secretary
Approved 10-26-19