

DEMCCO General Meeting Minutes, April 25, 2020 – Virtual Meeting via Zoom

- I. The meeting was called to order at 10 AM. The Agenda was approved unanimously.
- II. Social Time
 - A. Members familiarized themselves with the Zoom format.
 - B. The deadline to complete your ballot for DEMCCO officers is 8 p.m. Sun April 26. Results will be reported shortly afterwards.
 - C. Hugh McGrane, Field Organizer for the California Democratic Party’s Coordinated Campaign Program, will be doing phone banking every Wednesday afternoon to encourage people to complete their census form. California stands to lose significantly if our population is undercounted. For more information and to sign up, contact hmcgrane@cadem.org
 - D. Carlsbad Council Candidate Lela Panagides spoke about the challenges with virtual campaigning. She is calling people as a “wellness” check. Fundraising will be challenging also with the economic impacts.
 - E. Eric Joyce from OUSD mentioned that Oceanside schools will be closed until further notice, Chromebooks have been distributed to all students for distance learning, and they are changing the grading criteria. OUSD is serving 2 meals per day to keep children from being hungry.
- III. Program
 - A. Carlsbad District 1 Councilmember **Cori Shumacher** gave an update on Carlsbad
 - The city is considering re-opening beaches given the COVID-19 case numbers
 - The City is sending out newsletters and emails to keep the community informed
 - a hotel is prepared for area homeless
 - There are programs such as the Oceanside Kitchen Collaborative that is helping out with food for seniors
 - The Carlsbad Village Association is helping members fill out the financial aid forms
 - The Council had a sub committee that recommended \$5 million for loans to businesses to be voted on May 5.
 - B. Oceanside Councilmember and Mayor Candidate **Esther Sanchez** gave an update Oceanside
 - The City Council approved micro-business gap loans of about \$1.2 million to be repaid when Federal relief is received
 - The council majority authorized a letter to the County Public Health officials requesting allowing Oceanside to self-assess what classified as “essential business”
 - Oceanside will have ocean access (not beach access) but parking lots remain closed.
 - The community did a great job on Measure K to keep Oceanside’s Clerk and Treasurer elected
 - Enough signatures were certified to allow the referendum to allow citizens to vote on rezoning agricultural land to go forward for a vote in November
 - Congratulations to all the new Central Committee members and all those that tried
 - Oceanside Kitchen Collaborative is providing senior and homeless meals and FEMA just announced a similar program
 - Discussed with the City Clerk and City Manager about getting citizen comments to Council Agenda items read into the record during Council meetings.
 - C. **Mike Levin** joined the meeting and spoke about COVID-19 case updates and funding
 - He is holding weekly Town Hall meeting via Facebook livestream (Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.)
 - Democrats are promoting more vote by mail, protecting USPS from financial ruin and how to reverse the negative impacts of the EPA decisions.
- V. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM until May 23, 2020.

Submitted by: Jane Marshall, Secretary Approved 5/23/2020

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