

DEMCCO General Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. The Agenda was approved with no objections. The Minutes of the July 25, 2020 meeting were approved with no objections.

PROGRAM: “ Women in Politics” by Thao Ha, PhD, Professor of Sociology at Mira Costa College. In 1975 as an 18-month old child, Dr. Ha and her parents evacuated Saigon, Viet Nam, by airplane. She grew up in Texas where she attended the University of Houston (B.S. Sociology and Anthropology) and the University of Texas at Austin (Master’s and PhD Sociology). Today, Dr. Ha makes her home in Oceanside where she teaches, is a documentary filmmaker and a writer.

The Seneca Falls, New York, gathering in 1848 is at the beginning of the women’s suffrage movement. The 19th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution giving white women the right to vote was ratified in August 1920 and this month, we are recognizing the 100th anniversary of this event in our history. We have come a long way but there is much more to do.

Women’s fight for equality, both gender and racial, has taken a long time and continues today. History reveals many well-known and lesser known women pioneers including black women who had been slaves, a ranch hand who became the first woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Montana, and women of a wide variety of ethnicities including Native American, Chinese, Mexican and Native Hawaiian. Examples of our current pioneers are Representatives Ilhan Omar, Ayanna Pressley, Rashida Tlaib and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Vice Presidential nominee Kamala Harris, and 19 black women elected to serve as judges in Harris County, Texas, in 2018, who are continuing the fight for equality today. Also among today’s pioneers are the brave women who step forward to run for and hold elected office in our communities. They face greater challenges than their male counterparts.

While very challenging, there is hope. Esther Sanchez said that as Oceanside’s only woman city council member and current candidate for mayor, a place where people listen and have shared values which she has found as a 20+ year member of DEMCCO is very helpful. It’s not all negative, i.e. there is joy in learning about other cultures and people within one’s own community. Dr. Ha observed that Black Lives Matter has given us more of a willingness to have the conversations—we must continue the work.

BUSINESS

1. EVOLVE CA is a nonprofit working to close the Proposition 13 (1978) corporate loophole by passing Proposition 15-Schools and Communities First in November.

Proposition 15 does:

- NOT effect residential property taxes in any way
- close the loophole benefitting large corporations such as Disney and Chevron
- reclaim \$12 billion yearly for schools (40%) and communities (60%)
- eliminate some tax on small businesses
- ensure strict accountability and transparency of how the reclaimed money is spent

- protect agricultural property
- NOT change the prices of goods and services sold by large corporations

For further information, go to: www.evolve-ca.org/petition

2. Donations: \$250 each was donated to the Jacqueline Simon for Mira Costa Board and George McNeil for Mira Costa Board campaigns by approval of the E Board. It was moved/seconded (Nygaard) to donate \$500 to the Jeb Navarro for Oceanside City Clerk campaign. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Luke Tesluk, Fundraising Chair and Biden delegate to the DNC, described his experience with the virtual convention and characterized it as exciting and an honor to support the next President of the United States. Luke asked members to consider having a fundraising Holiday Party in early December. Please email him at info@demcco.org with your suggestions.
4. Elected and candidate remarks:
 - Jacqueline Simon thanked DEMCCO for our donation. She reported that she has a challenger, but little is known about him except that he is a Republican.
 - Nina Chaya introduced herself and announced that she is running for TriCity Healthcare Board Division 7. Dr. Chaya is an anesthesiologist in a group practice that serves TriCity Medical Center. She shared her biography and position statement—please request these by emailing info@demcco.org. Division 7 includes the southwestern area of Carlsbad (west of El Camino Real from Tamarack south to La Costa).
5. Announcements
Suzanne Hume spoke on “CleanEarth4Kids” who is having Zoom meetings every Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The group is discussing Trump’s 100 rollbacks and why it’s important to defeat him in November. If interested, email Suzanne at s@cleaneearth4kids.org.

ADJOURNMENT: without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until September 26, 2020. Speaker: “Vote Safer San Diego” by Michael Vu, San Diego Registrar of Voters.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Slater, President