

# DEMCCO General Meeting Minutes

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October 24, 2020

The meeting was held on Zoom.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m.
- II. Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved as written.
- III. Hearing no objections, the Minutes of the September 26, 2020 meeting was approved as written.
- IV. Program: 3 Presentations  
Priya Bhat-Patel, PhD (Public Health) and Carlsbad City Councilmember  
*Please note that Dr. Bhat-Patel is speaking about COVID-19 as a public health professional rather than in her role as councilmember.*
  - This is not the time to fully open our communities as there are record numbers of people becoming positive for the coronavirus, developing the COVID-19 disease, and being hospitalized.
  - Causes of the increased numbers are that there are increased testing and people are not following public health guidelines as well as they should be.
  - Dr. Fauci said yesterday that there may need to be a federal mask mandate.
  - The age group with the largest number of positive cases is 20-40 years.
  - San Diego County's 14-day rate of infection is 2.7% with increased community outbreaks
  - San Diego is in the significant risk (red) tier which can change depending on the infections during 2 consecutive weeks.
  - The FDA will require vaccines to be safe and effective. All vaccine trials are currently in phase 1 or 2. Phase 1 is done with 20-100 volunteers, phase 2 with several hundred volunteers and phase 3 with hundreds of thousands of volunteers.
  - The best way we can combat COVID-19 is to wear a mask, maintain social distancing and avoid gatherings; and take the vaccine when it's available.
  - Unfortunately, this has been treated as a political issue and it's not—listen to and follow the recommendations of the public health officials, not the politicians.
  - Voting is safest when your ballot is returned by mail or drop off but in-person voting can be safe if you wear a mask, avoid close contact, use sanitizer and wash your hands, and preferably go to the polls at a slow time, e.g. afternoons.

Tasha Boerner Horvath, Assemblymember of the 76<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
*(first Democrat representing the 76<sup>th</sup> Assembly District since 1978)*

- The state legislature is focusing on Californians staying safe during the pandemic by supporting public health guidelines, maintaining funds in the budget to support schools and public health needs, and addressing the 3 primary needs brought about by COVID-19: sustainability, opportunity and equity.
- Assemblymember Boerner Horvath expressed her goals of helping people keep food on the table, paying rent or mortgage and pay bills.
- Two bills by Assemblymember Boerner Horvath that have passed the legislature and been signed by Governor Newsom:
  - ✓ AB 1731: providing for a work share program that will enable employers to keep employees from being laid off and losing the health insurance
  - ✓ AB 1426: the longstanding issue about keeping Trestles public land as San Onofre State Park and preventing a toll road from being built through it.
- 50,000 Democrats have already returned the mail ballots in AB 76. There's more we need to do to get out the vote:
  - ✓ Deliver yard signs
  - ✓ Make calls:
    - Environmental issues with Conservation Voters and Sierra Club on Sunday, 10/25/20
    - Women's issues with Naral Pro-Choice on Thursday, 10/29/20
    - Virtual GOTV weekend on 10/31/20 and 11/1/20
- Finally, please (1) wear a mask, (2) wash hands for 20 seconds, and (3) avoid gatherings!

Spencer Katz, Campaign Manager for Terra Lawson-Remer, candidate for San Diego County Board of Supervisors, District 3

- Terra Lawson-Remer is an economist, previously served as a senior advisor in the Treasury Department in the Obama administration and was a co-founder and chief strategist for Flip the 49<sup>th</sup>.
- This race is important to everyone in San Diego County because it's the swing vote on the Board of Supervisors and if Democrats are successful in winning this seat, we will be able to become in compliance with a climate action plan (CAP), enable money that the previous Board has been holding in reserve to be spent for needed programs in the county such as behavior health services, and bring us back to what other counties are doing.
- Opponent Kristin Gaspar is a solid support of Trump and his policies.
- Terra needs our help for this final week of the campaign:
  - Phone banking
  - Door hanger drops
  - Relational emails—send an email to 2 or more of your friends in District 3 asking them to vote for Terra and ask them to send emails to their friends. Relational organizing is 5-9 times more effective than doorhangers, etc.

V. Elected Officials and Candidates Remarks

Teresa Acosta, candidate for Carlsbad City Council, District 4

- 30% of District 4 voters have already voted.
- Volunteers needed to phone and text bank primarily to Democrats.
- Everything you can do will help!

Kathy Rallings, Carlsbad Unified School Board Member

- Schools in the area are opening to in-person classes
- In some areas, students are not able to remain at the recommended 6 feet distance apart.
- The rule states that students should be 6 feet apart “as practicable”, but this is based on what the schools can afford.
- Governor Newsom and Assembly Speaker Rendon have been contacted and asked to intervene.
- This involves the entire community and students are not following safety guidelines for COVID-19.
- Please contact your school board members!

Nina Chaya, candidate for Tri-City Healthcare Board, Area 7

- This is a little known but important race.
- False information is being spread by opponents.
- Continuation of these actions are detrimental to the hospital and may destroy it.

VI. Consideration of Resolution in Support of Proposition 16

It was moved/seconded (Hall) to approve the resolution.

V.Loughney asked if a quorum was present. A count showed 30 voting members present with a quorum being 29.

The motion passed exceeding the required threshold of 60% yes votes with 28 yes votes and 1 no vote.

VII. Consideration of Code of Conduct

It was moved/seconded (Rallings) to adopt the Code of Conduct as written. The motion passed with a simple majority vote of 26 yes votes and 4 no votes.

VIII. Consideration of Donations

A. \$540+ was received in donations for Biden/Harris signs. The E Board voted to give the money to the Biden campaign. Since the amount exceeds the \$250 maximum expenditure by the E Board, the request is being presented for consideration of the membership as required by DEMCCO’s Bylaws. It was moved/seconded (Nygaard) to retain the money in DEMCCO’s donation account. The motion passed with 17 yes votes and 10 no votes.

- B. The North Area Caucus, members of the Central Committee residing in North San Diego County, has requested each club donate \$500 to help pay for digital advertising for all North County endorsed races. The motion passed with 17 yes votes and 6 no votes.

IX. Announcements

- A. Shirley Anderson, Membership Chair, announced that individual DEMCCO membership dues will be discounted for 2021. Instead of \$25, the dues will be \$21 if paid by January 1, 2021 either through Act Blue (see link on the homepage at [demcco.org](http://demcco.org)—scroll down) or check sent to DEMCCO, PO Box 131152, Carlsbad, CA 92013-1152.
- B. Maxine Hall, DEMCCO member, is working with an editor to write an anthology of stories by women who have struggled in a man's world. Here is the information from Maxine:

*My niece Debra Sanchez and I are developing an anthology of women's stories. Debra is a successful author and editor of Tree Shadow Press. I am helping her gather stories and editing them.*

*We are collecting stories of ordinary women and their struggles in a man-dominated world.*

*If you had to fight for equality or for your rights in the workplace, at home, for healthcare, and more, send us your story - in prose or poetic format - for consideration in our upcoming anthology.*

*We are also accepting stories about such women from their family members.*

*It is important to keep these stories and memories alive and to keep up the progress.*

*Please join us so the younger generations of women can hear our voices.*

*The attachment gives you the details for submitting your work.*

*A Call for Submissions:*

*Anthology of Ordinary Women Overcoming (title to be determined)*

*Call for Submissions by Tree Shadow Press*

*This book will be available 2021.*

Details:

*The plan for this anthology is to include stories of ordinary women and their struggles in a man dominated world. This book will be vital for younger women who do not realize how tenuous their “freedoms” are.*

What to Submit:

*poetry, short stories, memoir, any other short writing. Word limit is negotiable but try to stay under 2,000 words when possible.*

When to Submit:

**NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15, 2020.**

**Submission Does Not Guarantee Publication.** *All submitted pieces need to be edited and have as few errors as possible. (NO errors would be amazing!)*

**What’s in it for you?**

*Free copy, discounted books for you to sell for profit, and publishing credit.*

**Note: All rights will revert to author after publication.** *Your work will be yours to republish or whatever you want to do with it.*

**If you can submit in RTF (Rich Text Format) or Word document.**

*Maxine is working with the Tree Shadow Press on editing and submitting these articles. Please submit your story to Maxine Hall’s Writing email at [mhall.1903.09@gmail.com](mailto:mhall.1903.09@gmail.com)*

- X. Adjournment: Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m. until January 23, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Slater, President