

# DEMCCO General Meeting Minutes

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September 26, 2020

The meeting was held on Zoom.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. It was moved/seconded (Lucid) to postpone consideration of the Code of Conduct and to move Elected and Candidate Remarks and Announcements to following the presentation. The motion failed (13 no, 4 yes, 0 abstain). The Agenda was approved as written by voice vote.
- II. The Minutes of the August 22, 2020 meeting were approved as read by voice vote.
- III. Program: "Vote Safer San Diego" by Michael Vu, San Diego County Registrar of Voters

Introduction:

- Registrar of Voters (ROV) office has already emailed 13,000 ballots overseas as it's required to do so 45 days in advance of the election
- 196 contests countywide resulting in 842 different ballot types and ballots are available in 9 different languages
- 79.5% is the average voter turnout for presidential elections in San Diego County; 2008 was the largest turnout at 84% so far but all appearances are that this election will be the largest in the history of the county both in turnout percentage and actual number of voters

Changes because of the COVID-19 pandemic:

- All active registered voters to receive a mail ballot (74% in March 2020 and 100% for November 2020)
- Fewer but larger polling places – called consolidated polling locations (1,548 open on election day only in March 2020 and 235 open for 4 days from October 31 through November 3 for November 2020)
- More drop off locations and days open (62 locations for 7 days in March 2020 and 126 locations for 29 days for November 2020)
- Voters will continue to be assigned to a polling place
- Fewer poll-workers because about half of past volunteers are over age 65 and do not want to risk coronavirus exposure (9,000 volunteers in March 2020 and 3,500 paid workers for November 2020)

The Registrar of Voters (ROV) is well-positioned to manage the additional mail ballots:

- Has a contracted vendor who is able to handle the increased mailing capacity
- Have been investing in management of backend processing over the years including automated extractors
- Will expand outside the ROV building for processing due to social distancing requirements

- Mailed ballots postmarked by election day received later will be counted (4 days in March 2020 and 17 days for November 2020)

In-person voting differs by:

- Consolidated polling locations will have on average 15 poll workers and will be equipped with 7 electronic poll books for voter sign in
- Electronic poll books will allow voters who were sent a mail ballots to be allowed to vote a regular ballot because the voter's mail ballot will be suspended prior to them voting in-person (previously, the voter was given a provisional ballot or was required to surrender their mail ballot)
- Voters who do not register by the deadline (October 19, 2020) can register to vote at the consolidated polling location and will receive a provisional ballot

Voter education:

- A "Voter Education and Outreach" pamphlet was sent to all voters 90 days before the election, it asked voters to update their information
- The "Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet" is being mailed 40 days before the election
- The official mail ballots will be mailed on October 5 (29 days before the election)

Voting by mail:

- Complete ballot, place in return envelope provided with your ballot, sign and date the return envelope and return it using a trusted source
- Trusted sources include USPS, ROV official drop off locations, and any of the 235 consolidated polling locations which will be open October 31-November 3, 2020.

Track your ballot:

- Informed Delivery by the USPS provides an email of a scanned image of the mail you will receive each day
- "Where's My Ballot" to receive push notifications in your email, text or voice mail of when your ballot is mailed, received and counted. See [sdvote.com](https://sdvote.com) for link to sign up.

Call to Action:

- Encourage Voting, Signing, Sealing and Returning Mail Ballot via a Trusted Source
- Track ballot
- Use polling place as alternative

Q & A:

Results are not certain until the election is certified 30 days after the election.

Now ballots received before election day will be counted but no reports will be available until after the close of voting on election day.

Chain of custody: 2 monitors at drop off location, 2 drivers take to ROV, all documented by barcode scanning.

#### IV. Review of Propositions and Measures

Recommended resources:

- Voter's Edge by the League of Women Voters. Link=<https://votersedge.org/ca/en/ballot/election/87-304036/address/null/zip/92057/section/measures>
- Voters' Guide by the California Secretary of State at link=<https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/propositions/index.htm> or you will receive it shortly in the mail.

- Ballotpedia at link=[https://ballotpedia.org/California\\_2020\\_ballot\\_propositions](https://ballotpedia.org/California_2020_ballot_propositions)

Power Point Review on DEMCCO.org website at: <https://www.demcco.org/summary-of-november-2020-propositions-and-measures/>

Moved/seconded (Nygaard) to extend the meeting to complete the agenda. Amendment (Lucid) to consider Elected and Candidate Remarks and Announcements next. Amendment passed 17 yes/7 no. Main motion passed 15 yes/3 no.

- V. Elected and Candidate Remarks
  - A. Jay Ross, candidate for San Marcos School Board, Area A. Endorsed by SD Democratic Party.
  - B. Julie Kelly, candidate for Vista Unified School Board, Area 5.
- VI. Announcements:

Kathy Rallings announced a fundraiser for Tasha Boerner Horvath  
Ellen Montanari announced a phone bank for Mike Levin following this meeting.
- VII. Resolution in Support of Proposition 16  
No action was taken as it was determined that there is not a quorum as required to take a vote.
- VIII. Adjournment  
It was moved/seconded (Anderson) that the meeting be adjourned and consideration of the Code of Conduct be tabled until the next meeting. The motion passed by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. until October 24, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Slater, President

Approved 10/24/20